



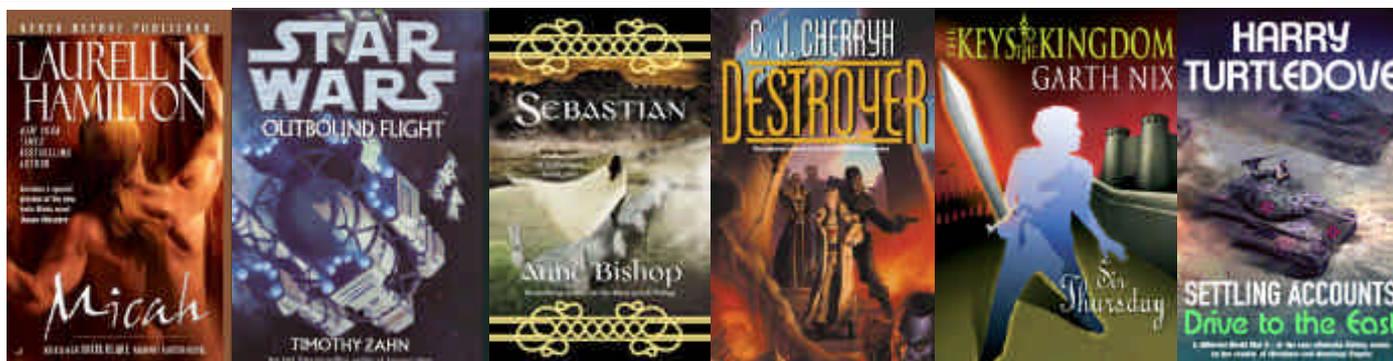
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Featured Books



Micah by **Laurell K Hamilton**, a new Anita Blake novel. Paperback first publication.

Outbound Flight by **Timothy Zahn**, a new Star Wars hardcover. This title has suffered several delays in publication but we now have copies.

Sebastian by **Anne Bishop**, the first of a new series in paperback.

Destroyer by **C J Cherryh**, the 7th in the Foreigner series in paperback.

Sir Thursday by **Garth Nix**, 4th Keys to the Kingdom novel in paperback.

Drive to the East by **Harry Turtledove**, 2nd in Settling Accounts in paperback.

News

Infinitas will be closed Saturday 25th March as we will be attending Magic Casements and running the book stall there, the shop will be closed the day. Magic Casements is an annual festival of speculative fiction held at the NSW Writers Centre at Rozelle on Saturday 25th March. This one day event is full of panel discussing issues around writing and making sense of fantasy, science fiction and horror. This is a opportunity to rub shoulders with writers, editors, publishers, fan site webmasters, etc. Note this year they are charging an entry fee of \$20. The flash fiction competition has proved popular again, attracting approximately 140 entries. Tim is one of the judges and busy reading entries.

Leviathan 2006, a 2 day event of table top wargames will be on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd April at Quakers Hill High School. There will also be figurine painting competitions, boardgames and trading card games. Run by the Western Suburbs Games Society, it is for experienced and novice players, adult and child, good fun to be had by all. We have brochures and entry forms in the shop. <http://www.westernsuburbsgamesociety.com/>

Octavia Butler died on Feb 25th after striking her head in a fall at her home near Seattle, USA. She was 58. Race issues is a recurring theme in US science fiction, and Butler brought to it her perspective as a black American woman. In 1995 she won the MacArthur Fellowship in recognition of her work, and in 2000 the Nebula award for her novel *Parable of the Talents*.

Kurt Von Trojan, author of *The Atrocity Shop*, *The Transing Syndrome* and many short stories is reported to be terminally ill with Kidney and bone cancer. He has recently been living near Adelaide and has another book coming out soon. <http://ticonderogaonline.org/altairvontrojan.html>

J V Jones has submitted her story *Sword from Red Ice* to publishers. No publication date yet.

The Aurealis Awards for 2005 have been announced. These following novels won awards: *Alyzon Whitestarr* by Isobelle Carmody (Golden Aurealis and young adult), *Eclipse* by K A Bedford (science fiction), *Blade of Fortriu* by Juliet Marillier (fantasy), *Drowned Wednesday* by Garth Nix (children's).

The Ditmar Awards finalists have been announced. For a full listing and to download a voting form go to <http://www.conjure.org.au/ditmars.htm> The Ditmar awards are decided by vote of fans, although voters must be members of Conjure (membership fee of \$20).

ibooks and Byron Preiss Visual Publications (under the same ownership) have both ceased trading 22nd Feb and declared bankruptcy. ibooks has published many of the famous authors in our genre over the years.

New Toys are arriving in store as Tim and Dan have recently attended a trade fair and ordered lots of good stuff. We already have new models of remote control talking Daleks intimidating anyone who will listen.

Reviews

The Soprano Sorceress by L E Modesitt Jr Reviewed by Isabelle Hancock

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781857235340>

Pulled from our own world into Erde - a place of medieval-style politics and technology, the title character, Anna, has to adjust quickly to her surroundings. Suddenly gifted, or cursed with great powers of sorcery, she is viewed with mistrust and fear by all those around her. We follow Anna as she cultivates allies and learns about the strange world to which she was transported by sorcery as she deals with this totally unexpected, and unwanted turn of events.

Unlike many heroes and heroines whose actions seem inexplicable, only that they advance the storyline, it is a pleasure to see Anna growing in confidence and wisdom, even as she treads the dangerous political landscape around her. Anna is aware that she is both a risk and an asset in a climate of open warfare, facing assassination from enemy ranks and within her own camp.

With her own family left behind, and no likely options for returning to earth, she has little to lose - choosing to follow her own moral code, as best she can. A normal person in an abnormal situation, she quickly proves her moral fibre and courage, showing respect for human life and a strong desire to improve the lives of those around her. In a society where might makes right, these sentiments bring her into open conflict with the powerful lords of the land - the same people who need her help in battle. She must also face her role as a weapon, as she finds herself killing other people's enemies as a means of self defense - actions which weigh heavily on her conscience.

Written as dryly as the drought ridden land in which this story plays out, the motivations and cultural differences between the key players in this story of war, politics and great magic draw you in. The unit of magic is song, with Anna's great source of power tied to her extraordinary voice, her ability to compose appropriate spell songs and to adapt powerful music from our own world. She sings opera in battle, nursery rhymes to perform menial tasks and everything in between as she uses all her knowledge to achieve her goals. A complex person in a complex situation, the story leaves you wanting to know how the actions Anna takes will impact the schemes and machinations of the power players around her.

The Witch of Clatteringshaws by Joan Aiken reviewed by Dan

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780099464068>

The Witch of Clatteringshaws is the 11th and final novel in Joan Aiken's Wolves of Willoughby Chase series. When the story starts, Simon Battersby is King of England (grudgingly), and his good friend Dido Twite refuses to be his queen. When she hears rumours of another potential claimant to the throne in Scotland, she decides to find him (or her) and free Simon from being King, and herself from endless rounds of stuffy meals surrounded by stuffy people who hate her and think she's 'not good enough' to consort with the King. Meanwhile, Malise, the Witch of Clatteringshaws is desperately trying to remember the song she heard when she was supposed to be listening to the dying words of a saint, in the hopes that she might recover the words themselves.

This is a light, fast paced novel with elements drawn from folklore to enhance her alternate England, Joan Aiken weaves a classic children's tale. It is not necessary to have read the other books in the series to enjoy this novel. The author's afterword explains that while she is aware some readers may be disappointed by the brevity of the story, she felt it was better to have a short, but complete novel to complete her series than to leave it unfinished, as some of her own favourite authors had done. This was Joan's final book.

Thread of Grace by Mary Doria Russell reviewed by Josephine Crowley

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780552772884>

This is a very special book, one that we should all be compelled to read. The story of Jewish people who escaped Nazi Germany to Italy during the later part of World War II and the courage of, for the most part Italian peasants who risked their lives to save so many of them. Although the characters are fictionalised, these events did happen and one is greatly moved by these happenings.

It is a beautifully written story. I wished I could read and understand the Italian language, as small phrases pop up quite often.

Mesmerising, meant to be read as a whole, for me anyway.

When I finished, I really wanted to sit down, for a whole day and read this book from beginning to end again.

Thank you Mary Doria Russell for bringing history alive in "A Thread of Grace".

***The Black Gryphon* by Mercedes Lackey and Larry Dixon** reviewed by Julianne

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780886776435>

The Black Gryphon, set 1,500 years before the Valdemar series, depicts the start of an epic war. The Mage of Silence, Urtho, commands an army consisting of human, intelligent magic created animals, mages, healers, empaths and soldiers. Set during the early stages of this war, The Black Gryphon follows the story of a small set of key characters. The first is the black gryphon, a warrior of the skies called Skandranon. Joining him is the human empath/healer Amberdrake, his Hestari servant Gesten, and other gryphons including Zhaneel and Aubri. Set in the war camp, most of the action takes place at the base of the Urtho's tower, with assorted sorties into the enemy camp of the Mage Maar.

Friendship and loyalty, great feats and triumph over personal challenges are features of this book. Mage Maar is set up as a man who leads by fear, torture and deception to win his way through the war, a completely different approach to that of Mage Urtho.

The first of a historical trilogy from the Valdemar world, the influence of Larry Dixon on the writing can be clearly felt. This is an enjoyable book that holds no great surprises.

***The Handmaid's Tale* By Margaret Atwood** reviewed by Karen Maric

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780099740919>

Despite being written twenty years ago, this classic novel has a frighteningly prophetic and ageless atmosphere. It remains one of the set texts on the HSC reading list for Year 12 English.

Set in a bleak, near-future United States ruled by Christian fundamentalists and renamed the Republic of Gilead, the book tells the story of Offred, a woman whose only chance at survival lies in becoming a Handmaid. In an era of decreased fertility due to radiation and pollution, Handmaids are fertile women given to elderly, married members of the ruling elite to serve as surrogate mothers. Even the Handmaids' real first names are forgotten once they assume their roles as potential child-carriers: Offred's name means, literally, Handmaid of Commander Fred. Atwood captures brilliantly, on a very human level, Offred's uneasy, oppressive existence within a household where her Commander's ailing wife, Serena, hates her for her youth and fertility and the cold, ritualistic sexual encounters Offred engages in with Serena's husband.

Offred's present existence, in which she is forbidden to speak with any young men, in which she is guarded on shopping trips, in which she watches public hangings of abortionists, is told alongside flashbacks to her very normal life before the fundamentalist takeover, when she lived with her husband and young daughter. Memories of her re-education following the takeover also dominate Offred's thoughts: of how she and the other Handmaids were brainwashed into their new roles in a typical American high school. The familiarity of such settings ? the school gymnasium, the Commander's red brick house in the suburbs, the Japanese tour groups snapping pictures on the streets ? makes Offred's tale seem eerily credible.

Perhaps the most disturbing thing about this powerful story is the way the fundamentalists' takeover seems to creep up, catching people unawares. Rather than occurring in a sudden violent revolution, the takeover is initiated through a gradual curtailing of citizens' rights and freedoms. By the time people recognise what is happening and begin to fight back, it is too late: the totalitarian power structures are already in place. Later, when Offred finds herself in a position to join the resistance movement, she again finds herself in a position where she has to choose between going along with the new society's rules, remaining a Handmaid, and perhaps surviving ? or risking her miserable, repressed existence for a dubious chance at freedom and helping others.

This thought-provoking, beautifully written novel is one of those books that will linger in the reader's mind for weeks afterwards.





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Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

Prices include GST and are correct at time of printing but may change without notice.

Legend: PB = paperback, HC = hardcover, TP = trade paperback, Cass = cassette, CD = CD, GN = Graphic Novel

Information on the Infinitas Groups

New members always welcome at all the groups, if interested just come along.

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. The next meeting is March 2nd. Newcomers welcome.

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books (usually one science fiction, one fantasy) are chosen by group members for each meeting with participants encouraged to have read at least one prior to the meeting and bring their review/s along for discussion. The discussion is generally serious and insightful.

Next meeting March 16th. All welcome.

March Jennifer Fallon *Medallon*
Robert A Heinlein *Stranger In A Strange Land*
April L E Modesitt Jr *Legacies (Fantasy)*
The Ethos Effect (SF)

Writers' Group: The group is for people who are currently writing (or even trying to write) science fiction, fantasy and horror related stories and pieces. If you think this might describe you, and you'd like to get involved in a group with others who understand what the genre is about, why not come along. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check out the website for more details.

Bestsellers for February

General Release

Unleash the Night	Sherrilyn Kenyon
Ordermaster	L E Modesitt Jr
Micah	Laurell K Hamilton
Mindscan	Robert J Sawyer
To Light A Candle	Mercedes Lackey & James Mallory
Chainfire	Terry Goodkind
Wizard of Karres	Mercedes Lackey, Eric Flint & Dave Freer
Rebel Ice	S L Viehl
Sebastian	Anne Bishop
Circus of the Darned	Katie Maxwell

Media and Games Related Titles

Dark Adeptus	Warhammer 40K
Orion's Hounds	Star Trek Titan
Fusion	Star Trek Voyager
Death Or Glory	Warhammer 40K
Cult Following	CSI Miami
After the Fall	Star Trek New Frontier
Resurrection	Forgotten Realms
The Swarm War	Star Wars
Xenology	Warhammer 40K
Poison Agendas	Shadowrun

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Roger MacBride Allen

The Cause of Death (BSI: Starside)

Formed to investigate criminal cases involving both humans and aliens, the BSI, the Bureau of Special Investigation, takes on the worse cases in the galaxy, and rookie trainee Jamie Mendez and his veteran partner, Senior Agent Hanna Wolfson, become embroiled in a dangerous political conspiracy in which the fate of an entire planet lies in their hands. **PB \$17.95**

Catherine Asaro

The Final Key (Skolian Empire Triad 02)

A second half of the story that began with Schism finds the Skolian Empire targeted by a series of assassinations and subterfuges by the Euban Concord, a situation for which a teenage cadet becomes her world's only hope **HC \$50**

Neal Asher

The Voyage of the Sable Keech

Sable Keech is a walking dead man, and the only one to have been resurrected by nanochanger. Did he succeed because he was infected by the Spatterjay virus, or because he came late to resurrection in a tank of seawater? Tracing the man's last-known seaborne journey, Taylor Bloc wants to know the truth. He also wants so much else – adulation, power, control – and will go to any lengths to achieve them.

An ancient hive mind, almost incomprehensible to the human race, has sent an agent to this uncertain world. Does it simply want to obtain the poison "sprine" that is crucial to immortality – and, if so, maybe Janer must find it and stop it. Meanwhile, still faced with the ennui of immortality, Erlin has her solitude rudely interrupted by a very angry whelk titanics, and begins the strangest of journeys.

Deep in the ocean the Spatterjay virus has wrought a terrible change that will affect them all. Something dormant for ten years is breaking free, and once again the aftershocks of an ancient war will focus on this watery world. And Sniper, for ten years the Warden of Spatterjay, finally takes delivery of his new drone shell. It's much better than his old one: powerful engines, more lethal weapons, thicker armour. He's going to need them.

HC \$59.95

Robert Asprin & Eric Del Carlo

Wartorn: Obliteration (Wartorn 02)

Resurrected in the lush body of courtesan Vadya, Raven, ordered to spy on General Weisel by the ruler of Felk, returns to the battlefield, using her beauty to extract information, while Weisel finally frees his mind and body from the control of Dardas the Conqueror. **PB \$19.95**

James Axler

Labyrinth (Deathlands)

As the citizens of Little Pueblo prepare to sacrifice them to demons, Ryan and his companions fight eternal spirits, who are actually genetic recombinations gone horribly wrong, deep within the ancient canyons of New Mexico. **PB \$16.95**

Ashok Banker

Bridge of Rama (Ramayana 05)

Hapless Sita is the prisoner of the king of rakshasas, Ravana. To win her back, Rama and his loyal vanar friend Hanuman have assembled a vast army. Desperate, and using only their wits and their bare hands, they must build a rock bridge across the ocean to reach Lanka.

Even as they toil, Sita is sentenced to death by her captors. Her only hope now lies with Hanuman. Meanwhile, Hanuman discovers the shocking secret of his true identity, and his faith in Rama triggers extraordinary new powers. He is quickly despatched to Lanka, to the homeland of the rakshasa demon race, in one final attempt to rescue Rama's beloved and to prevent a terrible, tragic war. **PB \$22.95**

Alan Baxter Australian Author

A force exists beyond all belief and knowledge. That force is the Balance. When the supernatural and the magical shape and shift the mundane all around us and fewer people every day are concerned with matters beyond the material, the actions of individuals can drastically upset that Balance. Deep within this world a powerful immortal must lead a powerful coward in a quest against the odds to prevent a descent into chaos.

From the deepest planes of Hell to the sweltering Guatemalan jungle, the actions of a few people will shape the future in this contemporary fantasy and action packed adventure thriller, set in the here and now against the overlapping backdrop of the world we know and the myriad realms beyond.

TP \$30

Greg Bear

Psychoclone

When the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima inadvertently transforms some of its survivors into violent and vengeance-seeking mutations of their former selves, scientist Larry Fowler finds himself unable to avoid an investigation that pits him against forces beyond his worst imaginings. **TP \$24.95**

Anne Bishop

Dreams Made Flesh (Black Jewels)

A collection of four original novellas continues the saga of The Black Jewels trilogy as they trace the origins of the mystical Jewels, chronicle a forbidden love affair between Lucivar and a simple hearth witch, explore a reality-altering clash, and follow Jaenelle's sacrifice of her magical gifts. **PB \$19.95**

Anne Bishop

Sebastian (Landscapes of Ephemera 01)

Let your heart travel lightly. Because what you bring with you becomes part of the landscape.

In the world of Ephemera, the link between the land and the human heart is unbreakable. If one's heart and intention are in conflict, then crossing its magical bridges may take the traveller to an unknown land.

In one such land, where night reigns and demons dwell, the half-incubus Sebastian revels in dark delights. But then in dreams she calls to him: a woman who wants only to be safe and loved — a woman he hungers for while knowing he may destroy her.

But a more devastating destiny awaits Sebastian, for evil is stirring in the depths of Ephemera. The prison that has held the Eater of the World at bay has been weakened — and Sebastian's realm may be the first to fall ... **HC \$49.95 PB \$20.95**

Ben Bova

Titan (Grand Tour of the Solar System)

Space traveling for an extended time to one of Saturn's moons, the crew of the enormous colony ship Goddard falls prey to long-standing tensions after a first exploration vessel mysteriously fails, a situation that places numerous lives and careers at risk. **HC \$51.95 CD \$85**

Patricia Briggs

Moon Called

While trying to live a so-called normal existence, mechanic Mercy Thompson, a shapeshifter raised by werewolves, gets into trouble with the gremlins, witches, and vampires with whom she deals on a daily basis. **PB \$19.95**

Damien Broderick Australian Author

K-Machines (Godplayers 02)

A sequel to Godplayers finds alternate-universe resident August Seebeck discovering his unexpected heritage as a Player in the Contest of Worlds, for which he and his turbulent siblings must engage in a mysterious battle against a dangerous host of super-beings. **TP \$30.95**

Trudi Canavan Australia

The Magician's Guild (Black Magician 01) **CD \$39.95**

P C Cast

Goddess of the Rose **PB \$17.95**

Shanna Caughey

Revisiting Narnia: Fantasy, myth and religion in C. S. Lewis' Chronicles Narnia

C. S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia have stimulated imaginations for more than half a century, inspiring childhood wonder, earnest faith and spirited debate. How do the books form such an intimate, personal bond with readers both young and old? Does Narnia betray some hidden universalism in Lewis' theology? And what really prevented Susan from entering Narnia? **TP \$24.95**

C J Cherryh

Destroyer (Foreigner 07)

Bren Cameron returns to atevi space after his rescue mission, but when he discovers that a civil war has broken out on the atevi mainland, he must risk bringing an atevi dowager to the human colony of Mosphiera in order to end the war, in this first installment in the new Foreigner trilogy.

PB \$19.95

Arthur C Clarke & Stephen Baxter

Sunstorm

In the sequel to Time's Eye, a modern-day woman hurtled into the midst of the turmoil stumbles upon a mysterious portal that links back to the Firstborn, omnipotent beings responsible for the upheaval of history and the creators of the notorious black monolith of 2001: A Space Odyssey.

PB \$19.95

Charles de Lint

Hours Before Dawn: and Two Other Stories from Newford **HC \$70**

Philip K Dick

A Maze of Death (Science Fiction Masterworks 63)

Fourteen people arrive on the strange planet of Delmark-O; they have nothing in common other than a desire to make a fresh start. And they have no idea why they are there and no way of escaping. And then the first murder takes place... **PB \$22.95**

Galactic Pot-Healer

It follows the journey of Joe Fernwright, an out-of-work ceramics restorer, who is mysteriously summoned to a distant planet by an alien force. On arrival we learn that his services have been enlisted to restore an ancient cathedral, but after meetings with bizarre aliens and wise-cracking robots he begins to wonder whether that really is the true nature of his mission. **PB \$22.95**

Ian Douglas

Battlespace (Legacy Trilogy 02)

After years of battle in space, the members of the 1st Marine Interstellar Expeditionary Unit return to Earth to investigate the disappearance of a detachment of fellow Marines and uncover a wormhole in the Sirius system that could lead to a perilous ancient enemy of devastating power.

