



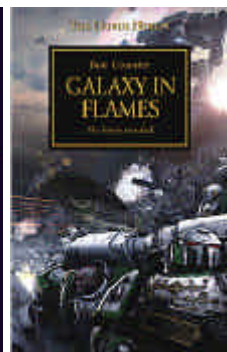
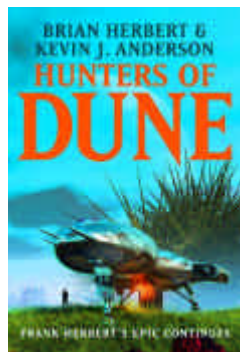
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Featured Books



Hunters of Dune by **Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson**, a sequel to Chapter House Dune in trade paperback.

Into a Dark Realm by **Raymond E Feist**.

Galaxy in Flames by **Ben Counter**, the 3rd Horus Heresy novel in paperback.

The Sharing Knife by **Lois McMaster Bujold**, volume 1 of 2 in hardcover.

Wintersmith by **Terry Pratchett**, the 3rd Tiffany novel in hardcover.

Thud! by **Terry Pratchett**, in paperback.

Strange Candy by **Laurell K Hamilton**, a collection of short stories in hardcover.

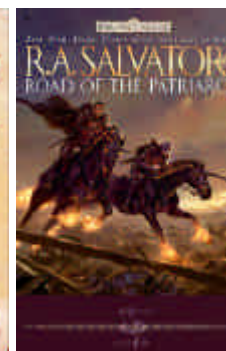
Fragile Things by **Neil Gaiman**, a collection of short stories in trade paperback.

The Harsh Cry of the Herron by **Lian Hearn**, the 4th Ortori novel in hardcover.

Red Spikes by **Margo Lanagan**, a collection of short stories in paperback.

Road of the Patriarch by **R A Salvatore**, the 3rd Forgotten Realms Sellswords novel in hardcover.

Ghost by **John Ringo** in paperback.



News

2006 Sydney Freecon will be held on Saturday 25-11-06 at the Bankstown City Library. This is a one day, free admission science fiction event.

Sydney Medieval Fayre will be held 2nd and 3rd December 06 at Castle Hill showground. This is for fans of all things medieval, Viking, or Roman. It includes the Australian Medieval Sword Fighting Championships and promises sword fighting and even full contact jousting.

<http://www.unitedswords.com.au/SYDNEY%20MEDIEVAL%20FAYRE/INDEX%20SYDNEY%20PAGE%201.htm>

Neil Gaiman has won best novel at the British Fantasy Awards with *Anansi Boys*.

Infinitas Short Fiction

Second Contact? By Garry P. Dalrymple

It was in a plain manila folder, possibly the most mundane and down to earth container possible for any message. With deep despair in his heart the SETI Institute Director opened the folder again and looked over the contents of the folder, hoping against hope that some how a third reading would somehow change the content and meaning of the decoded transcript of the first ever authenticated SETI communication received by Earth.

It didn't.

He closed the folder.

There was no change of the text, and try as he might he could not fault the clear and un-emotive wording of the press release that he would shortly have to give to a waiting world.

The director could feel the ground under his feet move and the walls of his professional life begin to shift ahead of a complete collapse.

At least, he reflected, he no longer felt the sharp edge of initial outrage and anger that he had been felt two days ago when the sense of the translation had began to emerge from the translating programs.

So like a process of grieving for the loss of a loved one he mused?

He closed the folder and put it down on his desk. He paused for a moment, to reach for the telephone to call in his assistant director, just as the intercom buzzed and his receptionist announced his deputy's arrival. He had just helicoptered in from an urgent mission to the remote desert field station to personally confirm that all aspects of the transmission were genuine. He had already phoned back to confirm that the message was indisputably genuine and that it was still repeating its request for a reply every thirty eight minutes.

As the Deputy entered his office, the Director pointed to the folder and said,

'You've read it', with a stony face the deputy Director replied with exasperation,

'Yes, I've read it'

'Of all of mankind's messages sent out into the ether, who could have imagined that the first to result in a response would be a ..'

The Director finished his sentence for him, 'A Nigerian banking scam offer, of all the bloody things!'

Reviews

Wintersmith by Terry Pratchett, reviewed by Tim

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780385609845>

Tiffany Aching is learning witching, apprenticed to Miss Treason. She attends a secret mystical dance welcoming winter to the land. The music draws her into the dance and she becomes noticed by The Wintersmith - the anthropomorphic personification of winter - who falls in love with her. Being romantically pursued by a lovesick elemental complicates her teenage life.

This is the third Tiffany book. To read this one first you may miss the background of the characters and some references to previous stories, but like all the Discworld books it is a self contained story. Granny Weatherwax and Nanny Ogg are present throughout, and Death appears too. The other young witches in learning are side characters but still develop and grow from their experiences in the story. This book avoids the cliches of many coming of age stories. It is the Feegles who steal the show, however. Discworld fans have much to enjoy here. This is the 47th of Pratchett's books I have read. He is a master of his trade. The Tiffany books are pitched to a young adult readership, without being condescending and with the depth and subtlety to satisfy re-reading and even academic study. Tiffany presents as a real child, who is slightly autistic and continually trying to make sense of the world and those who people it. Pratchett's talent for humour lies in the surprising perspectives he gives his characters. He is not afraid of including serious topics in his young adult fiction, after all it is adolescence that was probably the most confusing life stage for many adults. In this he is a rare writer. Highly recommended.

Dragon's Fire by Anne and Todd McCaffrey, reviewed by Dan

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780593054987>

Dragon's Fire is the 19th Pern novel, and the third set in the late 2nd interval and 3rd Pass. The book focuses on Pellar, the mute son of Masterharper Zist; Halla, a Shunned, or holdless child and Cristov, son of a disgraced miner. The Harpers and some of the Lords Holder are aware that there are a growing number of Shunned who, when Thread starts falling again soon, may pose a threat to the Holds. Zist sends his son to attempt to infiltrate the Shunned, hoping that together, a solution may be found. Meanwhile, with Thread approaching, more firestone is needed to keep the dragons and their

riders suitably trained. Firestone is highly volatile and dangerous to mine. There is only one mine currently in operation, as each of the previous mines have had disastrous endings, and it is only a matter of time before a similar fate hits Firestone Mine 9.

This book, along with *Dragon's Kin* and *Dragonsblood*, make a linked set of stories, with a style similar to the Harper Hall trilogy. They make ideal young adult novels, as all the main characters are young. The focus of all three novels is not the dragonriders, but the other people of Pern, the holders and crafters. This book should be read after *Dragon's Kin*, but may be read either before or after *Dragonsblood*. I look forward to more Pern novels by either Anne or Todd McCaffrey.

Lord of the Isles by David Drake, reviewed by Stuart Wark

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781857985917>

Fantasy novels come in all different shapes, sizes and styles. *Lord of the Isles* is the first book in a series that definitely fits the epic fantasy classification in a manner reminiscent of Stephen Erikson, Terry Brooks and Robert Jordan. The story is based around the main character Garric, his sister Sharina, and their friends, twins Cashel and Ina. As the book unfolds Garric, a shepherd from the small seaside village of Borca's Hamlet, is set a quest to find the throne of Malkar, an incredibly strong magical device.

The story features a wide range of people, both good and evil, and many of whom fail to act in accordance with the readers' expectations. The interaction between the characters is well developed, and the obligatory underlying romance is understated enough not to distract the reader from the story. The characters are actually interesting in their own rights, and are believable as people, rather than merely aids to the plot development.

The author, David Drake, was a soldier in Vietnam and wrote military science fiction books before turning his typewriter to fantasy. The influence of this background is very evident, with *Lord of the Isles* displaying a grittiness that isn't evident in popular fantasy offerings from David Eddings or Raymond Feist.

It must be said that the story takes a while to get going, and the pace is sometimes a little distracting. To its extreme credit, *Lord of the Isles* actually finishes the storyline at an appropriate point, allowing people to read it as a standalone book. It is, nonetheless, setup for the sequel. Drake has produced a very good book and set the stage well for the remainder of the series. Recommended for fans of epic fantasy.

The Black Crusade by Richard Harland, reviewed by Garry Dalrymple

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780975214305>

The Black Crusade by Richard Harland is an example of 'Speculative Fiction' and small press publication at its very best. Written as a prequel to the cult classic 'The Vicar of Morbing Vyle' it purports to be a memoir of a reluctant follower of the 'The Black Crusade', a Gothic satirical quest across Eastern Europe. It reads a lot easier than *Morbing Vile*, as the *Crusade* is a lot more relaxed style of story telling.

In the hands of a bog standard fantasy writer, the story of the *Black Crusade* could probably be dragged out into a trilogy. Stylistically, Richard Harland's book is very much an enthusiastic and exuberant treatment that is (as a prequel to *Morbing Vile*) sufficiently confident to be free to play with its subject material and its narrative format in a manner that is both fun and horrifying. It leaves no trope unturned. It is a book of Pratchett level ingenuity and moments of Milliganesque observation and pythonesque humour (almost as funny as Chuck McKenzie) and it deserves re-printing and a wider audience.

This book is one of the few I have read recently that left me thinking about the world left behind at the turn of the final page. I was left thinking, how did the *Black Crusaders* get together? Exactly what had the Marquis of Morbon Villica been getting up to before his execution? I think there are sufficient unanswered questions to suggest that still more prequels should follow.

The Innocent Mage and Innocence Lost by Karen Miller, reviewed by Josephine Crowley

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732280796>

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732280802>

Karen Miller's *Kingmaker Kingbreaker* saga is set in the kingdom of Lur, a country inhabited by two peoples: the Olkens and the Dorarens. Many centuries ago the Olkens surrendered their magic to the Dorarens and since then they have appeared to live peacefully together. A wicked mage from centuries past appears in disguise, determined to take over both peoples. The Olkens have been forbidden to use magic but over the past hundreds of years there has survived individuals with weak magical powers who await the coming of the *Innocent Mage*.

My candle burned low over many evenings as I escaped into this exciting saga of intrigue, magic, princes, kings and ordinary folk. The series is completed with the two books, *The Innocent Mage* and *Innocence Lost*, which must be read as a whole as they are really the one story. Readers of all ages will be enthralled by these books. This is the first fantasy series for local Sydney writer, Karen Miller. So keep writing fantasy, Karen Miller, I look forward to your next series.

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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 5th October Spin-Offs eg: Torchwood

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 October 19th:

Gregory Benford *Timescape* (SF)
Terry Brooks *Magic Kingdom For Sale, Sold* (F)
Thursday November 16th:
Frank Herbert *Dune* (SF)
Tony Shillitoe *Amber Legacy* (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 September

General Release

We Few	John Ringo
Stroke of Midnight	Laruell K Hamilton
Troy: Thunder	David Gemmell
Flight of the Nighthawks	Raymond E Feist
The End of the Beginning	Harry Turtledove
The Devoured Earth	Sean Williams
Dragonsblood	Todd McCaffrey
Danse Macabe	Laurell K Hamilton
Final Impact	John Birmingham
Oakleaf Bearers	John Flanagan

Media and Games Related Titles

Halacyon	Stargate Atlantis
Survival of the Fittest	Stargate SG-1
Blind	Warhammer 40,000
Principles of Desolation	Mechwarrior
Summon the Thunder	Star Trek Vanguard
Horus Heresy 4 Visions of Death	Warhammer 40,000
Go Ask Malice	Buffy
Annual 2007	Doctor Who
Firefly: The Official Companion 1	Firefly / Serenity
False Gods	Warhammer 40,000

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Dark Animus Issue 9 Early 2006 **MAG \$7.70**

Fantasy and Science Fiction October / November 2006 **MAG \$13.95**

Locus 548 September 2006 **MAG \$16**

d'artiste: Concept Art

d'artiste: Concept Art presents the techniques of leading concept artists Viktor Antonov, George Hull, Andrew Jones and Nicolas (Sparth) Bouvier. In this masterclass tutorial book, these four authors bring readers through concept art techniques used to create environments, characters and machinery for film, television and video games.

Each master artist presents their unique approach through a series of step-by-step tutorials from initial sketch through to concept completion.

d'artiste: Concept Art dedicates a section to each master artist, including a personal gallery, biography, up to 26 pages of tutorial content each and an invited artist gallery featuring 92 artworks from talented concept artists worldwide. **Picture Book \$63**

Expose 4 **Picture Book \$59**

Shana Abe

The Smoke Thief

Kit, the young leader of a mysterious tribe possessing the power to transform themselves into dragons, journeys to London to find a rogue dragon who has been using his abilities to steal a fortune in jewels, but when he sets a trap for the culprit, he comes face to face with a beautiful and enigmatic young woman. **APB \$17.95**

Douglas Adams

Life, the Universe and Everything (CD) (Hitchhikers 02)

In consequence of a number of stunning catastrophes, Arthur Dent is surprised to find himself living in a hideously miserable prehistoric Earth. However, just as he thinks that things cannot possibly get any worse, they suddenly do. He discovers that the galaxy is not only mind-bogglingly big and bewildering, but also that most of the things that happen in it are staggeringly unfair. **CASS Audio \$55**

Kevin J Anderson

Of Fire and Night (Saga of Seven Suns 05)

After many years of hardship and bravery, the human race faces its greatest challenge. The sweeping war between titanic races -- a conflict that has obliterated planets, extinguished entire stars, exterminated whole races -- is reaching its end game. Allies become betrayers, strangers become fast friends, and enemies clash in a struggle that will rock the galaxy.

For years, the alien Klikiss robots have pretended to be humanity's friends, but their seeming "help" has allowed them to plant an insidious Trojan Horse throughout the Earth Defense Forces, and the sudden rebellion of Earth's own compies leaves millions dead and the Terran Hanseatic League defenseless. In a desperate attempt to save his own race, the Ildiran Mage-Imperator Jora'h is forced into a devil's bargain with the evil hydrogues, which will require him to ambush and destroy what remains of the human race. But the gypsy Roamer clans and the green priests of the towering worldforest -- scattered stepchildren of humanity -- have found innovative ways to fight, as well as strange allies of incomprehensible power.

As the climactic battle is engaged, the Ildiran Solar Navy, the Earth Defense Forces, the Roamers, green priests, Klikiss robots, and hydrogue warglobes collide in a fury that will destroy many and change the landscape of the Spiral Arm forever. **TP \$32.95**

Piers Anthony

Stork Naked (Xanth)

Expectant mother Surprise Golem loses her brand-new baby when the stork assigned to deliver the child refuses to surrender it and escapes with the baby through a hole in the fabric of reality, and leads an ill-assorted group of companions on a desperate quest through dozens of different Xanths to find her missing child. **HC \$51.95**

Catherine Asaro

The Dawn Star

With no teacher to guide her, no mentor to discourage her from the impossible, Mel Dawnfield pushed her magic to its limits - and surpassed them. Only to find that her powers aren't enough to halt burgeoning rebellion within her husband's fledgling realm - or a plot devised to strike at the very heart of Mel's family.

The lines have been drawn.

Mel's mage strength has become greater than any power ever known, but dare she forge her spells into weapons to protect her people, her husband? For her magic might transform the brutality of war into the birth pangs of a peaceful empire - unless it proves the death blow to her world.

BPB \$19.95

Neal Asher

Polity Agent

From 800 years in the future, a runcible gate is opened into the Polity and those coming through it have been sent specially to take the alien "Maker" back to its home civilisation in the Small Magellanic cloud. Once these refugees are safely through, the gate itself is rapidly shut down - because something alien is pursuing them. The gate is then dumped into a nearby sun.

From those refugees who get through, agent Cormac learns that the Maker civilisation has been destroyed by pernicious virus known as the Jain technology. This, of course, raised questions: why was Dragon, a massive bioconstruct of the Makers, really sent to the Polity; why did a Jain node suddenly end up in the hands of someone who could do the most damage with it? Meanwhile an entity called the Legate is distributing pernicious Jain nodes... And a renegade attack ship, "The King of Hearts", has encountered something very nasty outside the Polity itself. **HC \$59.95**

Robert Asprin

Myth-Gotten Gains (Myth)

TP \$30.95

Stephen Baxter

Emperor

A woman gives birth to her child in a village in Northern England, the cold northern edge of the Roman Empire. As she struggles through a painful labour she begins to scream out a series of words in Latin. A language she has never heard before, much less spoken. One of the family recognises the words for what they are. Only later does it become clear that the woman has spoken a prophecy. A prophecy that relates to the death of the Emperor Constantine. A prophecy that if enacted will change the fate of the Roman Empire and all of the future beyond it. Stephen Baxter's new series takes ordinary individuals living at history's tipping points and presents them with a prophecy that challenges everything they believe about their world and prompts them to take action that could change it forever. The fourth volume reveals the nature of the prophecies and reveals a battle that has been fought through the ages. **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95**

Alfred Bester

The Stars My Destination

Gully Foyle, Mechanic's Mate 3rd Class. EDUCATION: none SKILLS: none MERITS: none RECOMMENDATIONS: none That's the official verdict on Gully Foyle, unskilled space crewman. But right now he is the only survivor on his drifting, wrecked spaceship, and when another space vessel, the Vorga, ignores his distress flares and sails by, Gully becomes obsessed with revenge. He endures 170 days alone in deep space before finding refuge on the Sargasso Asteroid and returning to Earth to track down the crew and owners of the Vorga. But, as he works out his murderous grudge, Gully Foyle also uncovers a secret of momentous proportions ... **BPB \$22.95**

James Blish

Cities In Flight

James Blish's galaxy-spanning masterwork, originally published in four volumes, explores a future in which two crucial discoveries - antigravity devices which enable whole cities to be lifted from the Earth to become giant spaceships, and longevity drugs which enable their inhabitants to live for thousands of years - lead to the establishment of a unique Galactic empire. **BPB \$22.95**

Ray Bradbury

Farewell Summer

Celebrating the final days of summer, thirteen-year-old Douglas Spaulding and his friends declare war on the stuffy older set of their community who would put an end to their wild ways, an effort for which the boys plot to stop the courthouse building clock as a means of staying young forever. **HC \$51.95**

Marie Brennan

Warrior and Witch

In the sequel to *Doppelganger*, Mirei's discovery that by merging with - rather than killing - her doppelganger can enhance her powers has the witches of Starfall in an uproar, and they launch a campaign against Mirei, capturing her fellow hunter and friend, Eclipse, and forcing him to kill her, or pay with his life. **APB \$17.95**

Terry Brooks

Armageddon's Children

Fifty years from now, our world is unrecognisable. Pollution and warfare have poisoned the skies, the water and the soil. Pockets of society still exist, living in highly fortified strongholds, while those outside the walls roam the landscape - either predator or prey. But even these isolated compounds are not safe; armies of demons and once-men assault their defences, and inevitably, one by one, they succumb. Civilisation has fallen and anarchy is the only law.

Logan Tom and Angel Perez are the last two Knights to stand against the forces of chaos. These two extraordinary people have the ability to resist the dark tide, and to them will fall twin tasks: to find and protect a very old and a very new magic. They are humanity's last hope. Although the odds are stacked against them, Logan and Angel have the power to halt the destruction of the Old World.

