



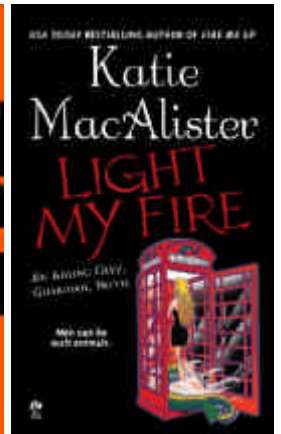
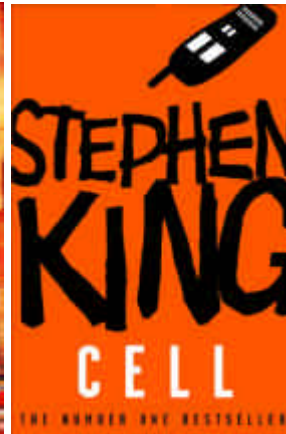
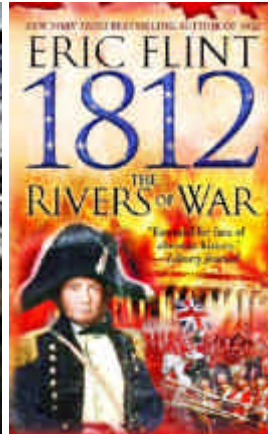
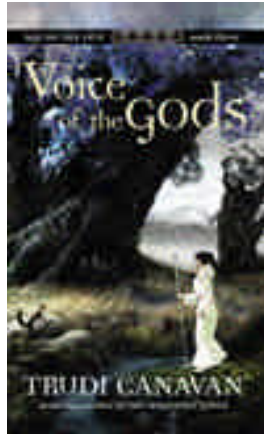
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Featured Books



John Flanagan's *Sorcerer of the North* is book 5 of the Ranger's Apprentice in paperback.

Trudi Canavan's *Voice of the Gods* is book 3 of The Age of the Five in paperback.

Eric Flint's *1812: The Rivers of War* in paperback.

Stephen King's *Lisey Story* in hardcover or trade paperback, and *Cell* in paperback.

Katie MacAlister's *Light My Fire* a new Aisling Grey paperback.

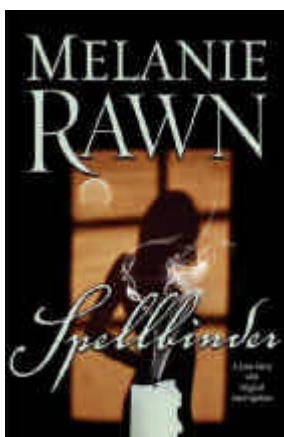
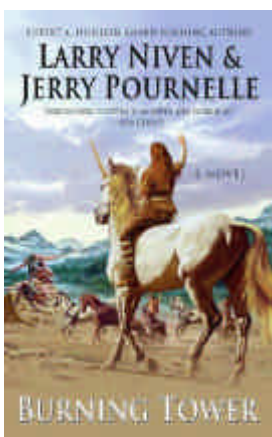
Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle's *Burning Tower* in paperback.

Melanie Rawn's *Spellbinder* in hardcover.

S L Viehl's *Afterburn* is the 2nd Bio Rescue in the Stardoc universe in paperback.

David Weber and Linda Evans' Hell's Gate in hardcover.

Karen Miller's Stargate SG1: Alliances in paperback.



News

Reward Vouchers have just been printed. The new reward period starts on November 1st. Vouchers for the last reward period are now available to be redeemed. Check in with us to see if or how many you have earned.

Vodafone is currently advertising on TV with an ad partially filmed in our shop. Let us know if you see it. The filming was quite an experience.

World Fantasy Awards, announced at the World Fantasy Convention this past weekend in Texas has *Kafka on the Shore* by Haruki Murakami as best novel.

Wish List! Sick of nagging family members asking “What do you want for Christmas/your birthday?”. Why not increase your chances of getting something you want by making a wish list with Infinitas and Blokey Stuff (our “boys toys department”, see page 5 for a selection). There are a couple of easy ways to do this. You can select your wish list in store, online or by phone. In each case, just let us know that these are things to be put on your wish list. That way, when you send Aunt Flo in to pick up something for you, we can show her a selection of things, she goes away knowing that it’s something you want, and best of all, you get the reward points. We will also make sure that all purchased items are removed from your wish list to stop the embarrassment of 2 copies of the same book. Obviously, the sooner you place your list, the sooner we can make sure any unusual/indent items are in stock. You may make your selections across the entire range of both Infinitas and Blokey Stuff. If all else fails, we also have Gift Vouchers available in your choice of value.

The 2006 Sydney Freecon is a day of science fiction at the ground floor seminar room, Bankstown City Library on Saturday 25th November from 8:30 am to 4 pm. There is no admission charge but registration is required. Attendees may take part in judging a short story writing competition, and story submission are invited, there are even cash prizes. There will be panels and discussions for SF fans who read books, write stories, or watch movies and TV series. <http://users.secsme.org.au/~futurians/events.html>

Infinitas Short Fiction

Chrysalis by Chuck McKenzie

Consciousness hit him like a hammer. He convulsed, thrashing against silk-lined pine, dislodging the casket lid. Soft, cool soil gushed into his eyes and mouth, and with it came an overwhelming sense of belonging, of *oneness*; the soil, the rocks and himself, each crawling with life yet lifeless, unfettered by the wretched need to scratch, rub, defecate or breathe. No tics, aches or weariness; just the comforting throb of the earth, the whispering cycles of the soil. Joy overwhelmed him. He tried to cry out, but his desiccated lungs produced only a low moan.

He lay still for a while. Then, driven by an urge to immerse himself completely in the soil, he pushed aside the coffin lid and swam upwards, open-mouthed, allowing the deep, rich loam to penetrate and fill him.

Moments later he erupted from the earth and lay trembling upon the ground. So *hot*. So bright. He clawed at the sun-baked mud with rotting fingers, moaning desperately. *Please! Let me back in where it's cool and safe...*

But the ground refused to soften.

Eventually, he clambered to his feet and stood staring miserably at the world around him. Living things scuttled among the headstones and grasses, slithering between leaves and branches, whirring overhead and underfoot. The very air *pulsed* with life. He moaned again. *Why am I here?*

Voices drifted between the tombs. The world pressed in upon him, and something inside suddenly snapped. He began to run, long, staggering strides propelling him jerkily across the graveyard. He stumbled over a weed-covered drain and fell, bursting out between plots and diving onto a gravel-lined path. He lay still for a moment, savouring the sensation of cold stone against his ruined face.

Someone screamed.

He raised his head. Further up the path stood a woman, her face pale, a crumpled bouquet of flowers clutched between trembling hands. She stared at him, delicate veins pulsing in her throat, muscles twitching beneath her skin.

Self-pity dissolved away.

You poor, wretched creature. Your every moment must be agony. The endless anticipation of bodily failure, of aneurysm, blindness, senility, entombing you forever in a cell of living flesh. If I could do something, anything, to relieve your suffering -

And abruptly, he understood.

He staggered to his feet, and she turned and fled. He pursued her, a new sense of purpose lending him speed.

Wait! Come back! Let me help you!

She darted off the path, stumbling between ancient crypts. He quickened his pace. Then her foot twisted beneath her, and she fell.

He was upon her in a moment, shuddering in revulsion as he caressed her warm flesh, covering her mouth, stifling her cries.

This is my purpose: to take you to a better place. That which I devour will be purified. The rest will rise again to join me in my task...

He bit into her neck, tore, chewed and bit again, moaning rapturously between mouthfuls. And she moaned too, for a while.

Reviews

Pawn of Prophecy by **David Eddings**, reviewed by Stuart Wark

<https://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780552554763>

Eddings is one of the biggest fantasy writers in the world today, and his first novel in the genre was *Pawn of Prophecy*. It was the first of five books that now compose the *Belgariad* series. *Pawn of Prophecy* commences with a prologue that provides a brief history of seven gods, and the events that resulted in war amongst the deities. Chapter one begins with a boy named Garion, and his Aunt Pol, who both live on a rural farm. Eddings establishes the world that surrounds Garion very well. While his life appears very average, he is, not unexpectedly, soon involved in mystery and intrigue. Garion is surrounded by a developing cast of characters who initially appear quite normal and real, yet they are slowly revealed as being much more than that.

Eddings' writing in *Pawn of Prophecy* is filled with humour, and his dialogues can be genuinely funny at times. Unlike some other fantasy authors, Eddings does not appear to take his creations too seriously, and this enables him to develop the storyline well. One of Eddings' gifts is the ability to write memorable characters. Many of the central personalities like Garion are very likable, while others such as Aunt Pol are perhaps less amiable but still fascinating. However, a criticism of this book, and indeed entire series, is the fact that Eddings does not appear able to successfully portray true malevolence. The presentation of the 'enemy' within the novel is often quite clichéd, and lacking in any real sense of true evil.

I first read *Pawn of Prophecy* as a teenager about two decades ago, and I can still remember the sheer enjoyment these books provided, and the frustration of waiting months and months until the next novel was released. It was therefore with some trepidation that I decided to re-read the series to see if it stood up to the test of time. It now seems quite popular to criticise Eddings as being formulaic and derivative. Some reviewers seem to delight in panning Eddings' novels as being hackneyed and passé.

Happily, I enjoyed returning to Garion and his journey through life as much now as I did in the 80s. While Eddings is still writing fantasy books, it is my belief that his best work was during the 80s and 90s, and *Pawn of Prophecy* underlines why he is considered one of the best writers in the genre. The *Belgariad* is appropriately considered one of the seminal works of fantasy, and it should be mandatory reading for all fans.

The Spike by **Damien Broderick**, reviewed by Garry Dalrymple

<https://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780312877828>

Speculation on Science Future: In the The Spike, Damien Broderick tries to take us on a tour of that undiscovered country, the future. The book defines this as being also an undiscoverable country as it lies beyond that point where extrapolations of the rate of progress of present day technologies to the lifestyles of the future must inevitably break down. A range of technologies are discussed in the sections of this book. What they have in common is that each has a rate of progress / development that seems to be accelerating as time goes forward. He does a fairly comprehensive job of charting what 'progress' in each of these fields might ultimately lead to, economically, technologically and to the human societies that may be created in the wake of the 'Spike', when Science may appear to be magic and 'God-like' powers a daily reality. A difficult read, but worth sticking with, as it is a Science Fiction Literate account. The same book written in isolation of an understanding of SF would need to be very much thicker, to explain concepts and situations not encountered in 'Mundane' writing. It also features multiple references to the opinions and observations of David Bofinger, a Sydney fan known to Sydney Futurian meetings.

Dune by **Frank Herbert**, reviewed by Dan

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780340839935>

Dune is an epic fantasy story, written as literary science fiction. In the world of the far future, all thinking machines have been outlawed, and technology is highly restricted. Human computers, mentats, are trained from birth to make complex calculations. The Bene Gesserit are an understated power force, with their extreme body control and millenia long breeding program to select for desirable human traits. Humans are moved through space by the Spacing Guild's navigators, who use the spice to assist in moving their Heighliners through space.

Dune is a story of revenge, hope and fate. There is the constant cycle of hatred and revenge of one Great House against another, shown by Baron Harkonnen plotting the downfall of House Atreides as part of an emnity that started thousands of years earlier. The book focuses on Paul Atreides, son of the Duke, and fated to become the Kwisatch Haderach, the culmination of the Bene Gesserit breeding program. He can foresee the future of constant war and hopes that he, and humanity, can avoid that fate.

First published in 1965, *Dune* stands the test of time and the comments on society in it are as relevant today as they were when it was first written. This is a book to read when you want to be challenged in your thinking and is recommended reading for all fans of science fiction.

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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. See our website for more info. Newcomers welcome.

Thursday 3rd November: Rogue Computers
Thursday 7th December: Feminist Science Fiction
January No Meeting
Thursday 1st February: Best and Worst of 2006

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. All welcome.

Thursday November 16th:
Frank Herbert *Dune* (SF)
Tony Shillitoe *Amber Legacy* (F)
Thursday December 14th:
Isaac Asimov *Foundation* (SF)
Esther Friesner (ed) *Chicks in Chainmail* (F)

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 October

General Release

Wintersmith	Terry Pratchett
Thud!	Terry Pratchett
Sorcerer in the North	John Flanagan *
Into a Dark Realm	Raymond E Feist
We Few	John Ringo
Darwin's Watch	Pratchett, Cohen, Stewart
Hunters of Dune	Herbert & Anderson
Of Fire and Night	Kevin J Anderson
Oakleaf Bearers	John Flanagan *
Icebound Land	John Flanagan *

Media and Games Related Titles

Galaxy in Flames	Warhammer 40,000
Bloodlines	Star Wars
Art of Destruction	Doctor Who
Price of Paradise	Doctor Who
Nightmare of Black Island	Doctor Who
Promise of the Witch King	Forgotten Realms
Dawn of War: Tempest	Warhammer 40,000
Burning Dreams	Star Trek Original Series
Snake Eyes	CSI
Riptide	CSI: Miami

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine #25

MAG \$7.95

Douglas Adams

So Long and Thanks for All the Fish (Hitchhikers 04)

Just as Arthur Dent's sense of reality is in its dickest state, he suddenly finds the girl of his dreams. He finds her in the last place in which he would expect to find anything at all, but which 3,976,000,000 people will find oddly familiar. They go in search of God's Final Message to His Creation and, in a dramatic break from tradition, actually find it. **CD \$55**

Jay Amory

The Fledging of Az Gabrielson (Clouded World 01)

Az is one of the Airborn. With a stretch and a beat of their eight foot wings his people travel effortlessly around and between their cities, perched high above the clouds. It's a life of ease and airy beauty. Only Az has no wings, so in his glorious world of freedom and flight, he is a painful - and isolated - oddity. And then one day he is picked out for a job. A job below the clouds. The system of massive automated elevators which send up everything the Airborn need to survive, are breaking down - and threatening to take the Airborn society with them. Someone has to go down to the Ground to find out what has happened and Az, with his wingless similarity to the prehistoric Groundlings, looks to be perfect for the task of hunting for answers beneath the clouds. But on the Ground, in the vast shadows of the cities, Az finds more questions than answers: a benighted people who worship a dim notion of the Airborn and aspire to be like them. A people who fill elevators with tributes to their winged deities. A people who are beginning to think their way of life is part of a very unnatural order of things. And a girl called Cassie Grubdollar, who's definitely no angel ...

TP \$29.95 HC \$49.95

Piers Anthony

Pet Peeve (Xanth 29)

Unlikely Goblin hero Goody is instructed by the Good Magician Humfrey to find a suitable home for a foul-tempered bird, a quest that inadvertently triggers an invasion by an army of seemingly indestructible killer robots and forces Goody to enlist the aid of a host of supernatural denizens.