PB \$18.95

George Alec Effinger

A Fire in the Sun (When Gravity Fails 02)

In a sequel to When Gravity Fails, Marid, having risen from an impoverished Arabian ghetto hustler to a powerful cop under the thumb of a local mob boss, struggles with a lack of independence while investigating a series of brutal crimes linked to the mobster's chief rival. **TP \$30.95**

Mick Farren

Kindling

In an alternate universe, four young people from very different backgrounds band together to save the New World from the forces of the Mosul Empire, who would conquer the entire world as part of their fundamentalist worship of ancient twin gods. **PB \$19.95**

Eric Flint & Ryk Spoor

Boundary

Searching for the truth behind an oddly shaped fossil discovered in the Arizona desert that could hold the key to the great extinction at the KT boundary, Dr. Helen Sutter never realized that her quest would take her all the way to the planet Mars. **HC \$52.95**

Eric Flint Editor

Grantville Gazette II (Ring of Fire anthology)

A continuation of the saga that began in 1632 describes life for the inhabitants of Grantville, an American town from West Virginia that finds itself hurtled back in time and into the middle of the Thirty Years War, as they struggle to bring their advanced technology to seventeenth-century Germany, in an anthology featuring works by Mike Spehar and Danita Ewing, among others **HC \$51.95**

Victoria Frances*Favole*

Presents an illustrated gothic romantic fantasy reminiscent of Anne Rice's "Vampire Chronicles", with tales of vampires, magic, and the undying spirit of lovers which reaches across the centuries. **TP \$22.95**

Gary Frank

Forever You Will Suffer **PB \$17.95**

Valerie Frankel*Hex and the Single Girl*

Known as the ultimate matchmaker, Emma Hutch uses her talent for putting images of potential mates into other people's heads for everyone but herself, until she meets Liam Dearborn, Manhattan's most eligible bachelor, who is planning to use his own form of magic on Emma. **TP \$26.95**

C S Friedman*Crown of Shadows (Coldfire 03)*

More than a millennium after the human race forges an uneasy stalemate against the demonic human-psyche feeders known as the fae, a pain-hungry demon called Calesta plots to remake humankind for the sake of his own desires. **TP \$16.95**

Brian Froud & Terry Jones

Lady Cottington's Pressed Fairy Book (10th Anniversary ed) **HC \$39.95**

R Patrick Gates*Grimm Reapings*

While converting a former mortuary into a B&B, Jennifer Nailer discovers that evil still lives within these walls when her brother, Steve, under the influence of the spirit of Eleanor Grimm, the mortuary's former owner who was a powerful witch, prepares to place Eleanor's soul into Jennifer's unborn child. **PB \$17.95**

Tina Gerow

The Stone Maiden **TP \$30.95**

David Gerrold*The Man Who Folded Himself*

The Man Who Folded Himself is a classic science fiction novel by award winning author David Gerrold. This work was nominated for both Hugo and Nebula awards and is considered by some critics to be the finest time travel novel ever written. **TP \$24.95**

The Voyage of Star Wolf (Star Wolf 01)

Jonathan Korie's ship was nearly destroyed in the first wave of the Morthan attack. Disabled and helpless, the LS-1187 would be lucky to survive. But Korie wanted more than survival; he wanted revenge. **TP \$24.95**

Middle of Nowhere (Star Wolf 02)

Docked for repairs after a harrowing battle with a Morthan ship, Korie and his crew discover they have a Morthan imp aboard — a Morthan weapon so quick they have no chance of catching it, so clever they have no hope of outsmarting it and so deadly they have no choice but to try. **TP \$24.95**

Blood and Fire (Star Wolf 03)

The conclusion to the trilogy finds Korie and his crew answering a distress call from a mysteriously lifeless ship. Korie's struggle between his conscience and his desire for vengeance will determine not only the safety of the Star Wolf, but the fate of the enemies he's sworn to destroy. **TP \$24.95**

Child of Earth (Sea of Grass 01)

Child of Earth, is the first book in David Gerrold's Sea of Grass Trilogy. When Kaer's extended family signs up to emigrate to Linnea, Kaer is certain the move will bring the divided family closer together. While they are up to the challenge of giant horses, brutal winters and deadly kacks, it's not until the move seems to be just around the corner that disaster strikes. **TP \$24.95**

L A Graf*Phobos Rising (Living Mars)*

When colonists from Earth accidentally awaken a long-dead Martian civilization in the year 2351, they inadvertently set in motion a program to restore the planet's deadly sulfurous environment, a situation that enables the return of hostile native Martians from their hibernating nests on the moon of Phobos. **TP \$30.95**

Simon R Green*Sharper Than A Serpent's Tooth (Nightside 06)*

John Taylor, a PI for hire in Nightside, the dark underworld of London, must stop his not-quite-human mother from fulfilling a prophecy that will doom Nightside and destroy the rest of the world. **PB \$17.95**

Laurell K Hamilton*Micah (Anita Blake)*

There are lots of reasons to raise the dead—some private, some public. In this case, the feds have a witness who died before he could speak on the record. They want him raised so his testimony can be taken. So here I am, on a plane to Philadelphia, flying off to do my job.

But I'm not alone. Micah is with me. Micah, head of the St. Louis wereleopard pard. King to my Queen. The only one of my lovers who can stir my blood with just a glance from his chartreuse cat's eyes. I was happy to have him at my side.

Until he mentioned that this will be our first time alone together. No Master Vampire. No Alpha Werewolf. Just me and Micah. And all my fears and doubts... **PB \$19.95**

Lori Handeland*Crescent Moon*

Cryptozoologist Diana Malone enlists the assistance of Adam Ruelle, a reclusive former Special Forces officer and the last of a mysterious Cajun family rumored to be cursed, to guide her in her search for the truth about dangerous wolflike creatures stalking the Louisiana bayous. **PB \$17.95**

Traci Harding *Australian Author*

Gene of Isis (Mystique 01)

A heartstopping race to unlock the secrets of the Grail bloodline ...

Mia Montrose is a 21st century Australian woman with a Doctorate in Ancient Languages who has just scored the most promising job of her career.

Ashlee Granville is a 19th century clairvoyant forced to suppress her talents as she enters the marriage market of English upper-class society.

Lillet du Lac is a 13th century Priestess of an ancient order now protected by the Cathars, who are making their last stand against the Roman Catholic Franks at the giant hill fort of Montsgur.

Truth and deception, love and desire, the Cathars and the Church, the Templars and the secrets of ancient Egypt all play their part in a grand adventure touched by the possibility of a genetic key to immortality ... **PB \$20.95**

The Ancient Future 10th Anniversary ed (Ancient Future 01)

The white light surrounded her, exuding from the ground within the circle. The mist rose towards the sky to form a billowing cloud. From within the largest stone a ball of blue light steadily made its way towards her.

Late one evening, a car accident leaves Tory – daughter of a prominent history professor – stranded near a ring of stones in the English countryside. She resolves to spend the night at the sacred site; a black belt in tae-kwon-do, Tory holds little fear for her safety ...

But across the vortex of time and space, she is being watched. The Merlin knows of the legend Tory is to become, and through the wisdom of the Old Ones, teleports her back to the Dark Age.

Prince Maelgwn of Gwynedd and his band of knights stumble across this mysterious woman dressed in jeans and leather jacket. Believing she is the witch of the stones, they threaten to kill her. Rising to her own defence, Tory challenges the Prince's champion to unarmed combat. With her superior fighting skill she easily overwhelms the warrior, winning the admiration of the Prince, and changing the course of British history forever.

PB \$20.95

An Echo in Time 10th Anniversary ed (Ancient Future 02)

The narrow stairway inside the mountain led to a door that opened onto a huge marble plateau. Upon this stood a stone circle of nine of the largest hunks of polished crystal Tory had ever seen. A turbulent cloud erupted overhead, its core alive with electromagnetic activity.

For twenty years the kingdoms of Prydyn, Dummonia and Dalriada have prospered in peace under the guidance of their High King, Maelgwn of Gwynedd, and his good Queen, Tory.

But when the High King is stricken with madness and a mysterious plague, Britain is set to be thrown into the chaos of yesteryear. Tory seeks the advice of an advanced civilisation that thrived long before recorded history, where men of great learning and miracles were abundant. The women of the Otherworld agree to aid Tory to make her passage back through time.

But once in Atlantis, Tory must use her own devices to find the cure she seeks and a way to return to her loved ones in the Dark Ages. **PB \$20.95**

Masters of Reality 10th Anniversary ed (Ancient Future 03)

An enormous vortex spiralled above the earth, out beyond the orbit of the moon. Its centre was expanding to form a huge glowing corridor through the fabric of space. This brilliant mass shot forth thousands of glowing balls of light that proceeded to descend toward our planet.

As Tory awaits Maelgwn's return, she endeavours to find out the truth behind her ancestry and is shocked to discover that her clan is not the only tribe of immortals the Gods have nurtured.

One by one, allies from Tory's past re-emerge to help her through a time of tribulation when her clan is made outcast from mainstream society ... an old enemy, incarnate, is seeking revenge on the Dragon's kin.

And now, aided by a divine power, an interstellar army is set to destroy 'the Chosen' at the foretold Gathering of Kings. **PB \$20.95**

Raven Hart

The Vampire's Seduction

Playboy vampire William Cuyler Thorne finds his perfect life as a pillar of Savannah's high society, with an adoring mistress, wealth, and steady stream of female admirers, threatened by the arrival of his voracious and bloodthirsty sire, Reedrek, who will do anything to destroy everything that is precious to William. **PB \$17.95**

Simon Haynes *Australian Author*

Hal Spacejock: Second Course (Hal Spacejock 02)

A beautiful and mysterious female passenger, a loony inventor with a basement full of deadly weapons, and a dangerous run-down teleporter built by a long-lost alien civilisation . . . these are just some of the challenges facing Hal Spacejock and his metal sidekick Clunk as they fight for survival in the cut-throat interstellar cargo business.

Featuring the incompetent Hal and the longsuffering Clunk, Second Course serves a piping hot dish of interplanetary chaos stuffed with more laughs than a cracker factory and loaded with more action than a politician's expense account. **PB \$19.95**

Frank Herbert

The Great Dune Trilogy (Dune 01, 02, 03)

Herbert's evocative, epic tales are set on the desert planet Arrakis, the focus for a complex political and military struggle with galaxy-wide repercussions. Arrakis is the source of spice, a mind enhancing drug which makes interstellar travel possible; it is the most valuable substance in the galaxy. When Duke Atreides and his family take up court there, they fall into a trap set by the Duke's bitter rival, Baron Harkonnen. The Duke is poisoned, but his wife and her son Paul escape to the vast and arid deserts of Arrakis, which have given the planet its nickname of Dune. Paul and his mother join the Fremen, the Arrakis natives, who have learnt to live in this harsh and complex ecosystem. But learning to survive is not enough - Paul's destiny was mapped out long ago and his mother is committed to seeing it fulfilled. **TP \$35**

Tracy Hickman & Laura Hickman

Mystic Quest (Bronze Canticles 02)

Twenty-three years after Galen Arvad's first adventure, his clan suffers through an endless war, leaving it up to a new generation of heroes to set out on life-changing journeys of their own, in search of a redemption that may be beyond the power of magic. **PB \$17.95**

Tom Holt

You Don't Have to Be Evil to Work Here, But it Helps

Colin Hollinghead is a young man going nowhere fast. Working for his dad might have seemed like a good idea at the time, but starting at the bottom in the widget-making industry has somehow lost its appeal. And now the business is in trouble. At least his father has a plan to turn things round - a new work force that will improve profit margins and secure the company's future for eternity. The deal looks great on paper, but they do say that the devil is in the detail - and the old rogue certainly seems to be involved in some capacity. Colin needs help. Perhaps his new friend from J.W. Wells & Co. (Practical and Effective Magicians, Sorcerers and Supernatural Consultants) can help.

Sparkling with wit and oozing charm, Tom Holt's new comic caper will delight his readers and prove once and for all that going to work can actually be hell. **HC \$39.95**

Melanie Jackson

The Saint

A great and powerful fey, Kris Kringle, imprisoned in the North Pole for thousands of years, seeks freedom from his goblin captors and finds his soulmate in the form of biographer Adora Navarra, who has agreed to help him reveal his true image to the world and punish the wicked. **PB \$17.95**

Susan Kearney

The Ultimatum

Dr. Alara Calladar is forced to turn to an enemy and her abductor, Rystani starpilot Xander, when she is forced to make love with a man in order to regenerate her cells, and comes to an agreement with him--he will make love with her if she will use her psi-talent for identifying DNA to help him find a cure for a deadly virus spreading across the galaxy. **PB \$17.95**

Greg Keyes

The Shadows of God (Age of Unreason)

Deadly revenge in the Age of Unreason – the dramatic conclusion to this stellar historical fantasy series.

As the ruthless forces of Russia lay waste to the New World, English troops make landfall in the east, determined to reconquer the colonies.

Trapped in between are the Native Americans, ex-slaves, and European refugees, led by Benjamin Franklin and the Choctaw shaman Red Shoes.

But the balance of power rests with the French woman Adrienne de Montchevreuil, whose grasp of science is the equal of Franklin's, whose magic may be stronger than the Choctaw, and whose shocking secret may call into question where her true allegiances lie. **PB \$19.95**

Tom Kidd

Kiddography: The Art And Life Of Tom Kidd

HC \$49.95

Stephen King

Cell

Civilization slipped into its second dark age on an unsurprising track of blood but with a speed that could not have been foreseen by even the most pessimistic futurist. By Halloween, every major city from New York to Moscow stank to the empty heavens and the world as it had been was a memory.' The event became known as The Pulse. The virus was carried by every cell phone operating within the entire world. Within ten hours, most people would be dead or insane. A young artist Clayton Riddell realises what is happening. And together with Tom McCourt and a teenage girl called Alice, he flees the devastation of explosive, burning Boston, desperate to reach his son before his son switches on his little red mobile phone.

TP \$35 CASS \$95 CD \$95

Susan Krinard

Hammer of the Sun

Rhenna and a shape-shifting panther named Cian must thwart the Exalted Ge and gain control of the Hammer of the Earth, while back in Karchedon, their ally Quintus must choose between destroying the Stone God or betraying his people. **TP \$28.95**

Mercedes Lackey

One Good Knight (Five Hundred Kingdoms 02)

When a champion arrives in the form of Sir George, who sort-of defeats the dragon, former virgin sacrifice Princess Andromeda, along with her bumbling savior, must find the dragon's lair and destroy it before the Five Hundred Kingdoms bears the brunt of the beast's wrath. **HC \$51.95**

Jade Lee

Seduced by Crimson (Crimson City)

Xiao Fei, the Phoenix Tear, must become one with the Draige-Uisge, using her ecstasy to save Crimson City from the demons who have returned to rule this glittering metropolis. **PB \$17.95**

Gregory Maguire

Wicked

When Dorothy triumphed over the Wicked Witch of the West in L. Frank Baum's classic tale, we heard only her side of the story. But what about her arch-nemesis, the mysterious Witch? Where did she come from? How did she become so wicked? And what is the true nature of evil? Gregory Maguire creates a fantasy world so rich and vivid that we will never look at Oz the same way again. Wicked is about a land where animals talk and strive to be treated like first-class citizens, Munchkinlanders seek the comfort of middle-class stability, and the Tin Man becomes a victim of domestic violence. And then there is the little green-skinned girl named Elphaba, who will grow up to become the infamous Wicked Witch of the West, a smart, prickly, and misunderstood creature who challenges all our preconceived notions about the nature of good and evil. **HC \$45**

Diana Marcellas

Twilight Rising, Serpent's Dream

In a conclusion to the trilogy that began with Mother Ocean, Daughter Sea, the witch Brierley, believing herself to be the last of her kind, flees for her life when her powers are revealed and discovers other survivors, many of whom seek vengeance against those who decimated the witch race.

PB \$19.95

Michael Marshall

Blood of Angels

Ward Hopkins' past come backs to haunt him with a vengeance when an ex-CIA colleague tracks him down, desperate for help in solving a bizarre series of events. Meanwhile Ward's brother, the serial killer known as the Upright Man, has escaped from prison where he was awaiting trial for murders beyond number. And Hopkins' erstwhile ally, former homicide cop John Zandt, is still on the trail of the organization which killed his daughter and Ward's parents. The further John investigates, the more extraordinary the secrets he uncovers. The shadows are gathering, and across America sinister forces are stirring. Only Ward, John and FBI agent Nina Baynam stand against this tide, and against the Upright Man who now has a grudge against just about everyone in the world. It's only a question of where the next killings will start and whether they will ever stop. **PB \$19.95**

John Meaney

Resolution (Nulapeiron 03)

The war against the Blight may be over, but revolutionary and hero Tom Corcorigan knows that an even greater force threatens Nulapeiron: the omnipotent, planet-consuming Anomaly. Tom's association with Eemur's Head, the flensed remains of a powerful Seer, is changing him, bringing new enemies and allies into his life. **PB \$21.95**

Elizabeth Moon

Engaging the Enemy (Vatta's War 03)

In the wake of a series of assassinations that have left her parents dead and their shipping empire in ruins, Kylara Vata, the unorthodox renegade heir to Vatta Transport, Ltd., one of the galaxy's wealthiest merchant houses, sets out to avenge their deaths, find the individuals responsible, and rebuild the company, no matter what she has to do. 35,000 first printing. **HC \$51.95**

Andre Norton & Lyn McConchie

Silver May Tarnish (Witch World)

A fast-paced Witch World adventure by the authors of *The Duke's Ballad* finds heir Lorcan making a stand in the dale of the maiden Meive, where they hope to create a safe haven for those who have lost land or kin during a devastating war. **HC \$52.95**

Robin D Owens

Sorceress of Faith

When the world of Llandrana is threatened by evil, the Sorcerers must find a way to stop the Darkness and summon grad student Marian Harasta whose extraordinary, untapped Powers are the key to saving Llandrana from those who wish to destroy it. **TP \$28.95**

Tom Piccirilli

Headstone City

Returning home to Brooklyn after two years in prison to settle his accounts with both the living and the dead, Johnny "Dane" Danetello, a man with the psychic ability to see ghosts and to enter others' dreams, is headed for a reunion or a showdown with his old friend--and nemesis--Vinny Monticelli, a man with his own terrifying paranormal talents. **PB \$15.95**

Terry Pratchett & Neil Gaiman

Good Omens

The world is going to end next Saturday, just before dinner, but it turns out there are a few problems--the Antichrist has been misplaced, the Four Horseman of the Apocalypse ride motorcycles, and the representatives from heaven and hell decide that they like the human race, in a new edition of the classic novel, featuring a new afterword from the authors. **HC \$60**

Terry Pratchett & Paul Kidby

The Art of the Discworld (Discworld)

In *The Art of Discworld*, Terry Pratchett takes us on a guided tour of the Discworld, courtesy of his favourite Discworld artist, Paul Kidby. Following on from *The Last Hero*, *The Art of Discworld* is a lavish 112-page large format, sumptuously illustrated look at all things Discworldian. Terry Pratchett provides the written descriptions while Paul Kidby illustrates the world that has made Pratchett one of the best-selling authors of all time. Here you will find favourites old and new: the City Watch, including Vimes, Carrot and Angua, the three witches - Granny Weatherwax, Nanny Ogg and Magrat Garlick - and the denizens of the Unseen University Library, not forgetting the Librarian, of course: they're all here in sumptuous colour, together with the places: Ankh-Morpork, Lancre, Uberwald and more. No Discworld fan will want to be without this beautiful gift book. **TP \$29.95**

Irene Radford

The Dragon's Revenge (Stargods 03)

Three brothers take shelter on a pretechnological world where dragons are worshiped as gods. When the off-world forces they have fled track them down, they must find a way to save the world they've made their own. **PB \$16.95**

John Ringo

Kildar (Ghost 02)

After making an enemy out of virtually every terrorist on the planet, not to mention at least five governments, former SEAL Mike Harmon, the hero of *Ghost*, is looking for the perfect place to retire and buy a farm, all the while dealing with Chechen terrorists and other enemies. **HC \$52.95**

J D Robb

Origin in Death (Eve Dallas 21)

New York police lieutenant Eve Dallas and her partner Peabody enter the hallowed halls of the Wilfred B. Icove Center for Reconstructive and Cosmetic Surgery on an open and shut case of self-defence. But before they can leave they are called to another crime scene. Dr. Wilfred B. Icove himself has been found dead in his office - murdered in a chillingly efficient manner: one swift stab to the heart. Struck by the immaculate condition of the crime scene, Dallas suspects a professional killing. Security discs show a stunningly beautiful woman calmly entering and leaving the building - the good doctor's final appointment. Known as 'Dr. Perfect,' the saintly Icove devoted his life to his family and his work. His record is clean. Too clean for Dallas. She knows he was hiding something and suspects that his son - and successor - knows what it is. Then, like father like son, the young Dr. Icove is killed... with the same deadly precision. But who is the mystery woman - and what was her relationship with the good doctors? With her husband, Roarke, working behind the scenes, Dallas follows her darkest instincts into the Icoves' pasts. **PB \$19.95**

Jennifer Roberson

The Novels of Tiger and Del Volume 1: Sword-Dancer & Sword-Singer (Sword Dancer 01, 02)

CS Lewis' stories about the magical land of Narnia have enchanted generations of readers. The BBC Radio dramatisations feature Stephen Thorne as the mighty Aslan, with a host of stars including Martin Jarvis, Maurice Denham and Timothy Spall. **TP \$30.95**

John Maddox Roberts

The Seven Hills (Hannibal's Children 02)

In this alternate history, the sequel to *Hannibal's Children*, Rome once again rises to power after its devastating defeat by Hannibal's Carthaginian forces, but now Roman commander Marcus Scipio is confronted by a new challenge. **PB \$19.95**

James Rollins

Sandstorm

Twenty years after a wealthy British financier disappears near the site of a lost fabled city, the man's daughter leads an expedition of scientists in search of the city, which harbors a powerful but dangerous energy source with the potential to both fuel and destroy the planet. **PB \$19.95**

Richard Paul Russo*The Rosetta Codex*

Six-year-old Cale's first experiences of primitive Conrad's World were violent and tragic. Cale's wealthy father was killed in space on a business venture, leaving a lone shuttle to make landfall in the desert. Cale's guardian Sidonie was attacked as she lay dying after the crash, leaving Cale to be brought up alone among exiles and criminals.