It will be up to others to usher in the New . . . **TP \$32.95 HC \$49.95**

Lois McMaster Bujold

Sharing Knife: Beguilement (Sharing Knife 01)

Fleeing her family farm after becoming pregnant, unwed Fawn Bluefield encounters a patrol of enigmatic soldier-sorcerers under the leadership of Dag, a knife-bearing, one-handed patroller who comes to Fawn's rescue when she is kidnapped by a dangerous magical entity. **HC \$52.95**

Mark Chadbourne

Jack of Ravens (Kingdom of the Serpent 01)

This is the Ultimate Fantasy: a quest of epic reach spanning the globe under the mythologies of five great cultures - and finally crossing the barrier between life and death. Jack Churchill, archaeologist and dreamer, walks out of the mist and into Celtic Britain more than two thousand years before he was born, with no knowledge of how he got there. All Jack wants is to get home to his own time where the woman he loves waits for him. Finding his way to the timeless mystical Otherworld, the home of the gods, he plans to while away the days, the years, the millennia, until his own era rolls around again ... but nothing is ever that simple. A great Evil waits in modern times and will do all in its power to stop Jack's return. In a universe where time and space are meaningless, its tendrils stretch back through the years ... Through Roman times, the Elizabethan age, Victoria's reign, the Second World War to the Swinging Sixties, the Evil sets its traps to destroy Jack. **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95**

Michael Cobley

Shadowmasque (Shadowkings 03)

300 years after the end of the Great Shadowking War, evil is seeping out into the world once more.

Emperor Magramon is dead and his only son, Ilgarion, will finally ascend to the Khattrimantine throne, guided by the Archmage Tangaroth and protected by the Iron Guard. But dark undercurrents are moving beneath the surface of life in Sejeend, the imperial capital, and the agents of an old and malign power are plotting and waiting. Only the Order of Watchers, a band of renegade mages, has any inkling of what is afoot and their investigations lead to grotesque and violent confrontations.

But Ilgarion is obsessed with the empire's enemies, imagined or otherwise, and his pursuit of them can only bring about turmoil. Into this web of uncertainty Corlek Ondene, former captain of the Iron Guard, unknowingly walks and sets in motion a string of clashing events. Can Tashil, Dardan, the Countess Ayoni, and the other Watcher mages, root out the source of evil before its terrifying hunger is set loose? And can the poet Calabos, elderly leader of the Watchers, keep his real identity a secret through all the nightmarish encounters he will undergo?

For the faces of Night dance with the faces of Day, but the weaver of Fate dances alone. **APB \$18.95**

Steve Cockayne*The Good People*

Deep in the English countryside, Kenneth Storey and his older brother have discovered the land of Arboria - a kingdom of adventure waiting for them through a gate in the garden wall.

As the world outside plunges deeper into global conflict, the Arborians wage their own war against the Barbarians - an ancient foe seemingly as old as the forest itself. But for Kenneth, Arboria is more than a world of make-believe and the Barbarians more than a figment of his imagination. For Kenneth, Arboria is more important than the real world . . . and perhaps, in some ways, he may be right. **HC \$35**

Shirley Damsgaard*The Trouble With Witches (Ophelia and Abby Mystery 03)*

When a friend asks her for help to locate a missing teenager, psychic Ophelia Jensen and her canny, sorceress granny Abby, head for the wilds of Minnesota to find the girl, following a trail that leads to the secluded New Age research center of Jason and Juliet Finch, their troubled young niece, an enigmatic Native American shaman, and murder. **APB \$17.95**

Kathleen Dante, Kate Douglas & Sharon Page*Wild Nights*

Three supernatural beings trap their prey in a web of undeniable passion in this collection that features Kate Douglas's Camille's Dawn, in which a powerful shapeshifter, gifted with limitless sexual prowess, sets his sights on Tia, a beautiful woman who is destined to be his mate. **TP \$26.95**

Cecelia Dart-Thornton Australian Author*Weatherwitch (Crowthistle Chronicles 03)*

Asrathiel, once Astariel, grand daughter of the Stormlord of Ellenhall, has come of age and received her title of weathermage. As she sets out into the world, her happiness is marred only by her inability to wake her mother from the enchanted sleep that holds her captive, and by curious visits from a perverse yet intriguing faerie-creature.

But rumblings of discontent have begun to circulate in the Four Kingdoms of Tir: the bandits known as the Marauders are attacking the populace with greater frequency, and taxes are being raised to fund the defence against them. Then the people begin, seemingly unprovoked, to turn against the weathermasters, whom they have always held in such high esteem... **TP \$32.95**

MaryJanice Davidson*Undead and Unpopular (Undead 05)*

Betsy Taylor, Vampire Queen, already has plenty on her plate. For one thing, next week is her birthday. The last thing she wants to deal with is uninvited guests. Some of them don't want Betsy as their Queen, and will do anything to get rid of her. And, trying to give up blood is making her really cranky. But, who has the time to sulk? **TP \$32.95**

Philip K Dick*Ubik*

Glen Runciter is dead.Or is he?Someone died in the explosion orchestrated by his business rivals, but even as his funeral is scheduled, his mourning employees are receiving bewildering messages from their boss.And the world around them is warping and regressing in ways which suggest that their own time is running out.If it hasn't already. **BPB \$22.95**

William C Dietz*Logos Run (Runner 02)*

In the sequel to Runner, interstellar courier Jak Rebo sets out to make good on a promise to a dead man to deliver an AI known as Logos to a mysterious, remote planet in order to restore a damaged system of star gates, only to find himself caught in the middle of a battle between the Techno Society and a vicious group of antitechnics. **HC \$51.95**

Tananarive Due*Joplin's Ghost*

Having resisted her family's music-centered lifestyle in her pursuit of fame, Phoenix Smalls, the daughter of a jazz club-owner mother and a touring band manager father, becomes uncharacteristically intrigued by an old piano in a back room of her mother's jazz club, with ominous consequences. **TP \$28.95**

Hal Duncan*Vellum*

It's 2017 and the End Days are coming, beings that were once human gathering to fight in one last great war for control of the Vellum – the vast realm of eternity on which our world is just a scratch. But to a draft-dodging Irish angel and a trailer-trash tomboy called Phreedom, it's about to become brutally clear that there's no great divine or diabolic plan at play here, just a vicious battle between the hawks of Heaven and Hell, with humanity stuck in the middle, and where the easy rhetoric of Good and Evil, Order versus Chaos just doesn't apply.

Here there are no heroes, no darlings of destiny struggling to save the day, and there are no villains, no dark lords of evil out to destroy the world. Or at least if there are, it's not quite clear which is which. Here, the most ancient gods and the most modern humans are equally fate's fools, victims of their own hubris, struggling to save their own skins, their own souls, but sometimes... just sometimes... sacrificing everything in the name of humanity. **BPB \$22.95**

Kate Elliott*Spirit Gate (Crossroads 01)*

As a terrifying group of fanatics intent on annihilating all those who oppose them spreads across the land, devouring everything in their path, Mai and Anji, along with a reeve representing the power of the Guardians and a young woman sworn to the goddess, may be the only ones who can find a way to stop the horde's deadly advance. **HC \$52.95**

P N Elrod*A Song in the Dark (Vampire Files 11)*

Vampire private detective Jack Fleming confronts a double challenge when he takes on the New York mafia and attempts to clear the love of his life from a murder charge. **APB \$19.95**

Jennifer Fallon Australian Author*Medalon (Demon Child 01)*

Running afoul of their mother's intrigues, R'shiel and her half brother Tarja flee for their lives and become caught up in a rebellion against the Sisterhood, rulers of Medalon, and join forces with a Harshini outcast where they can confront R'shiel's fate. **PB \$19.95**

Jennifer Fallon *Australian Author*

Treason Keep (Demon Child 02)

On the brink of death, R'shiel, the Demon Child, is taken to the Harshini haven of Sanctuary, where crucial decisions are being made. The Harshini will not survive long enough for another demon child to reach maturity, even if such a child was born tomorrow. Can R'shiel's life be saved? On Medalon's northern border, Tarja Tenrigan and the Defenders are helpless as Karien threatens war. An alliance with the Hythrun could be Medalon's only chance, but should Tarja trust Damir Wolfblade, Warlord and heir to the throne of Hythria? King Habet of Fardonyha will ally with whoever seems to offer the most reward. His eldest daughter, Princess Adrina, could prove to be his greatest asset. The wayward and rebellious Adrina has her own plans and they do not include obedience ... to her father or her new husband. **APB \$19.95**

Harshini (Demon Child 03)

In the third book of this bestselling trilogy, Medalon has surrendered to Karien and Tarja is once more an outlaw. The Defenders are scattered and their only hope for aid is Damir Wolfblade and the vast army of Hythria. But Damir has his own problems. The High Prince is dead and he must fight off a usurper to secure his throne and life the siege on his capital, before he can think of aiding Medalon. For R'shiel time is running out. She must defeat Xaphista soon or the Harshini will be destroyed; she must find a way to weaken the Overlord's growing power; to bring peace to the divided southern nations; to free Medalon from Karien occupation and to find the strength to finally put an end to Locon. R'Shiel has no idea how to defeat a God and with all the demands on her she is no longer sure that she has enough time to save anyone. **APB \$19.95**

Raymond E Feist

Into a Dark Realm (Darkwar 02)

Chaos threatens to overwhelm two worlds as the most dangerous force ever encountered threatens to invade Midkemia, while the most treacherous magician in history – the madman Leso Varen – begins to wreak havoc on the world of Kelewan. Pug and the Conclave of Shadows are determined to find Varen, only to discover that he has usurped the body of one of the most powerful men in the Empire of Tsuranuani – a Black Robe and member of the Assembly of Magicians. Pug has the almost impossible task of uncovering the true identity of the fiendish magician in an entire city full of Black Robes. Murder, mayhem, horror, and the darkest evil await Pug's son, Magnus, and his companions as they attempt to discover the ultimate source of the terrible threat that hovers over Midkemia and Kelewan. Leading a desperate expedition into the realm of the Dasati, the vast and malevolent empire which is threatening his homeworld, Magnus hopes to find the key to defeating this enemy who is capable of overwhelming the combined might of two worlds. But even if he does, the companions will have a desperate struggle to return home with their vital information. Three worlds will teeter on the brink of destruction as the third Riftwar: the Darkwar, is unleashed. **HC \$49.99**

Raymond E Feist

Magician: Apprentice GN \$30.95

John Flanagan *Australian Author*

Ranger's Apprentice 1 & 2 Bindup (Ranger's Apprentice 01, 02)

Will is small for his age, but fast and quick-witted. He has always wanted to become a great knight, so he is devastated when he is instead apprenticed to Halt, the mysterious Ranger whose uncanny ability to move unseen is thought to be the result of black magic. But Will is about to find more excitement and adventure than he could have dreamed of when he is sent on missions whose success or failure could affect the fate of the Kingdom.

Is the legend true that says the terrifying Kalkara can kill with one glance? And why are the villages and mines of nearby Celtica silent? There can only be one answer. Morgarath is on the move... **TP \$29.95**

Eric Flint & Andrew Dennis

1635: Canon Law (Ring of Fire 05)

In Rome in 1635, Grantville's diplomatic team, headed by Sharon Nichols, has come to a standstill in their negotiations with Pope Urban VIII, while an ambitious Cardinal Borja launches his sinister schemes, mysterious agitators are stirring up trouble, Spain's armies prepare for an attack on the Kingdom of Naples, and Frank Stone finds himself in the middle of the trouble. **HC \$52.95**

Michael Flynn

Eifelheim

Tom, a modern-day historian, and his girlfriend Sharon, a theoretical physicist, search for the truth about the 1349 disappearance of the small German town of Eifelheim as the Black Death strengthens its grip on medieval Europe, unaware that Father Deitrich, the village priest in 1348, became the first contact between humankind and a mysterious alien race. **HC \$51.95**

Alan Dean Foster

Sagramanda

A novel of near future India. **HC \$51.95**

Neil Gaiman

Fragile Things

A stunning book of short stories by the acclaimed fantasy writer. The distinctive genius of Neil Gaiman has been championed by writers as diverse as Norman Mailer and Stephen King. With THE SANDMAN Neil Gaiman created one of the most sophisticated, intelligent and influential graphic novel series of our time. Now after the recent success of his latest novel ANANSI BOYS, Gaiman has produced FRAGILE THINGS, his second collection of short fiction. These stories will dazzle your senses, haunt your imagination and move you to the very depths of your soul. This extraordinary book reveals one of the world's most gifted storytellers at the height of his powers. **TP \$32.95 HC \$54.95**

Jon Courtenay Grimwood

9Tail Fox

A noir melding of ancient Chinese folklore, organised crime and cutting edge medical technology.

A policeman is murdered in San Francisco. And spends the rest of the novel hunting down the man who did it. And trying to get the answer to some terrifying questions. Why is he in another man's body? Why is someone trying to kill him. Again. And why is he being haunted by a nine tailed Albino fox?

From the shell-shattered streets of Stalingrad in 1942 to the back alleys of San Francisco's Chinatown, evocative of place, crystal clear in its depiction of character this is literary fantastic fiction at its most compelling from one of the most exciting writers working today. **BPB \$21.95**

Joe Haldeman*The Forever War*

Private William Mandella is a reluctant hero in an interstellar war against an unknowable and unconquerable alien enemy. But his greatest test will be when he returns home. Relativity means that for every few months tour of duty centuries have passed on Earth, isolating the combatants ever more from the world for whose future they are fighting. **BPB \$22.95**

Laurell K Hamilton*Strange Candy*

A collection of fantastical short fiction by the best-selling author of *Danse Macabre* features "The Girl Who Was Infatuated with Death," an Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter story, as well as "House of Wizards," "Stealing Souls," "Winterkill," "The Curse-maker," and "Those Who Seek Forgiveness," a never-before-published Anita Blake tale. **HC \$49.95**

Harry Harrison*Star Smashers of the Galaxy Rangers*

The wild, galaxy-hopping adventures of brash young scientists Jerry Courtenay and Chuck van Chider are at the core of this classic space opera. When the two college students develop a faster-than-light space drive in their homemade workshop, they decide to sneak it aboard their football team's airplane as a prank. The boyish plan backfires, however, and the boys find themselves, along with their crush Sally and the seemingly loveable school caretaker, Old John, hurtling through the solar system towards Titan—an icy moon of Saturn inhabited by hideous ice creatures. Titan and the 20th century are only square one as the foursome becomes embroiled in a vast, intergalactic, century-jumping battle. **TP \$22.95**

Lian Hearn Australian Author*Otori Trilogy Boxed Set 4 x MP3 (Otori)*

Set in a fantasy world of ancient Japan, Takeo, an exceptional boy from a remote mountain village, is thrust into war between the ruling clans of the country. Forsaking his bride and only possessing the supernatural powers of the Tribe, Takeo is determined to avenge his master's death and claim his rightful inheritance. This sweeping saga spans three instalments with over 30 hours of spell-binding listening. **MP3 CD \$49.95**

The Harsh Cry of the Herron (Otori 04)

Find out who lives and dies, who conquers, and who is still loved. The story winds up to an unexpected and moving conclusion that will make you want to start reading the Trilogy all over again. Lord Otori Takeo and his consort Kaede have ruled for over sixteen years. The Three Countries are rich, peaceful and prosperous. The sacred birds, the Honou, nest at Terayama and a fabled creature, the Kirin, has appeared on their shores. Heaven seems to smile on them. Yet their very success has attracted the attention of the distant Emperor and his general, the warlord Saga Hideki, who covet all the wealth of the Three Countries, especially Takeo's heir, his eldest daughter, Shigeko, now of marriageable age. **HC \$39.95**

Robert A Heinlein*Red Planet*

A young colonist on Mars, Jim Marlowe befriends a strange round creature called Willis who gets him into trouble when he goes away to school, but whose presence and friendship finally enable the colonists to negotiate a treaty with the Martians. **TP \$28.95**

Robert A Heinlein & Spider Robinson*Variable Star*

Two young lovers are forced apart by pride, power, and the immensity of interstellar time and space, in an authorized version of an unfinished novel by Hugo Award-winning late science fiction master Robert Heinlein. **HC \$51.95**

Bobby Henderson*The Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster*

Bobby Henderson is a spiritual leader of a group of followers who worship the teachings of The Flying Spaghetti Monster (FSM). This book lays out FSM scripture, rites and observances, proofs, and answers to the various questions. **HC \$24.99**

Frank Herbert*Dune (Dune 01)*

The epic story of the planet Arrakis, its Atreides rulers and their mortal enemies the Harkonnens is the finest, most widely acclaimed and enduring science fiction novel of this century. Huge in scope, towering in concept, it is a work that will live on in the reader's imagination. **APB \$19.95**

Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson*Hunters of Dune (Dune 07)*

Fleeing from the monstrous Honoured Matres - dark counterparts of the Bene Gesserit Sisterhood - Duncan Idaho, the military genius Bashar Miles Teg, a woman named Sheeana who can talk to sandworms, and a group of desperate refugees explore the boundaries of the universe. Aboard their sophisticated no-ship, they have used long-stored cells to resurrect heroes and villains from the past, including Paul Muad'dib and his love Chani, Duke Leto Atreides and his Lady Jessica, even the traitor Doctor Yueh, all in preparation for a final confrontation with a mysterious outside Enemy so great it can destroy even the terrible Honoured Matres. And, deep in the hold of their giant ship, the refugees carry the last surviving sandworms from devastated Arrakis, as they search the universe for a new Dune. **TP \$32.95 CD \$110**

James Herbert*The Secret of Crickley Hall*

The Caleighs have had a terrible year... They need time and space, while they await the news they dread. Gabe has brought his wife, Eve, and daughters, Loren and Cally, down to Devon, to the peaceful seaside village of Hollow Bay. He can work and Eve and the kids can have some peace and quiet and perhaps they can try, as a family, to come to terms with what's happened to them...

Crickley Hall is an unusually large house on the outskirts of the village at the bottom of Devil's Cleave, a massive tree-lined gorge - the stuff of local legend. A river flows past the front garden. It's perfect for them... If a bit gloomy. And Chester, their dog, seems really spooked at being away from home. And old houses do make sounds. And it's constantly cold. And even though they shut the cellar door every night, it's always open again in morning...

The Secret of Crickley Hall is James Herbert's finest novel to date. It explores the darker, more obtuse territories of evil and the supernatural. With brooding menace and rising tension, he masterfully and relentlessly draws the reader through to the ultimate revelation - one that will chill the mind long after the book has been laid aside. **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95**

P C Hodgell*To Ride a Rathorn***HC \$56.95****James P Hogan***Mission to Minerva*

The discovery of a space suit containing an ancient human skeleton prompts the discovery of the existence of the culture of Thuria, a giant race of humanoids, as well as other multiple universes in which less benevolent "human" civilizations vie for control of Earth. **APB \$19.95**

Robert E Howard*Kull*

Banished from his home world, the warrior Kull becomes the king of the advanced Valusia empire and is challenged to defend his crown against treacherous nobles, a race of serpent-men, and the evil sorcerer Thulsa Doom, in a collection of stories chronicling the heroic adventures of the fantasy hero. **TP \$32.95**

Hannah Howell & Lynsay Sands*My Immortal Highlander*

Two best-selling authors join forces to present a tale of passion, intrigue, and betrayal that follows identical twins, Bothan and Calum MacNachton, as they, roaming the highlands at night to satisfy their unquenchable thirst, search for the mortal women who can break their eternal curse.