APB \$17.95

Sarah Ash

Children of the Serpent Gate (Tears of Artamon 03)

Gavril Nagarian, Lord Drakhaon of Azhkendir, is believed dead - perished in the heat of battle. Yet he still lives, and is entrusted with a sacred mission: to rescue the aged Magus, who has been kidnapped and in whose possession are the five priceless rubies that compose the fabled Tears of Artamon. Ancient law decrees that whoever possesses the stones has the power to impose his will over the Empire of New Rossiya. But the task exacts a cost. The drakhaoul that destroyed his forebears has penetrated Gavril's psyche and is gaining power over his soul. As these dark forces seek immortality inside him, so Gavril must feed on the blood of innocents - or die.

Toppled by the loss of the Tears of Artamon, Emperor Eugene of Tielen is tormented by his own daemon, but he must defend his lands against King Enguerrand of Francia who claims ownership of the Tears. Yet both men share a common goal: to destroy Gavril Nagarian and the Drakhaoul that lives within him once and for all.

Ingenious and unforgettable, CHILDREN OF THE SERPENT GATE delivers a thrilling conclusion to the epic trials of a man of honour in a world in chaos - one that can only be laid to rest by an Emperor's Tears. **APB \$22.95**

T A Barron

The Great Tree of Avalon: Shadows on the Stars

As the peaceful world of Avalon is threatened with a series of mysterious droughts and the very stars begin to lose their light, Tamwyn, a wandering wilderness guide; Elli, an apprentice priestess; and Scree, a young eagleman, hold the fate of Avalon in their hands. **APB \$19.95**

Stephen Baxter

Transcendent (Destiny's Children 03)

Baxter's ability to combine wildly divergent narrative threads has become a trademark of his writing and has been seen to its best effect in the previous two novels from this sequence. Transcendent, with its melding of a near future narrative that carries a terrible warning about the post-oil and post-global warming world and a narrative thread that tours the fantastically varied diverse species that mankind has become in the impossibly distant future is an example of Baxter at his best. At once a cautionary tale of what we are capable of destroying and a celebration of what we could become this is the capstone to Baxter's best series to date. In Transcendent we find out what happened to the children of the Poole brothers (from Coalescent) and what will happen to mankind. **PB \$19.95**

Ray Bradbury

The Homecoming

Ray Bradbury's classic short story The Homecoming has been a literary Halloween treat since its publication in Mademoiselle in 1946. The tale of an ordinary boy in an enormous family of ghouls attending a special reunion on All Hallows' Eve, it is at once haunting, humorous, and heartfelt. Enhanced by the illustrations of and designed by world-renowned multimedia artist David McKean, this unique collector's edition will thrill readers of all ages.

The Wonderfully Illustrated Short Pieces (WISP) series introduces classic short stories to a new generation of readers with award-winning illustrators and unique collectible packaging. **HC \$29.99**

Terry Brooks

Armageddon's Children (CD)

Terry Brooks' Shannara series, launched in 1977 with The Sword Of Shannara, is a landmark in the fantasy genre and remains one of the bestselling fantasy series of all time.

With this new series, a new chapter in the Shannara legend begins. Here begins the chronicle of the Great Wars and the destruction of the Old World. This is the story of Shannara before the events described in The Sword Of Shannara. The story of how one world was destroyed and another created. This is the most ambitious project Terry Brooks has undertaken in his remarkable career - a series that will delight and amaze his existing fans and attract a whole new generation of readers. **CD \$39.95**

Rachel Caine

Glass Houses (Morganville Vampires 01)

In Morganville, Texas, a town where evil terrorizes the streets under the cover of darkness, Claire Danvers, who has had enough of her current dorm situation, moves off campus and discovers that her new roommates are vampires. **APB \$15.95**

Trudi Canavan *Australian Author**Voice of the Gods (Age of the Five 03)*

As protector of the Siyee, Auraya is sent to investigate a stranger sighted on their lands. She develops a rapport with this mysterious woman, who claims to be a close friend of Mirar, the founder of the Dreamweavers; but the secret she divulges sets Auraya on a dangerous path of conflict with the gods. Meanwhile, the Pentadrians, regaining strength under a new leader, plot and scheme for any means to bring down their enemies; not anticipating that the White will send the Siyee against them. It seems that the consequences for all sides will be disastrous. Mirar now has a respected place amongst his people, so the stakes are very high when his fragile friendship with Auraya may prove to be the very cause of her destruction. **APB \$20.99**

Orson Scott Card*Empire*

In a near future world, the American Empire is shattering into a civil war between the Right and the Left, between high-technology weapons on the one side and militia foot-soldiers on the other, devastating the country, while the peaceful majority uses all of its wits, technological ingenuity, and strategy to hold the people and government together. **CD \$78 HC \$51.95**

Jean-Claude Carriere*Please, Mr Einstein*

Sixty years after the death of Albert Einstein, a physics student interested in his theories about the nonexistence of time finds the eminent scientist in a central European office building and undertakes a private lesson during which they discuss such topics as light, relativity, and world peace. **HC \$45.95**

C J Cherryh*Fortress of Ice (Fortress)*

A new installment of the popular series that began with *Fortress in the Eye of Time* follows the newly crowned Cefwyn, whose efforts to rebuild his kingdom are challenged by a sinister force that threatens the land's precarious peace through Cefwyn's own son. **HC \$51.95**

Simon Clark*Death's Dominion*

When a scientist discovers a way to bring the dead back to life, using them as slave labor, the government, disgusted by, and afraid of, these hideous, yet docile creatures, sets out to destroy them, until one of the creatures decides to take a stand. **APB \$17.95**

James Clemens*Hinterland (Godslayer 02)*

When a skull, deformed and corrupted by dark Graces, is discovered, former Shadowknight Tylar races against time to save Myrillia from the Cabal, daemonic naethryn intent on the utter destruction of the Nine Lands, a quest that leads him into the heart of the Hinterland, a desolate region from which no Shadowknight has ever returned. **HC \$51.95**

Cameron Dean*Passionate Thirst (Candace Steele Vampire Killer 01)*

In the first of a trilogy of supernatural romance novels featuring vampire killer Candace Steele, Candace is working undercover in a Las Vegas casino as she stalks Sin City's undead, when she is assigned to a security detail for popular singer Temptation McCoy, a job that is complicated by the return of her former lover, seductive vampire Ash. **APB \$17.95**

Philip K Dick*A Scanner Darkly*

Substance D - otherwise known as Death - is the most dangerous drug ever to find its way on to the black market. It destroys the links between the brain's two hemispheres, leading first to disorientation and then to complete and irreversible brain damage. Bob Arctor, undercover narcotics agent, is trying to find a lead to the source of supply, but to pass as an addict he must become a user, and soon, without knowing what is happening to him, he is as dependent as any of the addicts he is monitoring. **GN \$29.95**

William C Dietz*Runner (Runner 01)*

Jak Rebo, an interstellar courier, is assigned the task of delivering a future religious leader to his people, a mission complicated by would be assassins and by a young woman possessing the secret to instantaneous travel between star systems. **APB \$19.95**

David Eddings*Pawn of Prophecy (Belgariad 01)***BPB \$19.95***Queen of Sorcery (Belgariad 02)***BPB \$19.95***Magician's Gambit (Belgariad 03)***BPB \$19.95***Castle of Wizardry (Belgariad 04)***BPB \$19.95***Enchanter's End Game (Belgariad 05)***BPB \$19.95****Gina Farago***Ivy Cole and the Moon*

Ivy, a werewolf with the ability to choose her victims, arrives in the town of Doe Springs to eliminate the unsavory folks who reside there, but something else has taken up residence in the land, with an unconscionable appetite that targets the ones Ivy loves. **APB \$19.95**

David Farland*Sons of the Oak (Runelords 05)*

Eight years after the events of *The Lair of the Bones*, the death of Gaborn, the supernatural Earth King, ignites a revolution sparked by powerful immortal beings who are targeting Gaborn's son Fallion, whose potential power could transform the world. **HC \$56.95**

Christine Feehan

Dark Celebration (Carpathian)

Carpathians are an immortal race of beings with animal instincts and the ability to shape shift. Every Carpathian male is drawn to a life mate: a woman - Carpathian or human - able to provide the light to his darkness. Without her, the beast within slowly consumes the man until turning into a vampire is the only option.' Mikhail Dubrinsky, Prince of the Carpathians, fears he can't protect his people from the extinction of their species - a fate that has become the wicked prayer of his enemies, who plot to slaughter all Carpathian females. Mikhail's lifemate, Raven, and their daughter, Savannah, are both vulnerable to the encroaching evil, but all is not lost. In this desperate season, Carpathians from around the world are gathering to join their strengths, their souls and their powers. But so too are their adversaries uniting - hunters, vampires, demons and betrayers - bringing untold dangers into the fold of the Carpathian people... **TP \$32.95**

Conspiracy Game

When Jack Norton, a genetically enhanced telepathic assassin on a mission in the jungles of the Congo, is left vulnerable to rebel forces, he finds an ally in Briony, a strange beauty on a mission of her own that leads them both into a deadly global conspiracy. **APB \$19.95**

Jasper Fforde

Big Over Easy CD (Nursery Crimes 01 CD)

It's Easter in Reading - a bad time for eggs - and no one can remember the last sunny day. Humpty Dumpty, well-known nursery favourite, large egg, ex-convict and former millionaire philanthropist is found shattered beneath a wall in a shabby area of town. Following the pathologist's careful reconstruction of Humpty's shell, Detective Inspector Jack Spratt and his Sergeant Mary Mary are soon grappling with a sinister plot involving cross-border money laundering, the illegal Bearnaise sauce market, corporate politics and the cut and thrust world of international Chiropody. As Jack and Mary stumble around the streets of Reading in Jack's Lime Green Austin Allegro, the clues pile up, but Jack has his own problems to deal with. And on top of everything else, the JellyMan is coming to town... **CD \$35**

Fourth Bear CD (Nursery Crimes 02 CD)

The Gingerbreadman - psychopath, sadist, genius, convicted murderer and biscuit - is loose in the streets of Reading. It isn't Jack Spratt's case. He and Mary Mary have been demoted following Jack's poor judgement involving the poisoning of Mr Bun the baker. Missing Persons looks like a boring assignment until a chance leads them onto the hunt for missing journalist Henrietta 'Goldy' Hatchett, star reporter for The Daily Mole. The last witnesses to see her alive were The Three Bears, comfortably living out a life of rural solitude in Andersen's wood. But all is not what it seems. How could the bears' porridge be at such disparate temperatures when they were poured at the same time? Was there a fourth bear? And if there was, who was he, and why did he try to disguise Goldy's death as a freak accident in the nearby SommeWorld 1st World War theme park? **CD \$35**

Eric Flint

1812: The Rivers of War

In a tale of alternate history set on America's western frontier, the Cherokee are united in the face of mutual enemies, finding allies among the politicians of the day and escaped slaves, forming an Indian Nation that will play an important role in such conflicts as the Battle of Horseshoe Bend and the Battle of New Orleans. **PB \$19.95**

Kate Forsyth Australian Author

The Silver Horse (Chain of Charms 02)

Once there was a gypsy queen who wore on her wrist a chain of six lucky charms - a golden crown, a silver horse, a butterfly caught in amber, a cat's eye shell, a bolt of lightning forged from the heart of a falling star, and the flower of the rue plant, herb of grace. The queen gave each of her six children one of the charms as their lucky talisman, but ever since the chain of charms was broken, the gypsies had been dogged with misfortune. Emilia and her cousin Luka have the gypsy crown, and are travelling with their menagerie in search of the Hearne tribe. They hope that this family, to whom they will soon be related, will surely help release their kin from gaol. Luka and Emilia find the Hearnese horseracing on the Downs above Epsom. But Emilia must compete to win their support. Will she have to give up her beloved mare in exchange for the Hearne family's charm - a small silver horse? And can they escape Coldham again? **HC \$16.95**

M A Foster

Book of the Ler

Originally published in 1985, this gripping trio of novels that explore what it means to be human--The Gameplayers of Zan, The Warriors of Dawn, and The Day of the Klesh--centers around an alternate bioengineered "superhuman" race on Earth called the Ler and their intricate civilizations throughout the galaxy. **TP \$30.95**

Yasmine Galenorn

Witchling

The D'Artigo sisters--a clan of half-human, half-faerie operatives for the Otherworld Intelligence Agency--must stop Shadow Wing and his demons from crawling into our world through the Wayfarer Inn, a portal to another realm and a hangout for both humans and immortals alike. **APB \$17.95**

Christopher Golden & Thomas E Sniegowski

Stones Unturned (Menagerie)

When a demon escapes from the fiery depths below, seeking an ally in Danny Ferrick, a changeling who is tormented by his brutal past and primal needs, the other members of the menagerie must save Danny from himself before he takes down all of humanity. **APB \$19.95**

Jon Courtenay Grimwood

End of the World Blues

Kit Nouveau didn't escape himself when he flew to Japan. He runs a bar in the Roppongi district of Tokyo and is having an affair with the wife of a High Yakusa ganglord. All things considered being held up at gunpoint isn't a complete shock. The pale girl in the black cloak appearing from nowhere and punching an ivory spike into the man's head on the other hand ...Nijie has stolen fifteen million dollars, she's on the run, she's just killed a man and she has a cat who knows more than it should. It's a lot to deal with when you haven't even left school. But Nijie is really Lady Neku. And it is time for her to stop mewling in the darkness. And suddenly, the girl who became Lady Neku understands she's never really been anyone else. And in a sentient castle at the end of world Lady Neku otherwise known as Baroness Nawa-no-ukiyo, Countess High Strange and chatelaine of Schloss Omgaa realises that a man called Kit has stolen some of her memories. **TP \$32.95 HC \$49.95**

Barbara Hambly*Circle of the Moon (Moon 02)*

In a sequel to *Sisters of the Raven*, Raeshaldis, the only woman formally trained in the old systems of male magic, allies herself with the beautiful concubine Summerchild to found a motley group of magic-wielding women who would protect their land from deadly water monsters and an attempt to dethrone the king. **APB \$17.95**

Elizabeth Hand*Saffron and Brimstone: Strange Stories*

An expansion of the World Fantasy Award-winning, limited-release Bibliomancy includes such tales as "The Least Trumps," in which a lonely woman reaches out to the world through symbols, and "Pavane for a Prince of the Air," in which a recently departed soul experiences unrest after being subjected to neo-pagan rituals. **TP \$30.95**

Charlaine Harris*Grave Sight (Harper Connelly 01)*

A young woman possessing the ability to uncover the final location of a recently deceased individual and to share their last moments, Harper Connelly, aided by her manager, occasional bodyguard, and stepbrother Tolliver, uses her skill to find the dead. **PB \$19.95**

Grave Surprise (Harper Connelly 02)

While giving a college class a demonstration of her unique talent to find the dead and see their final moments of life, Harper Connelly is stunned to discover two bodies in a single grave--one the original occupant, one a recently deceased girl--and joins forces with her stepbrother Tolliver to find a killer. **HC \$49.95**