Ten years later, Cale flees to the capital Morningstar and there joins the radical Resurrectionists - like him they believe the city was built on an ancient alien civilisation. His fortunes change rapidly when he meets the scarred Sidonie, his protector from birth, who reunites him with his family and fortune.

But Cale is driven to find an alien 'gateway' discussed in an old text, and is prepared to use all his new-found fortune to do so even at the cost of enraging his new family, and tracked every step of the way by the sinister Blackburn and his Sarakeen. **PB \$19.95**

Lilith Saintcrow*Working for the Devil Dante Valentine*

Necromancer-for-hire Dante Valentine may be in over her head when she is hired by the devil to take out a renegade demon, Vardimal Santino, in exchange for her life. A first novel. **PB \$17.95**

John Scalzi*The Ghost Brigades*

When humanity is threatened by an alliance of three adversarial races who would halt the world's expansion into space, Jared Dirac, a super-power clone who serves in the Ghost Brigades for the Colonial Defense Forces, tries to discover why the scientist who gave Jared his DNA has revealed key military secrets. **HC \$49.95**

Old Man's War

John Perry did two things on his 75th birthday. First he visited his wife's grave. Then he joined the army.

The good news is that humanity finally made it into interstellar space. The bad news is that planets fit to live on are scarce-and alien races willing to fight us for them are common. So: we fight. To defend Earth, and to stake our own claim to planetary real estate. Far from Earth, the war has been going on for decades: brutal, bloody, unyielding.

Earth itself is a backwater. The bulk of humanity's resources are in the hands of the Colonial Defence Force. Everybody knows that when you reach retirement age, you can join the CDF. They don't want young people; they want people who carry the knowledge and skills of decades of living. You'll be taken off Earth and never allowed to return. You'll serve two years at the front. And if you survive, you'll be given a generous homestead stake of your own, on one of our hard-won colony planets.

John Perry is taking that deal. He has only the vaguest idea what to expect. Because the actual fight, light-years from home, is far, far harder than he can imagine-and what he will become is far stranger. **TP \$25**

Sharon Shinn*The Thirteenth House (Gillengaria 02)*

In a second novel set in the troubled land of Gillengaria, the shifting Kirra returns home from a mission to rescue the kidnapped Romar Brendan to find that her half-sister Casserah has been named heir and falls in love with the married Lord Romar, a tempestuous affair that places them both in mortal danger and leads them to the stronghold of the lords of the Thirteenth House. By the author of *Mystic and Rider*. **HC \$51.95**

Gena Showalter*Jewel of Atlantis*

Searching for the Jewel of Dunamis, Grayson James, human agent of the Otherworld Bureau of Investigation, is stunned when this priceless treasure, rumored to destroy any enemy, is actually a woman, and together, they battle against demons, dragons, and vampires to save Atlantis. **PB \$17.95**

Dan Simmons*The Endymion Omnibus (Hyperion 03, 04)*

The triumphant concluding novels to the Hyperion Quartet, together in one volume for the first time. Endymion- Two hundred and seventy-four years after the fall of the World Web in *Fall of Hyperion*, Raoul Endymion is sent on a quest. Retrieving Aenea from the Sphinx before the Church troops reach her is only the beginning. With help from a blue-skinned android named A. Bettik, Raoul and Aenea travel the river Tethys, pursued by Father Captain Frederico DeSoya, an influential warrior-priest and his troops. The Shrike continues to make enigmatic appearances, and while many questions were raised in *Hyperion* and *Fall of Hyperion*, still more are raised here. Raoul's quest will continue. *The Rise of Endymion*- The time of reckoning has arrived. As a final genocidal Crusade threatens to enslave humanity forever, a new messiah has come of age. She is Aenea and she has undergone a strange apprenticeship to those known as the Others. Now her protector, Raul Endymion, one-time shepherd and convicted murderer, must help her deliver her startling message to her growing army of disciples. But first they must embark on a final spectacular mission to discover the underlying meaning of the universe itself. They have been followed on their journey by the mysterious Shrike - monster, angel, killing machine - who is about to reveal the long-held secret of its origin and purpose. And on the planet of Hyperion, where the story first began, the final revelation will be delivered - an apocalyptic message that unlocks the secrets of existence. **TP \$32.95**

The Fall of Hyperion (Hyperion 02)

The mysterious Time Tombs are opening and the Shrike that has risen from them may well control the fate of all mankind. The Ousters are laying siege to the Hegemony of Man and the AIs we created have turned against us to build the Ultimate Intelligence; God. The God of Machines. His genesis could mean annihilation for man. Something is drawing the hegemony, the Ousters, the AIs, the entire universe to the Shrike. **PB \$19.95**

Beatrice Small*Lara (World of Hetar 01)*

From best-selling author Bertrice Small comes a spell-binding story of the captivating kingdom of Hetar, filled with enchantment and adventure.

Born to a faerie mother and a mortal father, the beautiful young Lara's life changes forever the day she is sold by her family into slavery. Banished from the sophisticated capital of Hetar, Lara's destiny now lies far beyond the confines of the city. As Lara's destiny unfolds, she experiences degradation and brutality, a perilous flight and the kindness of strangers. Fleeing through exotic lands, her chance encounter with a mysterious Shadow Prince unleashes a storm of passion within Lara. And yet her secret spirit guide whispers that her fate lies beyond this...

As she comes to terms with her growing magical powers, Lara finally meets her match. But can she overcome her faerie nature to find real love? Only when the drums of war begin to beat will she rise to her true destiny...

Richly sensual, this is the powerful first saga in a brand new epic fantasy series from New York Times bestselling author Bertrice Small. Never has fantasy been so seductive. **PB \$27.95**

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The small town of Dandridge is a hotbed of the undead, who are determined to control the Earth, until a stranger arrives, armed with the power to destroy them all and return the town to the living. **PB \$17.95**

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Choose: A quick death... or a slow poison...

An inventive, compelling novel by a talented newcomer, *Poison Study* has magic, adventure and excitement you can almost taste... About to be executed for murder, Yelena is offered an extraordinary reprieve: She'll eat the best meals, have rooms in the palace—and risk assassination by anyone trying to kill the Commander of Ixia.

And so Yelena chooses to become a food taster. But the chief of security, leaving nothing to chance, deliberately feeds her Butterfly's Dust. And only by appearing for her daily antidote will she delay an agonising death from the poison. As Yelena wrestles with this new dilemma, disasters continue to mount... Rebels plot to seize Ixia and Yelena develops magical powers she can't control. Her life is threatened again and choices must be made.

But this time the outcomes aren't so clear... **PB \$19.95**

Michael A Stackpole*Cartomancy (Age of Discovery 02)*

In their war-ravaged land, the family of the Royal Cartographer risks everything to restore peace in a world in which ancient magical forces are coming back to life, as one young man discovers his ability to alter reality, another finds his own world forever transformed, and a young woman learns that her talent lies in building a bridge between them. **TP \$30.95**

Bruce Sterling*Visionary in Residence: Stories*

A collection of thirteen individually introduced cyberpunk tales by the co-author of *The Difference Engine* brings readers beyond the imagined boundaries of future technology. **TP \$32.95**

Caroline Stevermer*Scholar of Magics (College of Magics 2)*

Wild West adventurer and sharpshooter Samuel Lambert worries that he will be a fish out of water when he comes to Glascastle University to contribute his skills to the Agincourt Project, but the arrival of the Provost's sister turns his life upside down. **PB \$15.95**

Peter Straub*In the Night Room*

Willy Patrick, an award-winning young-adult novelist, finds her life intersecting with that of a stranger, writer Timothy Underhill, when she experiences an eerie experience involving the death of her daughter and Timothy begins to receive bizarre communications from dead people he had known in his youth. **PB \$19.95**

Victoria Strauss*The Awakened City (Burning Land 02)*

In the sequel to *The Burning Land*, RGvar, the last and most powerful of Refuge's heretic Shapers, vows revenge upon the Brethren for the destruction of Refuge and its inhabitants, kidnapping the seer Axane and joining forces with an army of fanatical followers to destroy the holy city. **HC \$52.95**

Harry Turtledove*Drive to the East (Settling Accounts 02)*

It is 1942, and the Confederate States of America are locked in a tangle of jagged, blood-soaked battle lines with the United States of America. In Richmond, dictator Jake Featherston is shocked by what his own aircraft have done in Philadelphia - killing U.S. president Al Smith in a barrage of bombs. But he presses ahead with a secret plan on the dusty plains of Texas, where a so-called detention camp hides a far more evil purpose. The United States face a furious thrust by Confederate army into Pennsylvania. But with the industrial heartland under siege, Canada in revolt and US ships fighting against the Japanese in the Sandwich Islands, the most dangerous place in the world may be overlooked. **PB \$19.95**

Janet VanderMeer*Shriek: An Afterword*

Narrated with flamboyant intensity by one-time society figure Janice Shriek, and presenting a vivid gallery of strange characters and even stranger events, this is an account of the adventures of her brother Duncan, an historian obsessed with a doomed love affair and a dark secret that may kill or transform him.

It involves, too, a war between rival publishing houses which threatens to change Ambergris forever, and rivalry with a marginalised race known as the "grey caps" who, armed with advanced fungal technologies, wait underground for their chance to recover the city that was once theirs.

This story of the family Shriek is an exotic and colourful novel of love, life and death which brings to fruition the author's genius for capturing the truly weird. **PB \$32.95**

Fred Vargas*Seeking Whom He May Devour*

In this frightening and surprising novel, the eccentric, wayward genius of Commissaire Adamsberg is pitted against the deep-rooted mysteries of one Alpine village's history and a very present problem: wolves. Disturbing things have been happening up in the French mountains; more and more sheep are being found with their throats torn out. The evidence points to a wolf of unnatural size and strength. However Suzanne Rosselin thinks it is the work of a werewolf. Then Suzanne is found slaughtered in the same manner. Her friend Camille attempts, with Suzanne's son Soliman and her shepherd, Watchee, to find out who, or what, is responsible, and they call on Commissaire Adamsberg for help. **PB \$23.95**

Lawrence Watt-Evans*The Wizard Lord (Annals of the Chosen 01)*

Having trained to become a Swordsman for the archetypal Chosen, who protect their world by overseeing the Wizard Lord, young Breaker faces an unexpected challenge when the Wizard Lord's dereliction of duty makes it necessary to remove him from power. **HC \$54.95**

Robert Charles Wilson*Spin*

After witnessing the onset of an astronomical event that has caused the sun to go black and the stars and moon to disappear, Tyler, Jason, and Diane learn that the darkness has been caused by a time-altering, alien-created artificial barrier and that the sun will be extinguished in less than forty years.

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F Paul Wilson*Gateways (Repairman Jack)*

Following a hit-and-run" accident that severely injures his father, a resident of Gateways, a senior community on the edge of the Everglades, Jack joins forces with his father's neighbor, Anya Mundy, to stop Semelee, a mysterious young woman who uses her powers to control creatures of the Everglades to sacrifice inhabitants of Gateways every three months. **PB \$19.95**

Marv Wolfman*Crisis on Infinite Earths*

A novelization of the epic comics series finds Barry Allen, otherwise known as the Flash, helplessly witnessing the systematic disappearance of countless universes in the face of an insatiable anti-matter universe being, in a tale that culminates in a desperate stand between the superheroes and villains of mirror universes. **TP \$22.95**

David Zindell*Black Jade (Ea Cycle 03)*

Valashu Elahad rescued the Lightstone from the dark hell of the enemy's own city, only to have his triumph overturned. Once more the Lord of Lies has the sacred gem in his possession and its power is invincible. Val burns with shame. Treachery surrounds him. His only hope is the Black Jade that lies buried in the heart of a cursed and blighted forest, forgotten since the War of the Stone. Through this, the greatest black gelstei ever created, Val will seek to understand the darkness inside himself so that he can use evil to fight evil. If he does not, the world will fall into final corruption as the Dark Universe of the Lord of Lies. In either case, evil prevails. But Val must risk everything, even his soul. The stakes are too high for anything less. Val is the Guardian of the Lightstone until a new master is made known, that person who will rightfully wield its power. Should Val find the sacred gem and take it for himself, he will become a new Red Dragon, only mightier and more terrible than the Lord of Lies. **PB \$20.95**

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Postcolonial Science Fiction & Fantasy **TP \$34.95**

Mike Resnick Editor*Dirty Rotten Aliens*

This book is a collection of SF parodies written by some of the best of the genre. Some stories have been long out of print and unavailable! These stories are available for the first time in soft cover trade. This book collects rare and unavailable short stories by some of the top names in science fiction. It is edited by award winning writer and editor Mike Resnick. Science fiction writers have a long and honored history of borrowing and building upon each other's concepts. It's not commonly known, but they have an equally and only slightly less honored history of poking fun at each other. This fun collection of science fiction parodies by some of the greats like Isaac Asimov, Poul Anderson, Arthur C Clarke, among many others, is a must-own for any fan of the genre. Mike Resnick, a popular and prolific science-fiction author, was born in 1942. He sold his first article in 1957, his first short story in 1959, and his first book in 1962. His books have been translated in over a dozen languages, and he's won awards around the world. He continues to write and edit. **TP \$22.95**

Young Adult

Tony Abbott*Voyagers of the Silver Sand (Droon 03)*

When the Rainbow Stairs disappear, Eric, Neal, and Julie have to find the Five Wizards of Eshku within twenty-four hours or be stuck in Droon forever. **PB \$9.95**

Joan Aiken*The Witch of Clatteringshaws (Wolves of Willoughby Chase 11)*

Malise, the Witch of Clatteringshaws lives in a disused Ladies Convenience at the end of a coach park in Caledonia overlooking Loch Grieve (inhabited by Hobyahs and a monster). Down in London Simon Battersea has inherited the throne of England and although accompanied by his friend Dido he is not happy with his lot. There are other possible claimants to the throne and Dido departs to Scotland to find get help from the Witch of Clatteringshaws. Meanwhile England is invaded by the Saxon Wends and Simon also goes northwards with his army. Can Simon defend his realm successfully and will Dido find a legitimate heir to the throne so that she and Simon can live in peace? **PB \$14.95**

Charles Butler*Death of a Ghost*

Features a sinister ghost story. When Ossian returns to Lychfont House, he finds things bizarrely familiar and yet oddly different. Reacquainting himself with the Frazer family, he finds himself questioning the accuracy of certain childhood memories and wondering why the place seems to hold such power over him. **PB \$14.95**

Grace Cavendish*Gold (Lady Grace Mysteries 07)*

Preparations for the wedding of one of Lady Grace's fellow Maids of Honour are interrupted when a shipment of gold, on its way to the Queen, is stolen! The culprit is a single masked horseman, all in black - or is it a gang of ruffians from the forest. The clues seem to point in several different directions and Grace, as Queen Elizabeth's trusty Secret Lady Pursuivant, can't make head nor tail of them. Could one of the newcomers to Court be involved? And will Grace be able to help recover the fortune? **HC \$19.95**

Stephen Cole*The Skies of Fear (Astrosaurs 05)*

Captain Teggs is no ordinary dinosaur - he's an astrosaur! On the incredible spaceship DSS Sauropod, along with his faithful crew, Gypsy, Arx and Iggy, Teggs rights wrongs, fights evil and eats a lot of grass! The astrosaurs are called to a bird dinosaurs world where disaster has struck! All the birds keep forgetting how to fly and falling out of the sky. As they are about to hold their High Flapper Trials to choose a new leader, this is terrible news. But then an enormous Quetzalcoatlus appears in the sky and declares that he is standing to become the new leader. Teggs and his crew don't trust him - can they work out what's really going on and help the pterosaurs learn how to fly again? **PB \$14.95**

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The ghost of wicked, cut-throat pirate Captain Crow will not rest until he gets revenge on the cabin boy who got the better of him many years ago. And if he can't find the cabin boy, any nine-year-old will do . . .

At least, that's what Will's big brother Marty says. But Will's not scared. Even if he is the only nine-year-old boy around. Even if he can hear ghostly cries in the night. And even if the rocks known as Captain Crow's Teeth do start to glow in the dark . . .

Because Captain Crow is just another of Marty's scary stories. **PB \$11.95 HC \$24.95**

Paul Collins Australian Author*The Skyborn*

After the crash of the ship Colony, 14-year-old Welkin was left for dead on the inhospitable landscape of a ravaged Earth. After being rescued by a gang of Earthborn, Welkin proves his value and becomes a trusted member of the Family.

But existence is still hard to mouth. Dangers from bands of mutants threaten continually, as does the ominous presence of Colony itself. Inside the grounded starship, Skyborn inhabitants feed on their hatred of the Earthborn. When on routine patrol a Colony scout is captured by the Family, he reveals a secret: authorities on-board Colony have regrouped and mean to launch a final assault - to rid the Earth of the "savage" Earthborn for ever. But even Welkin - armed with his knowledge of Skyborn ways and methods - could never have been prepared for what he finds. **HC \$33**

Kathryn Deans Australian Author*Glow Troll's Tale*

Once upon a time, there were a couple of trolls, a human, a gnome and a possum trying to save the four worlds from a fate worse than death. They failed...

Now the reluctant Grieve, Colin (who's still wondering how he got into this mess) and the rest of their intrepid group head towards the Crack to track down the Nameless One, who, determined to free his friends and subjugate the worlds, will stop at nothing. Faced with a powerful entity of evil, an over-sized fairy with an inferiority complex and a host of strange and unusual creatures from the Crack, Grieve and Colin need all the help they can get.

What they actually get is Ashley Jane Grubb, the vainest girl at Widdleton Elementary school; a directionally challenged mad dwarf; and Busternut the wizard, whose magic works (or doesn't) in rather weird and wonderful ways.

The odds aren't looking good. **PB \$14.95**

Terry Deary*Fire Thief (Fire Thief 01)*

So after 8000 years of agony, Prometheus has finally broken free of his chains. His delight at his new freedom doesn't last long though, for the gods send the eagle after him to hunt him down. Desperate to escape his vicious pursuer, Prometheus realises there is one great escape route - to travel through time. Prometheus travels to Eden City, falling in with a motley band of loveable rogues. His new friends get in trouble and he wants to use his titanic powers to help them, but here's the big catch - if he uses his power the eagle can sense his presence through time and track him down. Will Prometheus save his friends and risk his liver-loving enemy finding him? **HC \$19.95**

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Fireheart's traitorous enemy Tigerclaw has been vanquished and exiled from Thunder Clan but Fireheart can't shake the feeling that he's lurking in the forest, waiting for his chance to strike. That's not the only problem facing the young warrior in these blazing summer months, as he struggles to handle sinister omens, an apprentice with a shocking secret, and a devastated Clan leader who is a shell of her former self. Meanwhile the forest gets hotter and hotter ... and everyone braces for the coming storm ... Ages 10+ **PB \$12.95**

Jane Johnson*The Secret Country*

Ben has been saving for weeks to buy the Mongolian fighting fish he's seen in the local pet shop. But on entering the Pet Emporium, a small cat hooks his claws into Ben's jumper and begs to be bought and saved from Mr Dodds, the pet shop's cruel owner.

The cat Iggy, has an amazing tale to tell. He comes from a place called Eidolon, or the Secret Country, which exists as a shadow-world to our own. It is a world filled with magic, and mythical creatures like dragons, selkies, sprites and centaurs.

Mr Dodds has been importing these rare and magical beasts from Eidolon, but like fish out of water, the stolen animals are dying in our world, away from their magical home.