TP \$24.95**Elaine Isaak***The Eunuch's Heir*

Carousing and womanizing in his ongoing efforts to forget the legacy of his sainted father, pampered prince Wolfram duRhys finds his carefree days ended by a shattering assassination attempt that forces him to flee to a distant and magical land. **TP \$30.95**

Liam Jackson*Offspring*

As Lucifer plots to destroy all creation, only the Offspring, the descendants of ancient unions between humans and angels, have the power to save humankind from the evil that threatens them, but first they must escape powerful ancient enemies that plot their demise. **HC \$49.95**

Daniel Keyes*Flowers For Algernon*

Charlie Gordon, IQ 68, is a floor sweeper, and the gentle butt of everyone's jokes, until an experiment in the enhancement of human intelligence turns him into a genius. But then Algernon, the mouse whose triumphal experimental transformation preceded his, fades and dies, and Charlie has to face the possibility that his salvation was only temporary. **BPB \$22.95**

Alice Kimberly*The Ghost and the Dead Man's Library (Haunted Bookshop Mystery)*

When the customers that purchased rare volumes of Edgar Allan Poe's complete works begin dying, bookshop owner Penelope Thornton-McClure calls upon her resident ghost and PI Jack Shepard to read between the lines when the police rule these deaths as accidental. **APB \$17.95**

Stephen King*Lisey's Story*

Two years after losing her husband of twenty-five years, Lisey looks back at the sometimes frightening intimacy that marked their marriage, her husband's successes as an award-winning novelist, and his secretive nature that established Lisey's supernatural belief systems, on which she eventually comes to depend for survival. **HC \$57 CD \$95**

Carrie **BPB \$22***Christine* **BPB \$22***Misery* **BPB \$22***The Shining* **BPB \$22***The Stand* **BPB \$22***Bag of Bones* **BPB \$22****Angela Knight***Master of Swords*

Gawain, a virile vampire knight, vows to prove to witch Lark McClure that not all vampires are violent and out for blood, while dealing with a relentless killer who wants them both destroyed. **PB \$17.95**

Dean Koontz*Forever Odd*

Odd Thomas, that unlikely hero, once more stands between us and our worst fears. Odd never asked to communicate with the dead – they sought him out. As the unofficial goodwill ambassador between our world and theirs, he has a duty to do the right thing. That's the way Odd sees it, and that's why he has already won over hearts on both sides of the great divide. For Odd lives always between two worlds in the small desert town of Pico Mundo, which Odd can never leave, and where the heroic and the harrowing are everyday occurrences. A childhood friend of Odd's has disappeared and the worst is feared. But as Odd applies his unique talents to the task of finding the missing person, he discovers something worse than a dead body. New allies and new enemies gather around Odd, some living and some not. But the enemy he encounters is unspeakably cunning, and every sacrifice is needed to tip the balance between despair and hope as a life-changing revelation rushes towards us. In the battle to come, there can be no innocent bystanders ... **APB \$19.99**

Strange Highways

One rain-swept Sunday night when he was twenty years old, on his way back to college after a weekend with his family, Joey Shannon took the wrong highway - and from that moment, nothing ever went right for him again. Now, exactly twenty years later, on another rain-swept night, Joey finds himself at the same crossroads, looking down the road never taken. Which is odd. Because that road no longer exists. A superhighway replaced it nearly twenty years ago, and the old state route - which had crossed a web of perpetually burning, abandoned coal mines - was condemned as too dangerous and was torn up. But now the highway is exactly as it was on that long-ago night, and when Joey turns on to it, he begins an eerie, terrifying journey toward a truth so dark and stunning that it will change everything he believes about himself, his past, and the nature of life.

APB \$19.95

Mercedes Lackey

Aerie (Dragon Jousters 04)

After escaping imprisonment in the Jousters' Compound, Kiron and his army of dragon riders seek refuge in an abandoned city called Sanctuary, and, calling upon the help of other dragon riders, they attempt to create a new society, devoid of war and magical domination, called Aerie.

HC \$52.95

Wizard of London (Elemental Masters 04)

Twelve-year-old Sarah Jane Lyon-White is sent to The Harton School for Boys and Girls, a facility for training children with a powerful potential for magic, but Sarah's unique talents have made her the target of an Elemental Master who wants her dead. **PB \$19.95**

Margo Lanagan Australian Author

Red Spikes

Margo Lanagan's electrifying stories are for anyone who loves to be surprised, touched, unsettled and dazzled by what a great writer can do in just a few pages. Ten electrifying new stories from Margo Lanagan, internationally acclaimed author of *Black Juice* and *White Time*. **BPB \$17.95**

Black Juice **BPB \$17.95**

White Time **BPB \$17.95**

Rosemary Laurey, Linda Thomas-Sundstrom & Rebecca York

Immortal Bad Boys

A trio of sexy stories, centering around the carnal desires of the immortal undead, features Rebecca York's "Night Ecstasy," in which a three-hundred-year-old vampire scours the streets of New Orleans, searching for eternal love, and finds it when he meets a mysterious artist. **TP \$26.95**

Richard Laymon

Richard Laymon Collection 6

THE STAKE: In an abandoned hotel in a Californian ghost town, horror writer Larry Dunbar and his friends make a chilling discovery. By chance they stumble on a coffin hidden under the stairs. Within lies the corpse of a naked female - with a stake through its heart. Was she the innocent victim of a gruesome murder? Or was she a vampire? There's only one way for Larry to solve the mystery - he must pull out the stake... **FUNLAND:** A series of unexplained disappearances has cast a dark shadow over the summer pleasures over the seaside town of Boleta Bay. And holiday-makers are being threatened by a growing army of leering, foul-mouthed bums who have taken over the promenade. Convinced that the down-and-outs are behind the abductions, a gang of local teenagers decide to wreak violent revenge. Led by the charismatic Tanya, the gang graduate from simple beatings to more sinister punishments. And as they grow more daring, their campaign leads them to the old abandoned Funhouse, where the fun really begins... **BPB \$18.95**

Richard Laymon Collection 7

DARKNESS, TELL US: It starts at an end-of-term party. Six college kids and a Ouija board. The board that Professor Coreen Dalton had hidden at the back of a cupboard and sworn never to touch again - not after Jake's death. And now here are these kids falling for the revelations of a spirit called Butler, swallowing its promise of a fortune hidden in the mountains. Not that Corie believes they would be stupid enough to head off in to the wilderness on the say-so of a child's plaything. To embark on a two-day hike into the unknown where any foul danger may lie in wait to cut and slice and tear them limb from limb. But then, professor or not, Corie could be wrong... **ONE RAINY NIGHT:** The water drops like a shroud on the town of Bixby. Warm, viscous and unnatural, it coats the inhabitants in an unending torrent - and turns them into crazy, hate-filled maniacs. A helpful stranger at a gas station shoves a petrol pump down a customer's throat and squeezes the trigger. A soaking-wet queue of cinema-goers smashes its way inside the movie house to slice up the dry people within. **BPB \$18.95**

Ursula K Le Guin

The Dispossessed

The Principle of Simultaneity is a scientific breakthrough which will revolutionise interstellar civilization by making possible instantaneous communication. It is the life work of Shevek, a brilliant physicist from the arid anarchist world of Anarres. But Shevek's work is being stifled by jealous colleagues, so he travels to Anarres's sister-planet Urras, hoping to find more liberty and tolerance there. But he soon finds himself being used as a pawn in a deadly political game. **BPB \$22.95**

Tanith Lee

Here in Cold Hell

Killed by the power of the god Zezeth, his true father, Lionwolf has been cast into a bleak and icy hell lit just by a cold blue sun. Here he and others of the living dead must wage endless combat and war, to appease the whim of a deathly King whose face is made of stone. But when Lionwolf encounters the King's wife, she is none other than the beautiful, god-fashioned Chillel, his own former lover - and nemesis.

As Lionwolf struggles in the toils of Hell, elsewhere in the hell-cold ice-age of the mortal earth, men and women work out their own destinies. An empire has fallen. Ru Karismi, Capital of the Kings, has been abandoned to the poisons of the White Death. Reivers cross the lands of the Jafn and the Ruk, preying wherever they wish. Against this unsettled backdrop, Jemhara the sorceress determines to save the Magician Thryfe from a dire self-inflicted punishment, and Saphay, now a goddess of the far north, seeks to lead her people to a new world. And from the depths of an ice-locked sea Zezeth's other terrifying son, the mountainous whale-leviathan Brightshade, is once more rising for vengeance. **APB \$19.95**

Julianne Lee

Knight Tenebrae

When British reporter Lindsay Palowski and American pilot Alex MacNeil are transported back in time to Scotland during the rule of Robert the Bruce, they soon discover, while acclimating themselves to their dangerous new surroundings, that something inhuman has followed them through the vortex. **APB \$19.95**

Roger Levy

Icarus

Mankind has reached deep space. Separated from earth and each other by unimaginable reaches of space, forced to adapt to various diverse planetary environments the colonies have become isolated and inward looking, forgetting their pasts, losing touch with their humanity. Until a mysterious ship found locked in the deep rock by a mining team on a planet whose surface is drenched in lethal radiation sparks off a deadly conspiracy that threatens man wherever he is. After his grim dystopias set on a failing earth Roger Levy has spread his wings to give us a broad and exciting SF novel of exotic locales and mind blowing ideas without losing any of his trademark psychological acuity and elegant style. **HC \$55 TP \$32.95**

Jeanie London*Retrieval*

Using her unique talents to intervene in the lives of humans to help them resist temptation and avoid untimely deaths, Nina, a guide between the living and the dead, finds herself caught in the middle between good and evil forces battling for control of Purgatory and battling her own temptations. **APB \$17.95**

James Lovegrove*Provender Gleed*

The Families. Insanely rich and richly insane. With world-spanning business interests, glamour and power, they are monarchs, Mafia and movie stars rolled into one. Since the Borgias and de Medicis united in the 17th century, the Families have transfixed, transformed, and ruled, the world. Top British Family the Gleeds are hosting the social event of the year, their annual ball. Venice has been reconstructed in all its glory in the grounds of their estate, Dashlands, and should provide the perfect romantic backdrop for Provender - the young, disaffected Gleed heir upon whom the Family line, and status, depends - finally to find a wife. But Provender shows no sign of settling down with any of the social beauties his mother parades before him ... **PB \$21.95**

Brian Lumley*Khai of Khem*

Under the shadow of a powerful pharaoh who desperately seeks eternal life, escaped Egyptian slave Khai, the lover and chief general of Queen Asharta, is captured by the pharaoh's evil magicians and sent into the future, where he discovers the power of modern weapons. **TP \$30.95**

Paul Magrs*Never The Bride*

A nice lady who runs a B&B in Whitby who turns out to be the Bride of Frankenstein... Brenda has come to Whitby to run a B&B and find some peace and quiet after a long and eventful life. She and her best friend Effie like nothing better than going out for dinner at the Christmas Hotel and keeping their eyes open for any mysterious goings on. And what with sinister beauty salons, peculiar visiting families from Norfolk and roving psychic investigators there are plenty of mysterious goings on. But the most peculiar thing in Whitby may well be Brenda herself. What with her terrible scars, her strange lack of a surname or the fact that she takes two different shoe sizes, Brenda should have known that people as, well, unique, as she is, just aren't destined for a quiet life. **TP \$29.95**

Gregory Maguire*Wicked*

An astonishingly rich re-creation of the land of Oz, this book retells the story of Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, who wasn't so wicked after all. Taking readers past the yellow brick road and into a phantasmagoric world rich with imagination and allegory, Gregory Maguire just might change the reputation of one of the most sinister characters in literature. **BPB \$23**

Nick Mamatas*Under My Roof*

The world of twelve-year-old telepath Herbert Weinberg explodes into chaos when his single father implants a nuclear device within a garden gnome on their front yard, an act of defiance after which their home becomes a sanctuary for malcontents and a target for government troops. **TP \$24.95**

George R R Martin*A Feast For Crows (Song of Ice and Fire 04)*

In the fourth novel in the epic fantasy series A Song of Ice and Fire, the kingdom exists in a state of perilous equilibrium following the death of a monstrous king, a regent ruling in King's Landing, and few claimants to the Iron Throne, until new conspiracies and alliances begin to erupt in the Seven Kingdoms. **APB \$19.95**

The Ice Dragon

As a group of fiery dragons from the North sweeps down on her peaceful home, only Adara, a winter child born during the worst cold anyone can remember, who possesses a powerful affinity for the ice dragon, can save her world from utter destruction. Young adult novella. **HC \$26.95**

Richard Matheson*I Am Legend*

An SF novel about vampires ... Robert Neville is the last living man on Earth ... but he is not alone. Every other man, woman and child on the planet has become a vampire, and they are hungry for Neville's blood. By day he is the hunter, stalking the undead through the ruins of civilisation. By night, he barricades himself in his home and prays for the dawn. How long can one man survive like this? **BPB \$22.95**

Cormac McCarthy*The Road*

In a novel set in an indefinite, futuristic, post-apocalyptic world, a father and his young son make their way through the ruins of a devastated American landscape, struggling to survive and preserve the last remnants of their own humanity. **HC \$49.95**

Dennis L McKiernan*Once Upon A Spring Moon*

Falling in love with Cleste, princess of Springwood, Rol finally has a chance at true happiness, until his sister is abducted by a horrific lord with the power to steal the souls he has taken, and he and Cleste embark on a desperate odyssey through perilous territory to save Rol's sister before the dark of the moon. **HC \$49.95**

Paul Mealing*Elvene* **TP \$29.95****Karen Marie Moning***Darkfever*

Mac is stunned to discover that her sister's murder had been far more than a random act of violence and resents the awakening of a mysterious ability to sense the Fae and their talismans, a talent that sends her on a quest to find the Sinsar Dubh, a mystical book of dark power, and to insure that it cannot fall into the wrong hands. **HC \$40.95**

Tom Piccirilli

The Dead Letters

Five years after Eddie Whitt's daughter Sarah had fallen victim to a serial killer known as Killjoy, Eddie is still trying to hunt him down, following an eerie trail to taunting letters to a deadly cult--and hopefully closer to his prey--but his quest is complicated by dark forces that rise around him, tormenting him with a series of inexplicable events. **APB \$15.95**

Frederick Pohl

Gateway

Wealth ... or death. Those were the choices Gateway offered. Humans had discovered this artificial spaceport, full of working interstellar ships left behind by the mysterious, vanished Heechee. Their destinations are preprogrammed. They are easy to operate, but impossible to control. Some came back with discoveries which made their intrepid pilots rich; others returned with their remains barely identifiable. It was the ultimate game of Russian roulette, but in this resource-starved future there was no shortage of desperate volunteers. **BPB \$22.95**

Terry Pratchett

Thud! (Discworld 30)

Koom Valley? That was where the trolls ambushed the dwarfs, or the dwarfs ambushed the trolls. It was far away. It was a long time ago. But if he doesn't solve the murder of just one dwarf, Commander Sam Vimes of Ankh-Morpork City Watch is going to see it fought again, right outside his office.

With his beloved Watch crumbling around him and war-drums sounding, he must unravel every clue, outwit every assassin and brave any darkness to find the solution. And darkness is following him.

Oh... and at six o'clock every day, without fail, with no excuses, he must go home to read 'Where's My Cow?', with all the right farmyard noises, to his little boy.

There are some things you have to do. **APB \$21.95**

Wintersmith (Discworld Tiffany 03)

Tiffany Aching is a trainee witch - now working for the seriously scary Miss Treason. But when Tiffany witnesses the Dark Dance - the crossover from summer to winter - she does what noone has ever done before and leaps into the dance. Into the oldest story there ever is. And draws the attention of the wintersmith himself...

As Tiffany-shaped snowflakes hammer down on the land, can Tiffany deal with the consequences of her actions? Even with the help of Granny Weatherwax and the Nac Mac Feegle - the fightin', thievin' picties who are prepared to lay down their lives for their 'big wee hag'...

HC \$45 CD \$44.95

The Unseen University Cut-Out Book (Discworld)

The phenomenal Discworld series has a latest addition to its growing hoard of artefacts: a cut-out book for adults, which in an extraordinary feat of paper engineering reveals a detailed 3-D model of the Unseen University - the most ancient and complex building on Discworld.

Colourful and intricate, this paper sculpture will provide hours of fun for the true Discworld aficionado. **HC \$45**

The Truth (Discworld 25) CD \$49.95

Hogfather (Discworld 20) CD \$49.95

Terry Pratchett, Jack Cohen & Ian Stewart

Darwin's Watch: Science of Discworld III (Discworld)

Roundworld is in trouble again, and this time it looks fatal. Having created it in the first place, the wizards of Unseen University feel vaguely responsible for its safety. They know the creatures who lived there escaped the impending Big Freeze by inventing the space elevator - they even intervened to rid the planet of a plague of elves, who attempted to divert humanity onto a different time track. But now it's all gone wrong - Victorian England has stagnated and the pace of progress would embarrass a limping snail. Unless something drastic is done, there won't be time for anyone to invent spaceflight and the human race will be turned into ice-pops.

Why, though, did history come adrift? Was it Sir Arthur Nightingale's dismal book about natural selection? Or was it the devastating response by an obscure country vicar called Charles Darwin, whose bestselling *Theology of Species* made it impossible to refute the divine design of living creatures? Either way, it's no easy task to change history, as the wizards discover to their cost. Can the God of Evolution come to humanity's aid and ensure Darwin writes a very different book? And who stopped him writing it in the first place? **APB \$22.95**

Cherie Priest

Wings to the Kingdom

In the sequel to *Four and Twenty Blackbirds*, Eden Moore finds herself summoned to the national military park at Chicamauga, Georgia, where she is called to serve as an intermediary between the ghosts of the soldiers haunting the area and the human world. **TP \$30.95**

Robert Rankin

The Brightonomicon

Robert Rankin's *The Brentford Trilogy* - seven books and counting - catapulted him into the dizzy heights of 'cult success', but over the years that cult following has grown and Robert Rankin is now the second best-selling writer of comic fantasy in Britain, after Terry 'He Always Makes Me Laugh' Pratchett. Were you aware that there are, hidden in the streets of Brighton, twelve ancient constellations, like the Hangleton Hound and the Bevendean Bat ... well, there are: and on each one hangs a tale, a tale so strange that only The Lad Himself, that inveterate spinner of tales and talker of the toot, Hugo Rune, can get to the bottom of them. And he'd better do it quickly, because if he doesn't solve the dozen mysteries before the year is out, that'll be the end of the world as we know it. And everything. **APB \$19.95**

Micheal Reaves & Maya Kaathryn Bohnhoff

Mr Twilight

When an explosion in a Manhattan brownstone rips apart the very fabric of reality, Colin, a warrior against the forces of the dark and damned, teams up with a beautiful Native American woman and a tough NYPD detective to track down a killer and untangle a web of horror that reaches from the infamous Vlad the Impaler to a twentieth-century occult author and his seductive daughter. **APB \$19.95**

James Reese

The Witchery

Summoned from self-imposed exile during the mid-nineteenth century by her teacher, the witch Herculine is commanded to sail to Havana to find the mysterious Queverdo Br£ before returning to the Florida Keys, where she finds her family and realizes her destiny. **HC \$52.95**

Mike Resnick*Soothsayer (Penelope 01)*

Somewhere out there among the stars is a very frightened eight-year-old girl named Penelope.

The Democracy wants her dead. Three-Fisted Ollie and Cemetery Smith want her dead. The military wants her dead. Jimmy the Spike wants her dead. A thousand bounty hunters want her dead. Gamblers and pirates like King Tout and the Yankee Clipper want her dead. The populations of entire alien worlds want her dead.

Her only defenders are the ageless Forever Kid, who is tired of living and seeks death with a vengeance, and a diminutive thief known only as the Mouse.