Robert A Heinlein*Farnham's Freehold*

After barely surviving a thermonuclear war, Hugh Farnham and a small group of survivors find themselves in a post-apocalyptic world in which Africans rule and whites are slaves. Reprint. **TP \$30.95**

Amanda Hemingway*The Traitor's Sword (Sangeal's 02)*

The albino Bartlemy Goodman is approximately 1500 years old; born in Byzantium during the decline of the Roman Empire he now resides in the village of Thornyhill, England with his dog, Hoover. Bartlemy is one of the Gifted. But long experience has taught him the perils of the power of the witch-kind and so throughout the ages has channelled his considerable talents into cooking, his culinary prowess becoming the stuff of legend: he worked for the Borgias, and was among the first to discover chocolate. When a young homeless woman holding a baby turns up on Bartlemy's doorstep, he senses destiny at work. The woman's name is Annie Ward and her son, Nathan, is an exceptional child as Annie cannot account for his conception. Soon Bartlemy comes to believe that the boy was created beyond the Gate of Death by a superior being for a special purpose – one that may threaten all of witch-kind – and that it is his job to protect him. Whilst Nathan grows, strange occurrences begin to plague the village. The Thorn family, who gave their name to the village and have lived close by since pre-Christian times, were once the guardians of a strange cup of greenish stone, set with jewels. When it was sold to a Jewish collector in Austria by the black sheep of the family, who absconded with it in the 1920's, the family's fortune soon disappeared in turn. Rumoured to have been stolen by the Nazis during the war, it has now turned up at Sotheby's and Bartlemy joins his friend, Rowena Thorn, the last of the Thorns, who is determined to get it back by proving the original sale false. But the matter becomes complicated and sinister when Nathan discovers the body of the Austrian owner in the wood nearby and begins to experience disturbing visions involving the cup itself. **APB \$20.99**

Howard V Hendrix*The Spears of God*

Around the world, ruthless power seekers will do anything to seize control of ancient meteorites rumored to contain mysterious matter capable of granting the power of telepathy, but the murderous thieves are unaware that the meteorites possess deadly secrets that could destroy all humankind. **TP \$30.95**

James Herbert*Nobody True*

Returning from an out-of-body experience only to discover that he has been murdered, James True suspects the work of a serial killer who has been terrorizing the city and sets out in spirit form to discover the truth, an endeavor that is complicated by the discovery that his loved ones are the killer's next targets. **APB \$19.95**

James A Hetley*Dragon's Teeth*

Two unusual families living in Stonefort, Maine--the shapeshifting Morgans and the Haskell witches--find their uneasy, generations-long alliance threatened by the vengeful spirit of a dark sorcerer, desperate to live once again, as they are forced to unite once again against a common enemy, or turn against one another. By the author of *Dragon's Eye*. **TP \$28.95**

Sarah A Hoyt*Draw One in the Dark*

A shape-shifter capable of transforming into a savage black panther, sometimes without her control, Kyrie wanders from town to town, searching for a way to become truly human again, until she encounters a shape-shifting co-worker who changes into a ferocious dragon, a meeting that draws her into the dangerous world of the shifters and a quest for the Pearl of Heaven. **HC \$51.95**

Faith Hunter*Bloodring*

In a near future world marked by apocalyptic religious strife, Thorn St. Croix, a powerful neomage living secretly among humankind, channels her gift of stone-magery into jewelry making, until a handsome police officer, Thaddeus Bartholomew, warns her that her ex-husband has been kidnapped, and Thorn must risk revealing her identity to help find him. **TP \$28.95**

Shaun Hutson*Dying Words*

Can it be true that God demands a terrible price of those He has gifted with great creativity? Giacomo Cassano, little known mentor of Dante, thought so. He held other beliefs too - beliefs that the Church found so abhorrent they had Cassano blinded and his tongue cut out to silence him forever.

Bestselling biographer Megan Hunter's new book about Cassano looks set to be as successful as her previous biographies of Caravaggio and Dante. As she embarks on a publicity tour, Megan finds her book attracting attention for the wrong reasons when her editor is found horrifically murdered. It is a classic locked-room mystery. The only evidence are the destroyed remains of Megan Hunter's Cassano biography and the latest blockbuster by horror writer John Paxton. But there is nothing to link the two authors. Nothing but another murder. And another.

And a secret beyond the belief of even Cassano himself . . . **HC \$49.95**

Jessica Inclin*Reason to Believe*

When his memory returns, revealing that he is no ordinary mortal, Rufus Valasay, who has been nursed back to health by a beautiful fair-haired stranger named Fabia Fair, must protect this woman from an ancient evil that will destroy anything in its path to get to him. **TP \$26.95**

Tamara Siler Jones*Valley of the Soul*

The dour Detective Dubric Byerly returns in the third and final installment of a trilogy of fantasy mysteries, which began with Ghosts in the Snow and Threads of Malice, to search for a killer who is mixing black magic and murder. **APB \$17.95**

Robert Jordan Author*Crown of Swords CD (Wheel of Time 07)*

24 CDs, 31 hours unabridged.

In this volume, Elayne, Aviendha, and Mat come ever closer to the bowl ter'angreal that may reverse the world's endless heat wave and restore natural weather. Egwene begins to gather all manner of women who can channel Sea Folk, Windfinders, Wise Ones, and some surprising others. And above all, Rand faces the dread Forsaken Sammael, in the shadows of Shadar Logoth, where the blood-hungry mist, Mashadar, waits for prey.

CD \$140

Steven L Kent*Rogue Clone*

A clone bred to be an ultimate fighter, Lt. Wayson Harris, outlawed due to an addiction to violence and independent thoughts, heeds the call of battle and helps the Unified Authority, which controls Earth's colonies, defeat the separatist rebels who are waging war on the galaxy. **APB \$19.95**

Paul Kidby*Calendar 2007: Discworld Collector's Edition*

The Discworld Calendar is a perennial favourite, and this year's will be just as sumptuously illustrated, with the dates just as exhaustively realised as ever. The 2007 Calendar will also be slightly different, for the Discworld, always quick to latch on to new innovations, is going photographic - that's photography Discworld-style! No Discworld fan will want to be without this masterpiece of Discworld art, featuring many of the world's favourite characters, including Tiffany Aching and Granny Weatherwax, Captain Carrot and the men of the Watch, and, of course, Death Himself ... **\$29.95**

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...

APB \$19.95

Lisey's Story

Lisey Landon lost her husband Scott two years ago, after a twenty-five-year marriage of profound, sometimes frightening intimacy. Scott was a celebrated, award-winning, novelist. And a complex man. Lisey knew there was a dark place where her husband ventured to face his demons. Boo'ya Moon is what Scott called it; a realm that both terrified and healed him, that could eat him alive or give him the ideas he needed to write and live. Now it's Lisey's turn to face her husband's demons. And what begins as a widow's effort to sort through her husband's effects becomes a perilous journey into the heart of darkness. **HC \$55 TP \$32.95 CD \$75**

Rose Madder CD

Roused by a single drop of blood, Rosie Daniels wakes up to the chilling realization that her husband is going to kill her. And she takes flight. She begins to build a new life, but her husband is getting closer. **CD \$75**

Insomnia CD

Ralph's insomnia gets worse when Ed Deepneau gets out of control. Ed is obsessed with the notion that Derry is becoming the new Armageddon and that time is ticking away for the residents. An evil of imaginable proportions has begun and Ralph has one chance to beat it. **CD \$75**

Mindy Klasky*Girl's Guide to Witchcraft*

When lonely librarian Jane Madison stumbles upon a hidden chamber containing a vast array of ancient books on witchcraft, she discovers a spell that makes her irresistible to men and wreaks magical havoc on her life. **TP \$28.95**

Richard A Knaak*The Eye of Charon (Conan Hyborian Adventures Soldier's Quest 02)*

Warrior Nermesa Klandes, after his first assignment ends in bloodshed, must embark on a dangerous mission when caravans from Aquilonia's neighbors are being slaughtered by an unknown enemy, plunging him into a world of dark magic and demonic powers that could destroy King Conan. **APB \$17.95**

Dierdre Knight*Parallel Heat*

In a world on the verge of destruction, alien warrior Marco McKinley and his greatest enemy, soldier Thea Haven, discover that they have met before in an alternate universe and are bound together by betrayal, vengeance, and passion. **APB \$17.95**

Kathleen Korbel*Dangerous Temptation*

APB \$14.95

Mercedes Lackey*Jinx High (Diana Tregarde 03)*

While enjoying a visit with an old friend in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Diana Tregarde discovers that a malevolent combination of sex and blood magic is behind relatively normal teenage jealousies and infatuations at the local high school, one ruled by Fay Harper, a powerful sorceress hundreds of years old who takes over the bodies of her own daughters to remain eternally young. **TP \$26.95**

Mercedes Lackey & Roberta Gellis*Ill Met By Moonlight (Sceptred Isle 02)*

In the sequel to This Scepter'd Isle, the battle over the fate of sixteenth-century England continues as the evil Unseleighe Sidhe, under the dark leadership of Vidal, continue their plans to prevent Elizabeth's rise to the throne, while Denoriel, a member of the good Sidhe of elfland, continues to protect the young princess against their enemies' evil plots. **APB \$19.95**

Edward Lee*Slither*

Arriving on a remote island for what she thinks is a routine zoological expedition, Nora discovers something far worse as she and her team stumble upon dead bodies and fall victim to a legion of worms that take over their bodies and minds. **APB \$17.95**

Michael Liddy*Openland* **TP \$29.95****Katie MacAlister***Light My Fire (Aisling Grey)*

Aisling Grey, a demon lord and Guardian, resolves to keep a safe distance from Drake, the wyvern of the green dragons and her mate, after he breaks her heart, while dealing with the entire population of imps who are out for blood when her doggie demon companion accidentally eats their ruler. **APB \$17.95**

Cheyenne McCray*Seduced By Magic*

An accomplished D'Anu witch, Copper Ashcroft is thrust into a mysterious Otherworld when a spell backfires and finds herself trapped with Tiernan, a powerful and seductive Tuatha D'Danann warrior, with whom she must unite to keep a terrifying evil from being unleashed on an unprotected city. **APB \$17.95**

Jack McDevitt*Odyssey*

To overcome humankind's waning interest in interstellar travel, a special deep space mission is sent to uncover the truth about "moonriders," strange lights witnessed in nearby systems, but the team soon discovers that their mission has become far more dangerous when they stumble upon the perilous truth about the moonriders. By the author of Chindi. **HC \$51.95**

Lindsay McKenna*Unforgiven* **APB \$14.95****Teresa Medeiros***The Vampire Who Loved Me*

Five years after saving the life of vampire Julian Kane, beautiful Portia Cabot is reunited with the seductive creature of the night, whose fruitless pursuit of his stolen mortality and his lost soul has reduced him to an existence of drunken debauchery. **APB \$17.95**

China Mieville*Looking For Jake*

Step into a London ravaged by unearthly creatures at once utterly alien and chillingly familiar. In China Miéville's award-winning novella *The Tain*, we learn the reason for the invaders' terrible revenge. One survivor must trek through the ruins of the city with a desperate plan to stand against their assault. In addition to *The Tain*, this superb collection contains thirteen short stories, of visionary cityscapes and urban paranoia, ghosts, monsters and impossible diseases. Several of the stories are published here for the first time: these include one set in New Crobuzon, the location of the award-winning series of novels that began with *Perdido Street Station*; and one in comic-strip form, illustrated by top graphic artist Liam Sharp. This collection displays the sheer imaginative scope of China Miéville's work. **APB \$19.95**

Deborah Miller*Swarmthief's Dance*

Long ago, there was war in Heaven. Rann, guardian of the Underworld, fought with the Nulefi, and in that battle the Nulefi were defeated. But though their bodies were destroyed, the spirits of the Nulefi remained, and they wander the world of Myr, cloaked in the shattered form of the Swarms, waiting for the moment of their revenge.

Now they have re-awoken, and one human boy, Vivreki, has witnessed that rebirth. The Swarm calls to him, whispers to him the secrets of a vanished age. To Vivreki this seems a miracle, but to his masters it is heresy. For very few now honour the elder gods, and those who still do are wise to keep silent about it.

In fear and peril of his life, Vivreki is hidden away from those that would kill him for his special knowledge. His memory is erased, his past denied, and a new life started for him half a world away. But the Nulefi have not forgotten Vivreki – he alone can hear them, and now he alone can save them. And as the Nulefi struggle to reach their only ally in the world, Herrukal – father of the gods – discerns the rise of a new power on Myr that he will not tolerate. **APB \$21.95**

L E Modesitt Jr*Soarer's Choice (Corean Chronicles 06)*

As the Alector civilization plans to abandon Corus for a rich new world, the planet Corus will be cut off from the civilizing government of the Alectors and used for a dumping ground for malcontents, despite the efforts of honest Alectors such as Dainyl, but the mysterious Ancients, the Soarers, may have a powerful weapon at their disposal. **HC \$56.95**

Stuart Moore*Reality Bites (Dark Future)*

It's the day after the day after tomorrow and the civilized world fights hard to maintain its façade. Against this backdrop, animal rights campaigners wage a secret war on the corporations who experiment on defenceless creatures. Only one man, Baton MacKay, can stop the violence and he's bringing his robot monkey with him! **APB \$16**

Christopher Moore*Bloodsucking Fiends*

Jody never asked to become a vampire. But when she wakes up under an alley Dumpster with a badly burned arm, an aching neck, superhuman strength, and a distinctly Norferatuan thirst, she realises the decision has been made for her. Making the transition from the nine-to-five grind to an eternity of nocturnal prowlings is going to take some doing, however, and that's where C. Thomas Flood fits in. A would-be Kerouac from Incontinence, Indiana, Tommy (to his friends) is biding his time night-clerking and frozen turkey bowling in a San Francisco Safeway.