Ben and Iggy must travel between the worlds to help the creatures return home. On their journey Ben will make loyal friends, encounter great danger and discover his own royal heritage in the mysterious Secret Country. **PB \$14.95**

Andrew Lansdown Australian Author*Dragon Fox*

Colyn needs to go back to Klarin, the otherworld. He has a terrifying vision of the dragons forging a new Dragon Knife and using it to reassert their power. He feels compelled to go back and stop them. In the hostile landscape of the otherworld, he is challenged by a girl called Yasni, who lost her father when Klarin lost his mother in the great Turning War. When they explore a dragon lair, Colyn stabs a clutch of dragon eggs, but lets one hatchling go. It will prove to be a big mistake. He and Yasni witness the rising of the beast called Dragonfox and defeat both him and the dragon that turns on Colyn just before he slips through the doorway back to his own world. **PB \$14.95**

H I Larry*Poison Island (Zac Power 01)*

Zac Power and his family are on a spying mission, on one of the most dangerous islands in the world - Poison Island. Zac's mission is to track down an enemy scientist called Dr Drastic, who is believed to be hiding out somewhere on the island. The jungle is full of deadly plants and animals that could be useful in Dr Drastic's evil science experiments. Zac has only 24 hours to find out where Dr Drastic's hiding, and what he's up to. And his family's life depends on him succeeding! **PB \$9.95**

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Zac Power's next mission is on the bottom of one of the deepest, darkest oceans in the world - a seabed so deep that no submarine could ever get down there. That's why GIB have hidden their system for sending out top-secret information down there. But when Zac's nerdy brother Leon discovers that

the enemy have invented the Sea Devil, a new kind of submarine that can dive further down than any sub, GIB realise this system is now under threat. Zac must chase the enemy's Sea Devil to the bottom of the sea, and somehow guard the area until GIB can disarm the system. It's a good thing Zac's high-tech diving suit comes with electric flippers for high-speed kicking, a stun-zapper for fighting deep-sea fish and a chocolate milkshake tank for energy throughout the mission! **PB \$9.95**

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Nyrocc has exiled himself from the Pure Ones. He flies alone, feared and despised by those who know him as Kludd's son, hunted by those whose despotism he has rejected, and haunted by ghostly creatures conjured by Nyra to lure him back to the Pure Ones. He yearns for a place he only half believes in - the great tree - and an uncle - the near-mythic Soren - who might be a true father to him. Yet he cannot approach the tree while the rumour of evil clings to him. To prove his worth, Nyrocc will fly to The Beyond the Beyond seeking the legendary Relic and bring it a talisman of his own. **PB \$9.95**

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Darren Shan

Lord Loss

"The door feels red hot, as though a fire is burning behind it. I press an ear to the wood - but there's no crackle. No smoke. Just deep, heavy breathing... and a curious dripping sound. My hand's on the door knob. Inside the room, somebody giggles - low, throaty, sadistic. There's a ripping sound, followed by snaps and crunches. My hand turns. The door opens. Hell is revealed. When Grubbs Grady first encounters Lord Loss and his evil minions, he learns three things: the world is vicious, magic is possible, demons are real. He thinks that he will never again witness such a terrible night of death and darkness. He is wrong. **PB \$14.95**

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Patty lives with her Aunt Bat on a banana plantation in Jamaica. Unfortunately, as it's such a small plantation, they're having trouble keeping up with the competition, and Aunt Bat is worried they'll have to sell up. Patty needs to think of an idea to turn things around, and fast! Inspiration comes to her as she's digging into a chocolate banana special at her local ice-cream parlour. All she needs to do is invent a machine - a banana machine. Will Patty's mechanical wizardry help the plantation out of its crisis? Or, like the bananas, are her ideas round the bend? **PB \$11.95**

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Carole Wilkinson Australian Author

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While those in power take steps to neutralize the threat, the police pursue the mystery of V, unaware of the terrible truth that awaits them at the end of the trail. It is Evey, however, who, with V as her enigmatic guide, sets out on the most painful path of all: a journey of deception and self-discovery, deconstruction and re-creation, vindication and vengeance. **PB \$14.95**

2000AD

Anderson Psi Division: *Fear the Darkness*

Mitchel Scanlon

Sassy heroine Cass Anderson makes her Black Flame debut in this action packed tale of future crime. Prepare yourself for a tense and intriguing investigation that will blow your mind. **PB \$16**

Alias

Alias Assumed

Kevin Weisman

Presents a collection of essays critiquing the character development, plot lines, espionage themes, and cultural impact of the popular TV spy series. **TP \$24.95**

06: Vigilance

Paul Ruditis & J J Abrams

Struggling with work ethics that require her to work with criminals whom she would rather see behind bars, Sydney is alarmed when some of the APO's shadier contacts are targeted by a highly trained vigilante organization. **PB \$14.95**

Aliens

Original Sin

In 1979, science fiction and horror were brought together in director Ridley Scott's classic film "Alien". The film follows the crew of a space cargo-ship, the Nostromo, who land on a hostile planet in response to a faint SOS only to discover an abandoned ship with a hideous alien. It also sorts out unanswered questions from the movies and raises entirely new ones. Was it just coincidence that the Nostromo happened to pass by the desolate planet? Why was the alien on the crashed ship in the first place? The answers, along with intense action, chilling horror, and even deeper questions wait in suspense virtuoso Michael Jan Friedman's "Alien: Original Sin". **TP \$12.95**

Battlestar Galactica

***Analytical Guide to Television's Battlestar Galactica* TP \$68**

John Kenneth Muir

Charmed

Totally Charmed

Jennifer Crusie

Broadcast in more than 17 countries and translated into more than eight different languages, Charmed is a television phenomenon. In Totally Charmed, romance novelists, science fiction and fantasy writers and more celebrate the hit show that has changed the face of the fight against evil forever. **TP \$24.95**

CSI Miami

03: Cult Following

Donn Cortez

When Lieutenant Horatio Caine is called in to investigate the bizarre death of a waiter at a local organic eatery, he discovers that the victim bears all the signs of dying from a lightning strike and the rest of the restaurant staff are claiming that he had been executed by God. **PB \$14.95**

Farscape

Farscape Forever! Sex, drugs and killer muppets

Glenn Yeffeth

The most innovative science fiction program to hit television in decades, Farscape was the show that fans wouldn't let die. In Farscape Forever, SF authors, scientists and critics celebrate the show's uniqueness, honesty and willingness to take risks. **TP \$27.95**

Final Destination

Final Destination #1

Natasha Rhodes

This is the novelisation of the classic supernatural thriller from New Line Cinema. **PB \$16**

Final Destination #2

Natasha Rhodes & Nancy A Collins

This is the novelisation of the second movie. Stay tuned for the third. **PB \$16**

Firefly

Serenity

Joss Whedon

The ragtag crew of Serenity, a ship full of mercenaries, fugitives, and one law-abiding prostitute, takes on a scavenger mission with the hopes of earning enough dough to disappear for a while, only to discover that the mission is orchestrated by an old enemy. **TP \$24.95**

King Kong

King Kong

David Brin

King Kong - love story, horror film, exotic adventure tale – is back on the big screen after an almost thirty-year absence. From the 1933 black-and-white Cooper/Schoedsack classic to the new vision brought to life by Peter Jackson, the essayists in King Kong is Back! explore the great ape's unprecedented appeal and the film's impact on our cultural imagination. **TP \$27.95**

Lost

Signs of Life

Frank Thompson

A famed artist seeking refuge from scandal, survivor Nick Hadley now has all the time he needs to reflect on his life's choices and finds new artistic inspiration in his situation, until horrifyingly vivid nightmares that could be tied to his past force him to confront the dark secrets of the island. **PB \$15.95**

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Cathy Hapka

The worldwide hit TV series Lost, takes place on a remote South Pacific island, where a plane crash has left 48 people stranded. The three novels that accompany the show will focus on survivors who are not main characters of the television plot - offering new and compelling stories and heroes for Lost fans. These new characters will have original adventures rooted within the show's continuity - they will cross with characters from the show, and even take a background role in major events seen on the series. **PB \$12.95**

Simpsons

So You Think You Know the Simpsons?

Clive Gifford

Quiz book to test fans. **PB \$14.95**

Star Trek

Titan 03: Orion's Hounds

Christopher L Bennett

As the U.S.S. Titan ventures beyond the outermost reaches of known space, the telepaths in her crew -- including Diplomatic Officer Deanna Troi -- are overwhelmed by an alien cryof distress, leading the ship to the scene of a shocking act of carnage: a civilization of interstellar "whalers" preying upon and exploiting a familiar species of sentient spaceborne giants.

Appalled but reluctant to rush to judgment, Captain William Riker and his crew investigate, discovering a cosmic spawning ground in a region of active star formation -- the ecosystem for a bewildering array of diverse but similarly vast life-forms. While attempting to negotiate an end to the victimization of these creatures, Riker's crew inadvertently grants them the means to defeat their hunters' purpose...only to learn that things are not exactly as they seem. **PB \$14.95**

Star Wars

Outbound Flight

Timothy Zahn

Before the start of the Clone Wars, the future Emperor was already maneuvering to destroy the Jedi. This is the tale of the doomed Outbound Flight Project, which began as a new hope for the galaxy... and ended in despair. A grand Jedi adventure by one of the most popular Star Wars authors. Before the Clone Wars began, a group of Jedi led by Master Jorus C'baoth lobbied the Republic Senate to fund a project to search for and contact intelligent life outside the known galaxy. Six Jedi Masters, 12 Jedi Knights, and 50,000 additional support personnel boarded an incredible starship and left on their adventure... only to disappear without a trace. This was the Jedi's first encounter with the aliens called the Chiss, and the New Republic's future archenemy, Thrawn. But until Luke Skywalker and his wife Mara headed out for the Unknown Regions in Survivor's Quest, the

fate of the Outbound Flight Project remained an enigma. This is the story of those Jedi Masters and Knights, their heroic quest, and their mysterious end. **HC \$49.95**

Republic Commando 02: Triple Zero

Karen Traviss

The Republic, under the leadership of Jedi generals, aided by Delta squad and a notorious ARC trooper, take on their ultimate challenge, the elite Omega Squad, a team of warrior clone commandos possessing deadly combat skills and a terrifying arsenal of weaponry. **PB \$18.95**

Stargate

Stepping Through The Star Gate: Science, archaeology and the military in Stargate SG-1

P N Elrod & Roxanne Conrad

What mind-set is at the heart of the television series Stargate SG-1? What really goes into the creation of each episode? This collection delves into every aspect of the series with the same light-hearted humour and intellectual curiosity of the show itself. **TP \$24.95**

X-Men

Xmen: Dark Mirror

Marjorie M Liu

Feared and mistrusted by the very people they have sworn to protect, the X-Men are a band of mutant heroes dedicated to defending humans from those mutants who would use their powers to harm and destroy. Blessed -- some would say cursed -- with awesome abilities, the members of the X-Men are Earth's last defense against villains and madmen...and the future's only hope.

Jean Grey awakens in an unfamiliar room. She is weak, disoriented, stripped of her telepathic and telekinetic powers -- and trapped in someone else's body. Also prisoner are her teammates Cyclops, Wolverine, Rogue, and Nightcrawler -- their minds held hostage within the bodies of strangers. Who has brought them here, and for what purpose? The answers lead to a terrifying plan that threatens not only the X-Men, but all of mutantkind.

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Young Bond

Bloodfever

Charlie Higson

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Subject: James Bond

Description: Age 13. Dark hair; blue eyes; tall for age; surprisingly strong; fluent French, good German

Essential components: A Mediterranean mystery. One kidnapped girl - feisty, blond, superfit Amy Goodenough, sister of James' best friend Mark. One villainous pirate - Zoltan Magyr. Mysterious Latin-speaking men lurking near Eton. One fast car. **PB \$16.95 CD \$29.95**

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Dragonlance

Minotaur Wars 03: Empire of Blood

Richard A Knaak

The sequel to Night of Blood and Tides of Blood, the third volume in a new trilogy, a follow-up to the War of Souls series, continues the adventures and exploits of the minotaurs as they become caught up in the chaos, fallout, and changing destinies that resulted from the War of Souls. **PB \$14**

New Adventures Elidor 02: The Crystal Chalice

Ree Soesbee

As the Defiler's curse holds Vael's health hostage, Elidor searches for a way to rescue her without succumbing to the evil wizard's demands, and the crystal chalice hidden somewhere in the lost city of Taeloc may hold the answer. **PB \$12**

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Now in possession of the magical Dhakaan sword, the heroes venture into the monster kingdom of Droaam in pursuit of their arch-nemesis Dah-mir and his dark forces, in the sequel to The Binding Stone. **PB \$14**

Forgotten Realms

House of Serpents 03: Vanity's Brood

Lisa Smedman

In the conclusion of the trilogy that began with Venom's Taste and Viper's Kiss, the perilous merging between human and serpent may be the only thing that can unite a human slave and his yuan-ti mistress against a common foe. **PB \$14**

Legends of Drizzt 02/ Dark Elf 02: Exile

R A Salvatore

In the sequel to Homeland, dark elf Drizzt Do'Urden and his feline companion, Guenhwyvar, must travel into an endless labyrinth of tunnel mazes and vast chambers as they make their escape from the underground realm of the dark elves. **PB \$16**

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R A Salvatore

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J Steven York

When the Raging Bears occupy the planet Vega in an attempt to restore order on this world rife with violence, their enemies are waiting in the wings to destroy them and return Vega to civil ruin. **PB \$17.95**

Necromunda

Fleshworks

Lucien Soulban

When high grade bio-implants become available Uriah Storm doesn't hesitate to venture down to the most dangerous levels of the underhive to recover them, but the owners are still very much alive. **PB \$16**

Warhammer

Fell Cargo

Dan Abnett

Zombies, pirates and dark fantasy adventure on the high seas! What more could you ask for in a novel. **PB \$16**

Role Playing & Boardgames

Dragon 340 February 2006

Magazine \$15

Dragon 341 March 2006

In this issue you will find Demonomicon of Iggwilv: Baphomet by James Jacobs, Lesser Golems by Campbell Pentney, Forging Friends by Kieran Turley, Warforged Components by John Polojac plus more. **Magazine \$15**

Babylon 5 RPG

Ship Plans - Hyperion

A complete tour of one of the Earth Alliance's finest warships. The magnificent Hyperion-class cruiser, in all its glory: the good, the bad and the not particularly roomy. **\$40**

Darkness And Light

Darkness and Light cover the history of these elder races from the dawn of time until a million years hence, exploring their beliefs, plots, technologies and servitor races. Both sides of this epic and ancient conflict will be fully explored. **\$60**

Merchants, Traders and Raiders

This 160-page guide to the galactic market and its many components will not only allow Games Masters to create and use galaxy-spanning trade companies, but also for players to create their own. **\$60**

Battletech RPG

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House Marik includes rules for both Classic BattleTech and Classic BattleTech RPG campaigns, including new support vehicles, creatures, personnel weapons, life paths and more! **\$70**

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Albedo: Platinum Catalyst brings the drama of Steve Gallacci's long-running comic series to the stage of role-playing. Players take on both the roles of the commanding officers and their subordinates — the teams of bold infantry, quick pilots, quixotic explorers, and clever scientists — who must come to terms with their changing society as war threatens to tear it apart. **\$60**

Weapons of the Gods

Weapons of the Gods is the first licensed roleplaying game to be published by Eos Press. Featuring a quick and cinematic rules system written for the wuxia genre, it will be easy to learn and fast to play, set in the fast-and-furious kung fu setting of Tony Wong's popular comic series. **HC \$80**

Conan RPG

Hyboria's Fallen - Pirates, Thieves and Temptress

The fallen classes of the Hyborian age live amongst the shadows, lurking and hiding in the dark recesses of every city. To be one of the fallen is to be hunted by the so-called 'finest' elements of society. To be one of the fallen is to have your deeds and beliefs treated as sinful, criminal or worse. **\$50**

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This adventure is a fully contained story centred greatly around not only the murderous beast stalking the streets of Nahab, but also the political tensions between the different castes of people found in the city itself. **\$20**

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d20 Mecha Military Vehicles

As the essential military engagement reference for d20 Mecha, this book details a wide variety of real-world ground, water, air, and speciality vehicles for your modern campaign from around the world. **\$46**

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d20 Future Tech describes a dazzling array of new gear and gadgets -- the latest and greatest technology for heroes and villains of the future. In addition, it presents new types of starships, robots, and mecha and expands the rules for combining character, vehicular, starship, and mecha combat. **TP \$35**

Doom

Doom: The Boardgame Expansion

With 36 new figures including six new monster types and three new marines, new map pieces, new skill cards, and an entirely new Invader deck, Doom: The Boardgame Expansion Set promises to dramatically expand and improve the basic game. **\$80**

Dungeons & Dragons Miniatures

D&D Miniatures Starter Set

Included in this new starter set are 10 randomised and 2 non randomised miniatures, all of pre-painted plastic, stat cards for each mini including a second epic-level stat card with certain figures, 8 page starter rulebook, 48 page advanced rulebook, 2 double sided poster maps, spell template sheet, damage counters and a d20 die. **Box \$30**

War Drums Booster Pack

Each booster contains 8 randomised pre-painted plastic miniatures, stat cards for each miniature, including a second epic level stat card with certain figures and a war drums set checklist. **Box \$20**

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Interstellar Wars

Interstellar Wars covers the 200 years of war and change as the ancient Vilani Imperium falls to the upstart Terrans. It includes a detailed timeline, along with rules for starship design, interstellar trade, exploration, ship-to-ship combat, and tailoring characters to the last days of the First Imperium. For GURPS 4th Edition. **HC \$80**

Paranoia RPG

Criminal Histories

Criminal Histories is a 64-page PARANOIA supplement for players and Gamemasters alike, specially designed to improve games for smaller groups of players. Using scads of 'Prehistory Pachinko' tables, Criminal Histories lets you create a detailed background for your Troubleshooter. **\$30**

Savage Worlds RPG

Low Life

It's a world of savagery and wonder; a world of magic and intrigue; a fascinating and adventurous world where even the lowliest worm can become a king by his own sword. This 144 page hardcover is lavishly illustrated throughout by author Andy Hopp and describes Mutha Oith in all its weirdness, including the most bizarre cast of characters you've ever seen. **HC \$60**

Serenity RPG

Serenity Game Masters Screen

While displaying the space-battle scene from the film on the art side, the inside displays four panels worth of charts and tables commonly used while running the game. Also included is a miniatures-scale poster map of Serenity -- with the ship Aces & Eights depicted on the alternate side. **TP \$30**

Starship Troopers

Starship Troopers RPG Pocket Edition

Containing all the information of its big hardback brother, the Starship Troopers RPG Pocket Edition has everything a trooper needs to know when fighting the Arachnids, all in a handy package that is easy and light to take to the gaming table! **\$40**

The Klendathu Invasion

The first major supplement for the Starship Troopers miniatures game, the Klendathu Invasion provides everything you need to expand your games to include the disastrous Klendathu campaign, Mankind's first strike against the Arachnid's homeworld. **\$30**

Arachnid Empire

The Arachnid Empire includes a complete update on the universe of Starship Troopers, detailing the Road to Victory campaign, the disastrous Klendathu Invasion and its aftermath. A complete bug colony is mapped out, allowing you to set scenarios and campaigns based around raids into Arachnid-held territory. **\$60**

Arachnid Army Book

This book contains an updated timeline showing just what the Arachnids have been up to, along with new rules and an advanced army list covering all the new bug sub-species **\$40**

Roughnecks Book

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Mobile Infantry Army Book

This 64 page full colour book is packed with the latest updates on the war against the Arachnids, as well as some hints about what the Skinnies are up to, and there is a glorious painting guide showing you just what the MI are capable of. . . oh and new rules. **\$40**

Warhammer Historical

Warhammer Ancient Battles- Revised

Alongside the original Warhammer Ancient Battles rulebook, this updated version also contains an extra 32 colour pages, separate set of rules clarifications, diagrams, rules additions and some new and optional rules. Also some additional army lists, new scenarios plus new photographs and an updated set of useful addresses. **HC \$70**

World of Darkness

Mage the Awakening: Guardians of the Veil

This book includes: The history, culture and society of the spies of old Atlantis, factions within the order, the three Veils of initiation and the 49 Masques worn to change identities, new spells, enchanted items and Legacies. **HC \$64**

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This book includes new ways to play Vampire, including new game mechanics and optional rules to redefine your Storytelling experience. A dozen ready-to-use chronicle seeds with stories and antagonists for Storytellers to customize for their own use. **HC \$60**

Other Fiction

Donna Andrews

Murder With Peacocks (Meg Langslow Mystery)

While trying to manage being the maid of honor in three weddings, Meg Langslow finds herself in the midst of a mystery when her former sister-in-law's soon-to-be stepfather is found dead. **PB \$11.95**

Murder With Puffins (Meg Langslow Mystery)

Meg and her boyfriend Michael's romantic Monhegan island getaway is overshadowed by a hurricane that maroons everyone there, including Meg's intrusive family, and a murder in which her father is named the chief suspect. **PB \$11.95**

Revenge of the Wrought Iron Flamingos (Meg Langslow Mystery)

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Crouching Buzzard, Leaping Loon (Meg Langslow Mystery)