Not very good odds. Penelope has only one thing in her favor: although she doesn't know it, she just might be the most powerful and dangerous human being who has ever lived. **TP \$22.95**

Oracle (Penelope 02)

Since she was a little girl, all humanity has been frightened by Penelope Bailey's awesome psychic talent and her ability to bend events—and men—to her will. Now a grown woman and living on the planet Hades, Penelope is caught in a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with a bounty hunter, a government agent, and an out-for-profit, outlaw cyborg—none of who suspect the true depths of her power. **TP \$22.95**

John Ringo*Ghost (Mike Harmon 01)*

Discharged from the service for on-the-job injuries, former SEAL Michael "Ghost" Harmon is finding college life boring, until he interrupts a kidnapping and takes on a gang of Syrian commandoes with the help of three naked co-eds--Bambi, Thumper, and Cotton Tail--in a high-tech adventure thriller. Warning, this is not science fiction, and is quite graphic. **APB \$19.95**

Nora Roberts*Dance of the Gods (Circle 02)*

Raised in a family of demon hunters, Blair Murphy has her own personal demons to fight - the father who trained, then abandoned her, and the fiance who walked out on her after learning what she is. Now she finds herself training a sorcerer from 12th century Ireland, a witch from modern day New York, a scholar, and a shape-shifter from the mythical land of Gaell, while trying to keep herself from staking the sixth of their circle: a vampire sired by Lilith, the vampire queen they've been charged with defeating on Samhain. No stranger to a good fight, Blair finds she has met her match it comes to that handsome and flirtatious Geallian, Larkin. And a couple of run-ins with one of Lilith's loyal followers gives Blair more than she reckoned for, mentally and physically. But will she be able to stay alive long enough to defeat Lilith's army? Or will she find herself falling for the one thing she vowed never to give into again? **APB \$19.95**

Rudy Rucker*The Hollow Earth* **TP \$32.95****Kristine Kathryn Rusch***Paloma (Retrieval Artist 05)*

When Paloma, the woman he owes his very life to, is murdered, Retrieval Artist Miles Flint, after the police refuse his assistance, launches his own investigation and stumbles upon a link between her death and the Moon's largest law firm, who have a secret they will do anything to protect.

PB \$19.95

C J Ryan*The Fifth Quadrant (Gloria VanDeen 03)*

Secure in her high-ranking position as head of Dexta's Office of Strategic Intervention, Gloria VanDeen suddenly finds herself targeted by a cadre of powerful enemies out to remove her from office and by an anarchistic terrorist organization called PAIN that wants her dead. **APB \$17.95**

R A Salvatore*The Crimson Shadow (Crimson Shadow 01, 02, 03)*

A fugitive aristocrat, young Luthien Bedwyr flees the demonic oppression of Wizard-King Greensparrow, aided by Oliver deBurrows and a mysterious ancient mage as they embark on an enchanted quest to steal a mystic prize from dragon's hoard to free the kingdom of Eriador from tyranny, in an omnibus edition containing the three volumes of the Crimson Shadow trilogy --The Sword of Bedwyr, Luthien's Gamble, and The Dragon King. **TP \$32.95**

Lynsday Sands & Hannah Howell*The Eternal Vampire*

Vampires Cathal MacNachton and Connall MacAdie find salvation when they rescue and then marry two beautiful Outsiders, whose pure bloodline holds the key to their clan's survival when a war of darkness and evil is waged. **APB \$16.95**

Karl Schroeder*Sun of Suns (Virga 01)*

A bitter and friendless young man who has been living with pirates, Hayden Griffin journeys to the city of Rush in the nation of Slipstream to seek revenge for the deaths of his parents when his home nation of Aerie was conquered by Admiral Chaison Fanning, leader of the fleet of Slipstream, in the first volume in a futuristic adventure series. **HC \$51.95**

Robert Scott & Jay Gordon*The Hickory Staff (Eldarn 01)*

Steven Taylor is an assistant bank manager in a quiet little Mid-West town; his roommate Mark Jenkins is a high school history teacher. Steven's bored with his job; the thought of going through all the accounts that haven't had a single transaction in the past 25 years sounds even more boring - until he discovers one old prospector left \$17,000 in October 1870; it's now worth 6.3 million dollars. There's a safe deposit box too, 17C, that's never been opened in all those years. And it would have remained closed if Steven hadn't been browsing through a Denver antique store: as well as a dresser for his sister, he found a new girlfriend, Hannah, the owner's daughter ... and, in a jar of oddments, the long-missing key to Idaho Springs Safety Deposit Box 17C. And without that key, he'd never have found the tapestry that sucked him and Mark into the land of Rona in the strange new world of Eldarn, where they are immediately captured by a group of Ronan resistance fighters. Rona has been occupied by Malakasia for nearly a thousand Twinmoons. Now an evil tyrant rules the land, but he wants more: he wants the key that will open the path for an ancient evil to manifest once and for all. And Steven and Mark need this same key if they are ever to get home to Idaho Springs ... **BPB \$22.95**

Martin Scott*Thraxas Under Siege (Thraxas)*

In the sequel to the World Fantasy Award-winning *Thraxas*, the overweight, beer-guzzling private detective is up to his neck in trouble as he deals with an army of rampaging Orcs and races against time to find a missing talisman that is capable of saving the enchanted city of Turai from the invaders. **HC \$51.95**

Andy Secombe*Endgame*

At a cocktail party to launch his latest creations, called Adam and Eve, God is challenged to a bet by the Devil (who crashed the party). The fallen angel, unimpressed by the Boss new toys, wagers that, far from being the custodians of Earth that God has created them to be, mankind will instead destroy itself. God, a golfing enthusiast with a fragile ego, can't refuse in front of all his guests, and so accepts. If Satan wins, he gets his place back in Heaven and control of what's left of the Earth. If he loses, he will retire into outer darkness and never bother Him more.

But the key momentum of this story is the relationship between Martin Gray, a simple dentist whose life is unravelling, and the angel Gabriel, a mack-wearing Danish pastry fan, and their attempts to stop the Devil laying waste to the Earth – in which they are aided by Martin's son Luke, the angel Michael, and by Luke's sometime friend Henry, thrash-metal fan and conspiracy theorist. **HC \$32.95**

Maggie Shayne*Prince of Twilight*

Searching for the reincarnation of his beloved wife, Elisabeta, Vlad Dracul believes he has found her in Tempest "Stormy" Jones, who, despite her growing attraction for Vlad, refuses to let Elisabeta take control of her mind and body, resulting in unimaginable wrath that could cost Stormy her life. **PB \$17.95**

Sharon Shinn*Dark Moon Defender (Twelve Houses)*

When king's Rider Justin comes to the aid of Ellynor, a young novice at a convent, he is unaware that she is a mystic being who is being manipulated by fanatical Daughters of the Pale Moon into seeking out and destroying other mystics. By the author of *The Thirteenth House*. **HC \$49.95**

Gena Showalter*Playing With Fire*

When a secret experimental formula, injected into her morning latte, allows her to control the elements with her mind, Belle Jamison is kidnapped by a gorgeous government agent who, sent to destroy her, is unable to carry out his mission due to the explosive passion between them. **APB \$17.95**

Dan Simmons*Olympos (Ilium 02)*

Helen of Troy is in mourning for her dead husband, Paris. Killed in single combat with the merciless Apollo, his body is nothing but a scorched and blasted thing. Hockenberry, her lover, still sneaks from her bed after their nights of lovemaking. And the gods still strike out from the besieged Olympos, their single-molecule bomb casings quantum phase-shifting through the moravecs' force shield and laying waste to Ilium. Or so Hockenberry and the amusing little metal creature, Mahnmut, have tried to explain to her. Helen of Troy does not give a fig about machines. She must dress for the funeral. And man and the gods and the unknown players in this tragedy must prepare for the final act. And a battle that will decide the future of the universe itself. **APB \$19.95**

Nalini Singh*Slave to Sensation*

When several Changeling women are murdered, Lucas Hunter, both human and animal, convinces Sascha Duncan, a member of the Psy, a race that is forbidden to feel emotions, to help him find the killer. **APB \$17.95**

Susan Sizemore*Primal Heat*

Can a heroic vampire protect his clan from danger -- and save himself from burning desire?

As Prime of his vampire Family, Mathias Bridger is sworn to protect his own kind at any cost -- but years of acting as a fierce guardian of his people have left him yearning for more out of life. His chance comes in the form of Phillipa Elliot, the beautiful police officer whose allure hasn't dimmed in the two years since they had a brief, torrid affair. And though she's involved with someone else now, Phillipa can't deny the feeling that Matt is her destiny.

When the Family comes under attack from fanatical vampire hunters, Matt uncovers treachery that shatters his world. So how can he possibly invite Phillipa into it? Fighting to protect his kin, he tries to push Phillipa away to the safety of her mortal life -- but he aches for her, and his will is no match for the flames of their all-consuming passion. . . . **APB \$14.95**

David J Skal

Vampires **PB \$22.95**

Alexander McCall Smith

Dream Angus **TP \$29.95**

Jennifer St Giles*Touch a Dark Wolf*

Jennifer St. Giles begins a dazzling new series that takes you into a world of seductive shape shifters and mystical beings, and into the hearts of a band of heroic warriors known as The Shadowmen. . . .

Yesterday, Erin Morgan worked for a pioneering Manhattan medical center. Today, she's on the run, witness to a chilling conspiracy. Fleeing for her life in the Tennessee mountains, she is run off the road by a mysterious beast . . . and things only get stranger when she wakes the next day to find a naked Adonis sprawled on the hood of her car.

For centuries, Jared has been a shape shifter, sworn to protect mortals like Erin. But in saving her, Jared has damned himself, for the poison from his battle wound stirs a terrible blood lust. Determined to protect Erin, Jared stays by her side and discovers a sensual rapture beyond imagining . . . and a love that can change his fate. But can Jared overcome his savage thirst and protect Erin from the beast within? **APB \$14.95**

Bram Stoker*Dracula*

Arriving at Castle Dracula, the vast ruined home of a Transylvanian nobleman, a young English visitor finds himself thrust into a realm of sensation and horror beyond his most nightmarish dreams. His experiences give rise to an urgent campaign to destroy the vampire count, to eliminate Dracula's cult of the living dead, and to triumph over a centuries-old evil.

Bram Stoker's masterpiece is a thriller of such hypnotic intensity that it has captured millions of readers around the world and inspired its own literature and mythology of the supernatural. **HC \$24.95**

Steph Swainston*No Present Like Time (Time 02)*

Another year in mankind's war for survival against the insects. God is still on holiday, the Emperor still leads and his cadre of immortals are still quarrelling amongst themselves. It is known that the insects are reaching the Fourlands from the Shift but now mankind just has to do something about it. And in the meantime attention shifts to new lands and a naval expedition is launched. And Jant, the Emperor's drug-addicted winged messenger is expected to join it. Just perfect for a man terrified of ships and sea. Steph Swainston's trilogy is building to be a landmark of modern fantasy. This is a wildly imaginative, witty, yet profound fantasy, peopled with bizarre yet real characters. **APB \$19.95**

Roy Thomas*Conan: The Ultimate Guide to the World's Most Savage Barbarian (Conan)*

Presents an in-depth look at Conan, from his birth on the battlefield to his ascension to the throne of Aquilonia, visiting the different worlds of Conan from Cinmeria to Hyperboria, and meeting his allies and women from Belit to Njal. **HC \$51.95**

Scarlett Thomas*The End of Mr Y*

Discovering a copy of a mysterious book reputed to be unread by anyone presently alive, Ariel Manto, a young woman harboring a fascination for nineteenth-century scientists, finds herself transported into a wonderland where she can travel through time and space using the thoughts of others. By the author of PopCo. **TP \$26.95**

Lynne Tillman*American Genius: A Comedy* **TP \$30.95****J R R Tolkien***The Hobbit (Lord of the Rings)*

First published over 50 years ago, J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* has become one of the best-loved books of all time. Now Tolkien's fantasy classic has been adapted into a fully painted graphic novel. *The Hobbit* is the story of Bilbo Baggins...a quiet and contented hobbit whose life is turned upside down when he joins the wizard Gandalf and thirteen dwarves on their quest to reclaim the dwarves' stolen treasure. It is a journey fraught with danger - and in the end it is Bilbo alone who must face the guardian of this treasure, the most-dreaded dragon Smaug. Illustrated in full colour throughout, and accompanied by the carefully abridged text of the original novel, this handsome authorised edition will introduce new generations to a magical masterpiece - and be treasured by *Hobbit* fans of all ages, everywhere. **TP \$27.95**

Unfinished Tales

A collection of narratives ranging in time from the Elder Days of Middle-earth to the end of the War of the Ring. It also contains the story about the long ages of Numenor before its downfall, and all that is known about such matters as the Five Wizards, the Palantiri and the legend of Amroth.

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A E Van Vogt*Transgalactic*

After the collapse of civilization, Clane a brilliant mutant, manages to rediscover the lost science behind ancient machines that once ran everything and finds that alien invaders had reduced humankind to barbarism in preparation for seizing control of the solar system, in an omnibus edition containing *Empire of the Atom*, *The Wizard of Linn*, and *Mission to the Stars*. **TP \$30.95**

Kurt Vonnegutt*The Sirens of Titan*

When Winston Niles Rumfoord flies his spaceship into a chrono-synclastic infundibulum he is converted into pure energy and only materialises when his waveforms intercept Earth or some other planet. As a result, he only gets home to Newport, Rhode Island, once every fifty-nine days and then only for an hour. But at least, as a consolation, he now knows everything that has ever happened and everything that ever will be. He knows, for instance, that his wife is going to Mars to mate with Malachi Constant, the richest man in the world. He also knows that on Titan - one of Saturn's moons - is an alien from the planet Tralfamadore, who has been waiting 200,000 years for a spare part for his grounded spacecraft ... **BPB \$22.95**

Peter Watts*Blindsight*

An odd assortment of diplomats--including a linguist with a multiple personality disorder, a biologist spliced to machinery, a pacifist warrior, and a vampire--journey to the far edges of the solar system to seek out a mysterious alien presence that may or may not want to meet with them and that may or may not be friendly toward Earth. **HC \$52.95**

David Wellington*Monster Nation*

In the heart of America, in the world's most secure prison, something horrible is growing in the dark. A wave of cannibalism and fear is sweeping across the heartland, spreading carnage and infection in its wake. Captain Bannerman Clark of the National Guard has been tasked with an impossible mission: discover what is happening - and then stop it before it annihilates Los Angeles. **HC \$28.95**

Michelle Sagara West*Into the Dark Lands (Sundered 01)*

War has its cost, and the Servants of the Bright Heart and the Servants of the Dark Heart have been locked in a struggle that has defined life-- and death-- for millennia. But the end is coming, and only the Lady who has served the Bright Heart for the whole of her immortal life has seen it, in a vision that spans time and demands the highest of prices.

Erin is a healer, and against the nature of her birthright she has learned to wield a sword and use it to bring death to the enemies of her people. Scarred by the losses that war always demands, she is the chosen champion of Light and the enemy of darkness.

But no magical sword or simple quest awaits Erin. Her journey and her doom lie in the Dark Heart's stronghold, and in the hands of her people's greatest enemy. **TP \$22.95**

Children of the Blood (Sundered 02)

Continuing the struggle she began in *Into the Dark Lands*, Erin—newly dubbed Sara—is forcefully put to sleep for three hundred years while her Lord finishes overtaking his enemies—and Sara's kinsmen. After conquering and slaughtering the last of the Bright Heart lines, he awakens an amnesia-ridden Sara and assigns one of his slaves, a fellow "child of the blood," to comfort her. As Sara's memory slowly returns and her rage intensifies, the Servants of the Dark Heart and the Dark Heart itself become increasingly dangerous to both her and her caretaker. **TP \$22.95**

Diane Whiteside*Bond of Blood*

The leader of the largest vampire territory in North America, seven-hundred-year-old vampire Don Raphael Perez finds a rival is challenging his rule, but his campaign to eliminate his bloodthirsty adversary is complicated by Grania O'Malley, an innocent young veterinarian who has become caught between the two enemies. **TP \$26.95**

F Paul Wilson*Infernal (Repairman Jack)*

Reunited with his distant judge brother after a mutual tragedy, Repairman Jack reluctantly joins his sibling on a treasure hunt off the coast of Bermuda and discovers an ancient artifact with bizarre and dangerous powers. By the author of *Midnight Mass*. **APB \$19.95**

Gene Wolfe*Soldier of Sidon (Latro 03)*

A man who forgets everything while he sleeps and is dependent on his journal entries to keep his life together, Latro finds himself in Egypt, where he and his companions become embroiled in a series of fantastical adventures as he searches for a way to rid himself of the curse that causes him to lose his memory. **HC \$51.95**

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro*States of Grace (Saint Germaine)*

When his beloved mentor and lover are threatened by unscrupulous forces, the vampire Santo-Germano finds his attempts to save them compromised by the loss of his fortune, a kidnapping accusation, and a murderous spy who has discovered his true nature. By the author of *A Feast in Exile*. **TP \$30.95**

Roger Zelazny*Lord of Light*

Imagine a distant world where gods walk as men, but wield vast and hidden powers. Here they have made the stage on which they build a subtle pattern of alliance, love, and deadly enmity. Are they truly immortal? Who are these gods who rule the destiny of a teeming world? Their names include Brahma, Kali, Krishna and also he who was called Buddha, the Lord of Light, but who now prefers to be known simply as Sam. The gradual unfolding of the story - how the colonisation of another planet became a re-enactment of Eastern mythology - is one of the great imaginative feats of modern science fiction. **BPB \$22.95**

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Backfired love spells, shifty warlocks, and potions abound in this delightfully wicked trio of stories that includes Theresa Alan's *The Witch's Guide to Life*, in which an artist and witch finds her creativity slowly waning when she catches the eye of a sexy ice hockey coach who loves her work. **APB \$17.95**

L A Banks, P N Elrod, Lori Handeland, Charlaire Harris, Sherrilyn Kenyon & Susan Krinard*My Big Fat Supernatural Wedding*

An original anthology of romantic tales of marital bliss and the supernatural features a new Dark Hunter tale by Sherrilyn Kenyon, Charlaire Harris's story of the tumultuous wedding of a vampire and a werewolf, P. N. Elrod's story of a reincarnated Elvis serving as a wedding singer, and other works by notable authors. **TP \$28.95**

Adrienne Basso*Highland Vampire*

A trio of darkly sensual romances features Hannah Howell's "Kiss of the Vampire," in which an innocent beauty finds salvation in the arms of a sensual creature who shows her the promise of immortal love. **APB \$17.95**

Susanna Clarke*The Ladies of Grace Adieu*

An enchanting anthology of stories by the author of *Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell* is set in a mysterious, fantastical version of England populated by petulant princesses, vengeful owls, endless paths in the dark woods, and houses that never appear the same way twice and features the Duke of Wellington, a conceited Regency clergyman, and other colorful characters. **HC \$49.95**

Ellen Datlow & Terri Windling Editor*Salon Fantastique: Thirty Original Tales of Fantasy*

Featuring pieces set in the contemporary, historical, and alternate-world arenas, a collection of thirty original fantasy tales. **TP \$34.95**

Gardner Dozois *Editor*

The Mammoth Book of Best New Science Fiction 19

Covers various aspects of the genre - soft, hard, cyberpunk, cyber noir, anthropological, military and adventure. This edition also includes a summation of the year and a recommended reading list. **BPB \$35.95**

David G Hartwell *Editor*

The Science Fiction Century Volume 2

A superlative anthology of the best in science fiction literature, in the second volume in the two-part collection. **TP \$38.95**

Stephen Jones & R Chetwynd-Hayes *Editor*

Tales to Freeze the Blood: More Great Ghost Stories

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Katie MacAlister, Jennifer Ashley, Minda Webber

Just One Sip

From a Moravian Dark One who must take on zombies and an angst-ridden teenage vampire to win the love of his soulmate, to a sunbathing vampire who finds the woman of his dreams in Vegas, this hilarious collection of paranormal romances celebrates the lives and loves of the immortal undead. **APB \$17.95**

Otto Penzler *Editor*

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Prepare to meet the most seductively female and the most shockingly fatal of femme fatale, brought to you by seventeen of today's finest authors of mystery and suspense fiction. Award-winning editor Otto Penzler presents a collection of short and sizzling masterpieces of kisses and kiss-offs, gams and gats. Tale after thrilling tale, they'll prove to you just how sexy and not so gentle the 'gentler sex' can be.