But all that changes when a beautiful, undead redhead walks through the door . . . and proceeds to rock Tommy's life - and afterlife - in ways he never imagined possible. **BPB \$22.95**

Audrey Niffenegger*The Adventuress*

Kidnapped by a lecherous baron, an alchemist's daughter transforms herself into a moth and escapes to the garden of butterfly collector Napoleon Bonaparte, but their love affair ultimately ends in tragedy, in a gothic fantasy romance by the author of *The Time Traveler's Wife*. **HC \$56.95**

Larry Niven & Jerry Pournelle*Burning Tower*

Burning Tower, the daughter of Wandhall Feathersnake, and her young lover, Younglord Sandry, embark on a perilous quest to uncover the source of the giant, ferocious birds terrorizing Tep's Town, following the trail to a mysterious land ruled by magic and inhabited by the Huitzilatecs, a people who are controlling the birds for their own dark purpose. **APB \$19.95**

Susan Spencer Paul*Touch of Desire*

Known as the Dewin Mawr, the Great Sorcerer, to those with magical gifts, the Earl of Graymar, a descendant of an ancient Welsh clan of magic makers, gets more than he had bargained for when he meets mortal Sarah Tamony, a beautiful and passionate storyteller. **APB \$17.95**

Terry Pratchett*Diary 2007: Ankh-Morpork Post Office Handbook*

The Post Office: this musty, dusty and sh***y organisation was jolted back into life in *Going Postal*. Hidebound and rulebound, the Post Office is creaking towards a brave new world of efficiency - and it may even deliver the mail, too. But like all bureaucracies, the Ankh-Morpork Post Office has its rules and regulations and these, together with the history of this once-great department, are highlighted and parodied in the *Ankh-Morpork Post Office Handbook*. **HC \$29.95**

Cherie Priest*The Prestige (Film Tie-In)*

Two 19th century stage illusionists, the aristocratic Rupert Angier and the working-class Alfred Borden, engage in a bitter and deadly feud; the effects are still being felt by their respective families a hundred years later. Working in the gaslight-and-velvet world of Victorian music halls, both men prowl edgily in the background of each other's shadowy life, driven to the extremes by a deadly combination of obsessive secrecy and insatiable curiosity. At the heart of the row is an amazing illusion they both perform during their stage acts. The secret of the magic is simple, and the reader is in on it almost from the start, but to the antagonists the real mystery lies deeper. Both have something more to hide than the mere workings of a trick. **PB \$22.95**

Robert Rankin*The Toyminator (Eddie Bear)*

Somewhere over the rainbow and just off the Yellow Brick Road stands Toy City, formerly known as Toy Town. And things are not going well for the city's inhabitants. There have been outbreaks of STC - Spontaneous Toy Combustion - and there are strange signs and portents in the Heavens. Preachers of Toy City's many religions are predicting that the End Times are approaching and that a Toy City Apocalypse will soon come to pass. But can this possibly be true, or is there a simple explanation - an alien invasion, for instance. With the body count rising and the forces of law and order baffled, it is the time for a hero to step forward and attempt to save the day. Well, two heroes actually, Eddie Bear, Toy City Private Eye and his loyal sidekick, Jack: our courageous twosome are about to face their biggest challenge yet, to save not only toykind, but the world of mankind too. Which should keep them out of the pub for a while. **HC \$49.95 TP \$29.95**

Melanie Rawn*Spellbinder*

The secret world of witches and wizards who make New York City their home, including successful writer Holly McClure, must use their magic to protect the city when a black coven run by a murderous psychopath threatens to unleash its terror, and nothing can stop the rampage, except for magic. **HC \$51.95**

J D Robb*Born in Death (Eve Dallas 23)*

Eve Dallas has a grisly double homicide to solve when two young lovers - both employees of the same prestigious accounting firm - are brutally killed on the same night. It doesn't leave Eve a lot of leftover time to put together a baby shower for her best-friend Mavis, but that's supposedly what friends are for. Now Mavis needs another favour. Tandy Willowby, one of the mothers-to-be in Mavis's birthing class, didn't show up for the shower. Having only recently arrived from London, Tandy has few friends in New York, and no family - and she was really looking forward to the party. And when Eve enters Tandy's apartment and finds a gift for Mavis wrapped and ready on the table - and a packed bag for the hospital still on the floor next to it she realises something is wrong. Normally, such a case would be turned over to Missing Persons. But Mavis asks for Eve's help - and she can't say no. She'll have to track Tandy down while simultaneously investigating the deals and double-crosses hidden in the files of some of the city's richest and most secretive citizens, in a race against this particularly vicious killer. **HC \$51.95 TP \$32.95**

Nora Roberts*Valley of Silence (Circle 03)*

Having travelled through the Dance of the Gods to the land of Geall, the six members of the circle finds themselves convincing then training the people of Geall to defeat Lilith's vampire army. The Valley of Silence is a forbidding place for the battle of all battles, but the circle continues to prepare through a series of magical tests that improve their strengths both individually and as a team. Moira finds herself playing the roles of warrior and royal, as she follows the tradition of her people and prepares to take the crown before leading them into battle. She must also deal with her feelings for Cian, who she finds her thoughts turning to more often than not. And how will the people of Geall fare against an army of blood-thirsty vampires who have had centuries to prepare? VALLEY OF SILENCE is part of The Circle Trilogy, Nora Roberts' magical new series of paranormal romances. Six strangers - a sorcerer, a witch, a shape-shifter, scholar, warrior and vampire - find danger, friendship and the chance of love, as they unite in a battle against an ancient evil... **APB \$19.95**

Joel Rosenberg*Paladins*

In a seventeenth-century alternate universe in which Mordred had defeated King Arthur, establishing a Pendragon dynasty that rules much of the world, three Knights of the Order discover that a red sword--a weapon inhabited by the soul of a powerful but evil individual--has been discovered and set out to prevent it from falling into the wrong hands. **APB \$19.95**

Mary Rosenblum*Horizons*

Ahni Huang is hunting for her brother's killer. As a class 9 empath with advanced biogenetic augmentations, she has complete mental and physical control of her body, and can read other people's intentions before they can even think them. Ahni soon finds though, that there are deceptions behind deceptions, and in the middle of it lies the fate of her brother.

Earth is in the midst of a political struggle between the World Council, which governs humankind, and the Platforms, which orbit high above Earth. On the Platform New York Up, "upsider" life is different. They have their own culture, values, and ambitions - and now they want their independence from Earth. One upsider leader, Dane Nilson, is determined to accomplish this goal, but he has a secret, one that could condemn him to death.

When Ahni stumbles upon Dane during her quest for vengeance, her fate becomes inextricably linked to his. Together they must delve beyond the intrigue and manipulative schemes to get to the core of truth: a truth that will shape the future of the Platforms and shatter any preconceived notions of what defines the human race. **HC \$51.95**

Stephanie Rowe*Must Love Dragons*

Tired of being a dragon and of celibacy, Theresa Nichols makes a deal with Satan to shed her dragon guise in order to meet her online paramour, Zeke Siccardi, a recovering dragon slayer turned private detective, but their growing relationship could turn to ashes when Satan threatens to turn her back into a dragon if she does not give him the Goblet of Eternal Youth. **APB \$16.95**

Michelle Sagara*Cast in Shadow* **BPB \$19.95****John Scalzi***Android's Dream*

To avoid an interstellar incident, ex-cop and hacker Harry Creek, aided by Brian Javna, a childhood friend turned AI, searches for a rare type of sheep to be used in an alien race's coronation ceremony, following a trail that leads to pet store owner Robin Baker, whose genes contain traces of the sheep DNA. **HC \$52.95**

Robert Scott & Jay Gordon*Lessek's Key (Eldarn 02)*

The Larion spell table has been dormant for nearly a thousand Twinmoons. It waits in a forgotten chamber in Sandcliff Palace, the abandoned Larion Senate stronghold on Eldarn's North Sea. The spell table holds the power to see the people of the five lands safely through the oppression and brutality that have haunted them for generations, but without Lessek's key it is a worthless slab of granite - and Lessek's key itself is just a nondescript stone. Steven Taylor and Mark Jenkins overlooked on the night they fell through the far portal into Eldarn. Retrieving the key and freeing Eldarn's people rests with Steven Taylor, the would-be sorcerer from Colorado, who is racing across America with Nerak, the fallen Larion dictator, hot on his heels. Steven must reach Idaho Springs and find Lessek's key before it falls into Nerak's hands and is lost for ever - and with it, the lives of untold millions, in both of Steven's worlds. Return with Steven Taylor to Eldarn, where the magic of Lessek and the Larion Senators waits for the restoration of Lessek's key. **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95**

Mike Shepard*Kris Longknife: Resolute (Kris Longknife 04)*

Followed by trouble at every turn, Kris Longknife, commander of the remote system of Chance, captures the pirates responsible for sabotaging the buoys that mark the jump points of interstellar travel, exposing the location of a miraculous technology that she must risk her life to protect. **APB \$19.95**

Adam Stemple*Singer of Souls*

Leaving behind a life of petty crime and drug abuse, young guitarist Douglas finds himself under the watchful eye of his stern but fair-minded Scottish grandmother, but when he is tempted to return to his past behaviors, he discovers an ability to see the fey folk. **APB \$17.95**

S M Stirling*The Sky People*

In 1988, with the Cold War raging, Marc Vitrac is assigned to Jamestown, the U.S. Commonwealth base on Venus and discovers a perilous world marked by a vast wilderness swarming with prehistoric dinosaurs, sabertooths, and lost races of people, where he confronts a long-lost secret that could threaten the entire human race. **HC \$51.95**

Thomas Sullivan*The Water Wolf*

A professional dispeller of myths and manipulation, Lane Andersen journeys to Ireland to investigate the legend of the Water Wolf, who guards the gates of hell, where he falls in love with a woman of inhuman origins and discovers an underground world where the evil that killed his father waits for him. **APB \$19.95**

J R R Tolkien*The Silmarillion (Centenary Edition)*

The Silmarillion is the story of the creation of Middle-earth, telling of its mythology and its most ancient history, and of the peoples who dwelt there during the heroic First Age, long before the time of The Lord of the Rings. It tells of the fashioning of three perfect jewels—the 'Silmarilli'—by Feanor, most gifted of the Elves, and how the Light of the Two Trees of Valinor, the blessed realm, came to be imprisoned in the jewels. It tells also of how the first Dark Lord, Morgoth, stole the jewels and set them within his iron crown in the fortress of Angband; and how Feanor and his kindred waged a long, and hopeless, war against the great Enemy to recover them. The volume also contains the tale of the downfall of Numenor, and the lyrical love story of Beren and Luthien. **HC \$49.99**

Karen Traviss*Matriach*

Rendered immortal by a parasite in her blood, former police officer Shan Frankland undertakes a desperate mission of revenge that could have profound implications for the future, while the crew of the Eqbas is forced to deal with a devastating civil war on the ecologically ravaged planet of the isenj, an insect-like species. **APB \$19.95**

Catherynne Valente*In the Night Garden*

A collection of interconnected fairy tales for adults journeys into a fantastical world populated by living stars, wild horsewomen, snake-gods, and beast-princesses, in the first of a two-volume set by the author of The Labyrinth. **TP \$28.95**

S L Viehl*Afterburn (Stardoc Biorescue 02)*

Assigned to protect the delegates of the Allied League of Worlds, Sub-Lieutenant Burn mu Znora and his Bio Rescue team are confronted by danger in the person of the daughter of one of the ambassadors, who is hiding a deadly secret. **APB \$19.95**

David Weber & Linda Evans*Hell's Gate (Multiverse 01)*

The vast Union of Arcana has expanded its wealth and power by laying claim to one uninhabited planet after another through the portals linking parallel universes, until they discover a new portal that leads to another human society, Sharona, which has also been exploring the Multiverse and is dedicated to science rather than to magic. **HC \$52.95**

Karen Whiddon*Missing Magic*

To save his people from a great evil, Cenrick, a sorcerer prince, enters the world of mortals to convince policewoman Dee Bishop to help him in his dangerous quest, bringing much-needed magic into her life. **APB \$17.95**

John C Wright*Fugitives of Chaos*

Raised in a strict British boarding school, five orphans—Amelia, Vanity, Colin, Quentin, and Victor—discover that they are not truly human, but rather have been kidnapped from their real parents, robbed of their powers, and raised in ignorance by a variety of super-beings, and now they must learn to control their individual unusual abilities in order to escape. **HC \$52.95**

Rebecca York*Moon Swept*

Deep in an eerie Georgia swamp, park ranger—and werewolf—Adam Marshall and beautiful botanist Sara Weston confront a coven of powerful witches, bent on revenge, in Witching Moon, and in Crimson Moon, werewolf Johnny Marshall finds his role as an ardent environmentalist dedicated to protecting the land from those who would abuse it undermined by his growing attraction to a ruthless lumber baron's beautiful daughter. **TP \$30.95**

Timothy Zahn*Night Train to Rigel*

When the Quadrail transportation system that connects the galaxy's worlds is threatened by a dangerous military force and a race of addictive coral producers, unemployed investigator Compton is enlisted to prevent the system's takeover, an assignment with links to a far-reaching conspiracy. **APB \$19.95**

Anthologies

L A Banks, Sherrilyn Kenyon, Ronda Thompson & Susan Squires

Love At First Bite

Four tales of supernatural romance and desire include "The Forgotten One" by Ronda Thompson, Susan Squires's "The Gift," "Ride the Night Wind" by L. A. Banks, and Sherrilyn Kenyon's "Until Death Do Us Part," in which, after five hundred years, an immortal Esperetta is reunited with her husband, a Dark-Hunter, to face down an old enemy. **APB \$17.95**

Jeffrey Deaver

More Twisted

Jeffery Deaver loves writing short stories. 'All bets are off,' he says. 'Short stories are like a sniper's bullet. Fast and shocking. I can make good bad and bad badder, and most fun of all, really bad seem good.' This is collection of short stories that is instantly gripping and impossible to put down.