Operating the switchboard at the business office shared by her brother's computer-game company and six unusual therapists, Meg Langslow finds herself unwittingly drawn into a mystery when the company's practical joker is murdered on top of a mail cart. By the author of *Murder with Peacocks*. **PB \$11.95**

We'll Always Have Parrots (Meg Langslow Mystery)

Journeying to a cult TV show's fan convention in the hope that her bit-actor fiancé will be able to renegotiate contract terms with the program's manipulative leading lady, Meg finds herself investigating a host of suspects when the star is found murdered. **PB \$11.95**

Jennifer Apodaca

Thrilled to Death

Samantha Shaw, single mother and owner of Heart Mates Dating Service, must help her ornery magician grandfather clear his name when he is accused of murdering his rival, Shane Masters, and bring the real killer, who is the master of illusion, to justice. **HC \$45.95**

Amanda Ashley

Desire After Dark

As a killer with an unquenchable thirst for blood terrorizes the town, Vicki Cavendish finds herself drawn to a mysterious stranger who comes into her diner every night, and, after inviting him into her home and bed, discovers his dark secret. **PB \$16.95**

Nevada Barr

Hard Truth

Assuming a new post as district ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park in the wake of the disappearances of three young girls, Anna Pigeon is astonished when two of the girls emerge a month later with no memory of their experiences. **PB \$19.95**

Simon Beckett

The Chemistry of Death

When the bizarrely mutilated and long-dead body of a young woman is found in a ditch in Manham, an isolated and insular village in the Norfolk marshlands, it isn't just the fact that she had been a friend that disturbs Dr David Hunter. He was once a high-profile forensic anthropologist and all too familiar with the different faces of death, until a devastating personal tragedy made him turn his back on his former life and career. Now hidden away as a country doctor, Hunter's past is a secret he hopes will remain buried. So when he's asked by the police to use his arcane skills to help track down the killer, he's reluctant to become involved, knowing this will only stir up the painful memories he's been trying so hard to forget. Then another young woman disappears, and Manham is plunged into a fog of fear and paranoia that threatens to tear it apart. And no one seems exempt from suspicion as the twisted killings continue. And as the once peaceful community is riven by fear and mistrust, David Hunter realises it will take all his knowledge and expertise if the killer is to be stopped. But not even he is prepared for the terrible cost that will exact - or the awful price that failure threatens to bring... When the bizarrely mutilated and long-dead body of a young woman is found in a ditch in Manham, an isolated and insular village in the Norfolk marshlands, it isn't just the fact that she had been a friend that disturbs Dr David Hunter. He was once a high-profile forensic anthropologist and all too familiar with the different faces of death, until a devastating personal tragedy made him turn his back on his former life and career. **TP \$32.95**

Steve Berry

Templar Legacy

Cotton Malone has recently retired from the US special forces, to pursue his dream of running an antiquarian bookshop in Copenhagen. But when his old boss is attacked on a visit, Cotton is dragged into an extraordinary mystery - a mystery that centres around an old book, which many people seem to want, and which has already cost several lives. The book seems to point towards a connection with the Order of the Knights Templar, once the most powerful organization in the whole of Europe - apart from the Church itself - and wiped out in the 14th Century. Meanwhile, at an ancient abbey in the Pyrennees, the old Master is dying, and his deputy faces an unexpected challenge to succeed him. Someone wants to restore the Order to its former glories, to rekindle the secret it has held for centuries... Cotton and his friends must crack the codes and swerve dangerous pitfalls as they race towards a secret so explosive it could change the world. **TP \$32.95**

Elizabeth Bloom

See Isabelle Run

Making headlines for her scandalous behavior after being jilted at the altar, Isabelle Leonard is hired to work for a glamorous magazine publisher but becomes alarmed when she learns that her predecessor and numerous fellow employees have been murdered in seemingly random attacks. **PB \$17.95**

Rhys Bowen

Oh Danny Boy (Molly Murphy Mystery)

Irish immigrant-turned-private detective Molly Murphy comes to the aid of handsome NYPD captain Daniel Sullivan, who has been arrested for accepting bribes, as she sets out to prove that he has been framed, while also being drawn into the case of serial killer who has already murdered five prostitutes, in a mystery set in early 1900s New York. **HC \$49.95**

Allison Brennan*The Kill*

When the man she had helped convict of the rape and murder of her sister is set free because of exculpatory evidence, FBI scientist Olivia St. Martin launches her own investigation to uncover the truth about the case, only to discover that a brutal serial killer has been at large for years and, posing as a field agent, joins forces with Seattle detective Zack Travis to stop the monster. **PB \$17.95**

Rita Mae Brown*Cat's Eyewitness (Mrs Murphy Mystery)*

The peaceful small town of Crozet, Virginia, is turned upside down by a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary that begins to cry tears of real blood, igniting prophecies of terrible things to come, as Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen and her sleuthing pets become embroiled in uncovering the truth about a local unsolved mystery. **PB \$18.95**

Dan Brown*Deception Point*

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Ken Bruen*The Dramatist*

Clean and sober now that his dealer is in jail, Jack Taylor is stunned when the imprisoned man asks him to investigate the mysterious death of his sister, only to find himself caught up in a shocking scheme with deadly consequences for all concerned. **HC \$47.95**

Ken Bruen*The Magdalen Murders*

Struggling to remain sober and overcome a debt to a local thug, Jack Taylor accepts a job tracking down a woman who once befriended the thug's mother, an assignment that proves increasingly challenging and dangerous. By the author of *The Killing of the Tinkers*. **TP \$26.95**

James M Cain*The Postman Always Rings Twice (Crime Masterworks 45)*

First published in 1934, *The Postman Always Rings Twice* caused a scandal with its explosive mix of violence and sex, and immediately became a bestseller. The torrid story of Frank Chambers, the amoral drifter, Cora, the sullen and brooding wife, and Nick Papadakis, the amiable but inconvenient husband, has become a classic of its kind, and established Cain as a major novelist with a spare and vital prose style and a bleak vision of America. **PB \$19.95**

Andrea Camilleri*The Voice of the Violin (Salvo Montalbano)*

Montalbano's gruesome discovery of a naked young woman suffocated in her bed immediately sets him on a search for her killer.

Among the suspects are her ageing husband, a famous doctor; a shy admirer, now disappeared; an antiques-dealing lover from Bologna; and the victim's friend Anna, whose charms Montalbano cannot help but appreciate.

But it is a mysterious, reclusive violinist who holds the key to this murder. **PB \$19.95**

Excursion to Tindari (Salvo Montalbano)

A young Don Juan is found murdered in front of his apartment building early one morning, and an elderly couple is reported missing after an excursion to the ancient site of Tindari – two seemingly unrelated cases for Inspector Montalbano to solve amid the daily complications of life at Vigata police headquarters.

But when Montalbano discovers that the couple and the murdered young man lived in the same building, his investigation stumbles onto Sicily's brutal "New Mafia", which leads him down a path more evil and more far-reaching than any he has been down before. **HC \$44 TP \$30**

Avery Cardoza*Lost in Las Vegas*

A foremost authority on gambling presents the story of John and Ludo, whose struggles with a losing streak and an affair with a married woman culminate in a high-stakes misadventure shared in the casinos, strip clubs, and streets of Sin City. **TP \$26.95**

Philip Carlo*Smiling Wolf*

Detective Frank De Nardo must find a beautiful reporter who mysteriously vanished after interviewing an enigmatic man named Santos Dracol, an investigation that leads him into a dark world of perversion, power, sex, and murder where he must confront the unthinkable. **PB \$17.95**

Agatha Christie*A Murder is Announced (Miss Marple)*

When *The Murder at the Vicarage* was published in October 1930, little did the literary world realise that Agatha Christie, already famous for her early Poirot titles, was introducing a character who would become the best-loved female sleuth of all time. The 14 Marple books would appear at intervals over the next 49 years, with *Miss Marple's Final Cases* published in 1979, three years after Agatha's death. To mark the 75th anniversary of Miss Marple's first appearance, and to celebrate her renewed fortunes as a primetime television star, this collection of facsimile first editions will be the perfect way to enjoy these books in their original form - 12 novels and two short story collections. Reproducing the original typesetting and formats from the first editions from the Christie family's own archive copies, these books sport the original covers which have been painstakingly restored from the best available copies, reflecting five decades of iconic cover design. **HC \$29.95**

The Moving Finger (Miss Marple)

Lymstock is a town with more than its share of shameful secrets – a town where even a sudden outbreak of anonymous hate-mail causes only a minor stir. But all that changes when one of the recipients, Mrs Symmington, commits suicide. Her final note said 'I can't go on'. Only Miss Marple questions the coroner's verdict of suicide. Was this the work of a poison-pen? Or of a poisoner? **PB \$19.95**

Sleeping Murder (Miss Marple)

Soon after Gwenda moved into her new home, odd things started to happen. Despite her best efforts to modernise the house, she only succeeded in dredging up its past. Worse, she felt an irrational sense of terror every time she climbed the stairs... In fear, Gwenda turned to Miss Marple to exorcise her ghosts. Between them, they were to solve a 'perfect' crime committed many years before. **PB \$19.95**

The Mystery of the Blue Train (Poirot)

When the luxurious Blue Train arrives at Nice, a guard attempts to wake serene Ruth Kettering from her slumbers. But she will never wake again - for a heavy blow has killed her, disfiguring her features almost beyond recognition. What is more, her precious rubies are missing. The prime suspect is Ruth's estranged husband, Derek. Yet Poirot is not convinced, so he stages an eerie re-enactment of the journey, complete with the murderer on board. **PB \$19.95**

Cards on the Table (Poirot)

Mr Shaitana was famous as a flamboyant party host. Nevertheless, he was a man of whom everybody was a little afraid. So, when he boasted to Poirot that he considered murder an art form, the detective had some reservations about accepting a party invitation to view Shaitana's private collection. Indeed, what began as an absorbing evening of bridge was to turn into a more dangerous game altogether. **PB \$19.95**

A Pocket Full of Rye (Miss Marple) HC \$29.95

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Agatha Christie Years: 1920s Omnibus

Agatha Christie's imaginative crime novels and thrillers made her a household name from the 1920s right through to her final books in the early 1970s. Best known as the creator of Hercule Poirot and Miss Jane Marple, her prolific output would bring her publisher William Collins at least one book every year. Twenty of her contemporary crime novels were to feature neither Poirot or Marple, instead a wide range of ingenious plots would be played out by a selection of amateur sleuths, professional detectives, young adventuresses or unwary bystanders caught up in unforeseen events. This collection of five omnibuses gathers together the twenty stand-alone novels, presenting them chronologically and providing a fascinating window on a changing world though six decades of investigation. Presented in this way, recurring characters - including Superintendent Battle, Tommy and Tuppence Beresford, Colonel Johnny Race and Ariadne Oliver - rub shoulders with many who would appear only in one book, and the result is a selection of some of the finest mystery writing ever. Here is the answer to the question of what Agatha Christie might have been had she not invented Poirot or Marple - and the answer undoubtedly is still The Queen of Crime! **TP \$39.95**

Carol Higgins Clark

Jinxed (Regan Reilly Mystery)

Hired to find a missing movie starlet, private investigator Regan Reilly finds her search taking her to such sites as a movie set, boutique wineries, and new-age cults, where she meets a host of colorful characters and experiences a range of misadventures. **PB \$13.95**

Popped (Regan Reilly Mystery)

At the height of the nine-day Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, sleuth Regan Reilly finds the festivities threatened by saboteurs and winds her way through a host of pilots, balloonists, enthusiasts, tourists, and merchants to find a killer. **PB \$13.95**

Fleeced (Regan Reilly Mystery)

A frantic phone call from an old friend leaves private detective Regan Reilly to investigate two bizarre deaths and the disappearance of a valuable diamond cache. **PB \$13.95**

Ann Cleeves

Telling Tales

It has been ten years since Jeanie Long was charged with the murder of fifteen-year-old Abigail Mantel. Now residents of the East Yorkshire village of Elvet are disturbed to hear of new evidence proving Jeanie's innocence. Abigail's killer is still at large. For one young woman, Emma Bennett, the revelation brings back haunting memories of her vibrant best friend - and of that fearful winters day when she had discovered her body lying cold in a ditch.

As Inspector Vera Stanhope makes fresh enquiries on the peninsula and villagers are hauled back to a time they hoped to forget, tensions begin to mount. But are people afraid of the killer, or of their own guilty pasts?

With each person's story revisited, the Inspector begins to suspect that some deadly secrets are threatening to unfurl. **PB \$22**

Susan Conant & Jessica Conant-Park

Steamed (Gourmet Girl Mystery)

Known in local chatrooms as GourmetGirl, Chloe Carter, a food connoisseur and expert in failed romances, continues her quest to find the perfect man, but a first blind date with a fellow food lover goes horribly wrong when he is stabbed to death and a second date turns out to be the prime suspect, in the first volume in a new culinary mystery series that comes complete with recipes. **HC \$47.95**

Michael Connelly

The Closers

After three years as a PI, Harry Bosch returns to the LAPD, working with his former cop ally and partner, Kizmin Rider. Harry and Kiz are assigned to the LAPD's Open-Unsolved Unit. These detectives are the Closers; they put a shovel in the dirt and turn over the past. Harry and Kiz are immediately thrown into a politically sensitive and dangerous case when a DNA match connects a white supremacist to the 1988 murder of a mixed race 16-year-old girl. As he navigates the case, Harry finds a police department far different from the one he left three years earlier. A new Chief has been brought over from New York to change the bad old culture of corruption - or that's the theory. But one thing hasn't changed - Harry's nemesis, Irving. The former Deputy Chief has been pushed from power and given a virtually meaningless new role. Full of vengeance, Irving calls Harry a 'retread'. He watches from the sidelines like an injured bear, hoping Harry will make a mistake... **PB \$19.95**

John Connolly

The Black Angel

Assisting a long-time friend in a search for a kidnapped woman, detective Charlie Parker links the abduction to a church of bones in Eastern Europe, a 1944 slaughter at a French monastery, and the myth of an object known as the Black Angel. By the author of Nocturnes. **PB \$19.95**

Robin Cook

Marker

The master of the medical thriller returns with his most heart-pounding tale yet.

A 28-year-old man seems the picture of health, until he fractures his leg while skating in New York's Central Park. Within twenty-four hours of his surgical treatment he is dead. Next, a 36-year-old mother has knee surgery to repair a torn ligament in her knee - and within twenty-four hours she too has died.

Confronted with a series of puzzling deaths of young, healthy patients after routine treatment, medical examiners Dr Laurie Montgomery and Dr Jack Stapleton begin to investigate. Up against resistance from her superiors, and also coping with a personal life that continues to fragment, precipitated by Jack's inability to commit to their relationship, Laurie's need for answers becomes even more urgent.

Could all these deaths be intentional? With time winding down, she and Jack embark on a race to connect the dots. **PB \$19.95**

R Campton Cooke

Rise to Victory

When Captain David Edwards and his crew aboard the USS Columbia are sent to Indonesia to evacuate U.S. citizens whose lives are in danger, they find themselves poised on the brink of a terrorist war beneath the surface. **PB \$19.95**

Peter Craig

Blood Father

After running away from her affluent Los Angeles home, teenager Lydia Carson becomes involved with an older man imbroiled in an array of shady, mysterious activities, a career that draws Lydia into the middle of murderous violence and forces her to seek refuge with John Link, her birth father, just released from prison after serving a sentence for violent crimes of his own. **TP \$28.95**

Robert Crais

Two Minute Rule

When an aging ex-con finally gets out of jail, freedom doesn't taste too sweet. His son is gunned down in a drive-by shooting. It seems like a random crime, but when the victim is a cop - especially a cop with a con for a father - the motives are never simple. When the hit is exposed as a revenge killing, and the question of police corruption is raised, it becomes a father's last duty to clear his son's name and catch the killer. Gathering all the elements that have made Robert Crais one of the very best crime writers today, Two Minute Rule will grip and intrigue his legions of fans, and provide the perfect opportunity for new readers to discover the author who sets the standard when it comes to twisting plots and powerful characters. **TP \$29.95**

Michael Cunningham

Specimen Days

Specimen Days is three linked visionary narratives about the relationship between man and machine. The first narrative, a ghost story set at the height of the Industrial Revolution, tells the story of man-eating machines. An ecstatic boy, barely embodied in the physical world, speaks in the voice of the great visionary poet Walt Whitman. He works at an oppressive factory connected to the making of a mysterious substance with some universal function and on which the world's economy somehow depends. The slight boy can barely operate the massive machine which speaks to him in the voice of his devoured brother. A woman who was to have married the brother is now the object of obsessive interest by the boy. In a city in which all are mastered by the machine, the boy is convinced that the woman must be saved before she too is devoured. This grisly but ultimately transformative story establishes three main characters who will appear, re-incarnated, in the other two sections of this startling modern novel. The boy, the man and the woman are each in search of some sort of transcendence as is made manifest by the recurrence of the words of Whitman ('It avails not, neither distance nor place...I am with you, and know how it is'). In part two, a noir thriller set in the early years of our current century, the city is at threat from maniacal bombers, while the third and last part plays with the sci-fi genre, taking our characters centuries into the future. The man who was devoured by a machine in part one is now literally a machine - a robot who becomes fully human before our eyes. The woman is a refugee from another part of the universe, a warrior in her native land but a servant on this planet. The boy leaves the earth at the novel's close in search of a new-found land. Specimen Days is a genre bending, haunting ode to life itself - a work of surpassing power and beauty by one of the most original and daring writers at work today. **PB \$22.95**

Mary Daheim

The Alpine Recluse

When peaceful Alpine, Washington, is stunned by a case of arson, newspaper editor Emma Lord and Sheriff Milo Dodge soon discover that the fire had been used to cover up a more sinister crime--murder--as they race against time to find the killer before he or she can strike again. **HC \$49.95**

Sandra Dallas

New Mercies

Inheriting a historic Mississippi family home she knows little about, Nora Bondurant moves to the house in the hopes of forgetting her unhappy past but becomes enmeshed in a mystery surrounding her aunt's untimely death. By the author of *The Chili Queen*. Reader's Guide included. **TP \$28.95**

Claire Daniels

Final Institution (Karma Crime Mystery)

When Thanksgiving dinner results in the demise of Aunt Daphne, Cally Lazar, attorney and clairvoyant, and her eccentric family discover that they have a killer, with a penchant for poison, in their midst. **PB \$17.95**

Forrest DeVoe Jr

Into the Volcano

Investigating the demise of a Dutch colleague, early 1960s clandestine operatives Jack Mallory and Laura Morse are directed by the Consultancy to exact revenge on those responsible for his death, the genial killer Piotr Nemerov and the playboy arms dealer Anton Rauth. **TP \$28.95**

John Donohue

Deshi

Drawn into a murder investigation involving a martial arts master who has created a powerful new discipline with roots in Tibetan mysticism and the samurai arts, Connor Burke pursues leads to the master's mountain temple and faces a deadly challenge. **PB \$19.95**

Margaret Doody

The Mysteries of Eleusis

In the winter of 330-329 BC Athens itself suffers a series of alarming thefts and home robberies. It seems that nobody is safe. The great philosopher Aristotle helps his former student Stephanos investigate a break-in and brutal murder at the house of one of his Athenian neighbours. The man fingered for the crime turns against Stephanos just as he is planning his marriage. It is difficult to arrange a big fat Greek wedding when someone seems to be trying to kill you. Elsewhere bodies begin to pile up - who will be bludgeoned or stabbed or strangled next? Stephanos' bride is Philomela. Her parental home is Eleusis, famous for the Sanctuary of Demeter and Persephone, home of the sacred site of the Mysteries of Eleusis. Religious initiation is open to all adult Greek speakers, slave and free, with the exception of anyone guilty of homicide. Stephanos, Philomela and Aristotle undertake mystic initiation in a complex ritual whose ultimate secrets cannot be spoken, on pain of death. Eleusis conceals many secrets,

and revelation of the truth must await the night of the Mystery celebration itself. This is the fifth novel featuring Aristotle as the first detective of the ancient world, following Aristotle Detective, Aristotle and Poetic Justice, The Secrets of Life and Poison In Athens. **PB \$21.95**

Jeff Doyle

Irresistable Leverage (Special Assets 02)

She SAVED the bank . . . she BUILT the bank . . . now she must BEAT the bank! Daring techie Patricia Duncan is drawn to the center of the biggest bank merger in history. This California River Delta thriller trembles with action packed adventure, big money, and historic events. Jeff Doyle captures the risky world of mergers and acquisitions with riveting detail in this financial suspense novel. **TP \$30.95**

Robert Dugoni

The Jury Master

Enjoying success as a wrongful death attorney in spite of his nightmarish childhood, San Francisco lawyer David Sloane receives a package from a White House suicide victim and is forced to rely on strangers in order to expose an insidious government conspiracy. By the author of The Cyanide Canary. A first novel. **HC \$51.95**

Selma Eicher

Murder Can Run Your Stockings (Desiree Shapiro Mystery)

When New York PI Desiree Shapiro is hired by an attorney to look into the suspicious death of his Aunt Bessie, she is faced with a wealth of suspects, from Bessie's greedy son and his conniving fiancTe to a dishonest dry cleaner. **PB \$17.95**

Aaron Elkins

Where There's A Will

Forensics expert Gideon Oliver returns in an all new mystery as he journeys to northern Hawaii to uncover a deadly family plot involving greed, intrigue, skullduggery, and murder. By the Edgar Award-winning author of Good Blood. **PB \$17.95**

Linda Fairstein

Entombed

'After a lull of four years, the 'silk stocking rapist' is back at work on the Upper East side, but this time Assistant DA Alexandra Cooper and Detective Mike Chapman have perfect DNA evidence to work with. They also have a much older case to work on - a skeleton has been found entombed in the wall of a house Edgar Allan Poe once lived in, but it turns out to be a relatively modern murder - from 1978. On the day the discovery of this body is leaked to the press, Alex gets a call that the silk stocking rapist has struck again, this time fatally. Or has he? The m.o. isn't precisely the same as the others, and it transpires that the victim worked in Poe's old house in 1978. Are the cases linked or is someone trying to silence possible witness to a thirty-five-year-old murder?