In 'Third Party', Jay McInerney takes you on a wild ride through the Paris night with a party girl built for speed and sin... 'Rendezvous', Nelson DeMille's first short story in twenty-five years, plunges you into a Vietnam jungle where the bloodiest scourge of this man's army is no man at all... back in the USA of 'Louly and Pretty Boy', Elmore Leonard introduces a Depression-era teenage gun moll who loves Pretty Boy Floyd more than she likes knocking off filling stations... a very smart blonde takes her shot in Lorenzo Carcaterra's 'A Thousand Miles from Nowhere', a study in slow-simmered vengeance... and Michael Connelly's colourful and ironic 'Cielo Azul' shows how a nameless woman left dead on a Los Angeles hillside can be the most lethal prey of all.

In other riveting tales, a scorned lover claims an old fling's heart, a little too literally... a lady of mystery offers a suicide pact you almost can't refuse... and a she-demon rises from the grave in a bid to rule the earth... These and a bevy of other very bad girls cast their criminal spells through the powerful voices of Joyce Carol Oates, John Connolly, Thomas H. Cook, Jeffrey Deaver, J.A. Jance, Andrew Klavan, Laura Lippman, Ed McBain, Walter Mosely, Anne Perry, Ian Rankin and S.J. Rozan in stories as irresistible as the anti-heroines that blaze through their pages. **TP \$35**

Mary Jo Putney

Faery Magic

A sprinkle of faery dust turns a quartet of love stories into a magical, mysterious, and enchanting collection and includes "The Lord of Elphindale" by Jo Beverly, "The Faery Braid" by Karen Harbaugh, "The Love Talker" by Barbara Samuel, and MaryJo Putney's "Dangerous Gifts." **APB \$17.95**

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Alison Baverstock

Is There A Book In You?

Many people feel they might have a book in them - but how do you know whether you have what it takes to be a writer, whether your writing is any good, what you should write about and whether you should dedicate proper time to begin your dream? This book asks pertinent questions of you via a questionnaire to help you discover whether there is a talented writer in you. Each chapter provides background to the relevant point in the questionnaire. Packed with advice from experienced writers including known authors; P D James, Philip Pullman, Jacqueline Wilson, Margaret Drabble, Katie Fforde and more. **PB \$26.95**

Michel Houellebecq

H P Lovecraft: Against the World, Against Life, Introduction by Stephen King

'Those who love life do not read. Nor do they go to the movies, actually. No matter what might be said, access to the artistic universe is more or less entirely the preserve of those who are a little fed up with the world.' In this prescient work - now with an introduction by Stephen King - Michel Houellebecq, the author of the novels *Atomised*, *Platform* and *The Possibility of an Island* focuses his considerable analytical skills on H.P. Lovecraft, the seminal, enigmatic horror writer of the early 20th century. Houellebecq's insights into the craft of writing illuminate both Lovecraft and Houellebecq's own work. The two are kindred spirits, sharing a uniquely dark worldview. But even as he outlines Lovecraft's rejection of this loathsome world, it is Houellebecq's adulation for the author that drives this work and makes it a love song, infusing the writing with an energy and passion that characterises Houellebecq's new novel. Indispensable reading for anyone interested in Lovecraft, Houellebecq, or the past and future of horror. **TP \$29.95**

Joel R Primack*The View From the Centre of the Universe: Discovering Our Extraordinary Places*

A world-renowned astrophysicist and a science philosopher present a new, scientifically supported understanding of the universe, one that will forever change our personal relationship with the cosmos.

For four hundred years, since early scientists discovered that the universe did not revolve around the earth, people have felt cut off-adrift in a meaningless cosmos. That is about to change.

In their groundbreaking new book, *The View from the Center of the Universe*, Joel R. Primack, Ph.D., one of the world's leading cosmologists, and Nancy Ellen Abrams, a philosopher and writer, use recent advances in astronomy, physics, and cosmology to frame a compelling new theory of how to understand the universe and our role in it. **HC \$45**

Chris Smith*The Naked Scientist*

Is it possible to tell how happy a dog is by watching the way it wags its tail? Why is the Eiffel Tower 15 centimetres taller in mid-summer than it is in mid-winter? Does sound travel faster in water or air? Can one really read other people like a book? Why do so many people hate eating their greens?

Firmly in the tradition of books like Dr Karl's *Kruszelnicki DIS INFORMATION AND OTHER WIKKID MYTHS*, new scientific kid on the block Chris Smith - aka *THE NAKED SCIENTIST* - explores present-day predicaments and tomorrow's technologies, from the most surprising facts to the most innovative new inventions, from staggering stats to serious developments that will transform the world around us.

Well known for his popular slot on ABC's Radio National and his superb website [www. thenakedscientists.com](http://www.thenakedscientists.com), in this brilliant compendium of facts, anecdotes and insights top scientist Chris Smith once more uses his wit and charm to lift the lid on the curious, crazy and compelling - and answer those questions you never thought to ask. **HC \$29.95**

Lynne Truss*Talk to the Hand*

'Talk to the hand 'cause the face ain't listening,' the saying goes. When did the world get to be so rude? When did society become so inconsiderate?

It's a topic that has been simmering for years, and Lynne Truss says that it has now reached boiling point. Taking on the boorish behaviour that has become a point of pride for some, *Talk to the Hand* is a rallying cry for courtesy. Like *Eats, Shoots & Leaves*, *Talk to the Hand* is a spirited conversation, not a stuffy guidebook. It is not about forks, for a start. Why hasn't your nephew ever thanked you for that perfect Christmas present?

What makes your builder think he can treat you like dirt in your own home? When you phone a utility with a complaint (and have negotiated the switchboard), why can't you ever speak to a person who is authorised to apologise? What accounts for the appalling treatment you receive in shops?

Most important, what will it take to roll back a culture that applauds rudeness and finds it so amusing? For anyone who's fed up with the brutality inflicted by modern manners (and is naturally too scared to confront actual jobs), *Talk to the Hand* is a colourful call to arms - from the wittiest defender of the civilised world. **PB \$19.95**

Young Adult

The Dragon's Eye (Dragonology Chronicles 01) **HC \$17.95**

People of the Light (Encyclopedia of Fantasy 01)

This wonderfully illustrated book gathers together all the magical creatures that have inhabited the fantastical realm, from angels and elves to mermaids and sylphs and beyond and, from the wealth of legends, literature and folklore available, presents a history for each one. Enthusiasts of fantasy, whether hooked by computer games, comic strips, literature or cinema, will find plenty to feed their passion. **HC \$29.95**

Louise Arnold*Invisible Friend (01)*

Grey Arthur is a ghost. Not a chain-rattling, dramatic-wailing type of ghost. He's a hazy, grey and not very ghost-like at all. Discover what happens to him in this funny novel by Louise Arnold, when he decides to become lonely Tom's Invisible Friend ... **PB \$15.95**

Ghost School (02)

The superb sequel to the *The Invisible Friend* by new talent Louise Arnold. The second journey into the fantastical world of Arthur, the ghost, and Tom, the real boy, that will truly grasp every child's imagination! In many ways, the *Ghost World* is like the *Real World* and, in many ways, ghosts are just like humans, except they are never born and they never die. One day they appear and then one day they're gone. But recently, more ghosts than usual have been disappearing. So many, so quickly, that it can only mean one thing Price: \$15.95 each PB Ages: 9+ **PB \$15.95**

Steve Augarde*The Celandine (Various 02)*

Set seventy years before *The Various*, the second book in the trilogy follows the adventures of young Celandine at the onset of the First World War. Having run away from her detested boarding school, Celandine is too afraid to go home in case she is sent back. As she seeks shelter in the Wild Wood near her home, little does she think she will encounter in a world where loyalty and independence is fiercely guarded, and where danger lurks in the most unlikely places. Celandine's troubled character finds both refuge and purpose among the secret tribes of little people that she alone believes in. These novels are full of mystery, beauty and adventure; this second novel is both page-turning and life-affirming. This is a truly remarkable trilogy. **BPB \$17.95**

Frank Beddor*The Looking Glass Wars*

When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt Redd, young Alyss Heart finds herself living in Victorian Oxford as Alice Liddell, and struggles to keep memories of her kingdom intact until she can return and claim her rightful throne. **HC \$36.95**

Thomas Bloor*Beast Beneath the Skin*

What Sam doesn't know is that he is being watched; stalked by The Companions, a murderous cult who need Sam to fulfil an earth-shattering prophecy. And when they kidnap his friend, Adda-Leigh, Sam is drawn into a twisted world of barbaric rituals and ruthless ambition - where the only chance of survival lies in using the powers he hates . . . **PB \$15.95**

Herbie Brennan

Ruler of the Realm (Faerie Realm 03)

It is Henry's third visit to the Faerie Realm, but this time in a rather different guise and to a rather different kind of place. Holly Blue is Queen and Lord Hairstreak appears to be proposing a truce between the Faeries of the Night and the Faeries of the Light. Meanwhile Prince Pyrgus has stumbled across some mysterious crystal flowers with an apparently formidable secret weapon, and there are rumours of a demon invasion led by Beleth, the Prince of Darkness. Queen Blue, wary of her uncle's uncharacteristic generosity, pays a visit to the Spicemaster's labyrinth in an attempt to divine the possible future of the Realm. She is warned to beware someone close, little realising just how careful she will need to be - and when she is kidnapped by the most unlikely candidate, the Realm rapidly descends into chaos. In a thrilling adventure Blue, Pyrgus and Henry will find themselves in the midst of a furious battle to protect the future of the Realm and secure the throne for the rightful ruler. **PB \$15.95**

Linda Buckley-Archer

Gideon the Cutpurse

The excitement of time travel The romance of the 18th Century The most sinister villain imaginable

An encounter with an anti-gravity machine catapults Peter Schock and Kate Dyer back to the 18th century and sets in motion a calamitous chain of events. While a massive police hunt gets underway to find the missing children in the 21st century, in 1763 a hardened criminal, the Tar Man, steals the anti-gravity machine and disappears into the London underworld. Stranded in another time and forced to chase the Tar Man to his lair, Peter and Kate find a friend and guide in reformed cutpurse, Gideon Seymour. Gideon does everything he can to help them, but will his dark past catch up with him before the machine is recovered? **TP \$19.95**

Patrick Cave

Blown Away (Sharp North 02)

Alternate narratives, from Dom, the son of a newspaper magnate, imprisoned at his rural school, and Adeline, the young surviving clone from Sharp North. Dom tells, through his diary, of the huge changes coming to the world, and how cloning became a way to ensure power for a select group of people. This is a sequel to the thriller, "Sharp North". **BPB \$16.95**

Stephen Cole

Terror-Bird Trap

Teggs and his crew have been sent to a beautiful - and previously peaceful - island. The clean-living, vegetarian bactrosaurs have always lived in harmony with their sea-dwelling neighbours, the shark-like predatory megalodons. But now the two races are on the verge of war! The island is sinking - and waste from the bactrosaurs is invading the megalodon world. Teggs and his crew are suspicious of a newly arrived race, the terror birds. Famous for being fighters, these ones claim they are peaceful - but Teggs wonders if they could be stirring up trouble between Queen Soapi and King Fin, the megalodon leader. Can the astrosaurs help solve the riddle and stop the island disappearing into the sea for ever? **PB \$14.95**

Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl: The Lost Colony (Artemis Fowl 05)

Ten millennia ago, the fairy people were defeated in a great battle with mankind, forcing them to move underground. Only the 8th family of fairies remained undefeated: the demons. But now one demon has discovered the secrets of the fairy world, and if humans get hold of this information, the fairies are in BIG trouble. Only one person can prevent this disaster - teenage criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl. **HC \$35 TP \$22.95 CD \$24.95**

Gary Crew Australian Author

Menace (Sam Silverthorne 02) PB \$16.95

Kevin Crossley-Holland

The Magic Lands

A magnificent book of 55 folk and fairy tales, wonder tales and ghost stories from all over Britain and Ireland. Taken from original sources and then brilliantly retold in a fresh and modern way, this is the most comprehensive and authoritative collection written in the last twenty years. **PB \$14.95**

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. **HC \$44.95**

Charlie Fletcher

Stone Heart

Deep in the City something had been woken, so old that people had been walking past it for centuries without giving it a second look When George breaks the pterodactyl's head outside the Natural History Museum in London, he awakes an ancient power. This prehistoric beast, which has been still for centuries, hunts him down with a terrifying wrath. And this is just the beginning as the statues of London awake George and his companion Edie are trapped in a world of danger. And worse they are quite alone. The rest of London is oblivious to their plight. This epic adventure exposes forces long-layered in the fabric of London. After entering its richly original and breathtaking world, the city streets and skyline will never again seem the same! A gripping fantasy with a modern twist... The meaning of creation is inspired and his writing reflects real heart. **HC \$27.95**

Terie Garrison

Autumn Quest

After her brother, Breyard, hatches an illegal dragon's egg, fifteen-year-old Donavah finds herself helping him raise it, and in the process discovers what magical powers she has been given. **PB \$22.95**

Debi Gliori

Deep Fear (Strega-Borgia)

An epic tale of a final battle between good and evil. The Strega-Borgias are in deep fear for their lives!

The forces of evil are converging on StregaSchloss - demons, the Mafia, a changeling with a nasty bite - and the wild and weird Strega-Borgias must gather together their allies to fight back. But there are just a few too many distractions, with Damp the toddler-witch missing in action and a house full of wolves and bickering teenagers getting in the way. Can the family keep it together - even when they're scattered over time and place?

A deliciously inventive and hilarious finale to the Pure Dead... Series **HC \$32.95**

Deep Water (Strega-Borgia)

The Strega-Borgia children are still reeling from the shock of their nanny's disappearance at the end of DEEP TROUBLE. Without Flora to tend to them the kids are growing up fast. Indeed, Titus is in the throes of a deeply embarrassing and magically accelerated puberty, while all around the usual chaos reigns. Baby Damp is learning to fly under the tutelage of a bat called Vesper, Ffup, the dragon is struggling with the Atkins diet and Tarantella, the tarantula, is trying to teach her daughters the rudiments of mascara. So far, so StregaSchloss, but add in an arrest for murder, a demon intent on revenge and a suicidal deep-frozen ancestor and you have a recipe that could only be cooked up in a Gliori-cauldron. **BPB \$17.95**

Sandra Glover

Don't Tell

Simon found his mother stabbed to death when he was seven - and his father is in prison due to his evidence. But supposing his seven-year-old eyes had been too unperceptive? Suppose his father was actually innocent, as he vehemently claims to be? The uncertainty has made Simon moody and violent, and it seems that no-one can help. But then he runs into Kirsty, who is prepared to be persistent and to ask the questions that matter. Is the real killer still out there? Are all the near-fatal accidents happening to Simon extreme attention seeking, or is the killer after him now? What is it that he knows? **PB \$17.95**

Christopher Golden & Ford Lytle Gilmore

Enemies (Hollow)

In the famed village of Sleepy Hollow, siblings Aimee and Shane witness the war between the Headless Horseman and an army of monsters, including a merciless one-eyed giant. **PB \$17.95**

Kerry Greenwood Australian Author

Raven's Rising (Stormbringer 03)

The third book in the Stormbringer trilogy, Raven's Rising encapsulates the heroes of The Rat and the Raven who have now returned to University, only to find it deserted and the gates locked. Dismas, who can break any lock, opens the outer door and they gain entry, but then they are unable to get out. Locked in the tower, the Ravens must fight to defend everything that is most precious their humanity is at risk. **PB \$17.95**

Keith Grey

The Fearful

In 1699 William Milmullen took his six pupils to the lakeside but only he returned after a creature rose up from the water and devoured the six boys right before his eyes. The whole town was shocked and terrified by the tragedy. Many were now too frightened to go out on the lake to fish, and the town's economy was under threat. William Milmullen recovered from the shock of what he'd seen. He named the creature 'The Mourn', and declared himself 'Mourner'. He took upon himself the responsibility to appease the creature by feeding livestock into the lake and vowed his family would forever be responsible for the safety of the town, and that every Milmullen son would take the mantle of Mourner at the age of 16.

This novel is set in the present day, and nobody believes in monsters anymore. These days the town is somewhat embarrassed about its monster stories and to many the Milmullen family is a bit of a joke. The family, however, have held onto their duty, believing that if they forsake the creature it will rise from the lake again. Tim Milmullen turns 16 in a week's time. On his birthday he will become the 13th Mourner. But Tim doesn't know if he wants the role. For one thing all the kids at school tease him, calling his father crazy, saying Old William back in 1699 killed the schoolboys himself and made up the story. And Tim's biggest problem is that he doesn't know if he believes in the legend or not. How can he dedicate his whole life to something he has never seen? **PB \$17.95**

Amanda Holohan Australian Author

Perry Brightfield: The King's Fool (Perry Brightfield Chronicles 01)

Thrown into the unknown world of Satisca, Perry Brightfield must use all of her skills to overcome the terrifying Collector.