TP \$32.95

Stephen Jones *Editor*

Mammoth Book of Best New Horror 17th Edition

A latest installment of an annual anthology features short stories and novellas from some of the horror genre's most popular names, including Neil Gaiman, Tanith Lee, and Ramsey Campbell, in a volume that is complemented by a yearly overview and fan contact addresses. **TP \$28.95**

Patricia A McKillip

Harrowing the Dragon

Spanning a quarter of a century, an anthology of previously uncollected short fiction by the World Fantasy Award-winning author explores a world of magic in such works as "The Harrowing of the Dragon of Hoarsbreath," "A Matter of Music," "The Fellowship of the Dragon," "The Lion and the Lark," "Toad," "Ash, Wood, Fire," "The Stranger," and more. **TP \$26.95**

Douglas Niles *Editor*

War of the Worlds: New Millennium

An updated version of H. G. Wells's classic science fiction novel of alien invasion, which pits humans with the technology of today against aliens, chronicles the events of the destruction from the perspective of a writer in rural Wisconsin, a soldier in the field, and a science advisor to the president. **APB \$19.95**

Brian M Thomsen & Jean Rabe *Editor*

Furry Fantastic

This imaginative collection of eighteen stories, celebrating the courage and honor of animals, from both our world and the realms beyond, features contributions from Jody Lynn Nye, Michael A. Stackpole, Keith DeCandido, and Judi Rohrig. **APB \$19.95**

Young Adult

Dragonology: Obscure Spells & Charms **\$12.95**

Goblins- The Outer Realm **HC \$29.95**

Malorie Blackman

Checkmate (Nought & Crosses 03)

Can the future ever erase the past? Rose has a Cross mother and a nought father in a society where the pale-skinned noughts are treated as inferiors and those with dual heritage face a life-long battle against deep-rooted prejudices. Sephy, her mother, has told Rose virtually nothing about her father, but as Rose grows into a young adult, she unexpectedly discovers the truth about her parentage and becomes determined to find out more, to honour both sides of her heritage. But her father's family has a complicated history - one tied up with the fight for equality for the nought population. And as Rose takes her first steps away from Sephy and into this world, she finds herself drawn inexorably into more and more danger. Suddenly it's a game of very high stakes that can only have one winner... **BPB \$19.95**

Tim Bowler

Walking With the Dead (Tales from the Dark Side)

Stevie is having an unhappy break with his father and his father's girlfriend. In a rage he storms off and eventually finds himself in a quiet courtyard where a strange old man is washing in an old well. Stevie takes the broken bell that the man leaves behind. That night he wakes to find ghostly figures in his room. Stevie finds himself drawn into their medieval world. Outcasts, excluded from the town, tell Stevie that the old man, their grandfather, is bent on risking everything to enter the town one last time. Stevie joins in following the old man to try to protect him from the pitiless mob of townfolk. **PB \$15.95**

Silvana de Mari

The Last Elf

In a world shrouded in darkness and continually lashed by rain, a naive young elf discovers he is part of a powerful prophecy: when the dragon and the last elf break the circle, the past and the future will meet, and the sun of a new summer will shine in the sky. On his journey, Yorsh will discover that humans are mysterious and flawed creatures, dogs are truly faithful, and dragons are not always easy to get along with! **HC \$19.95**

Terry Deary

Flight of the Fire Thief (Fire Thief 02)

Enter our narrator: Nell, a young girl and aspiring novelist, and her crafty Pa travel to the city with their stage show trying to get their audiences to open up pockets and purses. With the help of Nell, Terry Deary masterfully interweaves two plots, with the action jumping at whirlwind pace from mount Olympus to a gritty, ramshackle Eden City of 1795. Prometheus has a soft spot for humans in need, but using his powers to get his new friends out of trouble will betray his hiding place to the gods! **HC \$19.99**

Gideon Defoe

The Pirates: An Adventure with Communists (Pirates 03)

The extravagantly-bearded pirate captain and his motley crew, fresh from their encounter with Moby Dick, embark on a hilarious new adventure. From the gloomy streets of Soho to the leafy boulevards of Paris, this is a story of intellectual giants, enormous beards, volcanoes and Valkyries, doubloons and dancing girls, and a quest to discover whether ham really might be the opium of the people. **HC \$19.95**

Sam Enthoven*Black Tattoo*

Jack doesn't know what he's got himself into. One minute he and his best friend Charlie were up in Chinatown having crispy duck with Charlie's dad (and Jack was having to listen to Charlie shouting at his dad for leaving his mum) - then next minute they were in a mysterious room above a theatre, with some of the strangest characters they'd ever encountered. And they were about to take The Test... and something very very weird was about to begin.

The Test transformed Charlie - leaving him with the distinctive markings of the Black Tattoo - and with a temper that seemed out of control. The boys' meeting with Esme, a young girl with the most impressive martial arts skills this side of Bruce Lee, her huge and hairy father Raymond, and the mysterious Nick seemed to have swept Charlie and Jack into a world they had no idea existed. And it was only going to get stranger. **TP \$29.95**

John Flanagan Australian Author*The Sorcerer in the North (Ranger's Apprentice 05)*

Five years have passed since the Skandians and the Aralians made their treaty, and Will has finally become a Ranger, with his own fief to look after. He soon learns that even sleepy little island fiefs have problems to keep him on his toes.

Then he and his old friend Alyss are thrown into a terrifying new adventure, investigating the truth behind rumours of sorcery in a remote northern fief. As he stands in Grimsdell Forest, hearing eerie voices and seeing the horrific figure of the Night Warrior looming in the fog, Will must ask himself one question: is there a rational explanation ... or does sorcery really exist? **BPB \$16.95**

Cornelia Funke*Inkspell (Inkheart 02)*

Although a year has passed, not a day goes by without Meggie thinking of the extraordinary events of Inkheart, and the story whose characters strode out of the pages and changed her life for ever. But for Dustfinger, the fire-eater, torn from his world of words, the need to return has become desperate. When he finds a crooked storyteller with the magical ability to read him back, he sets in motion a dangerous reversal that sees the characters of Inkheart transported to a charmed Inkworld, about to be fought over by rival rebels and princes. **PB \$19.99**

Robert A Heinlein*Space Cadet*

Training to become a Space Cadet of the elite Solar Patrol, a paternalistic non-military academy whose graduates accept the solar system's most dangerous missions in their efforts to preserve humanity, Matt Dodson finds himself tested in severe and unexpected ways, in a new edition of the classic science fiction novel. **TP \$26.95**

Stuart Hill*Blade of Fire (Icemark 02)*

Twenty years have passed since the Icemark last defended itself from invasion. Now Scipio Bellorum is back - joined by his hideous twin sons and a terrifying fleet of sky ships. The Icemark's fate lies with Thirrin and Oskan, and their extraordinary allies, the Wolf-folk and giant Snow Leopards - and now their five children. But not all the royal siblings are ready for the task. What of Medea, the dark brooding daughter, poisoning the family from within? Or Sharley, the youngest and weakest son, sent into exile? Experience the tragedy and triumph as the children fight for their lives, their allies and their homeland. **PB \$19.99**

Brian Jacques*Voyage of Slaves (Castaway 03)*

Ben and his Labrador Ned, castaways of the Flying Dutchman, are destined to roam the earth across the centuries, never stopping in one place and never growing a single day older. Now adrift in the Mediterranean sea, the boy and his dog fall into the clutches of the Barbary Slave Lord, Al Misurata. And so begins a roaring adventure,, from the Libyan coast to the Italian border during which they gain good friends and encounter ruthless enemies in their quest for freedom. **HC \$35**

Tanith Lee*Wolf Star Rise*

Abducted from her wedding to Argul, chief of the Hulta, Claidi finds herself crossing a weather-mad ocean to a strange land, menaced by giant flowers, mysterious animals, and the Rise a great cliff topped by a mansion. Here lives the scientist Venn with his army of dull slaves and clockwork dolls. At dusk each night there is the rising of the flaming Wolf Star and the landscape becomes alive with Vrabburrs a sinister carnivorous hybrid of rabbit and tiger. Claidi is no longer free. Is she lost to Argul forever? **PB \$15.95**

John Marsden Australian Author*Circle of Flight (Ellie Chronicles)*

"You jam on the brakes and stop the ute right at your front door. You jump out. Not for the first time you run into a house that could be full of guns, with death waiting for you. You don't even think of that until you're crossing the threshold... You already know what you're going to find. Underneath the fear and horror and panic there's a cold realisation that Gavin's body will be somewhere in the house. You can picture what those bullets will have done to his little body."

It is a time of profound change for Ellie Linton. Enemies are everywhere. Some come crawling over the hills; others drive in and knock on the front door. Sometimes her friends are there and sometimes they are not. Ellie fights every inch of the way. But when courage and imagination are not enough, when she is trapped and helpless, Ellie must face the end of life as she knows it... standing alone, sustained only by her own strength.

HC \$29.95

Angela McAllister*Digory and the Lost King*

King Widget has gone missing. It's all very mysterious, and brave young Digory has been sent off to find him. But along the way a baby dragon befriends Digory and he is soon mistaken for a wizard! Feared by the locals for his possible enchantments, he is knocked out by a clomp of earth at a mud slinging match. The next thing Digory knows is he is locked up in the dungeon of Warlock's Haunt. However, in a merry twist of fate, Digory may well have stumbled upon the very answer to the riddle of the lost king. **PB \$14.95**

Roslyn J Motter Australian Author

Doofuzz Dudes: The Princess Detector (Doofuzz Dudes 02)

Toby and Huon Doofuzz, and their friends, William Mumford and Tom Halfweg, are exclusive members of the Doofuzz Dudes Club. In the second story of the Doofuzz Dudes series, they are called back to Moondar for an emergency. Crown Princess Krystina has been kidnapped by the evil Dreezles, and only the Dudes can save her. The quest to rescue the Princess leads the Dudes to the ghastly Marshes of Salcazar and to the home of the sinister Blabbel of Salcazar, the strange soothsayer who lives down at the bottom of a well. They travel across the land on a fabulous bird called a Hawthork, all the time searching for clues to the whereabouts of the missing Princess. Their search leads them to strange markets where they meet odd creatures called Quigglers, and to terrifying Mount Dredlock and the scary Dracmoor Castle. In their travels the Dudes have to face absolutely dreadful beasts, from ghastly killer Eezels to gruesome flying Gerdlocks. They also meet some fun creatures too, such as the clever and entertaining Springars. Do the Doofuzz Dudes find the kidnapped Princess? What terrible thing awaits them in Dracmoor Castle? What is the ingenious method Zarundok has invented to detect the whereabouts of the Princess? **BPB \$14.95**

Doofuzz Dudes: The Babbling bottles (Doofuzz Dudes 03)

In the third book in the series, the Doofuzz Dudes travel back to Moondar where a new Opera House has been built to celebrate King Toby's Coronation. Strangely, in this kingdom where everything else is made from chocolate, another building - made entirely from glass - has been erected just across from the Opera House. The Dudes discover the dodgy Blabbel of Salcazar owns the glass factory. But, why has he built it there, and what is it going to be manufactured in it? Come along on this new mission with the Dudes, on a helter skelter journey against time, and be dazzled by the devious Blabbel's ruthless desire to make money at all costs. Share their fear when the Dudes cross paths again with the evil Prince Florian. Travel with them through the hazardous Marshes of Carramel, inhabited by the dangerous mammoth Hizoons. Fly though time back to minus nineteen ninety nine in the hypnotically beautiful Moon Tree. Meet eccentric Lord Dimble of Dimblequirk and his 'girlfriend', the tempestuous red haired opera diva Iguana Lillee. Find out what amazing thing happens when Lillee performs at the Opera House. **BPB \$14.95**

Christopher Paolini

Eragon & Eldest Boxed Set

Fifteen year-old Eragon discovers his destiny as a Dragon Rider. With only an ancient sword and the advice of an old storyteller for guidance, Eragon and his dragon must navigate the dangerous terrain and dark enemies of an Empire ruled by a king whose evil knows no bounds. This beautiful boxed set includes books I and II in the Inheritance trilogy. **HC \$75**

Eragon (Film Tie-In) (Inheritance 01)

When Eragon finds a polished stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself. Overnight his simple life is shattered and he is thrust into a perilous new world of destiny, magic and power. With only an ancient sword and the advice of an old storyteller for guidance, Eragon and the fledgling dragon must navigate the dangerous terrain and dark enemies of an Empire ruled by a king whose evil knows no bounds. Can Eragon take up the mantle of the legendary Dragon Riders? The fate of the Empire may rest in his hands... **BPB \$19.95**

Tamora Pierce

Terrier (Beka Cooper 01)

Beka Cooper is a rookie with the law-enforcing Provost's Guard - commonly known as 'the Provost's Dogs' - in Corus, the capital city of Tortall. To the surprise of both the veteran 'Dogs' and her fellow 'puppies', Beka requests duty in the Lower City. The Lower City is a tough beat. But it's also where Beka was born, and she's comfortable there. Beka is assigned to work with Mattes and Clary, famed veterans among the Provost's Dogs. They're none too happy about being saddled with a puppy for the first time in years. However, Beka has something unique to offer: she hears things that Mattes and Clary never could - information that is passed in murmurs when flocks of pigeons gather ... murmurs that are the words of the dead. In this way, Beka learns of someone in the Lower City who has overturned the power structure of the underworld and is terrorising its citizens into submission and silence. Beka's magical listening talent is the only way for the Provost's Dogs to find out the identity of this brutal new underlord, for the dead are beyond fear. And the ranks of the dead will be growing if the Dogs can't stop a crime wave the likes of which has never been seen. Luckily for the people of the Lower City, the new puppy is a true terrier! **TP \$22.99**

Aiden Potts

Uneversaurus

No human has ever seen a dinosaur... and no human has ever seen a dinosaur book like this one! We all think we know what dinosaurs looked like, but how can we be sure? From fossils to fur, skeletons to skin colour, this fabulous new book is a colourful investigation into what we know and what we can only guess at, and encourages readers to make some guesses of their own. You will never think about dinosaurs in the same way again. **HC \$24.95**

Susan Price

Odin's Voice (Odin 01)

This first adventure follows the story of a bonder, Kylie, and a pampered teen, Affroditey -- both thrown together as their prescribed roles in society change. Kylie becomes the mouthpiece of the god, Odin, and gains political advantage and freedom as a result. Affroditey finds herself reduced to penury after her father's suicide, and sold off as a bonder by her uncaring stepmother. Brought together by Kylie's young son, who has been 'adopted' by Affroditey's employers, the two girls decide to escape as pioneers to Mars, where they will help to set up a new society. **BPB \$16.95**

Odin's Queen (Odin 02)

In this thrilling adventure, bonder Affie has escaped to Mars with Odinstoy, and her young son, Apollo. Odinstoy has been employed by the Martian Temple of Odin as their God-speaker and Affie goes undercover as her 'wife'. Affie hopes their new life will enable her to claw back the status and respect she had before she became a bonder -- and is frustrated by Odinstoy's disdain for the fame her new role brings. Affie's craving for attention leads her to fall under the spell of a follower of the rival temple of Zeus, and before she knows it she is revealing more of her past to him than she ever intended. And in doing so, she finds herself betrays Odinstoy; putting all their lives at risk... **HC \$24.95**

Philip Reeve

Larklight

Arthur (Art) Mumsby and his irritating sister Myrtle live with their father Revd Marmaduke Mumsby in the huge and rambling house, Larklight, travelling through space on a remote orbit far beyond the moon. One ordinary sort of morning they receive a correspondence informing them that a gentleman is on his way to visit, a Mr Webster. Visitors to Larklight are rare if not unique, and a frenzy of preparation ensues. But it is the wrong sort of preparation, as they discover when their guest arrives, and a Dreadful and Terrifying (and marvellous) adventure begins. It takes them to the furthest reaches of known space, as well as to London, from where the entire Empire - including the American colonies and Her Majesty's Extraterrestrial Possessions, Mars, Jupiter and the Moon - is governed. (And where Myrtle will, to her mortification, sit on Queen Victoria).

HC \$24.95

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The Outlaw Varjak Paw

Having saved the city cats from a fate worse than death, Varjak Paw finds himself the elected and popular leader of a new gang - a gang that supports freedom and kindness for all. But will the pressure take its toll on this brave yet sometimes naive cat?

Soon the city erupts in an all-out gang war as the evil Sally Bones attempts to control the lives of all cats. Horrified and outnumbered, Varjak and the others must fight for their freedom or die trying: can Jalal's Way really be the best way? **PB \$17.95**

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Justin Somper

Tide of Terror (Vampirates 02)

Connor Tempest may only be fourteen but he's taken to the life of a pirate like a duck to water. But his loyalties are divided between his shipmates and his sister. Grace Tempest isn't finding the pirate life so appealing. She cannot shake the feeling that all is not well on the vampire ship she left behind. Dare she try to return to it? Sidorio may have been expelled from the vampire ship but his dark deeds are just beginning. In this sequel to *Vampirates: Demons of the Ocean*, the seas are rougher than ever and a new tide of terror sweeps up Connor, Grace, their allies and their foes.