With consummate skill, Linda Fairstein has created an outstanding crime novel, layered with the history of New York, the roller-coaster everyday life of a prosecutor and culminating with a surprising but satisfying denouement. **PB \$19.95** **CD \$39.95**

Jerrilyn Farmer

Desperately Seeking Sushi (Madeline Bean Culinary Mystery)

In desperate need of a new abode, Madeline Bean has discovered the perfect old building and sets out to persuade the elderly landlady, Mrs. Gillespie, to let her move in, but she soon finds herself launching an investigation into the poisoning deaths of two obnoxious brothers trying to buy the building, a crime in which Mrs. Gillespie is the only suspect. **HC \$49.95**

Jon Fasman

The Geographer's Library

Nine hundred years after a twelfth-century Sicilian cat burglar steals artifacts that possess the secret to eternal life and scatters them throughout the world, a young Connecticut reporter finds evidence that someone is collecting the artifacts again, a story that is complicated by the murder investigation of a local professor. A first novel. **TP \$28.95**

Amy J Fetzner

Naked Truth

Running for her life, operative Alexa Gavlin, stripped of her identity and memory, turns to former Marine Killian Moore for help, and as they race against time to find the truth, they stumble upon a terrorist plot that will test their tumultuous and passionate alliance. **PB \$17.95**

Joanne Fluke

Peach Cobbler Murder (Hannah Swenson Mystery with Recipes)

When Shawna Lee Quinn, a rival bakery owner, is found shot to death in the back of the Magnolia Blossom Bakery, Hannah Swenson becomes the prime suspect in the crime, and with a little help from her friends, sets out to serve up the real killer. **PB \$17.95**

Rebecca Forster

Priveleged Witness

When she takes the case of Grace McCleary, who stands accused of pushing her disturbed sister-in-law off of a penthouse balcony, attorney Josie Baylor-Bass must not only prove her client's innocence, but her own self-worth as she enters into a world of privilege and power. **PB \$19.95**

Dick Francis

Straight

The death of his brother Greville, an enigmatic figure with numerous enemies, bodes ill for Derek Franklin, who inherits numerous aspects of his life, including its dangers. **PB \$19.95**

Nicci French

The Safe House

Samantha Laschen, a doctor specialising in post-traumatic stress disorder, has moved to the Essex coast with her small daughter, Elsie, to escape the problems of her London life. Or so she thinks. Fiona Mackenzie barely survived the savage, murderous attack which left her parents dead. Now she is in need of sanctuary and the police see Sam as the ideal person to offer her a safe house. Already overburdened with the demands of a new job and her mercurial lover Danny, Sam reluctantly agrees to take her in. But as Fiona makes her way into the hearts of her hosts, Sam discovers that the risks she has foreseen are nothing compared to the terrifying danger she actually faces. **PB \$19.95**

The Red Room

Psychologist Kit Quinn is a young woman doing a dangerous job. She inhabits a world of gruesome crime scenes, tense interrogations and violent insanity. On returning to work after a brutal attack, she is asked by the police to advise them on an apparently simple murder inquiry. The body of a young woman has been found by a London canal. The prime suspect is the man who attacked and scarred Kit.

Despite the insistence of the police, Kit refuses to accept the obvious answer and finds other crimes, other victims. Her obsessive search for the link between the cases leads her into the world of young street-people - the missing, the unloved; those who try to save them and those who prey on them. Into the blood-dark heart of her own fears. Into the Red Room, and danger. **PB \$19.95**

Scott Frost

Run the Risk

In the wake of a series of bizarre crimes, Los Angeles homicide detective Alex Delillo is baffled by a tangle of ambiguous clues and follows leads that become increasingly violent. **PB \$19.95**

Frances Fyfield

Half Light

Elisabeth is a picture restorer. This gives her the solitude and independence she needs - living and working alone in her flat. Despite her skills and reliability, Elisabeth undercharges for her work - valuing the worth of the paintings rather more than herself. Her ambitions are modest: beauty to look upon, unintrusive friendships and complete privacy. But when a mysterious and obviously wealthy man commissions her to restore his fabulous collection, an uncharacteristic combination of curiosity and financial need prompts her to accept his offer. Elisabeth soon realises her error, as the past and the present combine to make privacy her nemesis. As she becomes hostage to her patron, her lover and her friend realise they know nothing about her, or where she might be. **PB \$19.95**

Gregory Galloway

As Simple As Snow

In awe of enthusiastic high school girl Anna Cayne and her penchant for affectionate magic tricks and riddles, a man is baffled by her mysterious disappearance just before Valentine's Day and begins to retrace the time they spent together for clues to her fate. A first novel. **TP \$28.95**

Meg Gardiner

China Lake

Evan Delaney is a heroine of our times: a woman with a big heart, a quick tongue and a hot temper that gets her into trouble. She is shocked to discover that Tabitha, her ex-sister-in-law, has joined The Remnant - the Reverend Pete Wyoming's fanatical band of disciples. And that Tabitha is trying to regain custody of her six-year-old son, Luke, currently in Evan's care while his father is posted to the Naval Air Warfare Center. Then one of the Remnant is killed, and Evan's brother is the prime suspect. With her boyfriend, lawyer Jesse Blackburn, Evan tries to clear her brother's name and rescue her nephew. In doing so, she finds herself caught up in a wild plan to steal weapons, and a blazing inferno on a Santa Barbara hillside.

PB \$18.95

Mission Canyon

Evan Delaney, novelist and legal go-fer, is dressed as Diana Ross in order to crash a fancy-dress party and serve a summons, when she hears that Franklin Brand is back in town. Brand is the hit-and-run driver who sentenced Evan's lover Jesse to life in a wheelchair, and killed his best friend. Since the accident, Brand has been avoiding justice overseas; but if he's back, Evan and Jesse are determined to get him, helped by the dead boy's brother Adam. Brand had been a high-flier in Mako Technologies, a cyber-security firm, and this is where Evan starts looking. She quickly uncovers evidence that Brand was embezzling funds, and that Adam's brother knew all about it. So maybe that hit-and-run wasn't an accident at all? Then the policeman investigating is killed, and Adam and Jesse both come under suspicion. The plot has more twists, thrills and spills than a white-knuckle ride, and is complicated by the confused emotions of the main parties involved: Jesse feels a survivor's guilt; Adam resents the fact that Jesse is alive while his brother died. But there are more corpses - including a near miss for Evan herself - to come before the bad guys are finally brought to book.

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Meg Gardiner

Jericho Point

When a young woman tumbles dead onto the beach, the police identify the body. It's Evan Delaney. Except that Evan is very much alive. It's her identity that has been stolen. And the thief has compromised more than just Evan's bank account. She has been scamming money from rich Hollywood wannabes - including a vicious drug boss. He wants his money back. From Evan. Soon she finds herself harassed by drug runners and suspected of murder. She must save herself - but to do that must escape a web of deceit that threatens to destroy not just her, but her boyfriend Jesse.

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Crosscut

For Evan, China Lake was a tough place to grow up. But she didn't realise just how tough until, returning to the desert military base for her high school reunion, she discovers that a disturbing number of her classmates have died young. The morning after the reunion another is found, savagely butchered. She is just the first. Someone in China Lake has a major axe to grind with the class of '91. And that includes Evan. **PB \$18.95**

Jean-Christophe Grange

Empire of the Wolves, The

Undergoing a series of tests to learn more about her hallucinations and amnesia, Anna learns that she has undergone dramatic cosmetic surgery, a situation that is strangely tied to three murders in Paris and a right-wing Turkish organization's illegal trafficking activities. **TP \$30.95**

Andrew M Greeley

Irish Cream (Nuala Anne McGrail)

Becoming suspicious about facts surrounding a tragic vehicular homicide for which a young man mournfully blames himself, psychic fey Nuala Anne McGrail and her haphazard husband find the case complicated by a modern-day scandal involving the diary of a nineteenth-century priest.

PB \$17.95

Tim Green

Exact Revenge

His career and reputation irrevocably derailed when he is framed and convicted for murder, attorney and political candidate Raymond White methodically plots his escape and revenge throughout the course of an eighteen-year imprisonment. By the author of Fifty Angel. **PB \$17.95**

Lois Greiman*Unplugged*

Struggling to cope with her needy clients and her up-and-down romance with Lieutenant Jack Rivera, psychologist Christina McMullen joins the investigation into the disappearance of her secretary Elaine's boyfriend, computer geek J. D. Solberg, a search that leads her right into the middle of a bizarre embezzlement scam. **PB \$17.95**

James Grippando*Got the Look* TP \$32.95**Gene Hackman & Daniel Lenihan***Justice for None*

On the run from the law after being falsely accused of murdering his estranged wife and her lover, troubled World War I veteran Boyd Carter joins forces with an African American who has also been wrongly accused of a crime, while a woman reporter and a veterans' sanitarium manager work to prove Carter's innocence. **PB \$17.95**

Jane Haddam*Headmaster's Wife, The Gregor Demarkian*

Accused of murdering his prep-school roommate, who has been found dead amid rumors of an affair with the headmaster's wife, Mark DeAvica receives assistance from retired FBI agent Gregor Demarkian in a case more complex than either of them suspects. **PB \$17.95**

David Handler*The Sweet Golden Parachute (Berger & Mitry Mystery)*

With tensions brewing in Dorset thanks to the return of two trouble-making brothers from prison, members of an elite family battle one another over the family assets, two young people from feuding families fall in love, and New York film critic Mitch Berger joins forces with gorgeous police officer Desiree Mitry to investigate the inexplicable killing of a homeless man. **HC \$49.95**

Jim Michael Hansen*Night Laws*

Detective Bryson Coventry hunts for a killer who has warned attorney Kelly Parks that she is on his murder list. Something from the beautiful young lawyer's past has come back to haunt her, something involving the dark secrets of Denver's largest law firm. With the elusive killer ever one step away, Kelly Parks frantically searches for answers, not only to save her life but also to discover whether she unwittingly participated in a murder herself. **TP \$28.95**

Karen Harper*The Fyre Mirror (Elizabeth I Mystery)*

Working to establish her image through a series of carefully censored portraits, the young queen Elizabeth I finds her efforts thwarted by a pyromaniac who would destroy both her life and the kingdom, in a seventh installment set in Nonsuch Palace. By the author of *The Queene's Christmas*. **PB \$17.95**

Lee Harris*Murder in Greenwich Village (Manhattan Mystery)*

NYPD detective Jane Bauer and her team reopen a ten-year-old case involving the killing of Micah Anthony, a young African-American undercover cop who had infiltrated a profitable gun-trading operation, following a trail that leads from the brownstones of Greenwich Village, to middle-class Queens and wealthy Sutton Place, to the city's dark underbelly. **PB \$17.95**

John Harvey*Ash and Bone*

When the take-down of a violent criminal goes badly wrong, something doesn't feel right to Detective Sergeant Maddy Birch, and her uneasiness is compounded by her belief that someone is following her home... Retired Detective Inspector Frank Elder's daughter, Katherine, is running wild. Elder's fears for his daughter are underscored by guilt - it was his involvement in a case that led directly to the abduction and rape which has so unbalanced Katherine's life. Persuaded out of retirement, Elder reopens a cold case which could have devastating repercussions for the crime squad itself. Elder's investigations take place against the backdrop of his increasing concern for his daughter. He must battle his own demons before he can uncover the truth. **PB \$21.95**

Illona Haus*Blue Valour*

When a human heart is discovered on the grounds of an exclusive Baltimore high school, detectives Kay Delaney and Danny Finnerty are called in to search for a killer and are drawn into a deadly investigation into a series of unsolved murders tied to a madman's terrifying killing spree. **PB \$17.95**

Steven F Havill*Statute of Limitations (Posadas County Mystery)*

When her doctor husband is called to a nearby motel to attend retired chief of police Eduardo Martinez, Posadas County Undersheriff Estelle Reyes-Guzman, along with former sheriff Bill Gastner, find themselves investigating an encounter between Martinez and two men who took off in his car and the suspicious out-of-town couple who witnessed the crime. **HC \$49.95**

Reginald Hill*The Stranger House*

Things move slowly in the village of Illthwaite, but that's about to change with the arrival of two strangers intent on digging up bits of the past the locals would rather keep buried. Sam Flood is a young Australian mathematician whose grandmother was despatched from Illthwaite four decades ago, courtesy of the Child Migrant scheme. Miguel Madero, Sam's fellow guest at the Stranger House inn, is a Spanish wannabe-priest-turned-historian in pursuit of an ancestor last seen setting sail with the Armada in 1588. The antipathy between them is instant and mutual, but as they follow their separate quests their paths become increasingly entangled, with clashes physical and metaphysical, and shocks natural and supernatural, as the tension mounts to an explosive climax. All the elements we have come to expect from Reginald Hill's writing - mystery, humour, elegant style, intricate plotting, fascinating characters, and a strong sense of history - combine here to create what must be his finest novel yet. **PB \$19.95**

Tony Hillerman

Skeleton Man

In 1956, an airplane crash left the remains of 172 passengers scattered among the majestic cliffs of the Grand Canyon -- including an arm attached to a briefcase containing a fortune in gems. Half a century later, one of the missing diamonds has reappeared . . . and the wolves are on the scent. Former Navajo Tribal Police Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn is coming out of retirement to help exonerate a slow, simple kid accused of robbing a trading post. Billy Tuve claims he received the diamond he tried to pawn from a mysterious old man in the canyon, and his story has attracted the dangerous attention of strangers to the Navajo lands -- one more interested in a severed limb than in the fortune it was handcuffed to; another willing to murder to keep lost secrets hidden. But nature herself may prove the deadliest adversary, as Leaphorn and Sergeant Jim Chee follow a puzzle -- and a killer - - down into the dark realm of Skeleton Man. **PB \$19.95**

Tami Hoag

Kill the Messenger

Narrowly escaping a brutal attack while trying to deliver a package to a low-life lawyer, bicycle messenger Jace Damon is stunned to discover that the attorney has been murdered, he has become the prime suspect, and he must somehow elude both the cops and the bad guys in order to protect himself and his younger brother from a killer. **PB \$19.95**

Jilliane Hoffman

Last Witness

Evil sees you

Two years ago William Bantling was put on death row by Florida's Assistant State Attorney, CJ Townsend - for the torture and murder of eleven young women.

Evil hears you

Now three cops crucial to Bantling's conviction have been brutally slain. CJ knew them all - and the shocking secret they took to their graves.

Evil knows you

But it's clear that somebody else also knows the truth - though their reasons for wanting it kept quiet are very different to CJ's. Which leaves her with a terrifying choice: reveal the secret she swore to keep and stay alive, or be its last witness, and the next to die. **PB \$19.95**

Jim Houghan

The Magdalene Cipher

After someone he has under surveillance is slaughtered - literally - CIA agent Jack Dunphy is ordered to leave London immediately and return to the US, where he is dumped into a tedious desk job that seems calculated to make him quit. Determined to learn why, Dunphy uses all his CIA tradecraft on the agency that has turned against him - and discovers the fragments of a story that seems too wild to be true, providing him with evidence of a conspiracy that goes back to the time of Christ, a conspiracy so vast and deep and old that the CIA itself is but a cover for it. Embroiled in a plot far more elaborate than he ever could have imagined, with players too powerful and consequences too deadly, Dunphy must uncover the shocking truth - or die trying... **PB \$19.95**

David Housewright

A Hard Ticket Home

When a friend is diagnosed with leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant from her long-lost older sister, former cop Rushmore McKenzie embarks on an investigation that takes him to Minneapolis in search of the missing woman. **PB \$17.95**

Declan Hughes

The Wrong Kind of Blood: Blood and Betrayal on the Streets of Dublin

'The night of my mother's funeral, Linda Dawson cried on my shoulder, put her tongue in my mouth and asked me to find her husband. Now she was lying dead on her living room floor, and the howl of a police siren echoed through the surrounding hills. Ed Loy hasn't been back to Dublin for twenty years. But his mother is dead, and he has returned home to bury her. He soon realizes that the world waiting for him is very different from the one he left behind all those years ago. 'Tommy said you found people who were missing', Linda Dawson tells him the evening of his mother's funeral. Linda's husband has disappeared. She doesn't want the police involved. So reluctantly, Loy agrees to investigate. Suddenly in this place where he grew up among the Georgian houses, Victorian castles, and modern villas of Castlehill, Loy finds himself thrown into a world of organized crime, long-hidden secrets, corruption, violence and murder. **HC \$49.95 TP \$32.95**

Peter James

Dead Simple

It was meant to be a harmless stag night prank. A few hours later four of his best friends are dead and Michael Harrison has disappeared.

With only three days to the wedding, Detective Superintendent Grace - a man haunted by the shadow of his own missing wife - is contacted by Michael's beautiful, distraught fiancée, Ashley Harper.

Grace discovers that the one man who ought to know Michael Harrison's whereabouts is saying nothing. But then he has a lot to gain - more than anyone realises. For one man's disaster is another man's fortune... **Dead simple... PB \$19.95**

Cover Her Face (Adam Dalglish)

St Cedd's Church fete had been held in the grounds of Martingale manor house for generations. As if organizing stalls, as well as presiding over luncheon, the bishop and the tea tent, were not enough for Mrs Maxie on that mellow July afternoon, she also had to contend with the news of her son's sudden engagement to her new parlour maid, the sly single mother, Sally Jupp. On the following morning Martingale and the whole village are shocked by the discovery of Sally Jupp's body. Investigating the violent death at the manor house, Detective Chief Inspector Adam Dalglish is embroiled in the complicated passions beneath the calm surface of English village life. **PB \$19.95**

Mind To Murder (Adam Dalglish)

A piercing scream, shattering the evening calm, brings Superintendent Adam Dalglish hurrying from his literary party to the nearby Steen Psychiatric Clinic, where he discovers the body of a woman sprawled on the basement floor, a chisel thrust through her heart. As Dalglish probes beneath the apparently unruffled calm of the clinic, he discovers that many an intrigue lies hidden behind the Georgian terrace's unassuming facade. Professionally, he has never known the taste of failure. Now, for the first time, he feels unsure of his own mastery as he battles to unmask a cool killer who is proving to be his intellectual equal, and who is poised to strike again. **PB \$19.95**

Unnatural Causes (Adam Dalglish)

Superintendent Adam Dalglish had been looking forward to a quiet holiday at his aunt's cottage on Monksmere Head, one of the furthest-flung spots on the remote Suffolk coast. With nothing to do other than enjoy long wind-swept walks, tea in front of the crackling wood fire and hot

battered toast, Dalgliesh was relishing the thought of a well-earned break. However, all hope of peace is soon shattered by murder. The mutilated body of a local crime writer, Maurice Seaton, floats ashore in a drifting dinghy to drag Adam Dalgliesh into a new and macabre investigation.

PB \$19.95

Death of An Expert Witness (Adam Dalglish)

When a young girl is found murdered in a field, the scientific examination of the exhibits is just a routine job for the staff of Hoggatt's forensic science laboratory. But nothing could have prepared them for the brutal death of one of their own. When the senior biologist is found dead in his laboratory Commander Dalgliesh is called to the bleak fens of East Anglia, where the murderer is lying in wait to strike again. **PB \$19.95**

Shroud For A Nightingale (Adam Dalglish)

The young women of Nightingale House are there to learn to nurse and comfort the suffering. But when one of the students plays patient in a demonstration of nursing skills, she is horribly, brutally killed. Another student dies equally mysteriously and it is up to Adam Dalgliesh to unmask a killer who has decided to prescribe murder as the cure for all ills. **PB \$19.95**

Quintin Jardine

Lethal Intent

If we are right about this, the stakes are higher than anything I've ever faced.' Gangsters have infiltrated Edinburgh. MI5 are on their case and, unknown to DCC Bob Skinner, have set up a drug-dealing sting to flush them out. The resulting mayhem throws everyone into confusion until they realise the gangsters are preparing a hit on one of the Royal family. Meanwhile two policemen mourn the loss of a son and a daughter in mysterious circumstances, and another witnesses his son being abducted. Is someone trying to wreak revenge on the police force? Are the crimes linked? Quintin Jardine keeps you guessing until the end in this tautly plotted and powerful novel. **PB \$19.95**

Yolanda Joe

Video Cowboys (Georgia Barnett Mystery)

Taken hostage along with her partner when they stumble into a bank robbery, reporter Georgia Barnett negotiates for their freedom by promising to air the gunman's story about his missing daughter, an agreement that is compromised by an overzealous team of police officers and downsized cameramen. By the author of My Fine Lady. **PB \$17.95**

Iris Johansen

Countdown

Number 1 New York Times bestselling author Iris Johansen sets her readers pulses racing once again in this relentless psychological thriller of a young woman caught in a maze of secrets and stalked by a merciless killer.