If there's one thing that Perry Brightfield has learned in her fifteen years of life, it's that kids can smell a freak. Perry has no home and no parents. Her guardian Jurd says she's not from this world at all. Now, cast into a land terrorised by the evil Collector of Children, Perry Brightfield is about to discover just how different she really is. **PB \$14.95**

Erin Hunter

Twilight (Warriors New Prophecy 05)

After the warrior cat Clans settle into their new homes, the harmony they once had disappears as the clans start fighting each other, until the day their common enemy--the badger--invades their territory. **HC \$34.95**

Brian Jacques

Martin the Warrior (Redwall)

Badrang the Tyrant stoat, the evil Lord of the Eastern Coast, has forced captive slaves to build his fortress, Marshank. Among these slaves is an indomitable young mouse called Martin who, together with his friends Felldoh and Brome, escapes from the fortress, aided by Rose of Noonvale and Grumm the mole. So begins a tale of adventure love, treachery and deceit. The action is fast and furious scattered with characters like Cap'n Tramun Clogg, Ambella and her Pygmy shrews, and the Rambling Rosehip Players. A stirring yarn with all Brian Jacques' usual ingredients of feasts, rhymes, songs, battles and humour, and starring a legendary Redwall hero: Martin the Warrior! **BPB \$18.95**

Mossflower (Redwall)

Second thrilling REDWALL adventure This IS the story of Martin the Warrior, the legendary founder of Redwall Abbey. When Verduaga Greeneyes, king of the wildcats, becomes tyrant truler over the creatures of Mossflower, the woodlanders begin a life of serfdom and cruelty. But then, one winter afternoon, a young mouse called Martin chances by the woods -bringing with him an indomitable spirit of adventure and will for freedom... **BPB \$18.95**

Brian Jacques*Mattimeo (Redwall)*

Slagar the Fox is bent on revenge - and determined to bring death and destruction to Redwall Abbey. Gathering his evil band around him, Slagar plots to strike at the heart of the Abbey. His cunning and cowardly plan is to steal the Redwall children - and Mattimeo, Matthias's son, is to be the biggest prize of all... **BPB \$18.95**

Redwall (Redwall)

Redwall Abbey, tranquil home to a community of peace-loving mice is threatened by Cluny the Scourge - the evil-one-eyed rat warlord - and his battle-hardened horde of predators. Cluny is certain that Redwall will fall easily to his fearsome army but he hasn't bargained for the courage and strength of the combined forces of the **BPB \$18.95**

Ally Kennen*Beast*

Beast is the chilling debut novel from Ally Kennen. Her writing will catch you unawares and never let you go. In the caged depths of an urban reservoir lives a monstrous creature. Its existence is unknown to anyone except the teenage boy who feeds it. Six years ago it was a vicious little baby, now it has grown enormous, and its rusting pen can't hold it much longer... Stephen has kept the Beast a secret against all the odds. He's used to keeping painful secrets - like why he never sees his mother, or mentions his brother Selby, and wishes his father was dead. Stephen's life in foster care, always bad, is getting worse, and he's not a boy who plays by the rules. But his extraordinary efforts to free himself of the Beast make him a hero that readers will never forget. **PB \$16.99**

P B Kerr*The Blue Djinn of Babylon (Children of the Lamp 02)*

John and Philippa Gaunt are twins who are djinn. They can vanish, turn themselves into animals and grant wishes. But when they are sent on a secret mission to recover the world's most powerful book of ancient spells, they face a deadly enemy with magical skills far greater than their own.

BPB \$16.99

The Cobra King of Kathmandu (Children of the Lamp 03)

From the bestselling author, P.B. Kerr, comes the third volume in this exceptional, imaginative adventure series about a twin boy and girl who discover they are djinns. In the third book of the bestselling Children of the Lamp series, djinn twins, John and Philippa Gaunt, are on the trail of another magical mystery. As they travel from New York to London to Nepal and India on a whirlwind adventure, the twins try to help their friend and fellow djinn, Buck, find out who murdered his friend using the venomous snakebite of the king cobra. All too soon, John and Philippa find themselves caught up in the lethal world of the Cult of the Nine Cobras, only to discover that they themselves are a target of the creepy cobra cult.

HC \$24.99

Stephen Lawhead*Hood (King Raven 01)*

Bran ap Brychan becomes lord of his tribe's ancient lands when his father is killed by a Norman border patrol. Norman Earl Falkes d'Braose then lays claim to Bran's ancestral home, and Bran is wounded in the resulting clash. He is nursed to health by an old seeress in the wildwood, who captivates him with stories of the mythical Raven King. **HC \$35 TP \$19.95**

Sophie Masson Australian Author*The Secret Army: Operation Loki*

Nicky Flamel, a motorbike racing ace. Andromeda Frost, a beautiful English socialite. Otis Falcon, a young American ex-boxer. When three teenagers from diverse backgrounds find themselves on a mysterious island, they discover that they have one thing in common - psychic powers triggered by a recent accident. But it's no accident that they are together on Archangel Island, a top-secret institution that trains talented young psychics to battle a secret army - the evil Nazis and their associates. A brilliant graphic novel for teenagers. **PB \$16.95**

Cliff McNish*My Swordhand is Singing*

Tomas and his son, Peter, arrive in Chust and despite the inhospitability of the villagers settle there as woodcutters. Tomas digs a channel of fast-flowing waters around their hut so they have their own little island kingdom. Peter doesn't understand why his father has done this, nor why they've moved from place to place all his life. Why does his father carry a long battered box everywhere they go, and why is he forbidden to know its mysterious contents? But when a band of gypsies comes to the village Peter's drab existence is turned upside down. He is infatuated by the beautiful gypsy princess, Sofia, intoxicated by their love of life and drawn into their deadly quest. For these travellers are Vampire Slayers and Chust is a dying community - where the dead come back to wreak revenge on the living. Amidst the terrifying events that follow, Peter is stunned to see his father change from a disillusioned man, old before his time, to the warrior hero he once was. **HC \$24.95**

Silver World

The Roar is getting closer and closer to the earth, ready to attack, her hungry newborn in the waiting. Alongside the silver child Milo, who is hovering protectively over them, Helen, Thomas, Walter, the twins and little Jenny lead the children of Coldharbour in the battle against the Roar. Meanwhile, Carnac threatens from below, but the Unearthers, with drills for hands, stand ready for him. And the Protector under the oceans is on the children's side, bringing its wisdom and strength to bear on the battle. Cliff McNish brings the magical Silver Sequenceto a thrilling conclusion in this atmospheric fantasy. **PB \$14.95**

Joe Nigg

How to Raise and Keep A Dragon **HC \$29.99**

Michelle Paver*Soul Eater (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness 03)*

It is now in the deep of winter, and Wolf has vanished. To rescue him, Torak and Renn must leave the Forest and brave the frozen wilderness of the Far North. Here they face howling blizzards and the menace of the great white bear. Here Torak must get closer than ever before to the Soul Eaters: the enemies he has sworn to vanquish. But he must also make choices which will change his life. To make the world of Soul Eaterreal, I travelled to Transylvania, where, like Torak, I tracked wolves, lynx and boar . . . In Greenland I studied snow survival and experienced husky sledding Inuit-style . . . In northern Canada, I got muzzle-to-muzzle with wild polar bears . . . As always, I tried to experience what Torak experiences, so that the reader will be with him every step of the way.' - Michelle Paver **HC \$24.95**

Jack Prelutsky & Peter Sis*The Gargoyle on the Roof*

The terrifyingly talented Jack Prelutsky and Peter Sís have captured some of the most unforgettable creatures between book covers (where, we hope, they will stay). So go ahead. Open the book. After all, it's not you they're after. Probably. **PB \$14.99**

Felicity Pulman Australian Author*Lilies for Love (Janna Mysteries 03)*

On the run again from the lord Robert - the man who killed her mother and is quite prepared to kill Janna to keep his secret - Janna takes refuge at Wiltune Abbey. There she desperately seeks to learn to read, so she can uncover the truth about her unknown father. But first there are mysteries to be solved.

Who is the newcomer asking questions about Janna? Who stabbed the lord Hugh at St Edith's fair? Was the knife meant for Janna, or will Hugh's childhood friendship with the beautiful Emma have disastrous consequences for them all? With the civil war between King Stephen and his cousin, the Empress Matilda, approaching the abbey's doorstep, is Janna's quest finished before it is begun? **TP \$17.95**

Rachel Roberts*Dark Mage (Avalon Quest for Magic)***APB \$15.95****Emily Rodda Australian Author***Deltora Quest Series 1 (Deltora Quest Series 1)*

'Deltora Quest' series 1 tells the story of three companions - Leif, Barda and Jasmine - who are on a perilous quest to find the seven lost gems of the Belt of Deltora. Only when the belt is complete will the evil Shadow Lord and his rule of tyranny be overcome. This best-selling series of eight books is set in the fantasy world of Deltora, a sprawling kingdom of magic and monsters, bordered by the sea and a vast, curving mountain range, beyond which is an unknown territory called the Shadowlands. An appealing aspect of these books is the series of brainteasers, puzzles, clues and mysteries that the adventurers must solve to fulfill the quest. This bind-up presents all eight stories in one volume. **HC \$29.95**

Lemony Snicket*The End (Series of Unfortunate Events 13)*

Dear Reader,

You are presumably looking at the back of this book, or the end of the end. The end of the end is the best place to begin the end, because if you read the end from the beginning of the beginning of the end to the end of the end of the end, you will arrive at the end of the end of your rope.

This book is the last in A Series of Unfortunate Events, and even if you braved the previous twelve volumes, you probably can't stand such unpleasantries as a fearsome storm, a suspicious beverage, a herd of wild sheep, an enormous bird cage, and a truly haunting secret about the Baudelaire parents.

It has been my solemn occupation to complete the history of the Baudelaire orphans, and at last I am finished. You likely have some other occupation, so if I were you I would drop this book at once, so the end does not finish you.

With all due respect,

Lemony Snicket **HC \$19.99 CASS \$22.99 CD \$27.99****Michael Stadther***Secrets of the Alchemist Dar*

Secrets of the Alchemist Dar, the sequel to the New York Times bestselling A Treasure's Trove, is a fantasy story about Dark and Good Fairies, spells and eclipses, and Michael Stadther's signature characters: Zac the handsome woodcarver, Ana his beautiful half-elf half human wife, and their trusty doth, Pook.

The story is also about the evil Alchemist Dar who wants his Dark Fairies to live forever; to do this he must steal the Good Fairies' Rings of Fairy Life. Using the mysterious Book of Dark Spells, Dar kills the Good Fairies and captures the rings.

The mystery begins with clues concealed in the pages of this book that will give anyone anywhere in the world who can read English a chance to solve the clues and obtain one of the one hundred real diamond rings valued together at more than US \$2 million.

Armchair adventurers will discover the treasure-hunting experience of a lifetime, and families will enjoy hours of reading together. **TP \$32.95**

R L Stine*Halloween Party (Fear Street)*

The invitation arrived in a black-bordered envelope and was delivered by the beautiful and mysterious transfer student. The inside showed a coffin with the inscription "reserved for You" -- perfect for an all-night Halloween party in an old house on Fear Street.

The party was well under way when the lights went out. That's to be expected at the Halloween party. But when the lights came back on, there was a boy on the floor with a knife in his back. Just a Halloween prank? Maybe. Maybe not.

Now the guests trick-or-treating has turned to terror. And it looks like someone's idea of a party game is murder! **PB \$9.95**

The New Girl (Fear Street)

The new girl is as pale as a ghost, blond, and eerily beautiful -- and she seems to need him as much as he wants her. Cory Brooks hungers for Anna Corwin's kisses, drowns in her light blue eyes. He can't get her out of his mind. He has been losing sleep, ditching his friends...and everyone has noticed.

Then as suddenly as she came to Shadyside High, Anna disappears. To find a cure for his obsession, Cory must go to Anna's house on Fear Street -- no matter what the consequences.

Anna may be the love of his life...but finding out her secret might mean his death. **PB \$9.95**

David Lee Stone*The Dwellings Debacle (Illmoor Chronicles 04)*

A dark enemy is about to make its presence felt in Dullitch.... something even more twisted and evil than the citizens themselves. But for Enoch Dwellings, famed investigator, it's a golden opportunity to shine. Unfortunately, the vampire detective next door has the same idea, and he never bites off more than he can chew. There may be trouble ahead... **PB \$16.95**

The Vanquish Vendetta (Illmoor Chronicles 05)

Lord Curfew has been returned to Dullitch, but things are not as they seem. The real Lord Curfew was brutally murdered and now an evil impostor sits on his throne. Ruthless and hungry for power, he will do anything to sustain his disguise ... and people have started to notice. But, this impostor is a pawn of a much darker force. One that's older than Illmoor itself ...Meanwhile, elsewhere in Illmoor, King Groan Teethgritt, his brother Gape, and Gordo Goldeaxe discover an ancient and valuable hammer that leads them back to Dullitch. Little do they know they have just unearthed a crucial part of Dullitch's past. Can old heroes reunite to save the city once again? **HC \$32.95**

Jonathan Stroud

Ptolemy's Gate (Bartimaeus 03)

Three years on from the events in *The Golem's Eye*, the magicians' rule in London is teetering on a knife-edge, with strikes, riots and general unrest. The Prime Minister is largely controlled by two advisors, one of whom is 17-year-old Nathaniel. Meanwhile, living under a false identity, Kitty has been researching djinn; she has come to believe that the only way to destroy the magicians is for an alliance of some kind between djinn and ordinary people.

Kitty seeks out Bartimaeus and embarks on a terrifying journey into the djinn's chaotic domain - *The Other Place* - which no human being has ever survived. But even as she does so, Makepeace engineers a dramatic coup d'etat.

The outcome is a shattering of the magicians' control and all magical laws are turned upside down.

Can Bartimaeus, Nathaniel and Kitty settle old scores if they are to survive and prevent the earth's destruction? **BPB \$19.95**

Amulet of Samarkand CD (Bartimaeus 01) CD \$39.95

Shaun Tan

The Arrival HC \$39.95

Catherine Webb

The Obsidian Dagger (Horatio Lyle 02)

There seem to be some odd things going on in the city of London, lately. Take the murders, for instance; quite peculiar. And those missing statues - what's going on there? And shouldn't Saint Paul's have a roof? Odd . . .

Horatio Lyle, of course, is no stranger to . . . well, strangeness. In fact, he finds the lure of the unknown quite invigorating. But having just survived the most frightening episode in his life, the last thing he wants is that pompous Lord Lincoln sticking his nose in again and demanding that he take on another case the police are too thick to solve. Of course, His Lordship can be painfully persuasive at times, so it should come as no surprise that Lyle, along with his young protigis Tess (the thief) and Thomas (the toff), and his faithful hound Tate (the smart one), is soon up to his cravat in events of a singularly unscientific nature.

Actually, it would probably be terribly exciting if only they weren't trying to kill him. **TP \$19.95**

Kim Wilkins Australian Author

The Star Queen (Fantastica 1 Sunken Kingdom 04)

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Scott Ciencin

From sea to sea to shining sea,

I bade that she come back to me --

Without her look, without her face,

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Donn Cortez

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Mike Tucker

On a lonely stretch of Welsh coastline a fisherman is killed by a hideous creature from beneath the waves. When the Doctor and Rose arrive, they discover a village where the children are plagued by nightmares, and the nights are ruled by monsters. The villagers suspect that ancient industrialist Nathaniel Morton is to blame, but the Doctor has suspicions of his own. Who are the ancient figures that sleep in the old priory? What are the monsters that prowl the woods after sunset? What is the light that glows in the disused lighthouse on Black Island? As the childrens nightmares get worse, The Doctor and Rose discover an alien plot to resurrect an ancient evil... Featuring the Doctor and Rose as played by David Tennant and Billie Piper in the hit series from BBC Television. **HC \$21.95**

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Audio 85 7th Doctor: Red

Stewart Sheargold

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On the morning of 9 May 1984, Peri woke up. She was expecting to spend the day relaxing in Lanzarote and, that evening, leave her mother and stepfather to go travelling with some guys she'd only just met. But things don't always go as expected - as her friends and family discover when, four months later, she returns home having travelled further than anyone could have imagined. Meanwhile her friend, Katherine Chambers, mourns her father and Peri finds herself meeting some other familiar faces.

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Margaret Wander Bonanno

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Kathleen Bacus

Ghouls Just Want to Have Fun (Tressa Jayne Turner Mystery)

After being stalked by a psycho dunk-tank clown, Tressa Jayne Turner takes a break from reporting until a reclusive and rather strange best-selling writer arrives in town. **APB \$17.95**

Michael Baden & Linda Kenney

Remains Silent

When a body is discovered near a construction site in upstate New York, Philomena "Manny" Manfreda, a crusading attorney for the disenfranchised, and Dr. Jake Rosen, deputy chief medical examiner of New York and a confirmed bachelor, join forces in an investigation that takes them from a state mental institution to the highest levels of American government. **APB \$17.95**

Donald Bain

Margaritas and Murder (Murder, She Wrote)

Heading to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, for a peaceful vacation and a visit with her close friends, Vaughan and Olga Buckley, mystery writer Jessica Fletcher draws on her powers of detection when Vaughan is kidnapped for a huge ransom. **APB \$17.95**

Three Strikes and You're Dead (Murder, She Wrote)

While visiting old friends in Arizona and attending a baseball game featuring the Mesa Rattlers, Jessica Fletcher once again finds herself involved in murder when her friends' foster son, Ty Ramos, becomes the prime suspect in the killing of his archrival, Junior Bennett, the son of AA league team owner Harrison Bennett. **HC \$40.95**

Linwood Barclay

Lone Wolf

When a mutilated corpse turns up at his father's lakeside fishing camp, supposedly the victim of a vicious bear attack, journalist and family man Zack Walker begins to suspect something far more sinister and finds himself taking on a deadly predator with a host of terrifying weapons with a fanatical thirst for mayhem. **APB \$17.95**

Robert G Barrett Australian Author

Crime Scene Cessnock (Les Norton)

Les is back and on the detox & All it took was a summer's day and a flat tyre on his push–bike, and Les is out on bail and on the run from a gun–happy street gang intent on a drive–by. So, with Warren's help, Les Norton defendant, becomes Len Gordon film director, safely ensconced at the ultra–swish Opal Springs Health Resort till Eddie can sort things out back in Sydney. Unfortunately, the first thing Les finds on arrival is motivational guru Alexander Holden dead at the front gate. Then, before you can say 'soya beans with tahini and lime dressing', the cops arrive and Les is up to his neck in a land of a thousand acronyms, fighting off steroid–happy body builders, sex–crazed socialites, violent greyhound owners – and, worst of all, caffeine withdrawals – while at the same time matching wits with the four acrimonious writers–in–residence. Was Alexander Holden murdered? Or was it an accident? Find out in the gripping climax and food fight when all is revealed – in the library. Robert G. Barrett's latest Les Norton adventure, Crime Scene Cessnock, set in New South Wales's beautiful Pokolbin Valley, is a whodunnit with a difference, and proves once again why Barrett is, to quote The Australian newspaper, 'the king of popular fiction'. **APB \$19.99**

Mitchell Bartoy

The Devil's Only Friend

In 1944, when a woman to whom he is distantly connected is found murdered, threatening the reputation of powerful Lloyd dynasty of auto tycoons, Pete Caudill, a former Detroit detective, is called in to investigate, following a trail that brings him face to face with a monstrous conspiracy that threatens every level of Detroit society. **HC \$49.95**

M C Beaton

The Vicious Vet (Agatha Raisin Mystery)

Investigating the mysterious "accidental" death of a veterinarian, former London public-relations executive Agatha Raisin teams up with James Lacey, a retired military man, and finds surprising mixed feelings in the village about the dead man. **APB \$17.95**

Carol Lea Benjamin

The Hard Way

Entering a seedier district of New York City while examining the murder of a wealthy businessman who was pushed to his death in the subway, private investigator Rachel Alexander and her beloved pit bull are aided by a homeless Iraqi War veteran. **HC \$49.95**

Laurien Berenson

Chow Down (Melanie Travis Mystery)

Finalists in a contest to become the spokesdog for Chow Down, Melanie Travis and her Standard Poodle Faith watch in horror as this dog-eat-dog competition turns deadly when a fellow contestant is murdered. **HC \$45.95**

Claudia Bishop

The Case of the Roasted Onion (Casebook of Dr McKenzie)

When a fellow veterinarian is gunned down by a sniper for no good reason, Austin McKenzie and his wife Madeline, entering into the high-stakes world of equestrian competition, must race against time to catch a killer. **APB \$17.95**

Meredith Blevins

The Red Hot Empress (Annie Szabo Mystery)

Inadvertently exposing the healing powers of a precocious youth from Chinatown, reporter Annie Szabo enlists her audacious fortune-telling mother-in-law to help protect him from a host of unethical pursuers, including an evangelist, a CDC doctor, and a dolphin fanatic. **APB \$19.95**

Lawrence Block

Hit Parade (John Keller 03)

New York hit man Keller is a law unto himself, and when a situation goes awry - which despite his best-laid plans it so often does - he makes some surprising judgement calls to provide a twist in the tale. It's not all drudgery in the life of an assassin. Keller's jobs allow him access to all sorts of sporting events - following a baseball team round the country, providing the insurance for a fixed horse race, attending a basketball game in Indiana and playing golf in Arizona. He even gets to mix his passion for stamp-collecting with a hit on a famous philatelist. Wisely, Keller always travels for his work. New York is home, and he doesn't want to mess on his own doorstep. But the jobs are drying up, and he needs money. So he breaks the rule - and regrets it. His cover is at risk - he is even followed home - and Keller has to use all his remarkable skill to make sure he can continue doing what he does best. **TP \$32.95**

John Boyne

Next of Kin

It is 1936 and London is abuzz with gossip about the affair between Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson.