BPB \$14.95

Colin Thompson Australian Author

Castles

In this fantastical world there are castles in space, floating castles, castles in the sky and castles made of glass. Each one hides a royal family and there are all the usual mazes, puzzles tricks and messages waiting to be discovered. Colin Thompson's wonderfully detailed artwork reaches new heights of ingenuity and invention in this brilliant new book. **Picture Book \$17.95**

Beth Webb

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The stunning first book in a major new fantasy quartet set in Iron Age Britain.

A great and terrible evil threatens the druids future. Their only hope is the Star Dancer: a child who will be born under an untimely comet and who is destined to protect them.

As the fated star-shower lights up the sky, the druids are watching. They believe the prophesied boy has arrived. But down in the village, the midwife has just delivered a perfect little girl. Her name is Tegen - and she is the Star Dancer.

Tegen is rejected by Witton, the Chief Druid - but when a visitor gives her a green silk shawl, she begins to work real magic. Near death, Witton acknowledges Tegen, forcing her to abandon her family and learn the spells and rituals of the white-ropes. But there are those, close by, who secretly plot to destroy her and take power.

In the great battle to overcome her enemy, Tegen is triumphant - but the cost is terrible. Now the Star Dancer must continue - alone - to fight against the evil that threatens her world... **TP \$24.95**

Catherine Webb

The Extraordinary And Unusual Adventures of Horatio Lyle (Horatio Lyle 01)

In Victorian London at the height of the industrial revolution, Horatio Lyle is a former Special Constable with a passion for science and invention. He's also an occasional, but reluctant, sleuth. The truth is that he'd rather be in his lab tinkering with dangerous chemicals and odd machinery than running around the cobbled streets of London trying to track down stolen goods. But when Her Majesty's Government calls, Horatio swaps his microscope for a magnifying glass, fills his pockets with things that explode and sallies forth to unravel a mystery of a singularly extraordinary nature.

Thrown together with a reformed (i.e. 'caught') pickpocket called Tess, and a rebellious (within reason) young gentleman called Thomas, Lyle and his faithful hound, Tate, find themselves pursuing an ancient Chinese plate, a conspiracy that reaches to the highest levels of polite society and a dangerous enemy who may not even be human. Solving the crime will be hard enough - surviving would be a bonus . . . **BPB \$16.95**

Chris Wooding

Storm Thief

Orokos is a city of chaos, lashed by probability storms that re-order the world wherever they strike. The city covers every inch of the rocky island that it dominates. It has stood for so long that history has forgotten it, and its citizens no longer question what exists beyond its walls. Then three of its denizens discover a map that holds the key to the secret at the heart of Orokos. But there are others, such as the Chief of the Protectorate Secret Police, who would do anything to get their hands on that power ... anything at all ... **PB \$17.99**

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Kei Ohishi

A novelization of the horror film *The Grudge*, based on the popular manga and film series, traces the experiences of a senior citizen outreach volunteer who encounters a murderous deadly force involving the victims of a terrible curse. **TP \$20.95**

Alias

10: Old Friends

Steven Hanna

A terrorist cell based in China called Dark Cloud has devised a plan to release a deadly poison on entire nations using rocket technology. In true six degrees-of-separation style, Agent Sydney Bristow's friend from graduate school, Keiko Terajima, happens to be the daughter of a prominent Japanese physicist, and Dark Cloud needs his top-secret knowledge to carry out its devious plan. What's more, Keiko's married to Franklin, the son of an old colleague Jack Bristow killed years ago to protect Sydney. When APO learns that Franklin is part of an elite group of agents who marry women to gain access to information, Sydney begins to question his true intentions with Keiko.

Tracing the connections leads deeper and deeper into the terrorists' plot -- with Keiko's father and husband at the centre. Suddenly, Sydney finds herself on a mission not only to prevent the poisonous rain from devastating a country, but to save her loved ones as well. **APB \$14.95**

Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Blackout

Keith R A deCandido

New York City in 1977 is vampire heaven. Serial killer Son of Sam is often blamed for their hits, and a citywide blackout gives them free reign of the streets, allowing them to get away with murder. Spike and his beloved Drusilla are in the Big Apple taking advantage of the situation, as is Vampire Slayer Nikki Wood, who has hunkered down with her son, Robin, in a Times Square apartment where she thinks they'll be safe.

But no matter where she goes, Nikki has to watch her back. Spike has only one thing on his mind: to slay a slayer. Adding to Spike's list of challenges is a corrupt local vampire community that catches wind of his presence, and when they start messing with him, things get bloody interesting. **APB \$14.95**

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Follow forensic procedures and see how evidence is collected and processed, murderers are caught and impossible mysteries solved.

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08: Snake Eyes

Max Allan Collins

Luck is on the side of most during the incident at the Four Kings Casino and Hotel, when the simmering tension between two rival biker gangs suddenly boils over into all-out violence -- miraculously, there are only two fatalities despite the hundreds of rounds fired on the casino floor. Called to an out-of-control crime scene -- located outside Las Vegas in the legendary town of Boot Hill -- forensic investigators Gil Grissom, Catherine Willows, Nick Stokes, and Sara Sidle quickly discover that the two casino shootout victims were no innocent bystanders: one was the powerful leader of the Predator gang, and the other a luckless card dealer who may have borne witness to an elaborately staged execution.

Meanwhile, back in the glitter of Sin City, CSIs Warrick Brown and Greg Sanders have their own hands full, as the dark side of this desert metropolis is about to wreak havoc on the two investigators via a seemingly endless series of crimes. . . . **APB \$14.95**

DC Universe

Helltown

Dennis O'Neil

A recent arrival in the crime-ridden Hub City, Vic Sage has plans to uncover the truth about his mysterious past while working as a reporter for a local radio station, but when he is rescued from a near-fatal encounter with an assassin, he is trained in the martial arts and takes on a new identity as The Question, in which guise he vows to seek out a vast conspiracy involving the city's most powerful men. **APB \$17.95**

Doctor Who

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Margery Allingham

Coroner's Pidgin

Campion returns from three years work for the War Office in Europe to find that Lugg, his manservant, has brought him an unusual gift: the black silk nightdress-clad body of a dead woman, an apparent suicide. Wanting only to get away to a well-deserved rest, Campion must instead assist Detective Chief Inspector Oates and Superintendent Yeo in unravelling a tangled plot of deception and murder as the war draws to its conclusion. **BPB \$23.95**

Flowers For the Judge

Scandal hits the staid publishing house of Barnabas when one of the directors is found dead in the strong-room. Suspicion immediately falls on his wife's lover, the junior partner in the firm. But how does an unpublished Restoration comedy come to feature in the tragedy? And what of the odd disappearance of another director twenty years before? The trial of Mike Wedgwood for murder is nail-bitingly tense, and Campion needs all his resources to uncover the truth. **BPB \$23.95**

Jeffrey Archer

Cat O' Nine Tails

These twelve yarns are beautifully illustrated with 48 specially commissioned, full page illustrations of humorous cats reflecting aspects of each of the individual stories and numerous playful touches all throughout the text. The stories and the illustrations feature the mad, the bad and the dangerous to know as well as some more poignant and telling characters. This will be a fantastic Christmas gift for all fans of Jeffrey Archer and Ronald Searle... and cats. **HC (Deluxe edition) \$80 HC \$45**

False Impression

Jeffrey Archer, one of the greatest popular novelists of our generation, delivers a truly page-turning thriller.

When an aristocratic old lady is brutally murdered in her country home the night before 9/11, it takes all the resources of the FBI and Interpol to work out the connection between her and the possible motive for her death – a priceless Van Gogh painting. It's a young woman in the North Tower when the first plane crashed into the building who has the courage and determination to take on both sides of the law and avenge the old lady's death. Anna Petrescu is missing, presumed dead, after 9/11 and she uses her new status to escape from America, only to be pursued across the world from Toronto to London, to Hong Kong, Tokyo and Bucharest, but it is only when she returns to New York that the mystery unfolds.

Why are so many people willing to risk their own lives and others to own the Van Gogh Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear? **APB \$19.95**

David Baldacci

The Collectors

Annabelle is a beautiful stranger with a mysterious past, planning the heist of the century – two short cons to fund a long con, then a life of unashamed luxury, incognito in a foreign land.

Jonathan DeHaven, the shy head of the Rare Books Division at the Library of Congress, is planning nothing more than an uneventful day amongst his cherished collection.

But when Jonathan is found dead by Caleb Shaw, a member of the Camel Club, two conspiracies are destined to meet as the Club determines to track down the dead man's long-lost wife – and Annabelle decides to avenge the death of her beloved ex-husband.

Unfortunately, the victim of Annabelle's long con has sworn eternal revenge and Jonathan's killers will stop at nothing to keep the truth about his death, and the code they have perfected over the years, from surfacing... **TP \$32.95**

Sam Barone

Dawn of Empire

It's The Magnificent Seven meets The Clan of the Cave Bear. There have been many huge epics of the Roman Age, of the Pharaohs, of Prehistory even but never the brutal, mysterious Bronze Age.

Three thousand years before the birth of Christ and the world is dominated by savage tribes of barbarians who despise the first farmers and townsfolk trying to settle the land and bring civilization to a dark world.

In the Tigris valley, the first primitive farmers attempt to bring civilization to a dark world. But every few years Barbarians sweep in raping, killing and burning. This time the people of Orak are going to fight, but their military commanders flee as the enemy army approaches, leaving only Eskkar a lowly lieutenant in charge. But Eskkar has one advantage: he understands the barbarians better than anyone: he was once one himself but fled a vendetta.

Eskkar is given Trella, a slave girl as a reward for his loyalty. They form a partnership forged on mutual desire and courage; he with his ability to command men and his military expertise, she with her insight into the minds of the townsfolk. Together they rally the people. What follows is an orgy of battle, bloodshed and sex that is simply unputdownable.

The epic series will continue with Esskar and Trella, now King and Queen, and will lead far into the future to the Foundation of Babylon. **TP \$39.95**

Robert G Barrett Australian Author

The Tesla Legacy

Newcastle electrician Mick Vincent had almost everything in life he wanted. Jesse Osbourne, the Stockton bookshop owner he loved. A big house at Bar Beach he owned. And a 1936 Buick Roadmaster he cherished. The only thing missing in Mick's life was a pressure plate for his Buick.

Through a strange old lady, Mick finds his pressure plate. He also finds a diary belonging to Nikola Tesla, the electronics genius reputed to be smarter than Einstein. But what was Nikola Tesla doing in outback New South Wales in 1925? Building a doomsday machine powerful enough to blow up Australia and half the world, according to Jesse. And it's sitting on a fault line.

Even though the Tesla Legacy is highly classified, the Pentagon spy satellites are zeroing in and a hit squad from the United States Department of National Security is out to kill them. With the hint of an oil company conspiracy in the air and ASIO in the background, Mick and Jesse set off to find the Tesla Legacy first - their only clues, a lost mountain of copper ore and an old racehorse called Tears of Fire. **TP \$29.99**

Ben Bova

The Green Trap

Investigating the murder of his microbiologist brother, Michael, Paul Cochrane, accompanied by industrial spy Elena Sandoval, follows the trail from California to Cambridge, Massachusetts, searching for the truth about his brother's work, a revolutionary process that could produce a limitless supply of free and clean energy to power the world. **HC \$51.95**

Caleb Carr

The Italian Secretary (Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes)

Mycroft Holmes, charged with ensuring the personal safety of Queen Victoria, calls on his brother for help when a number of attempts have been made on her life and when two unexplained deaths occur amongst the staff at her Scottish residencies. Accompanied by Dr Watson, Sherlock Holmes goes north by train, examining the few facts Mycroft has been able to cryptically supply. To Watson's bafflement he is sure there is a link between these deaths and the murder in the old royal apartments at Holyrood of the secretary to Mary, Queen of Scots: a killing which left a bloodstain that daily refreshes itself and in a room where voices can be heard in the darkest hours of the night. Can Holmes's extraordinary deductive powers solve the historical crime as well as the contemporary one? An original, beautifully crafted mystery story which is also a respectful homage to the master of the whodunnit. **BPB \$22.95**

Dixie Cash

I Gave You My Heart, But You Sold it Online

Embroiled in ex-boyfriend Quint's struggles with identity theft, "Domestic Equalizers" Debbie Sue and Edwina find themselves overwhelmed by a subsequent murder mystery that is complicated by an Internet blind date, an unexpected romance, and a west Texas journey. **HC \$45.95**

Ann Cleeves

Raven Black

WINNER OF THE CWA BEST CRIME NOVEL 2006

It is a cold January morning and Shetland lies buried beneath a deep layer of snow. Trudging home, Fran Hunter's eye is drawn to a vivid splash of colour on the white ground, ravens circling above. It is the strangled body of her teenage neighbour Catherine Ross. As Fran opens her mouth to scream, the ravens continue their deadly dance...

The locals on the quiet island stubbornly focus their gaze on one man – loner and simpleton Magnus Tait. But when police insist on opening out the investigation a veil of suspicion and fear is thrown over the entire community. For the first time in years, Catherine's neighbours nervously lock their doors, whilst a killer lives on in their midst. **APB \$19.95**

Martina Cole

Close

Highly acclaimed for her hard-hitting, uncompromising and compelling writing, as well as her phenomenal Number 1 success, Martina Cole is the only author who dares to tell it like it is. After the recent runaway success of *Take*, Martina's new novel, *Close*, is the story of the women who are left behind. Set in London's dark and violent gangland, this novel tells the tale of a gutsy mother and her two sons, and their lives in and out of jail. With her characteristically haunting writing and visceral subject matter, Martina Cole, has written yet another compulsive bestseller. **TP \$32.95**

Natasha Cooper

Gagged and Bound

Distinguished biographer Beatrice Bowman is being sued for libel by a new member of the House of Lords for implicating him in a thirty-year-old terrorist outrage. At the other end of the legal spectrum, a family of South London villains gags and suffocates those who try to expose their secrets. And Inspector Caro Lyalt has to decide what to do with information from a whistle-blower that could ruin a colleague's career -- or her own. Caught in the middle of it all is barrister Trish Maguire. **APB \$19.95**

Ted Dekker

Saint

When, after being kidnapped, his memory is erased by intense training and torture, assassin Carl Strople, who is gifted with telekinetic abilities, is given a new set of memories that transform him into a killer with an extraordinary mission. **HC \$49.95**

Larry Dixon

Country Strong PB \$19.95

Michael Dobbs

First Lady

Ginny is the young wife of an opposition MP, Dominic Edge, and is entirely content with her life in the constituency home. So when she over-hears gossip of her husband's affair, it is a shattering blow. For some women such things seem part of the Westminster game, but Ginny is no ordinary woman. She decides that there is only one way to stop being a perpetual victim of the system, and that is to become its master. Ginny will not be satisfied until she is the wife of the Prime Minister. And so begins a voyage of personal discovery for Ginny that will change her from devoted mother and housewife to ultimate manipulator. Driven by the intuition and determination of a wronged woman, she takes ruthless advantage of the ineptitude of men. Ministers, editors, churchmen and even the Monarch fall victim to her wiles. Yet in the pitiless world of politics, one man's success can only be achieved by the ruination of many others, and Ginny will discover there is a high price to pay for pushing her husband to the very top... TP \$32.95

Snoop Dogg

Love Don't Live Here No More

An international hip-hop star presents a first installment in a new series about a talented young musical performer who struggles for survival in some of southern California's most disadvantaged neighborhoods, an effort that is complicated by his drug entanglements. HC \$49.95

Sara Donati

Queen of Swords (Into the Darkness)

Shifting from the Caribbean to New Orleans on the brink of war, QUEEN OF SWORDS picks up the story of Hannah Bonner, the beautiful half-Indian daughter of frontiersman Nathaniel Bonner as she embarks on a desperate rescue mission with her half-brother Luke. When Hannah is separated from Luke and falls dangerously ill in New Orleans, she is forced to rely on the help of an enigmatic man she barely knows. Ben Savard, the great grandson of French settlers, slaves and native Indians, is the only man who knows the city well enough to pull off the miracle Hannah needs to reunite her family. With his expert guidance, allies are drawn from every race and every corner of the city, including Andrew Jackson's advancing army, on the brink of will be the last battle of the War of 1812. TP \$32.95

Ruth Downie

Medicus and the Disappearing Dancing Girls

Emperor Trajan is dead, long live Emperor Hadrian!