"Don't kill her. She's no good to us dead." These words haunt Jane MacGuire after a shocking attack shatters her world in an instant. Was it a random kidnapping attempt - or the countdown to something far more sinister?

Who is after her - and what do they want so badly they'll kill anyone in their way? **PB \$19.95**

Craig Johnson

Death Without Company

When a resident at the Durrant Home for Assisted Living is found poisoned, Sheriff Longmire finds her death proving as dramatic as her life, which was marked by connections to the coal-bed methane industry, a relationship with Longmire's predecessor, and an abusive husband. By the author of The Cold Dish. **HC \$49.95**

Mike Johnson Australia

Blonde to the Bone

Leo Calvet, a fashion magnate, disappears. Daniele and Michele, his feuding, beautiful twin daughters, embark on a baffling journey following Benz and clock clues. They are plunged into EVE--a CIA virtual environment where Michele's fiancé, Rick, vanishes. The adventure takes the sisters, Rick, and Daniele's "date" Jack through surreal worlds in search of Leo as they morph from Washington to Paris and even to the Moon. But which one is blonde to the bone? **TP \$24.95**

Alex Kava

A Necessary Evil

Someone is murdering Catholic priests.

FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell is brought in to investigate the killing spree and it soon becomes clear to her that more than one perpetrator is involved. As the gruesome murders continue, the local community is left reeling. Then Maggie gets a lead that makes her blood run cold.

For four years she has been hunting Father Keller, a monster whose acts of brutality haunt her to this day. In an ironic twist of fate, Father Keller has now become a target of the killers. When he offers to help Maggie solve the crimes in exchange for protection, she has no choice but to ally herself with this elusive child killer, whom she despises with a conviction that's almost religious in fervour. Now she has crossed a line into a world so terrifying it's impossible to imagine returning unscathed.

Maggie knows the bargain she has made is a necessary evil - but is it written in her blood?

This chilling new story takes up where A Perfect Evil left off, reuniting Maggie and Father Keller in the most unpredictable and shocking of ways.

TP \$29.95

Jonathan Kellerman

Gone

You could be gone in LA for a long time before anyone considers it a problem

When drama students Dylan Meserve and Michaela Brand vanished no one seemed to notice. Three days later Michaela, naked and bruised, flags down a motorist on a remote mountain road. The story the young couple tells is horrifying. Abducted by a gun-wielding stranger they were bound, blindfolded and beaten.

However soon suspicions about their story take seed, particularly when a shop assistant identifies them as the couple who purchased rope identical to the one found at the crime scene - three days before their alleged abduction.

When the couple finally admit the hoax, psychologist Alex Delaware is asked to evaluate Michaela who is laying all the blame at Dylan's feet.

Months pass, and the case fades from public and police scrutiny. Then Mikki Brand is savagely murdered. And Dylan is missing once again.

TP \$32.95

Faye Kellerman*Straight Into Darkness*

In 1920s Munich, homicide detective Axel Berg is called to the scene of a grisly homicide, the victim being a young society wife. Soon, a second body is uncovered; the discovery of a third indicates that Berg is dealing with an unimaginably evil killer. In the Germany of the time, the investigation cannot be straightforward. Hitler's power is growing, and the Nazis are a strong civic force in the city of Munich. Berg has always considered himself apolitical, and as an outsider living a routine life he's been of no interest to those with power. But this high-profile case changes all that, as senior officers work to their own agendas. Berg is alone as never before, with the imminent threat at all times of making a mistake with deadly consequences. **PB \$19.95**

Judith Kelman*Hush Little Darlings*

Sarah Spooner, an investigator for the district attorney with her own young daughter, launches a probe into the Velvet Viper, a twisted, mysterious criminal responsible for the abduction of prepubescent girls, who are returned with little memory of their ordeal. **PB \$19.95**

Julie Kenner*The Manolo Matrix*

Searching for Mr. Right as well as the perfect pair of designer shoes, aspiring actress Jennifer Martin finds herself playing bodyguard when a would-be assassin forces her to participate in a life-or-death scavenger hunt. By the author of *The Givenchy Code*. **TP \$26.95**

Harley Jane Kozak*Dating Is Murder*

While reluctantly participating in a reality TV show *Biological Clock*, greeting card artist and amateur sleuth Wollie Shelley becomes concerned about the disappearance of her friend Annika, a situation that involves Wollie with an amorous LAPD detective, ruthless television contestants, and an FBI investigation into an international drug cartel. **TP \$26.95**

Roberta Kray*The Debt*

Determined to avenge himself against the person responsible for his imprisonment, high-stakes thief Johnny Frank finds his plans going awry when his target's son is taken hostage by kidnapers who demand a ransom of rare pink diamonds, a cache that Johnny invented as a key component of his plot. **HC \$51.95**

Stephen Leather*Birthday Girl*

Tony Freeman rescued Mersiha when she was fighting for her life in war-torn Yugoslavia. Now she is his adopted daughter, the perfect all-American girl - and the past is another country. Or so it seems. But Mersiha has been trained to kill. And when she discovers that Freeman's company is subject to a sinister takeover bid, she decides to help. Whatever the risks. The consequences of her actions are lethal - for Mersiha has unearthed a conspiracy of terrifying proportions. **PB \$18.95**

Tunnel Rats

Two murders, thousands of miles apart: one in London, one in Bangkok. The bodies brutally mutilated: an ace of spades impaled upon their chests. In Washington, a US senator receives photographs of the corpses. And realises that his past has come back to haunt him. Nick Wright is the detective trying to solve the mystery of the double killing. His hunt for a motive takes him to the tunnels in Vietnam, where the American tunnel rats fought the dirtiest battle of the war against the Viet Cong. But his search places him in grave danger with a killer determined to protect the secrets of the tunnels. At whatever cost. **PB \$18.95**

Pay Off / Tunnel Rats

TUNNEL RATS: Two murders, thousands of miles apart: one in London, one in Bangkok. The bodies brutally mutilated: an ace of spades impaled upon their chests. In Washington, a US senator receives photographs of the corpses. And realises that his past has come back to haunt him. **PAY OFF:** Why does a wealthy Scottish financier set up a drugs deal with the IRA, jeopardize his career, endanger his family and lover by tangling with the East End underworld and a ruthless mercenary? The motive is simple: revenge, for a cold-blooded act of murder. **PB \$19.95**

Rachel Lee*The Crimson Code*

The door to a global nightmare just opened a little wider...

DECEMBER 25: A BOMB RIPS THROUGH A PACKED CATHEDRAL IN JAKARTA.

As the hours pass, terrorist explosions continue around the globe, triggering worldwide panic and creating a nightmare beyond words... Inside the covert agency known only as Office 119, agents Renate Bächle and Lawton Caine are called upon to identify the groups responsible for the bloodshed. But the so-called 'Black Christmas' attacks are nothing more than a smoke screen for a far more sinister conspiracy. At its heart are ruthless secret societies with blood ties that date back thousands of years, whose goals are nothing less than global domination.

Renate and Lawton are only beginning to fathom how far the darkness extends. With the U.S. president set to deploy nuclear weapons against the wrong targets and religious violence erupting across Europe, they must untangle the interwoven plots before time runs out and Armageddon becomes a terrifying reality. **PB \$14.95**

John Lescroart*A Certain Justice*

A novel that examines the nature of justice--and injustice--follows an ordinary man who, through no fault of his own, is hounded, hunted, and almost destroyed for a crime he did not commit. **PB \$19.95**

Pam Lewis*Speak Softly She Can Hear*

Drawn in by the seductive promises of the popular and wealthy Naomi, insecure prep school scholarship student Carole is talked into accompanying Naomi and two young men to a Vermont cabin for the purpose of losing her virginity before graduation, but when the weekend results in a death and cover-up, dire consequences ensue. A first novel. Reader's Guide included. **TP \$28.95**

Judith Lindbergh*The Thrall's Tale*

'Einar owns me.' So begins THE THRALL'S TALE, the story of Katla, a slave and daughter of an Irish Christian captive of the Viking raids, as she is loaded on a ship with her master's other belongings to voyage from Iceland into the unknown, a strange new world called Greenland. The year is AD 985. Hailed as a cross between Jean Auel and Anne Rice for its seamless combination of historical authenticity and supernatural doings, this brilliant, sprawling historical novel is nevertheless totally original in every other way. Inspired by the Norse sagas and set in the era of the Vikings, THE THRALL'S TALE unravels the dark and compelling story of three extraordinary women whose lives are intertwined as their pagan past collides with the first stirrings of a Christian future. **TP \$32.95**

David Liss*The Ethical Assassin*

Working as a door-to-door salesman in a South Florida trailer park, teenager Lem Altick becomes an eyewitness to the murders of two of his would-be customers and is forced into an uneasy alliance with the assassin, an extremist with a dedication to animal rights. **HC \$51.95**

Robert Ludlum & Philip Shelby*The Cassandra Compact (Covert One)*

Another pulse-pounding adventure for those insatiable fans of the worldwide multi-million bestselling author. Covert-One's Jon Smith unearths a terrifying global conspiracy when deadly bacteria, which could eradicate the human race are stolen. **PB \$19.95**

Robert Ludlum & Gayle Lynds*The Hades Factor (Covert One)*

A homeless man in Boston, an Army Major in California, and a teenage girl in Atlanta all die suddenly and painfully - each a victim of an unknown doomsday virus. For three days, a team of scientists in a US government laboratory has been frantically trying to unlock the virus's secrets. Lt. Col. Jonathan 'Jon' Smith, a leading researcher from the lab, barely survives a series of well-orchestrated attempts made on his life. When he discovers that the virus has claimed its fourth victim, his fiancée, he is devastated and enraged. Smith quickly uncovers evidence that his lover's death was no accident. But wherever he turns, some unseen force blocks his quest for information. Not knowing whom to trust, Smith assembles a private team to search for the truth behind the deadly virus. While the death toll mounts, their quest leads to the highest levels of power and the darkest corners of the earth, as they match wits with a determined genius - and as the future of the world lies in the balance. **PB \$19.95**

Robert Ludlum*Three Great Novels: Trewayne, Cry of the Halidon, The Rhinestone Exchange*

Trewayne- He is untouchable... or so he hoped. Andrew Trewayne was a millionaire by the time he was thirty. He went into government, carving out a brilliant career. Then, at a call from the president, he initiates a probe into the clandestine world of secret government. It's a nightmare maze where money men and mafia leaders mix, a world where even the Presidency can be bought and sold. And where a man like Trewayne could be a dreaded enemy, a duped victim, or maybe, just maybe, a king. The Cry of the Halidon- Alex McAuliff has received an offer he can't refuse - but if he accepts, it could be the last thing he does. He's been given two million dollars for a geological survey of Jamaica's dark interior. But British Intelligence contact Alex to let him in on a secret: the last survey team despatched to Jamaica vanished without trace. From the moment he lands in Jamaica he is a marked man. But who wants him dead? In an island paradise where even a beautiful woman could be a spy, Alex's only clue to survival is a single, mysterious word: Halidon... The Rhinemann Exchange- Expert, deadly and ruthlessly efficient, David Spaulding is the most feared and resourceful Allied agent in wartime Europe. He is also high on the Gestapo's 'most wanted' list. Now Spaulding has been selected by Allied Command to handle an undercover deal involving Nazi scientific plans. The dealer is Erich Rhinemann, an exiled German Jew awaiting the end of the war in an impenetrable retreat near Buenos Aires. **TP \$32.95**

Nancy Martin*Have Your Cake and Kill Him Too (Blackbird Sisters Mystery)*

Heiress Nora Blackbird and her two sisters--housewife and nudist-yoga enthusiast Libby and independent Emma--turn sleuth once again to investigate a case of murder among the aristocracy that is tied to a popular sports bar, political intrigue, ex-rock stars, and a blue-blooded brat with an unquenchable thirst for fame and fortune. By the author of Cross Your Heart and Hope to Die. **HC \$40.95**

Susan McBride*The Lone Star Lonely Hearts Club (Debutant Dropout Mystery)*

When her old friend, Bebe Kent, turns up dead shortly after relocating to the post Belle Meade retirement community, wealthy Dallas socialite Cissy Blevins Kendricks decides to go undercover at the facility to uncover the truth--despite the objections of her rebellious, sleuthing daughter, Andrea. **PB \$17.95**

Adrian McKinty*The Dead Yard*

A sequel to Dead I Well May Be finds mercenary Michael Forsythe working to infiltrate an Irish terrorist sleeper cell on behalf of the FBI, an endeavor that is challenged by the loss of his only ally and his deepening feelings for the enemy's daughter. **HC \$51.95**

Katharine McMahon*The Alchemist's Daughter*

Dark secrets haunt the manor house at Selden in Buckinghamshire, where Emilie Selden, motherless, fiercely intelligent and more beautiful than she realises, has been raised in near isolation by her father. John Selden, student of Isaac Newton, is conducting a bold and secret experiment. He aims to turn Emilie into a brilliant natural philosopher and alchemist. Secluded in his ancient manor house, with only their two servants for company, he fills her with knowledge and records every step she takes. In the spring of 1725, when Emilie is eighteen, father and daughter begin their most daring alchemical adventure of all - an attempt to breathe life into dead matter. But their work is interrupted by the arrival of two strangers, one a researcher into the life of plants, the other a dazzling young merchant. During the course of a sultry August, whilst her father is away, Emilie is caught up in the passion of first love and, listening for the first time to her heart rather than her head, she makes her choice... with consequences that are far-reaching and tumultuous. **TP \$29.95**

Patrick F McManus*The Blight Way*

A new series by the author of The Bear in the Attic finds Idaho sheriff Bo Tully's hopes about a rekindled romance with his high-school sweetheart challenged by his father's upcoming seventy-fifth birthday celebration and a ranch murder involving numerous possible suspects. **HC \$49.95**

Evan McNamara*Fair Game*

Sheriff Bill Tatum, a former Army sniper, scours the four-thousand-acre Halfmoon Ranch in Mineral County, Colorado, for the killer of a corrupt councilman, an investigation that unearths a wealth of suspects, including Tatum's deputy, who is the victim's son. **PB \$19.95**

Michele Mitchell*Our Girl in Washington*

After watching her political consulting business shrink because of her emphasis on principles and integrity, Kate Boothe and her partner, Jack, are offered a ticket back into the inner circle of political power when they are hired to do media strategy for the Essex Group, only to come face to face with a scheme involving fraud, arms trafficking, oil, political intrigue, and murder. **TP \$28.95**

Richard Montanari*The Rosary Girls*

Rookie Philadelphia homicide detective Jessica Balzano and her partner, veteran cop Kevin Byrne, match wits with a relentless serial killer, the Rosary Killer, as they investigate a grisly string of murders targeting teenage Catholic girls. **PB \$19.95**

Michael Moorcock*Byzantium Endures (Pyat 01)*

Byzantium Endures, one of the first of the Pyat series of novels, introduces one of Michael Moorcock's most magnificent creations - Maxim Arturovitch Pyatnitski. Born in Kiev on the cusp of the twentieth century, he discovers the pleasures of sex and cocaine and glimpses a sophisticated world beyond his horizons before the storm of the October Revolution breaks. Still a student at St Petersburg, he is deflected into more immediate concerns, caught up in the rip-tide of history. **PB \$24.95**

The Laughter of Carthage (Pyat 02)

Having escaped the horrors of the Russian civil war, Maxim Arturovitch Pyat discovers that the hazards of Europe are as nothing to the perils that await him in America. He is almost immediately involved in further scandals, touring the country as a speaker for the Ku Klux Klan. In this second of Michael Moorcock's acclaimed Pyat series of novels, only the reappearance of Pyat's enduring love, his femme fatale, Mrs Corenelius, offers him a chance of escape. **PB \$24.95**

Jerusalem Commands (Pyat 03)

The third novel of the Pyat quartet finds Maxim Arturovitch Pyatnitski scheming his way from New York to Hollywood, Cairo to Marrakesh, from cult success to the utter limits of sexual degradation, leaving a trail of mechanical and human wreckage as he crashes towards an appointment with the worst nightmare of this century. **PB \$24.95**

Fiona Mountain*Bloodline*

An anonymous note, the shooting death of one of her clients, an elderly man investigating his granddaughter's boyfriend and send ancestor detective Natasha Blake on a perilous quest in search of a the truth about a cold-blooded crime that has been hidden for generations. By the author of Pale as the Dead. **HC \$49.95**

Yxta Maya Murray*The Queen Jade*

In the aftermath of 1998 Hurricane Mitch, a mine of blue jade is uncovered in Guatemala, accelerating a centuries-long hunt for the Queen Jade and prompting Lola Sanchez, whose archaeologist mother has gone missing, to solve the mystery surrounding the legendary stone. **TP \$26.95**

Tim Myers*Dead Men Don't Lye (Soapmaking Mystery)*

While minding his family's specialty soap store, Benjamin Perkins gets himself into a lather when his sister Louisa is accused of murdering her sleazy boyfriend Jerry, who was also their ingredient supplier, and must delve into Jerry's sordid past to prove Louisa's innocence. **PB \$17.95**

Carla Neggers*Breakwater*

When Alicia Morrow, a former co-worker at the U.S. Department of Justice, is found dead outside of her bayside cottage, Quinn Harlow, while investigating on her own, finds an ally in Huck McCabe, an undercover agent who is after the same people who murdered her friend. **PB \$19.95**

Kris Nelscott*Days of Rage*

With racial tensions threatening the city of Chicago during the 1969 celebrity trial of the Chicago Eight, African-American private detective Smokey Dalton discovers that his son Jimmy knows a dark secret about the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., a situation that becomes complicated when he stumbles upon a group of skeletons tied to the city's racist past. **HC \$51.95**

Hakan Nesser*Borkmann's Point Insepector Van Veeteren Mystery*

When an ex-convict and then a wealthy real-estate tycoon fall victim to a violent attack by a possible ax-murderer, Chief Inspector Van Veeteren is called in to assist with the local investigation, a probe that becomes complicated by yet another murder and the disappearance of a promising female detective who may have gotten too close to the truth. **HC \$47.95**

Robin Paige*Death at Blenheim Palace (Edwardian Mystery)*

Invited to Blenheim Palace, home of the Duke and Duchess of Marborough, to work on a book about the murder of a young mistress of King Henry II, Charles and Kate find themselves investigating the kidnapping of a young maid and the disappearance of the duke and his mistress. **PB \$17.95**

I J Parker*Rashomon Gate*

Bored with his job as a clerk with the Ministry of Justice, Akitada Sugawara, a young aristocrat, is delighted by his undercover assignment to help his former professor at the Imperial University, until one of his students asks him to investigate the disappearance of his grandfather, in a mystery set against the backdrop of eleventh-century Japan. **TP \$26.95**

Jefferson Parker*The Fallen*

There was nothing special about San Diego detective Robbie Brownlow until he plunged six storeys from a burning hotel. He was left with broken bones, a large scar, and synesthesia - a condition where words take on shapes and colours that indicate the speaker's emotions. Murder victim Gus Asplundh had relied on more sophisticated methods to uncover people's secrets. Hired to investigate rumours linking high-ranking city employees with an elite prostitution ring, he had turned to a Spook Valley security outfit whose pioneering software could detect hidden relationships. Using this software, Robbie learns that the La Jolla madam's clientele includes some of the richest and most powerful men in San Diego: city fathers, casino bosses, sports-team owners and politicians. And a killer with everything to lose should Robbie be allowed to finish his investigation. **TP \$32.95**

Barbara Parker*Suspicion of Rage*

Visiting the Cuban home of her husband, Anthony, Gail learns about Anthony's divided loyalties between his Revolution-supporting family and dissident writer friends, one of whom has a son who is part of a plot to assassinate a Cuban general. **PB \$19.95**

P J Parrish*An Unquiet Grave*

As bulldozers raze the ruins of one of the country's most notorious sanitariums and its cemetery, a grisly discovery is made, and Louis Kincaid must go head-to-head with a sadistic killer who is using the dark tunnels underneath this asylum as his own personal playground of death. **PB \$17.95**

Julie Parsons *New Zealand**The Hourglass*

Beyond high iron gates fastened shut with a length of chain, lies the stark, beautiful Trawbawn. Here, haunted by a dark, mysterious past and largely ignored by the people of nearby Skibbereen, lives the frail Lydia Beauchamp.

But old Ma Beauchamp's private existence is interrupted when a stranger arrives - a young man called Adam who wanders into the vast grounds of Trawbawn and becomes one of Lydia's most welcome contacts with the outside world.