But the king is not the only member of the aristocracy with a hard decision to make. Owen Montignac, the handsome and charismatic scion of a wealthy land-owning family, is anxiously awaiting the reading of his late uncles will. For Owen has run up huge gambling debts and Casino boss Nicholas Delfy has given him a choice: find 250,000 by Christmas - or find yourself six feet under.

So when Owen discovers that he has been cut out of the will in favour of his beautiful cousin Stella, it is time to prove just how cunning he can be. And Owen is nothing if not inventive - even a royal crisis can provide the means for profit. And for murder . . . **TP \$32.95**

Tom Bradby*The God of Chaos*

Cairo, June 1942. A city blistering under the lash of a relentless summer and panicked by the implacable advance of Hitler's most talented general, Erwin Rommel. It is the worst possible time and place for the body of a senior British officer to be found in a rubbish bin, bathed in blood.

His murder has been made to look like a political assassination by local extremists opposed to British rule, but former New York cop Joe Quinn isn't buying that. He senses more fundamental human emotions at play. For Quinn, it's like old times, a reminder of his past. One he doesn't want to revisit. Thrown out of the New York Police Department as a liability after the tragic death of his son, he probably shouldn't be a cop any longer, but maybe he's just what this case needs.

The investigation leads him through the underbelly of an exotic, violent and seedy city to the heart of the Cairo's high command and the possibility that a highly placed spy is feeding the allies' most sensitive secrets to Rommel, waiting out in the desert.

Only one woman has seen the killer - an American named Amy White. The trouble is Joe Quinn's already falling for her and if he doesn't stop the spy soon, then not just Amy, but everything else he holds dear is certain to be brutally eliminated... **PB \$21.95**

Marlon Brando & Donald Cammell*Fan-Tan*

While serving time in a Hong Kong prison in 1927, the notorious Anatole Doultry saves the life of a Chinese prisoner whose employer is Madame Lai Choi San, a beautiful, powerful, and ruthless Asian gangster who offers him inconceivable wealth if he will join her in a daring act of piracy, in a swashbuckling adventure written by the late actor. **TP \$28.95**

Rita Mae Brown*The Hounds and the Fury*

Sister Jane, the local Master of the Hunt, and her animal companions take on a feisty, wheelchair-bound bookkeeper, Sister Jane's boyfriend, and a wealthy former hunt club donor as they set out to uncover the mystery of some missing money and a missing body. **HC \$51.95**

Joe Buff*Seas of Crisis*

Learning that the Russians are providing weapons technology to Axis forces, captain Jeffrey Fuller infiltrates a Russian military installation in an effort to launch a risky nuclear strike that will force Russia to ally itself with the United States. By the author of Straits of Power. **APB \$19.95**

Jan Burke*Bloodlines (Irene Kelly)*

Investigating an attempt on the life of his mentor, reporter Jack Corrigan, young Conn O'Connor struggles to find a connection between a bloodstained car, a missing yacht, and a stolen infant heir, a mystery that deepens years later when fledgling reporter Irene Kelly explores a young man's claim that he is the missing baby. By the author of Eighteen. **APB \$19.95**

Kidnapped (Irene Kelly)

A latest thriller featuring Irene Kelly and her detective husband, Frank Harriman, follows the years after an emotional family tragedy, a situation that is ultimately challenged by a shocking DNA revelation. By the author of Bloodlines and Bones. **HC \$49.95**

James Lee Burke*Crusader's Cross*

America's most acclaimed crime writer returns to Louisiana and one of the best-loved detectives in fiction, Dave Robicheaux

In the summer of 1958, Dave Robicheaux and his half-brother Jimmie are just out of high school. Jimmie and Dave get work with an oil company, laying out rubber cables in the bays and mosquito-infested swamps all along the Louisiana-Texas coastline. But on the Fourth of July, change approaches in the form of Ida Durbin, a sweet-faced young woman with a lovely voice and a mandolin. Jimmie falls instantly in love with her. But Ida's not free to love - she's a prostitute, in hock to a brutal man called Kale. Jimmie agrees to meet Ida at the bus depot, ready for the road to Mexico. But Ida never shows. That was many years ago. Now, an older, well-worn Dave walks into Baptist Hospital to visit a man called Troy Bordelon, who wants to free himself of a dark secret before he dies. A bully and a sadist, he has a lot to confess to - but he chooses to talk about a young girl, a prostitute who he glimpsed briefly as a kid, bloodied and beaten, tied to a chair in his uncle's house ... **APB \$21.95**

Pegasus Descending

Dave Robicheaux left his drinking days behind him many years ago, but he still feels guilt over a tragic event he wasn't sober enough to prevent. Dallas Klein, a gambling addict and bar buddy of Dave's when Dave was posted to Miami PD, was killed in an armed robbery he'd been forced to engineer. Two decades later, several incidents in Dave's life in Iberia Parish link to those involved. First he meets Dallas' daughter, Trish, who keeps odd company and is blackballed by the local casinos. Then the supposed suicide of a young girl appears to be connected to the man Dallas owed money to back in the Miami days. Dave's inability to let things alone gets him involved with two very powerful criminals, both wanting to protect their sons from the trouble they court, and both with the attitude of the privileged and white. When a young black drug dealer gets on the wrong side of the boys, tensions run high and there are more needless deaths - causing Dave to come to blows with the FBI, the DA's office and a thug who has little regard for any life but his own. **TP \$32.95**

W J Burley*Wycliffe and How to Kill A Cat (Wycliffe)*

The girl was young, with auburn hair arranged on the pillow. Wycliffe could almost believe she was asleep - that is, until he saw her face. She had been strangled, and someone had brutally smashed her face - but after death, not before ... She lay in a seedy hotel room down by the docks, but her luggage, her clothes and her make-up all suggested she had more class than her surroundings. Superintendent Wycliffe was officially on holiday, but the case fascinated him. Who was the girl? Why was she lying naked in a shabby hotel room. What was she doing with a thousand pounds hidden underneath some clothing. And, above all, why had someone mutilated her after she was dead? As Wycliffe begins to investigate, he finds there are too many suspects, too many motives - and too many lies ... **PB \$18.95**

Wycliffe and the Guilt Edged Alibi (Wycliffe)

Caroline Bryce came from the top of the social register in the tranquil town of Treen. So it was quite a scandal when her body was dragged from the bottom of the river. As Superintendent Wycliffe investigates, he is faced with a number of questions: who would want to kill the beautiful Mrs Bryce? Was it a lover's quarrel? Or a family feud? Or a long-held resentment which had suddenly exploded in a moment of madness? As Wycliffe begins to unravel an intricate tangle of love and hate, he finds himself on the trail of a psychotic killer who feels no guilt - and will not hesitate to strike again ... **PB \$18.95**

John Case

Dance of Death

Jack Wilson has just been released from Allenwood, a maximum-security prison, in White Deer, Pennsylvania. Now that he's a free man, he is hell-bent on a 'return to Paradise'. By which he means the destruction of Western civilization...

Native American by birth, Wilson is a brilliant mathematician obsessed with the secret notebooks of Nikola Tesla - and the 'Ghost Dance' of his historical namesake, the Paiute Indian Jack Wilson. Tesla, a turn-of-the-century genius, claimed (and the KGB believed) that he had discovered a weapon of unparalleled destructiveness, a weapon Wilson seeks to use.

It is Wilson's belief that Western civilization is a fragile enterprise, so technically interdependent upon its various components that a carefully targeted attack upon its infrastructure might well bring down the whole thing. And that was also the idea of the first Jack Wilson, whose vision of the Ghost Dance imagined a kind of Indian Rapture brought about by a great shaking of the earth - after which the civilization of the white man would disappear.

In our time, in a plot reminiscent of *The Straw Men*, Jack Wilson sets this diabolical scheme in motion... **TP \$32.95**

Diane Chamberlain

The Bay at Midnight

Haunted by the murder of her sister four decades ago, Julie Bauer must confront the pain of the past when a mysterious phone call sheds new light on the events of that terrifying night. **TP \$28.95**

Laura Childs

Bound For Murder (Scrapbooking Mystery)

New Orleans scrapbooking shop owner Carmela Bertrand's pre-wedding party is overshadowed when a friend's intended groom is murdered. Asked by the heartbroken bride to look into the case, Carmela must help her friend pick up the pieces while wrapping up a murder that has more than one lethal loose end. **APB \$16.95**

Keepsake Crimes (Scrapbooking Mystery)

New Orleans scrapbooking shop owner Carmela Bertrand delights her customers with the sophisticated looks she achieves with their scrapbooks. But among her client's keepsakes she finds a tip of her own-about a murder. . . **APB \$16.95**

Photo Finished (Scrapbooking Mystery)

Carmela is hosting a late-night 'Crop Till You Drop' session at her quaint French Quarter scrap-booking shop, Memory Mine. All the usual suspects have turned up to trim, decorate, colour, and gossip. But their all-night crop comes to a screeching halt when a neighbouring antique-shop owner winds up murdered in the alley behind the cosy store. And when Carmela and her customers become the focus of the police investigation, the scrapbooking expert realises it's her responsibility to rearrange the jumble of clues and pick out the real killer - before he strikes again... **APB \$16.95**

The English Breakfast Murder (Tea Shop Mystery)

It is a truly exhilarating experience for Indigo Tea Shop owner Theodosia Browning-helping Charleston's Sea Turtle Protection League shepherd hundreds of tiny green loggerheads safely into the sea. But just as she's about to celebrate all her hard work, she spots a dead body bobbing in the waves. Now it's up to Theo to get to the bottom of the murder before the culprit's greed stirs him to kill again. **APB \$16.95**

Agatha Christie

The House of Dreams and Other Stories (Agatha Christie Reader 07)

A new publication designed for those people who wish to improve their English by the tried and tested method of 'reading, hearing and understanding'. Using Christie's simple, yet flawless, English, the twists and turns of her plots will keep listeners entertained whilst they improve their grammar and vocabulary. Each volume is read by a selection of celebrated readers, many of who are already synonymous with Agatha Christie, The Queen of Crime after appearing in the world-renowned television adaptations of her work. With each CD specifically featuring a variety of readers, listeners will get used to hearing and understanding English spoken in a variety of dialects, tones and pitches. Includes: *The House of Dreams*, read by Isla Blair *The Gate of Baghdad*, read by Hugh Fraser *The Thumbmark of St Peter*, read by Joan Hickson *How Does Your Garden Grow?*, read by David Suchet **HC \$35**

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James Church

A Corpse in the Koryo

A rebellious survivor of North Korea's brutal totalitarian regime, Inspector O, a state security officer, risks his life and career to solve a case that begins innocuously enough when he is asked to photograph a certain vehicle. **HC \$49.95**

Margaret Coel

Eye of the Wolf

When a psychotic killer stalks the Wind River Reservation, murdering three Shoshone Indians and posing their bodies on a historical battlefield, Father John O'Malley and Vicky Holden launch an investigation to uncover the motives behind the killings. **APB \$19.95**

Susan Conant

Gaits of Heaven (Dog Lover's Mystery)

Called in to train the rambunctious Aussie huskapoo belonging to a dysfunctional New Age couple, dog trainer Holly Winter stumbles into the middle of the family's dirty little secrets, when the wife falls victim to an accidental overdose of mixed medications and the victim's daughter persuades Holly that the death had been murder. **HC \$47.95**

Michael Connelly*Echo Park*

In 1993 Marie Gesto disappeared after walking out of a supermarket in Hollywood. Fearing the worst, the case was elevated by LAPD commanders from the missing persons squad to the Homicide Division, where Harry Bosch was assigned the case. But the young woman never turned up - dead or alive - and it was a case Bosch couldn't crack. Thirteen years later Bosch is in the Open-Unsolved Unit, where he still keeps the Gesto file on his desk, when he gets a call from the DA's office. A man accused of two heinous killings is willing to come clean in regard to several other murders in a deal to avoid the death penalty. One of those murders, he says, is the killing of Marie Gesto. Bosch is now assigned to take Raynard Waits' confession and to make sure the killer is not scamming authorities to avoid a date with death. In confirming the confession Bosch must get close to the man he has sought - and hated - for thirteen years. Bosch's whole being as a cop begins to crack when he comes to realise that he and his partner missed a clue back in 1993 that could have led them to Waits and would have stopped the nine murders that followed the killing of Marie Gesto.

TP \$32.95

Michael Cox*The Meaning of Night*

A cold October night, 1854. In a dark passageway, an innocent man is stabbed to death. So begins the extraordinary story of Edward Glyver, booklover, scholar and murderer. As a young boy, Glyver always believed he was destined for greatness. This seems the stuff of dreams, until a chance discovery convinces Glyver that he was right: greatness does await him, along with immense wealth and influence. And he will stop at nothing to win back a prize that he now knows is rightfully his. Glyver's path leads him from the depths of Victorian London, with its foggy streets, brothels and opium dens, to Evenwood, one of England's most enchanting country houses. His is a story of betrayal and treachery, of death and delusion, of ruthless obsession and ambition. And at every turn, driving Glyver irresistibly onwards, is his deadly rival: the poet-criminal Phoebus Rainsford Daunt. Thirty years in the writing, *THE MEANING OF NIGHT* is a stunning achievement. **TP \$32.95 HC \$52.95**

James Crumley*The Right Madness*

When a close friend asks him to help locate a cache of stolen confidential psychoanalysis files, ex-army officer-turned-Montana private investigator C. W. Sughrue becomes increasingly baffled as the case's suspects begin dying violently. **TP \$28.95**

Clive Cussler*Skeleton Coast (Oregon Files)*

Narrowly escaping following a mission on the Congo River, Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon rescue beautiful Sloane Macintyre—who is looking for a lost ship that may be carrying a fortune in diamonds—when her boat is attacked off the African coast and find themselves up against a deranged militant who plans to launch a devastating force of nature against those who oppose him. **TP \$32.95 HC \$49.95**

David DeBatto & Pete Nelson*CI: Mission Liberty (Army Counterintelligence)*

When civil war breaks out in the famine-wracked, violence-torn West African country of Liger, forcing nearly two million people into refugee camps, the U.S. sends the Cowper and the Glover to the region to launch Operation Liberty, a plan to stabilize the area and investigate charges of atrocities on both sides of the conflict. **APB \$17.95**

P C Doherty*The Assassins of Isis: A Story of Ambition, Politics and Murder Set in Ancient Egypt*

Lord Amerotke, the Chief Judge to the Pharaoh Queen Hatusu, is called in to investigate when the Sebaus, a mysterious sect taking its name from demons, steals a powerful secret, but his search for the truth is complicated by the death of General Suten, a military hero killed by vipers, and by the disappearance of four Hesesets, handmaidens at the Temple of Isis. **HC \$49.95**

Gerard Donovan*Julius Winsome*

Unexpectedly shattered by the tragic shooting of his canine companion by careless hunters, recluse and trained sharpshooter Julius Winsome struggles with painful memories of past losses and becomes increasingly obsessed with exacting revenge. By the author of Schopenhauer's Telescope. **HC \$49.95**

Rebecca Drake*Don't Be Afraid*

A serial killer bides his time in the idyllic town of Steerforth, Connecticut, waiting to unleash his bloody revenge on its residents, making them pay for past sins. **APB \$17.95**

Joan Druett*Shark Island*

Encountering the wreck of a sealing ship on the shoals of remote, uninhabited Shark Island, Wiki Coffin, linguist and peace officer aboard the U.S. Exploring Expedition, is stunned to discover the body of the ship's murdered captain, a crime in which Wiki's colleague and nemesis, Lieutenant Forsythe, becomes the prime suspect. **TP \$26.95**

Jack Du Brul*Havoc*

Seventy years after a murderous madman aboard the doomed Hindenburg tosses out a safe containing a dangerous secret, mining engineer Philip Mercer teams up with field researcher Cali Stone to figure out why a central African village is experiencing high rates of cancer. **HC \$51.95**

D H Dublin*Body Trace (CSU Investigation)*

When the bodies of two women are discovered at a University of Pennsylvania sorority house, C.S.U. rookie Madison Cross, determined to make her mark, does not believe the ruling that these deaths were accidental and uses her instincts to find the truth. **APB \$19.95**

Carola Dunn*Death at Wentwater Court (Daisy Dalrymple)*

During the post-war turbulence of 1920s England, the Honorable Daisy Dalrymple shocks her family by getting a job writing, a position that leads her to Wentwater Court, a manor house full of jealousy and murder. **APB \$17.95**

Dianne Emley*The First Cut*

For two minutes she was dead.

The assailant was vicious, the attack brutal - and it left her lifeless . until her pulse fluttered and she jolted awake. Now, a year later, detective Nan Vining is still questioning her strength, her safety, even her sanity: can she ever again be the cop - and mother - she was before? And will her attacker some day return to finish the job, before she can track him down herself?

Shaky but determined, Vining rejoins the Pasadena PD, only to confront a murder case that strikes close to home: A slain policewoman has been discovered dumped on a hillside, her body bruised, her throat slit. Even as Vining struggles to recover her standing within the department, she can't help but feel drawn to the murdered officer, Frankie Lynde - and deeply troubled by the baffling otherworldly visions that haunt her waking hours. Is her mind playing tricks or could they really be, as Vining's daughter insists, messages from beyond the grave?

Digging deeper into Lynde's past, Vining discovers clues that set her on the twisted trail of a killer as ruthless as he is depraved - a predator whose methods and madness recall those of her own attacker. Amid a rising tide of danger, she pushes herself to bold new limits, desperate to avenge the murder of a fellow police officer ... and to reclaim the life she lost a year ago.