Gaius Petreius Ruso is a divorced and down-on-his-luck army doctor who has made the rash decision to seek his fortune in the most inclement outpost of the Roman Empire - Britannia. His arrival in Deva (more commonly known as Chester) does little to improve his mood and, after a straight thirty-six hours on the wards in the Fort, he succumbs to a moment of insanity and rescues injured slave girl, Tilla. Little does he realize how this one act is going to bring nothing but trouble and far too much interaction with the irritating locals, who will insist on killing each other...

With an irresistible sense of humour, *Medicus and the Disappearing Dancing Girls* is a beguiling and unique detective novel and introduces in Ruso a series character to relish. TP \$32.95

John Dunning

The Bookwoman's Last Fling TP \$29.95

Kate Ellis

Marriage Hearse (Wesley Peterson 09)

When Kirsten Harbourn is found strangled and naked on her wedding day, DI Wesley Peterson makes some alarming discoveries. Kirsten was being pursued by an obsessed stalker and she had dark secrets her doting fiancé, Peter, knew nothing about. But Kirsten's wasn't the only wedding planned to take place that July day in South Devon. At Morbay register office a terrified young girl makes her wedding vows. And a few days later her bridegroom is found dead in a seedy seaside hotel. As Wesley investigates he suspects that his death and his bride's subsequent disappearance might be linked to Kirsten's murder. Meanwhile the skeleton of a young female is found buried in a farmer's field - a field that once belonged to the family of Ralph Strong, an Elizabethan playwright whose play, 'The Fair Wife of Padua' is to be performed for the first time in four hundred years. Is this bloodthirsty play a confession to a murder committed in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I? Or does it tell another story, one that might cast light on recent mysteries? PB \$19.95

Harlan Ellison

Spider Kiss

Originally published in 1961 as *Rockabilly*, a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame-inducted tale based on the career of Jerry Lee Lewis finds a talented Louisville singer corrupted by a wildly successful music career. TP \$26.95

James Ellroy

The Black Dahlia (Film Tie-In)

Los Angeles, 1st January 1947: a beautiful young woman walked into the night and met her horrific destiny.

Five days later, her tortured body was found drained of blood and cut in half. The newspapers called her 'The Black Dahlia'. Two cops are caught up in the investigation and embark on a hellish journey that takes them to the core of the dead girl's twisted life. BPB \$23.95

Ben Elton

Chart Throb

CHART THROB. The ultimate pop quest.

Ninety five thousand hopefuls. Three judges. Just one winner.

And that's Colin Simms, the genius behind the show.

Colin always wins because Colin writes the rules. But this year, as he sits smugly in judgement upon the mingers, clingers and blingers whom he has pre-selected in his carefully scripted 'search' for a star, he has no idea that the rules are changing. The 'real' is about to be put back into 'reality' television and Colin and his fellow judges (the nation's favourite mum and the other bloke) are about to become ex-factors themselves.

CHART THROB. One winner. A whole bunch of losers. TP \$32.95

Christopher Fowler

Seventy-Seven Clocks

The newspapers referred to it as the case of the seventy-seven clocks. There was quite a fuss at the time. We got into terrible trouble. Dear fellow, it was one of our most truly peculiar cases. I remember as if it was yesterday.' In fact, Arthur Bryant remembers very little about yesterday, but he does remember the oddest investigation of his career.

It was late in 1973. As strikes and blackouts ravaged the country during Edward Heath's 'Winter of Discontent', sundry members of a wealthy, aristocratic family were being disposed of in a variety of grotesque ways - by reptile, by bomb, by haircut. As the hours of daylight diminish towards Christmas, Bryant & May, the irascible detectives of London's controversial Peculiar Crimes Unit, know that time is the key - and time is running out for both the family and the police. Their investigations lead them into a hidden world of class conflict, craftsmanship and the secret loyalties of big business. But what have seventy seven ticking clocks to do with it?

Now the full story can at last be revealed, in this most eerie of adventures that features Arthur Bryant at his rudest, John May at his most exasperated and a gallery of colourful, bizarre characters who could only make their home in a city like London. **PB \$23.95**

Chris Fox

The Devil's Halo

As a contract agent of the CIA Cafe, the agency's black-budget Contract Agents for Economics, Terry Weston played a clandestine game of espionage against the spy services of Europe in which nobody got badly hurt. But the game becomes deadly for Terry, his wife Maria and their six-year-old daughter when old allies turn into bitter enemies.

The Europe where Americans once vacationed is fading from memory. Germany is bankrupt, NATO dissolved. A supersized Greater European Union, led by France and Russia, engages in political brinkmanship to American power.

The new leaders of Europe are obsessed with 'the American problem,' that Europe still plays a global #2 to the U.S. Even in space, the new frontier, the Pentagon plans to deploy a Space Shield that will give the U.S. military this high ground. But the DGSE spy service has developed a technology solution. Elegant. Mathematical. Devastating. It will make Europe #1 in space, and reduce the U.S. military into a fighting force that will have to fight with its fists.

Only Terry and Maria can penetrate deep into enemy territory to prevent a stunningly cynical act of sabotage from ending America's days as a superpower. But old friends and even family members can no longer be trusted, as the two great rivals of the 21st century head for a conflict as inevitable as tomorrow's headlines. **APB \$21.95**

Antonia Fraser

Three Great Novels: Jemima Shore on the Case (Jemima Shore)

Cool Repentance- Christabel Herrick, the once-celebrated actress, is not bothered by the incredulity greeting her return to her luxurious country house. One reckless affair should surely not spell the end of her happiness. But she has made a fatal mistake ...Oxford Blood- Jemima Shore has reluctantly agreed to make a documentary at Oxford University revealing the exotic lifestyles of the over-privileged. Her interest is piqued when she discovers a mystery surrounding the bloodline of Lord Saffron, the wealthy young heir to the former foreign secretary. When an undergrad is murdered and a series of attempts are made on Saffron's life, Jemima realises she has started a terrible chain of events. Your Royal Hostage- As the royal wedding of Princess Amy of Cumberland and Prince Ferdinand approaches, a secret organisation makes plans that will have dangerous consequences. Meanwhile, Jemima Shore grapples with the royal wedding in her own way - as a freelance commentator. So she happens to be on hand when things go badly wrong ... **TP \$35**

Meg Gardiner

Kill Chain

When Evan Delaney's father disappears, the cops think he's fled the country to avoid prosecution. But Evan is sure that Phil has been abducted or killed for reasons associated with his work for Naval Intelligence. As Evan hunts for clues, she is attacked by an armed man. The attacker ends up dead - and turns out to be a federal agent. Now Evan is on the run, implicated in his murder. Then she is contacted by a sinister duo - a Madam and gigolo mother-and-son-team who claim that Phil was mixed up in their very dirty business. Can Evan save her father's reputation - and his life? And can Jesse save Evan? Time is running out... **TP \$32.95**

Rachel K Gibson

I'm in No Mood for Love

After finding her fiancé in a compromising position with a washing machine repairman and attending a wedding in which she served as a bridesmaid, Clare Wingate awakens with a hangover, next to her childhood crush, Sebastian Vaughan, now a sexy, globe-traveling journalist. **APB \$17.95**

George Greene

Hawk

Rome, AD 34. While the Emperor Tiberius indulges himself in Capri, his cruel and self-serving regent Sejanus rules in his place. It is a time of tyranny and terror.

Once a charioteer but now a hunter providing wild animals for Rome's voracious Games, Serpicus longs for a quiet life. But Sejanus' uncle has made him an offer he cannot refuse. He must journey north, over the Alps, deep into Germany where the tribes are in revolt against their Imperial oppressors, and there take possession of an exceptionally rare but dangerous beast. To his companions, the mission is suicide. To make matters worse, it seems Serpicus has made a deadly enemy of the man who now leads the legions against the tribes and that there are others who will stop at nothing to ensure he and his colleagues fail. Not least the traitor in their midst. Now, inside a village a long way from home and facing a Roman army set on revenge, Serpicus is trapped. The family he adores is held hostage in Rome but the first woman he ever loved stands, sword drawn, ready to fight and, should the gods will it, die by his side. He has choices to make, but no time to make them.

Ringed with the cacophony of battle, of steel against steel and the cries of men, this enthralling historical adventure recounts one man's struggle to protect those he loves, whatever the cost. **PB \$23.95**

David Hewson

The Lizard's Bit

Ordered to investigate the apparently open-and-shut case of a fire in a glass foundry that had claimed two lives, Italian detectives Nic Costa and his partner dig deeply into the insular glass-making region of Murano and the strange Arcangeli family, uncovering the dark and dangerous world that lurks beneath the city's glittering facade. **HC \$45.95**

Elizabeth Hyde

The Abortionist's Daughter

Nineteen-year-old university student Megan Thompson is beautiful, cool, clever and sexy – the kind of girl boys fall in love with. She's mostly steered clear of family life since the death of her younger brother. That is until the day she hears her mother, Diana, has been found floating face down in their swimming pool.

Diana, as Director of the Center for Reproductive Choice, was a national figure who inspired passions and made enemies. Detective Huck Berlin is brought in to investigate the case when it becomes clear that Diana was murdered. Several people have quarrelled with Diana on that fateful day, not least Frank, her husband of twenty years, and her wayward child. Now father and daughter are thrown together in an unexpected twist of family life. Set in a small town in Colorado, *The Abortionist's Daughter* is an utterly compelling novel of family secrets, dark passion and, ultimately, catharsis for those whose lives have become so strangely entwined. **BPB \$22.95**

Conn Iggulden

The Gods of War (Emperor 04)

Caesar must fight his toughest battle yet – with Rome itself. Julius Caesar, fresh from triumph in Britain and Gaul, is marching on Rome with his legions of hardened veterans. His goal: to unseat Pompey, now dictator of the Empire. But waging war on your own people is never easy. And even after the city itself is taken and Julius, Brutus, Mark Antony and Octavian re-enter in triumph, there are many battles left to fight. For across the Empire – in Spain, Africa, Greece, across Asia Minor – there are legions loyal to Pompey. How will Caesar prevail? And at what cost? *The Gods of War* is the story of ambition and loyalty, of friendship and power, of love and war. A famous tale, of truly epic dimensions, it ranges from Rome to Greece to Egypt and back to Rome; it shows how brilliant generalship can completely turn the odds, how overwhelming success can change even the best of men; it depicts brilliantly those famous names – Caesar, Marcus Brutus, Mark Antony, Pompey, Cicero, Cleopatra, Ptolemy – so that they appear anew. This is a triumphant conclusion to the outstanding Emperor series. **APB \$19.99**

Peter James

Looking Good Dead

Tom Bryce did what any decent person would do. But within hours of picking up the CD that had been left behind on the train seat next him, and attempting to return it to its owner, he is the sole witness to a vicious murder. Then his young family are threatened with their lives if he goes to the police.

But supported by his wife, Kellie, he bravely makes a statement, to the murder enquiry team headed by Detective Superintendent Roy Grace, a man with demons of his own – including his missing wife – to contend with.

And from that moment, the killing of the Bryce family becomes a mere formality – and a grisly attraction. Kellie and Tom's deaths have already been posted on the internet. You can log on and see them on a website. They will be looking good dead. **APB \$19.95**

Faye Kellerman & Jonathan Kellerman

Capital Crimes

Berkeley homicide detectives Barnes and Iris are called to investigate the murder of legislator Davida Grayson. A lobbyist for stem cell research, Davida has a long list of enemies. As the detectives probe further, they find that there was trouble not only in her political life but also in her domestic life. On top of that, Davida's mother is missing, and time is running out if Barnes & Iris are to save her... In Nashville, Martel 'Sweetboy' Jeffries, a legendary musician, makes a comeback with a benefit concert. Soon after, he is found dying from vicious stab wounds. The detectives assigned to the case, Southerby and Van Gundy, assume at first it's just a random street crime. But as the investigation continues, they discover that the brutal slaying is linked to dark secrets in Sweetboy's past: secrets which have put a killer on his trail. **TP \$32.95**

Lynda la Plante

The Red Dahlia

Detective Anna Travis is working on a horrific, brutal murder case that has created a media frenzy. The victim, Louise Pennel, a 24-year-old, single, 'fun-loving' girl, was last seen in a London night club wearing a sequinned mini-dress and a red rose in her hair.

In an eerie mirror image of the famous LA murder case of Elizabeth Short in the 1940s known as the Black Dahlia, her body was found dumped by the River Thames...severed in half and brutalised beyond recognition.