When Lydia sets her new confidante a challenge, he eagerly accepts - Adam must travel to Dublin to find her estranged daughter. But it is a task tainted by an air of menace. For what terrible past has driven a daughter from her mother? And what true motive lies behind Adam's generous act?

Soon the unlikely friends are entwined in a deadly game, and a pursuit born of an old lady's desire for peace mutates into a terrible, relentless need for revenge. **HC \$55**

Stel Pavlou*Gene*

Detective James North is called upon to deal with a young, mentally unstable man holding a child hostage at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. When he arrives, he is disturbed to discover that - although the bad guy is a complete stranger - he's been asking for North by name.

The hostage situation goes wrong, and North finds himself injected with a substance that causes hallucinatory nightmares and flashes of memory that are not his own. He begins to hunt through New York for his attacker, a man he feels inexplicably compelled to kill - a man called Gene.

As he does so, North unlocks the secret of his past, a past that stretches back over 3000 years. GENE is the story of forgotten Greek warrior Cyclades who fought and died in the Trojan Wars, and was fated by the gods to be reincarnated seven times. Locked in a cycle of battle with the Babylonian Magi Athanatos, Cyclades must once again strive to defeat him and thwart his quest to achieve immortality. Cyclades and Athanatos. North and Gene. But in this incarnation, neither man knows which is which, or why each of them has the instinctive need to kill the other. **PB \$18.95**

Ridley Pearson*Cut and Run*

When the mob steals the master witness protection list from the Justice Department, agent Roland Larson finds himself torn between protecting Hope Stevens, the witness he loves, and recovering the list before thousands are put in jeopardy. **PB \$19.95**

Don Pendleton*Serpent's Lair (Executioner 327)*

When his cover is blown during a high-tech arms deal with the Yakuza, Mack Bolan, on the run, comes face-to-face with an ancient cult that is looking for new recruits to help wipe out the population of Japan, forcing Mack to ask the Yakuza for help in taking down this new threat. **PB \$13.95**

Sharon Penman*Prince of Darkness*

Justin de Quincy is drawn into a high-level conspiracy when he is forced into a dangerous and uneasy alliance with his enemy, Prince John, after he is asked to investigate a forged document that implicates the prince in a plot to kill his brother, King Richard, a scheme that also endangers the woman Justin serves, Eleanor of Aquitaine. **TP \$28.95**

Anne Perry*Dark Assassin*

The two figures had been on the bridge. He had grasped hold of her. To save her, or to push her? Murder, suicide or accident? Inspector William Monk of the Thames River Police watches helplessly as the man and woman fall to their deaths. Still feeling his way in a new post, Monk knows he must solve the mystery to gain the respect of his men. Soon both he and Hester find themselves powerfully involved in the story of the dead woman, Mary Havilland, and her quest to vindicate her father. Two months previously, James Havilland had been found dead. An engineer working for the Argyll Construction Company, he was convinced that a major disaster was about to happen in the tunnels where London's desperately needed new sewer system was being built. Maddened by his obsession, he'd apparently shot himself. Mary had never accepted that. And now she was dead too. Was it chance or more sinister than that? **HC \$60**

Steve Perry & Larry Segriff*The Archimedes Effect (Tom Clancy's Net Force)*

Bypassing all safeguards, terrorists enter Fort Stephens - the newest high-tech Army base - and detonate a truck full of powerful explosives. Within hours, other bases are hit. Under attack, the Army calls in Net Force to help. Teaming up with Army intelligence and the National Guard, Net Force's own crack troops struggle to track down who is behind the deadly attacks. But they are countered at every move by a cunning opponent who thinks just like one of their own. **PB \$19.95**

Richard Powell*Say it With Bullets*

Leaving a trail of bodies in his wake, Bill Wayne journeys across the West to discover which one of his former army buddies shot him in the back and left him for dead. **PB \$17.95**

Bill Pronzini*Mourners (Nameless Detective Mystery)*

When a suspicious wife reports her husband's inexplicable attendance at the funerals of violently murdered strangers, "Nameless" and his detective companions, Tamara and Jake, find themselves psychologically and professionally compromised in the face of a stalled investigation. By the Edgar Award-nominated author of *Nightcrawlers*. **HC \$51.95**

Ann Purser*Theft on Thursday*

Busy with her housecleaning business, her sick mother, and the affairs of two of her employees, part-time sleuth Lois Meade must take on even more when the parish verger dies under mysterious circumstances and a fire at the local vicarage kills the vicar's godson. **PB \$17.95**

Sheila Quigley*Bad Moon Rising*

A young woman walks home by herself, the tapping of her high heels the only sound. At two o'clock in the morning, it's cold, the streets are deserted and she thinks she's all alone. Waiting for her, sleeping soundly in his bed, is her baby son. When he wakes the next morning his mother still isn't back. She's never coming back. Because the streets weren't as deserted as she thought. Three women are dead and Detective Inspector Lorraine Hunt is searching for a serial killer. In Houghton-le-Spring it's Feast week, a time when all hell is let loose as the fair comes to town, and a frenzy of celebration and decadence provides a temporary distraction from the grim realities of everyday life. It's not a good time to be searching for a stranger. It's not a good time to be a woman alone... **PB \$21.95**

Jonathan Rabb*Rosa*

Amid the chaos of post-World War I Berlin, Detective-Inspector Nikolai Hoffner and his young aide, Hans Fichte, investigate a series of murders in the city slums in which four women turn up dead with identical markings etched into their backs, but the German political police get involved when revolutionary leader Rosa Luxemburg turns up dead in similar circumstances. **TP \$28.95**

Ian Rankin*The Falls (TV Tie In) (Rebus)*

A student has gone missing in Edinburgh. She's not just any student, though, but the daughter of well-to-do and influential bankers. There's almost nothing to go on until DI John Rebus gets an unmistakable gut feeling that there's more to this than just another runaway spaced out on unaccustomed freedom. Two leads emerge: a carved wooden doll in a toy coffin, found in the student's home village, and an Internet role-playing game. The ancient and the modern, brought together by uncomfortable circumstance ... **PB \$19.95**

Fleshmarket Close (TV Tie In) (Rebus)

An illegal immigrant is found murdered in an Edinburgh housing scheme: a racist attack, or something else entirely? Rebus is drawn into the case, but has other problems: his old police station has closed for business, and his masters would rather he retire than stick around. But Rebus is that most stubborn of creatures. As Rebus investigates, he must visit an asylum seekers' detention centre, deal with the sleazy Edinburgh underworld, and maybe even fall in love... Siobhan meanwhile has problems of her own. A teenager has disappeared from home and Siobhan is drawn into helping the family, which will mean travelling closer than is healthy towards the web of a convicted rapist. Then there's the small matter of the two skeletons - a woman and an infant - found buried beneath a concrete cellar floor in Fleshmarket Close. The scene begins to look like an elaborate stunt - but whose, and for what purpose? And how can it tie to the murder on the unforgiving housing-scheme known as Knoxland? **PB \$19.95**

J D Rhoades*Good Day In Hell*

When a trio of bloodthirsty misfits led by a media-savvy killer with a penchant for fame and revenge starts a merciless killing spree at a local church, bounty hunter Jack Keller and his girlfriend, Deputy Marie Jones, team up to stop them before they can strike again. By the author of *The Devil's Right Hand*. **HC \$49.95**

Evie Rhodes*Criss Cross*

When the evidence in a recent spate of brutal killings leads to his doorstep, homicide detective Micah Jordan-Wells, wrongly accused of murder, discovers that his own mind is linked to that of a sadistic killer from another realm called Criss Cross. **TP \$28.95**

Christopher Rice*Light Before Day*

Abruptly fired while pursuing a career-making story and scarred by a failed relationship, young journalist Adam Murphy is left adrift in West Hollywood, until he encounters mystery novelist James Wilton, with whom he follows a dark and deadly trail of sexual perversion, vengeance, and murder as they investigate the disappearances of a number of young gay men. **TP \$26.95**

Gene Riehl*Sleeper*

Feeling as if he is losing his mind six months after the death of his father from Alzheimer's, high-risk espionage agent Puller Monk goes deep undercover to locate a woman sleeper spy, an NSA mission so secret that he is required to hide it from his FBI superiors. By the author of *Quantico Rules*. **PB \$17.95**

Rick Riordan*Mission Road*

Reformed criminal Ralph Arguello suddenly finds himself at the top of a list of suspects when his wife, homicide detective Ana DeLeon, is shot, and is forced to turn fugitive to find the real triggerman and clear his name, seeking the assistance of his old friend, private detective Tres Navarre to uncover the truth, an investigation that could blow the lid off a thirty-year-old crime. **PB \$17.95**

V Anthony Rivers

My Life is All I Have

Consumed by her turbulent relationship with her mother and the painful losses of her beloved grandmother and cousin, Leesha Tyler plots to commit armed robbery as part of her plan to leave the Los Angeles area. **TP \$26.95**

Gillian Roberts

A Hole in Juan

Philadelphia English teacher Amanda Pepper joins forces with her private eye husband, C. K. Mackenzie, to investigate when a yearly tradition in which children play harmless pranks throughout the city on the night before Halloween turns deadly, leaving a new teacher near death. **HC \$49.95**

Peter Robinson

A Dedicated Man (CD)

The body of a well-liked local historian is found half-buried under a drystone wall near the village of Helmthorpe, Swainsdale. Who on earth would want to kill such a thoughtful, dedicated man?

Penny Cartwright, a beautiful folk singer with a mysterious past, a shady land-developer, Harry's editor and a local thriller writer are all suspects – and all are figures from Harry's previous, idyllic summers in the dale.

A young girl, Sally Lumb, knows more than she lets on, and her knowledge could lead to danger. Inspector Banks second case unearths disturbing secrets behind a bucolic facade. **CD \$35**

Edward Rutherford

Ireland: Awakening

Following the critically acclaimed success of DUBLIN, this riveting sequel takes the story of Ireland from the 17th century onwards. IRELAND: AWAKENINGS picks up where the former left off - at the Reformation, and with it, the devastating arrival of Oliver Cromwell. Cromwell heralds the inauguration of two hundred years of Protestant dominance, throughout which many of the Irish people were impoverished and dispossessed. Dublin is made a Protestant capital, and Catholics become an underclass. Set against the dramatic backdrop of Irish political history, the novel revisits family dynasties such as the Walshes and the Doyles, whose epic voyages through the centuries continue right the way up to the twentieth century's Easter Rising and Independence, passing through turbulent milestones such as The Year of the French and The Independence Movement of Parnell along the way. But literature does not entirely give way to history; the encroaching of the Celtic Dawn and the timeless worlds of W.B. Yeats and James Joyce are also paid rich tribute to, and bring this powerful saga to its conclusion. **HC \$55 TP \$32.95**

John Sandford

The Night Crew **PB \$18.95**

Harold Schechter

The Tell-Tale Corpse (Edgar Allan Poe Mystery)

Heading for Massachusetts in search of a cure for his ailing wife, Edgar Allan Poe becomes embroiled in an investigation into a series of brutal murders, joining forces with a clever young woman named Louisa May Alcott to bring together the clues in seemingly unrelated cases to unmask a depraved and brilliant killer. **HC \$51.95**

Gerald Seymour

The Unknown Soldier

Follows the efforts of American and British counterterrorist agents to identify and take out an Al Qaeda terrorist who has secured his release from the Guantanamo prison and who is hiding in a remote desert outpost while plotting to bomb a western city. **TP \$32.95**

Sharon Short

Hung Out to Dry (Stain-Busting Mystery)

Small-town laundress and stain-removal expert Josie Toadfern turns sleuth once again during a visit to the home of family matriarch Mamaw Toadfern, where she comes face to face with her long-lost parents--and a corpse. **PB \$17.95**

George D Shuman

18 Seconds

A blind psychic possessing an ability to see murder victims' final moments of life, Sherry Moore is reluctantly enlisted for help by New Jersey police Lieutenant Kelly O'Shaunisy, who is being targeted for her father's role in a freed serial killer's capture years earlier. **HC \$47.95**

Judith Skillings

Driven to Murder

Ex-reporter-turned-classic car restorer Rebecca Moore joins driver Ian Browning's pit crew as she takes on an unknown killer at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. **PB \$17.95**

Alexander McCall Smith

In the Company of Cheerful Ladies: More from the No1 Ladies Detective Agency (Precious Ramotswe)

Overwhelmed by work at the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, Precious Ramotswe is further challenged by a strange intruder at her home, the appearance in her yard of a mysterious pumpkin, troubles at her husband's motorworks, and a visitor who forces her to confront a painful secret from her past. Reader's Guide available. **TP \$26.95**

Joshua Spanogle

Isolation Ward

Called in by the CDC after three mentally handicapped women with the same mysterious symptoms check into the same Baltimore hospital, Dr. Nathaniel McCormick becomes caught in a puzzling web of deceit and conspiracy as he follows the trail of a lethal virus to California and discovers terrifying links to a former mentor and an old love. A first novel. **HC \$41.95**

Patricia Sprinkle

Did You Declare the Corpse? (Thoroughly Southern Mystery)

When she ends up vacationing in Scotland instead of the Caribbean, Georgia magistrate MacLaren Yarbrough, while visiting Auchnagar, the small village where her ancestors lived, stumbles upon two coffins bearing American tourists, a grisly discovery that places her own life in danger.

PB \$17.95

Dana Stabenow*Blindfold Game*

In Thailand, two men hire some modern-day pirates to hijack a Russian freighter. It is appallingly easy and the ship sails, undetected, toward the western coast of North America.

On the Bering Sea, the USS Sojourner Truth, a Coast Guard cutter, patrols the Maritime Boundary Line. The seasoned crew, dealing with a high volume of ocean-going traffic, is finding that choppy seas are making their efforts even more difficult.

In Washington DC, a CIA analyst traces the sale of black market plutonium. As the pieces fit together, he realises that a terrorist attack is under way on a valuable – and vulnerable – American target.

He also sees that the Sojourner Truth is sailing right into the attack – putting his estranged wife, the second in command on the Sojourner, at the heart of an international crisis. **HC \$44 CD \$56.95**

Virginia Swift*Hello, Stranger (Mustang Sally Mystery)*

Unconventional amateur sleuth and college professor Sally Alder races against time to find Charlie Preston, a student in her women's history class, after the girl's abusive father turns up dead and Charlie becomes the prime suspect in the murder. By the author of *Bye, Bye Love*. **HC \$51.95**

Frank Tallis*A Death in Vienna*

When a beautiful medium dies under extraordinary circumstances, shot in a room that only locks from the inside with absolutely no trace of a bullet or gun and accompanied by a suicide note that claims there is "such a thing as forbidden knowledge," psychoanalyst Max Liebermann calls on his good friend, Detective Oskar Rheinhardt, to help him investigate. Reader's Guide available. **HC \$45.95**

William G Tapply & Philip R Craig*Second Sight (Brady Coyne & J W Jackson Mystery)*

In a second Martha's Vineyard thriller featuring Boston lawyer Brady Coyne and retired cop J. W. Jackson, Coyne tracks down a runaway teen while staying at Jackson's family cottage; while Jackson provides security services for a reclusive singer whose bodyguard has been murdered. **TP \$26.95**

Lou Jane Temple*Death du Jour*

In the midst of the revolutionary fervor sweeping 1790 Paris, Fanny Delarue, a young cook for a wealthy family in the Place Royale, and her head chef, Henri, embark on a high-stakes investigation into the murder of Etienne de la Porte, chef to a neighboring household and Henri's mentor, after he turns up dead under suspicious circumstances. By the author of *The Spice Box*. **HC \$49.95**

Aline Templeton*Cold In the Earth*

Marjory Fleming is Scottish, a sheep farmer's wife, a mother of two, and a police detective inspector in Galloway whose home and family are her refuge from the violence of her job. Laura is a psychologist, wracked with guilt after the death of her marriage and her mother, who determines to find out what happened to her older half-sister who left home 15 years ago. Laura's search takes her to rural Galloway, where her sister stayed with an extraordinary family who are top bull breeders. It is 2001, and with foot and mouth having just broken out, Dumfries and Galloway is one of the first places hit. The bulls are killed, and a body discovered when their field is ploughed up for burial of the carcasses. And DI Fleming - 'Big Marge' to her men - can't go home, where her husband is having to destroy his own animals, because of the murder investigation. **PB \$19.95**

Cynthia Thayer*A Brief Lunacy*

The disappearance of their daughter from the institution in which she resides draws Jessie and Carl, a retired couple enjoying the peace of rural Maine, into a nightmare when they offer shelter to a supposedly stranded young man who knows far too much about their family. By the author of *Strong for Potatoes*. Reader's Guide available. **TP \$24.95**

Cecelia Tishy*All In One Piece*

Accepting the help of an attractive neighbor when she is clipped by a speeding car, psychic detective Reggie Cutter is shocked when the neighbor is killed and she is counted among the suspects, in a case that forces her to apply her abilities to solve the crime and prove her innocence. By the author of *Now You See Her*. **HC \$51.95**

Lisa Unger*Beautiful Lies*

An impulsive good deed transforms the mundane life of Ridley Jones, a young New York City writer, when she receives a mysterious package that forces her to question everything she knows about herself and her family and sends her on a dangerous quest to uncover the truth that could leave her running for her life. A first novel. **HC \$47.95**

Fred Vargas*The Three Evangelists*

Sophia Sim, onidis, a Greek opera singer, wakes up one morning to discover that a tree has appeared overnight in the garden of her Paris house. Intrigued and unnerved, she seeks help from her neighbours: Vandoosler, an ex-cop fired from the police for having helped a murderer to escape, and three impecunious historians, Mathias, Marc and Lucien - the three evangelists. They agree - both because they need the money and out of sheer curiosity - to dig around the tree and see if something has been buried there. They find nothing but soil. A few weeks later, Sophia disappears and nobody worries too much until her body is found burnt to ashes in a car. Who killed the opera singer? Her husband, her ex-lover, her best friend? Or could it be her lovely niece recently moved to the capital? They all seem to have a motive. Vandoosler and the three evangelists set out to find the truth. **TP \$32.95**

Marcos M Villatoro*A Venom Beneath the Skin (Romilia Chacon Mystery)*

After making the leap from cop to FBI agent, Latina detective Romilia Chacon finds herself hunted by a serial killer with whom she shares a common interest in frogs. **PB \$17.95**

Martyn Waites*The Mercy Seat (Joe Donovan)*

Once a renowned investigative journalist, since the unsolved disappearance of his 6-year-old son, Joe Donovan has lived a broken, reclusive life in a bleak Northumberland village. He's abruptly thrust back into the real world when a teenage boy makes contact, in desperate need of his help. Jamal has in his possession something that holds a key to Donovan's past, a past that can only be unlocked by forcing him to make a terrifying journey into the present.

As long buried secrets begin to emerge and bodies pile up, Donovan finds himself caught up in a harrowing web of fear. In order to survive and uncover the disturbing truth at the heart of the dangerous world he's found himself in, he puts together a team to help him, a team of outsiders that doesn't care which side of the law it operates on. And Donovan will need their help. For he and Jamal are being hunted by a death metal addicted serial killer. A killer with a 100% success rate. A killer who doesn't know the meaning of the word mercy. **PB \$18.95**

Donald E Westlake*Watch Your Back (Dortmunder)*

John Dortmunder and his crew find the perfect score in a lavish New York apartment, but before they can pull the job, they discover that their favorite bar is on the Mafia's hit list, forcing them to split their time fighting the mob and robbing the rich. **PB \$18.95**

Randy Wayne White*Dark Light*

In the aftermath of a massive hurricane off the coast of Florida, an elderly woman seeks Doc Ford's assistance in combing the reshaped ocean bottom for evidence that would exonerate a loved one for alleged activities during World War II. By the author of *Dead of Night*. **HC \$51.95**

Charles Willeford*Wild Wives*

Private detective Jake Blake is in over his head when he becomes involved with a wealthy and beautiful young woman out to escape her jealous husband's smothering influence, the two thugs hired to protect her, and a complex web of deceit, murder, betrayal, and murder. **TP \$26.95**

John Morgan Wilson*Rhapsody in Blue*

At loose ends between jobs, disgraced journalist Benjamin Justice joins an old friend, LA Times reporter Alexandra Templeton on a movie set at a faded California desert resort where they are filming a movie about the 1950s murder of a film star and the lynching of local black man for the killing, but the set is in an uproar over the murder of a feared gossip columnist who may have known too much about the old crime. **HC \$51.95**

Stuart Woods*Chiefs (25th Anniversary Edition)*

A twenty-fifth anniversary edition of the best-selling thriller finds 1920s Georgia cotton farmer Will Henry Lee, his city's first chief of police, investigating the ritual murder of an unidentified teenager, a case that takes him through decades of Southern history. **HC \$49.95**

Kim Wozencraft*Wanted*

Framed by corrupt fellow officers after questioning a murder conviction, young cop Diane Wellman seeks to clear her name and exact revenge, while Gail Rubin, who has been wrongfully imprisoned for her peripheral involvement in an aggravated robbery, seeks her freedom, in a high-stakes thriller by the author of *Rush*. **PB \$17.95**