Anna Travis must summon all the strength and guile she became so well known for in *Above Suspicion* to hunt down this sadistic killer. **TP \$29.95**

Kimberly Logan

Sins of Midnight

My unladylike association with the Bow Street Runners has made me fair game for London's loose-tongued rumormongers, but I, Lady Jillian Daventry, promise to behave – at least until my sister's coming-out season has concluded. But my vow will not keep me from solving the mystery that overshadows my life – nor, I reluctantly admit, will it keep my heart from racing madly in the presence of Connor Monroe. I cannot ignore Connor's request for assistance in solving a mystery of his own. But the hungry fire of his gaze and the heat of his touch suggest the irresistibly handsome rogue wants so much more . . . I know I'm entering dangerous ground, but I'm tempted by his sinful kiss. **APB \$14.99**

Robert Ludlum

The Bancroft Strategy

When Todd Belknap - a field agent for Consular Operations with a reputation as something of a cowboy - is cut loose from the agency after an operation goes wrong, his best friend and fellow agent is abducted in Lebanon by a vicious militia group. When the government refuses to help, Belknap decides to take matters into his own hands. Meanwhile, hedge fund analyst Andrea Newton gets an unexpected call - she has been left six million dollars by a cousin she's never met. But there's one condition: she must agree to sit on the board of the Newton foundation, a charitable organisation run by the family patriarch, Paul Newton. Having never even met the family - her mother was married only briefly and cut all contact many years ago - Andrea is intrigued. But the foundation, which is dedicated to doing good deeds, appears less and less benign the more deeply involved she gets ...What exactly is their involvement with the 'Genesis' - a mysterious group working to destabilise the geopolitical balance at the risk of millions of lives? As events escalate, Todd and Andrea must form an uneasy alliance if they are to uncover the truth behind 'Genesis' - before it's too late. **TP \$32.95**

The Ambler Warning

On Parrish Island, off the coast of Virginia, there is a little known and never visited psychiatric facility. There, far from prying eyes, the government stores former intelligence employees whose psychiatric state makes them a danger to their own government. One of these employees, former agent Hal Ambler, is kept heavily medicated and closely watched. But there's one difference between Hal and the other patients - Hal isn't crazy. Hal pulls off a daring escape and now he's out to discover who stashed him here and why. But the world he returns to has changed. No one remembers him, there are no official records of Hal Ambler, and, when he first looks in the mirror, the face he sees is not his own ... **PB \$19.95**

Liza Marklund

Prime Time

Thirteen people are spending the shortest night of the year together in an isolated manor house. On the morning of Midsummer's Eve, the brightest star in Swedish television, Michelle Carlsson, is found shot to death in a mobile control room.

The murder turns Annika Bengtzon's world upside down. One of the suspects is her best friend. Annika's boyfriend, Thomas, accuses her of letting the family down. Anders Schyman, her boss, involves her in a public power struggle. Meanwhile there's a killer on the loose -- and a tense drama about to unfold in the public eye. **APB \$18.95**

P D Martin Australian Author

The Murderer's Club

They watch. They wait. They kill...

FBI profiler Sophie Anderson is still trying to come to terms with the horrors she experienced six months ago. A vacation to Arizona is a welcome break.

But then bodies start appearing on the University campus, crudely posed and inscribed with a vivid love heart on their chests. At first it looks like the gruesome work of a new serial killer – Sophie does not recognise the lethal signature from the FBI database.

Confused by the killer's actions and starting to "see" the victims in her waking dreams; Sophie knows the clock is ticking and someone else's life is in danger. She cannot ignore her visions any longer. Then a discovery is made which changes everything.

There's more than one killer... **TP \$32.95**

Andy McNab

Recoil

Recuperating in Switzerland after a job that cost the life of one of his closest friends, ex-deniable operator Nick Stone is looking for a quiet life.

But when his private life starts to disintegrate, Nick is reluctantly forced back into action. The trail leads him to Africa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where it isn't long before his dark past comes knocking on his door... **TP \$32.95**

Judith McNaught

Every Breath You Take

It's the eve of wealthy philanthropist Cecil Wyatt's eightieth birthday but all the money in the world won't bring back his missing grandson, William Wyatt. And the only thing that seems clear so far is that foul play was involved. The family, the police, the media - all have tried in vain to discover the young man's fate. Now suspicion has turned shockingly toward William's own half-brother, the cool and enigmatic Mitchell Wyatt. Kate Donovan never dreamed that a chance romantic encounter on a tropical island paradise would lead to her being named as a suspect in a high-society murder case. But after Kate tangles with the darkly charismatic Mitchell Wyatt, she finds herself in serious trouble. As the Chicago police tighten their net, it will take all of Kate's ingenuity to clear her name, and the help of a man who may or may not be a dangerous catch... **PB \$19.95**

Glenn Meade

Devil's Disciple

Kate Moran, 30, is an FBI agent. The day before she is due to marry her fiance, he and his twelve-year-old daughter are abducted and murdered by Constantine Gamal, otherwise known as The Devil's Disciple, a serial killer obsessed with black magic and ritualistic double-killings. Equally obsessively, Moran tracks Gamal down and brings him to trial. Two years later, just before his execution is carried out, he promises he will return - not in hell but in this life - and destroy her. Now the double killings have started all over again. When Kate is assigned the case she treats it as a copycat killing, but then evidence raises the shocking possibility that Gamal may have escaped execution after all. On top of this, as the murders get closer to home she realises he is not the only one who is determined to plot vengeance against her... **TP \$32.95**

Shirley R Murphy

Cat Breaking Free (Joe Grey Mystery)

Investigating a series of retail break-ins in the quaint village of Molena Point, California, feline private investigator Joe Grey pursues suspicions about a blonde next-door neighbor, a case that becomes complicated when the perpetrators begin trapping feral cats. By the author of *Cat Cross Their Graves*. **APB \$17.95**

Warren Murphy & Richard Sapir

Dragon Bones (Destroyer 145)

When a formula for immortality is created from the remains of a real-life dinosaur, CURE orders Remo to find and destroy the carcass of this creature before the world catches wind of this elixir, but Chiun, on a mission of his own, stands in his way. **APB \$16.95**

Perri O'Shaughnessy

Keeper of the Keys

The disappearance of his wife, Leigh, sends obsessive and brilliant architect Ray Jackson on a quest to discover the truth about the incident and how it could be linked to his peripatetic childhood, while Leigh's best friend launches an investigation into Ray that hints at dark secrets from his past.

HC \$51.95

Don Pendleton

Blood Vector (Execution 336)

The execution of several Washington judges leads Mack Bolan to a Salvadoran street gang that, working with terrorists, plans to unleash a deadly pathogen in the U.S., forcing the Executioner to go up against San Salvador's infamous death squads. **APB \$13.95**

Hell Dawn (Stony Man 85)

When a computer worm capable of destabilizing nuclear reactors falls into the wrong hands, and its creator--a CIA freelancer--is kidnapped, the Stony Man team must race against time to stop America's enemies, poised on the brink of war, from destroying the world. **APB \$16.95**

Anne Perry

At Some Disputed Barricade

It's July 1917, and as the sun sets over No-man's-land so Joseph Reavley's heart sinks with it. As chaplain he must keep up the men's morale, but as rumours of mutiny grow stronger he is losing any chance of getting through to them. After the death of an officer, twelve soldiers are arrested, and it falls to Joseph to uncover the truth about their involvement. Joseph's brother Matthew, of the S.I.S., is also in pursuit of the truth, whilst struggling to come to terms with his part in the Peacemaker's death. Approached by a Junior Cabinet Minister who is being blackmailed, Matthew learns of a plot to destroy the only men who can bring about lasting peace. As he embarks on an investigation Matthew knows his own life is in danger but thinks it a small price to pay to secure the future of millions of people. **TP \$32.95**

Anne Perry*Christmas Guest*

Mariah Ellison isn't merely disappointed to learn that she won't spend Christmas at home with her married granddaughter: she is furious. Instead, Grandmama is being packed off to a house in the Romney Marshes to stay with her ex-daughter-in-law. Never having got on with Caroline, Mariah much disapproves of her new husband: decades younger than her, Joshua, an actor, is scarcely even respectable. There will be nothing to do, no one to visit, and no doubt the terrible weather will make even taking a walk impossible. It is going to be the worst Christmas of Grandmama's life. As if that weren't enough, another visitor is foisted on the household. Then something shocking and quite unexpected happens. Has a crime been committed? Grandmama is surprised to find herself turning detective - another profession she deplors - and proving extremely good at it.

APB \$19.95

A Christmas Secret

Heading for a rural village to replace the local vicar who is away on holiday, Dominic and Clarice Corde are stunned when they discover the corpse of the murdered vicar stashed in the cellar and launch an investigation to find a killer in a picturesque hamlet that is snowbound by a blizzard.

HC \$34.95

Ian Rankin*The Naming of the Dead*

July 2005, and the G8 leaders have gathered in Scotland. With daily marches, demonstrations, and scuffles, the police are at full stretch. Detective Inspector John Rebus, however, has been sidelined - until the apparent suicide of an MP coincides with clues that a serial killer may be on the loose. The authorities are keen to hush up both, for fear of overshadowing a meeting of global importance - but Rebus has never been one to stick to the rules, and when his colleague Siobhan Clarke finds herself hunting down the identity of the riot cop who assaulted her mother, it looks as though both Rebus and Clarke may be pitted against all sides in the conflict. *The Naming of the Dead* is a potent mix of action and politics, set against a backdrop of the most devastating week in recent British history. **TP \$32.95**

Anne Rice*Christ the Lord*

In Israel, in the turbulent first century, a baby is born to a humble Jewish family - but to a great destiny. His is an uneasy childhood, as he begins to come to terms with his extraordinary powers, and the whispered mysteries surrounding his birth.

The tyrannical rule of King Herod has driven the family from the Holy Land to the relative safety of cosmopolitan Alexandria. But on Herod's death, they decide to return home to Israel, to Galilee, a troubled land under Roman occupation, at a time of chaos and turmoil, insurrection and confusion.

APB \$21.95

Gerald Seymour*Rat Run*

It's *The Magnificent Seven* meets *The Clan of the Cave Bear*. There have been many huge epics of the Roman Age, of the Pharaohs, of Prehistory even but never the brutal, mysterious Bronze Age.

Three thousand years before the birth of Christ and the world is dominated by savage tribes of barbarians who despise the first farmers and townsfolk trying to settle the land and bring civilization to a dark world.

In the Tigris valley, the first primitive farmers attempt to bring civilization to a dark world. But every few years Barbarians sweep in raping, killing and burning. This time the people of Orak are going to fight, but their military commanders flee as the enemy army approaches, leaving only Eskkar a lowly lieutenant in charge. But Eskkar has one advantage: he understands the barbarians better than anyone: he was once one himself but fled a vendetta.

Eskkar is given Trella, a slave girl as a reward for his loyalty. They form a partnership forged on mutual desire and courage; he with his ability to command men and his military expertise, she with her insight into the minds of the townsfolk. Together they rally the people. What follows is an orgy of battle, bloodshed and sex that is simply unputdownable. **APB \$21.95**

Michael Slade*Kamikaze*

Two killers--one targeting a survivor of the Enola Gray bomb crew that incinerated Hiroshima years ago, and one targeting those responsible for murdering her father during the fall of Hong Kong in 1941--make a horrifying discovery about each other that changes everything. **APB \$19.95**

Alexander McCall Smith*The Right Attitude to Rain*

Mysteries of love, romance and truth-telling lie at the heart of Isabel Dalhousie's concerns in Alexander McCall Smith's new Sunday Philosophy Club novel. Isabel's niece Cat is still worshipped by the young musician, Jamie, but Cat has a new and unsuitable love-interest. Meanwhile Isabel's Texan cousins have arrived in Edinburgh and are provoking a quite separate set of dilemmas. In between these events and complications, Edinburgh life continues, calmly sailed through by Isabel, her housekeeper, Grace, and, of course, that cautious resident of Isabel's garden, brother Fox. His alone is the uncomplicated existence. **TP \$29.95**

Nick Stone*Mr Clarinet*

Pied piper. Soul stealer. Serial killer. Who is Mr Clarinet?

It was a job Miami private investigator Max Mingus found hard to refuse: \$10 million to locate billionaire's son Charlie Carver - missing now for over three years. Young Charlie disappeared on the island of Haiti, where over the decades scores of children have vanished. In a country dominated by voodoo, rumours abound of black magic and a mythical figure called 'Mr Clarinet', who for years has been tempting children away from their families. But could the truth be even more shocking than the legend? To find out, Max will have to succeed where previous detectives have not only failed - but where some have died. And suddenly, this job isn't all about finding Charlie or his killers for the money - it's just about staying alive

APB \$19.95

Andrew Taylor*Naked to the Hangman*

As a young police officer in Palestine during the closing months of the Mandate - the cradle of Middle Eastern terrorism - Richard Thornhill saw and did things which still haunt his dreams and make him fear for his sanity. Is he himself a killer? Now, when a retired police officer is found dead in the ruins of Lydmouth Castle, the past has come back to claim Detective Inspector Thornhill, and he is under suspicion of another murder. His wife Edith and former lover Jill Francis join forces in an uneasy alliance to try to help him. But there are many complications - scandalous allegations have been made about Miss Awre's School of Dancing; the Ruispidge Charity's annual dance for young people is under threat; teenagers haunt the newly opened Italian coffee bar and yearn for fumbled intimacies in the sheltering darkness of the Rex Cinema; an Oxford don is looking for love; the Angel of Death wears khaki shorts and drives a Ford van; and the Spring floods are rising higher than they have in a century. **TP \$32.95**

Mark Winegardner*The Godfather's Revenge*

It is 1963 in New York, and things have never been better for the Corleones. They've taken out their Mafia rivals, and legitimised the Family. Michael Corleone and Tom Hagen - Vito Corleone's adopted son, and the glue that holds the family together - are closer than they've ever been. Outside the fortified building owned by Michael, newly undisputed Boss of Bosses, a parade of people wait to ask the great man for favours. Among the visitors are former mob rivals, an emissary from the Mayor of New York, even faces from the past like Jonny Fontane; all come to pay homage. The Mafia Don walks the streets of his New York, beloved and protected.

But one problem remains. Michael has sworn revenge upon the traitorous former Corleone capo, Nick Geraci. Up until now Geraci, who has powerful friends and far too much to say, has evaded him. And that night, as the fireworks begin to explode over First Avenue, comes the news that Jimmy Shea, President of the United States, has been assassinated. Was another mob family involved? Or did the Corleones have a hand in the killing of their old friend?

THE GODFATHER'S REVENGE tells the riveting story of the final years of the Corleone's, bringing Mario Puzo's great saga to a conclusion.

TP \$32.95

Don Winslow*The Winter of Frankie Machine*

Frank Machianno is a late-middle-aged ex-surf bum who runs a bait shack on the San Diego waterfront when he's not juggling any of his other three part-time jobs or trying to get a quick set in on his long board. He's a beloved fixture of the community, a stand-up businessman, a devoted father to his daughter. Frank's also a hit man. Well, a retired hit man. Back in the day, when he was one of the most feared members of the West Coast Mafia, he was known as Frankie Machine.

Years ago, Frank consigned his Mob ties to the past, which is where he wants them to stay. But a favor called in by the local boss is one Frank can't refuse, and soon he's sucked back into the treacherous currents of his former life. Someone from his past wants him dead, and he has to figure out who, and why, and he has to do it fast. The problem is that the list of candidates is about the size of his local phone book and Frank's rapidly running out of time. And then things get really bad... **TP \$32.95**