Packed with suspense and action, this pulse-pounding novel will hold you breathless from the first cut to the last. **TP \$32.95**

Janet Evanovich*Motor Mouth (Alexandra Barnaby)*

Alexandra "Barney" Barnaby returns to take on a whole new set of bad guys, Florida heat, colorful and dangerous characters, and highstakes adventure, all the while romancing gorgeous race car driver Sam Hooker, in an actionpacked sequel to Metro Girl. **HC \$54.95 TP \$32.99**

Joanne Fluke*Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder (Hannah Swenson Mystery with Recipes 01)*

While trying to avoid her mother's matchmaking schemes, Hannah Swenson stirs up trouble when she investigates the murder of her punctual delivery man whose body was discovered behind her bakery surrounded by her world-famous chocolate chip cookies. **HC \$32.95**

Vince Flynn*Act of Treason (Mitch Rapp)*

When a presidential candidate wins the election through sympathy votes two weeks after a terrorist attack kills his wife, CIA operative Mitch Rapp investigates dangerous allegations about the attack's hidden agenda, a case that threatens the government's stability. **HC \$52.95 TP \$29.95**

Gillian Flynn*Sharp Objects*

Reluctantly returning to her hometown after an eight-year absence to investigate the murders of two preteen girls, reporter Camille Preaker is reunited with her neurotic mother and enigmatic, thirteen-year-old half-sister as she works to uncover the truth about the killings, a probe that leads her all too close to the secrets of her own past. A first novel. **HC \$49.95**

Brian Freeman*Stripped*

In the sequel to the Edgar-nominated Immoral, Jonathan Stride and Serena Dial discover that two seemingly unrelated cases--a hit-and-run "accident" and a celebrity killed during a fling with a prostitute--have a bizarre connection to a brutal crime from Las Vegas's shady past and race against time to stop a vicious serial killer. **HC \$51.95**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear*It Sleeps in Me*

Sora is the wise, young High Chieftess of the Black Falcon Nation. For many winters her heart belonged to her husband, Flint, a warrior from a neighbouring clan. Flint truly loved Sora, and together they explored the world of passion and love. But Flint was very jealous and on more than one occasion beat men to death for merely casting a longing glance at Sora. Unable to live with his murderous rage, Flint packed up his things and moved back to his mother's clan, divorcing Sora and leaving her forever.

Remarried and fully devoted to her duties as the High Chieftess, Sora tries to bury her memories of Flint. But she is forcibly reminded of her lost love when, on the eve of war with a neighbouring nation, she is visited by Skinner, an old friend of Flint's. He brings word of Flint's death, but Sora notices something strange about Skinner; it is as if he carries a part of Flint's soul inside of him.

When he starts revealing secrets that only Flint would know, and arousing her passion in ways only Flint had, Sora must figure out if this is merely the clever witchcraft of enemies who want to seize her power and destroy her nation or the spirit of her one and only true love. **APB \$14.95**

Tess Gerritsen*Harvest*

Dr Abby DiMatteo - a second-year surgical student in Boston Bayside's elite cardiac team - is about to make an anguished, crucial decision that will jeopardize her career.

A car-crash victim's healthy heart is ready to be harvested, having been cross-matched to a private patient, forty-six year-old Nina Voss. Instead Abby and her fellow medic, Vivian Chao, hatch a bold plan to make sure the transplant goes to a dying seventeen-year-old boy who is also a perfect match.

The repercussions are powerful and swift. Dr Chao resigns; and Abby is shaken but unrepentant - until she meets the frail, tormented Nina. Then a new heart for Nina Voss suddenly appears, the transplant is completed - and Abby makes a terrible discovery: Nina's heart has not come through the right channels.

Defying Bayside Hospital's demands for silence, Abby, with Vivian Chao's help, plunges into an investigation that reveals an intricate and murderous chain of deceptions. Every move Abby makes spawns a vicious backlash. And, in a ship anchored in the stagnant waters of Boston Harbour, a final grisly discovery lies waiting... **APB \$19.95**

Joe Gores*Glass Tiger*

Swearing off his violent past as a former Ranger and CIA sniper, Brendan Thorne finds himself deported back to the United States, where he is ordered to prevent a mercenary hit man from assassinating the newly elected president. **HC \$49.95**

Judith Gould*The Secret Heiress*

Raised separately, beautiful identical twins Ariadne and Nikoletta are very different, but when naive Ariadne, raised in obscurity and unaware of her family's vast wealth, agrees to take the place of the twin she has never met as part of a scheme concocted by her late father's board of directors, she finds herself embroiled in perilous web of passion, intrigue, deception, and danger. **HC \$49.95**

Deborah Grabien*Cruel Sister* **HC \$49.95****John Grisham***The Innocent Man*

When John Grisham read the obituary of Ronald Williamson in the papers early last year, he realized he had come across a story even more riveting than those he had turned into 18 global bestsellers which have sold 200 million copies around the world..

It was a story of failed dreams, madness, rape and murder, a botched trial, a death sentence and a twelve-year fight to win justice for a wronged man. Ronald Williamson was a local hero when a young man in his home town of Ada, Oklahoma. A fabulously talented baseball player, he excelled at college and was set to become a national sports star when injury wrecked his career. Mental illness and alcoholism followed his return to Ada, a burned-out shell of a man. While in prison serving a short sentence for a petty felony, a fellow prisoner alleged that he had heard Williamson confess to the unsolved rape and murder of a local bar girl.

Denied drugs to control his psychiatric problems, given a blind attorney who had never defended a criminal case, Williamson stood no chance in court and was sentenced to death.

One of the greatest mistrials in American judicial history became one of the greatest single fights for justice of any convicted man. 5 days before his execution, Williamson was given a stay and shortly after completely pardoned. **HC \$49.95**

Parnell Hall*You Have the Right to Remain Puzzled (Puzzle Lady Mystery)*

Cora Felton, the Puzzle Lady, is stunned when Benny Southstreet, a two-bit gambler, accuses her of stealing a crossword puzzle, a case that is further complicated when her own attorney files a plagiarism suit against her and the police arrest her for murder. **HC \$49.95**

Robert Harris*Imperium*

When Tiro, the confidential secretary of a Roman senator, opens the door to a terrified stranger on a cold November morning, he sets in motion a chain of events which will eventually propel his master into one of the most famous courtroom dramas in history.

The stranger is a Sicilian, a victim of the island's corrupt Roman governor, Verres. The senator is Cicero, a brilliant young lawyer and spellbinding orator, determined to attain imperium - supreme power in the state.

This is the starting-point of Robert Harris's most accomplished novel to date. Compellingly written in Tiro's voice, it takes us inside the violent, treacherous world of Roman politics, to describe how one man - clever, compassionate, devious, vulnerable - fought to reach the top.

'Sometimes it is foolish to articulate an ambition too early - exposing it prematurely to the laughter and scepticism of the world can destroy it before it is even properly born. But sometimes the opposite occurs, and the very act of mentioning a thing makes it suddenly seem possible, even plausible.

That was how it was that night. When Cicero pronounced the word "consul" he planted it in the ground like a standard for us all to admire. And for a moment we glimpsed the brilliant, starry future through his eyes, and saw that he was right: that if he took down Verres, he had a chance; that he might - just - with luck - go all the way to the summit.' **TP \$32.95**

Christine Heggan*Where Truth Lies* **APB \$14.95****M Herron***Why We Die*

Tim's depressive plans for the remainder of his life are redirected by the troubles of the secretive Katrina, while a trio of heirs plots a violent get-rich scheme, and Zoe inadvertently risks her life to track down jewel robbers. **HC \$52.95**

Jack Higgins*East of Desolation*

When a plane crashes in the icy Greenland desert with no passengers on board, Joe Martin is hired to fly to the scene of the crash by the insurance company involved and the widow of the dead pilot. But the routine mission spirals into suspense when a batch of emeralds are added to the mystery, and suddenly Joe finds himself in mortal danger. **APB \$19.99**

Jane Hill*Greivous Angel*

When Justine Fraser found herself on a semester exchange programme in America, she had no idea that the quirky Nicky Bennett - a brief, steamy fling - would, years later, turn out to be one of Hollywood's biggest heart-throbs. Sexy, moody, outrageous Nicky Bennett is to die for, and when he goes missing, his enigmatic suicide note spins the media into a frenzy. Justine has been following Nicky's rise to stardom, unable to ever really let him go, and as she scans the newspaper headlines, she immediately knows that his suicide note is meant for her and her alone - a plea for help and the lone clue to solving the mystery of his sudden disappearance. Leaving her job in London, she flies to America to find him and, with the help of former students and friends, slowly pieces together the rather surprising fragments of Nicky's history. Along the way, she realizes that the Nicky Bennett she is looking for may turn out to be an entirely different person from the one she fell in love with and discovers that the journey she has embarked on can only lead to betrayal, violence and revenge. **APB \$21.95**

The Murder Ballad

Stumbling headlong into a passionate fling and impromptu marriage to music star Trey, Maeve's life is about to change beyond reckoning. Trey wants to whisk her off to his country house in North Carolina and Maeve follows her new husband without a backward glance.

But when she first lays eyes on her new home - a dilapidated old cabin in the middle of nowhere - she begins to feel uneasy. Nothing quite matches up to what she's been led to expect and, below the surface, a dark secret lies buried, a passionate and deadly love triangle and an age-old murder that has never been resolved. Too late Maeve realizes that she is all alone in a strange country, sharing a life with a man she hardly knows... **TP \$32.95**

Bonnie Hearn Hill*If It Bleeds*

When her front page story on the murder of the city's first woman mayor attracts the attention of a killer, investigative reporter Corina Vasquez, determined to prove herself, stumbles upon a conspiracy that could end her career and her life. **APB \$17.95**

Reginald Hill*The Stranger House*

Arriving simultaneously in a tiny village in Cumbria, England, Samantha Flood and Miguel Madero pursue investigations into the links between the community and their families, endeavors that bring them closer together, reveal past events of deceit and violence, and reshape their senses of identity. By the author of *Good Morning, Midnight*. **APB \$19.95**

David Housewright*Tin City*

Asked to discover what has been killing his friend's honeybees, Twin Cities private detective Mac McKenzie finds himself up to his ears in trouble with a case involving a vicious thug who mysteriously vanishes, irate federal agents, rape, and murder. **APB \$17.95**

Mary Ellen Hughes*Wreath of Deception*

When the opening of her craft store results in murder, recently widowed Jo McAllister becomes the prime suspect and must find a way to clear her name without attracting the attention of a clever killer. **APB \$17.95**

Arnaldur Indridason*Jar City (Reykjavik)*

Inspector Erlendur Sveinsson heads up the investigation into the killing of a solitary man, found murdered in his Reykjavik apartment, only to discover that the victim has only two friends, one in prison and one missing for twenty-five years, and that the dead man had been accused but not convicted of a rape forty years earlier. **TP \$28.95**

T D Jakes*Not Easily Broken*

After years of disagreement over what they both want out of life, Dave and Clarice Johnson have reached a breaking point in their marriage, and a devastating car accident makes things worse as Clarice is forced to see a physical therapist for her injuries and Dave develops a friendship with the other woman and her teenage son that stirs his longings for a family. **HC \$49.95**

Michael Jecks*The Leper's Return*

Sir Baldwin Furnhill, a former Knight Templar and Keeper of the King's Peace, and his partner, Simon Puttock, investigate the killing of a local gold merchant and an assault on his daughter, racing against time to find the culprit before an angry local populace seeks revenge on the outcast lepers of St. Lawrence's hospital. **APB \$18.95**

William W Johnstone*Invasion USA: Border War*

When a Mexican crime lord kidnaps a busload of American schoolgirls, threatening to sell them into white slavery if his demands are not met, Vietnam vet Tom Brannon and an army of ex-soldiers, all of whom have a personal stake in this mission, come to their rescue. **APB \$17.95**

Ward Just*Forgetfulness*

A former part-time spy for the CIA now living as a respected painter in the south of France, Thomas Railles finds his life turned upside down when his beloved wife Florette is murdered by unknown assailants, until he discovers that four Moroccan terrorists have been charged with her murder. By the author of *An Unfinished Season*. **HC \$51.95**

Daniel Kalla*Rage Therapy*

Dr. Joel Ashman is terrified when his mentor, anger management specialist Dr. Stanley Kolberg, is found murdered, bludgeoned almost beyond recognition, especially when he finds himself the target of an unknown stalker, and his quest for answers takes him deep into a chilling world of violence, depravity, and the tortured past of one young woman. **HC \$51.95**

John Katzenbach*The Wrong Man*

When Ashley Freeman, a bright and beautiful young woman, becomes the target of unrelenting obsession on the part of Michael O'Connell, she and her family struggle to extricate her from her violent admirer, until they are forced to come up with a no-holds-barred plan to outwit her dangerous stalker. **HC \$52.95**

Alex Kava*Split Second* **TP \$29.95****Gregg Keizer***Midnight Plague*

Investigating the mysterious deaths of a fishing boat's passengers, World War II doctor Frank Brink realizes that a biological weapon was responsible, a discovery that prompts him to infiltrate a German laboratory in occupied France. **APB \$19.95**

Philip Kerr*A German Requiem*

In 1947 occupied Vienna, detective Bernie Gunther accepts an assignment from a mysterious Soviet colonel and uncovers a moral void involving a coalition between anti-communist American agents and former Nazis. **TP \$28.95**

Jay Kumar*The Buddha and the Terrorist*

A re-telling of a traditional Indian story with a powerful message about good and evil, justice and forgiveness, by a prominent peace activist, recounts the story of a confrontation between a man committed to peace and nonviolence and another dedicated to violence. **HC \$30.95**

Victoria Laurie*Killer Insight (Psychic Eye Mystery)*

When a childhood friend asks her to come to Denver, Colorado, and fill in for a missing bridesmaid, professional psychic Abby Cooper, in desperate need of a change of scenery, finds herself immersed in a matrimonial mystery when the wedding party starts rapidly disappearing. **APB \$17.95**

Michael Lawson*The Inside Ring*

Joe De Marco is running out of time. Someone has made an attempt on the president's life, but the wrong man is dead. How could this happen when the president and those nearest to him are protected by a group of men known as THE INSIDE RING? Is there a chink in the armour? A break in the circle, is someone not quite what they seem? Joe's search for the answers takes him from the corridors of power to the swamps of the southern states, where one lie will need to another until finally the shocking truth will emerge in an orgy of violence. THE INSIDE RING where greed and corruption walk hand in hand with murder. **APB \$19.99**

Tobsha Learner*Soul TP \$32.99***Donna Leon***Death and Judgement*

Commissario Guido Brunetti becomes submerged in the seedy Venetian underworld as he tries to crack a prostitution ring run by wealthy and powerful citizens. **APB \$19.95**

Laura Lippman*No Good Deeds*

When the body of Federal Attorney Gregory Youssef is found dumped on the edge of Baltimore, every law-enforcement officer in the city is determined to catch his killer. But four months on, no one has been brought to justice and the department is under massive pressure to deliver a suspect. Meanwhile, Tess's boyfriend, Crow, runs into a homeless black teenager and insists on helping him. He brings Lloyd home for some food and a bed for the night. When Tess mentions the Gregory Youssef case in his presence, Lloyd freezes. That night, Lloyd sneaks out of the house and disappears. What could be the link between Youssef's death and the teenager? Tess tracks Lloyd down and convinces him to share what he knows - which she then passes on to the press on the condition that Lloyd's name isn't used. But they use Tess's name instead ...The police start to put the screws on Tess to reveal her source, but to give them Lloyd's name would be equivalent to a death sentence -snitches aren't tolerated on the streets of Baltimore. Meanwhile Lloyd suddenly shows up at Crow's door. Another black teenager has been shot and it quickly emerges that Lloyd was the intended target. Lloyd has nowhere to run to and he certainly can't go to the police. Before long the situation spins wildly out of control, leaving Tess to fear not only for Lloyd, but also for those closest to her. **TP \$TBA**

Robert Littell*The Sisters*

A republication of the popular work by the author of The Company finds CIA legends Francis and Carroll, dubbed "the sisters Death and Night" by their associates, coercing the exiled ex-head of a KGB sleeper school into betraying his top and most beloved acolyte, who launches a deadly mission. **TP \$28.95**

Vicious Circle

In a near-future world in which a visionary woman U.S. president brokers a major compromise between Israel and Palestine, decorated Mossad officer Elihu, who retired after the retaliatory assassination of a Hamas leader, works to hunt down a legendary terrorist who has taken a high-profile fundamentalist rabbi hostage. **HC \$51.95**

Robert Ludlum*The Bancroft Strategy*

Fired after an operation goes awry, Todd Belknap, a renegade ex-field agent, takes matters into his own hands when a friend is abducted in Lebanon by a vicious militia group and the government refuses to intervene, while financial analyst Andrea Bancroft's mysterious legacy draws her into the orbit of "Genesis," a mysterious group aimed at destabilizing the geopolitical balance. **HC \$54.95**

Colin MacKinnon*Morning Spy, Evening Spy*

While CIA officer Paul Patterson races against time to track down Kareem, a former Afghan resistance fighter who has become an al-Qaeda and Taliban operative, Muhammad Atta and other conspirators plot their attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, in a gripping novel about the search for terrorist mastermind bin Laden in the months prior to September 11th. **HC \$49.95**

Pierre Magnan*Death in the Truffle Wood*

Banon is a small, peaceful village in upper Provence, where the local community's principal source of income comes from the cultivation and sale of truffles. Tourists and outsiders rarely venture to this remote region, but a small group of society's drop-outs have chosen to set up home on the outskirts of the village, and trouble ensues.

When one of them is found dead in the freezer of a local hotel, and when a further five bodies are discovered hanging by their feet and drained of blood in the family vault of the cemetery, it takes all Commissaire Laviolette's considerable resources to unravel crimes that have been committed in a climate of centuries-old superstition and secret animosity.

Not since Jean Giono has any writer been able to capture the authentic flavour, spirit and traditions of Provence, where Pierre Magnan has lived for over eighty years. **BPB \$23.95**

Barry Maitland*No Trace (Brock & Kolla)*

When little Tracey Rudd, the young daughter of notorious artist Gabriel Rudd, is abducted from her home, the third such child to vanish under similar circumstances, Detective Chief Inspector David Brock and Detective Sergeant Kathy Kolla races against time to find the girl's kidnapper, who may be connected to the eccentric art community in the neighborhood. **HC \$51.95**

Henning Mankell

Depths

October 1914: the destroyer Svea emerged from the Stockholm archipelago bearing south-south-east. On board was Lars Tobiasson-Svartman, a naval engineer charged with making depth soundings to find a navigable channel for the Swedish navy. As a child Tobiasson-Svartman was fascinated by measurement; nothing is as magical as exact knowledge. His instinct for his profession is reflected in his comfortable domestic life with his wife - herself meticulous in every detail.

Close to the waters where soundings are taken Tobiasson-Svartman alights on a barren skerry, presumed uninhabited, and is surprised to discover an unkempt young woman, Sara Fredrika. Despite her almost feral appearance, something about her strikes him to the core. The mission is a success and the Svea returns to Gothenburg. Tobiasson-Svartman, however, remains haunted by this chance encounter; his equilibrium has been disturbed, and he is now compelled to find any pretence to return to the remote islet.

In DEPTHS Mankell confirms his status a writer beyond the crime genre. By delving deep into the male psyche, he has produced a novel both as tense and compelling in every way as the Wallander series, but also powerful, moving and ultimately tragic. **TP \$32.95**

David Masiel

The Western Limit of the World

At fifty-nine, Harold Snow has seen his share of death. Now serving on a decrepit tanker whose papers are as suspect as its seaworthiness, a weary Snow feels the end is creeping closer than ever. When the tanker is refused entry to the Bay of San Francisco, Snow and the rest of the crew embark on a scattershot voyage that will take the disintegrating hulk from South America to Africa. Along the way they will encounter hurricanes, crooked customs officials and tropical ports seething with vice and revolution. And mirroring this outer voyage, a twisted inner journey will strip Snow down to his bare essence as a man and confront him with a stark choice between life and death, damnation and redemption, at the western limit of the world. **HC \$49.95**

Archer Mayor

St Albans Fire

Intrepid detective Joe Gunther and the overworked Vermont Bureau of Investigation team is pushed to the limits by a string of serial arsons across the Green Mountain State that has culminated in a shocking series of murders. By the author of *The Surrogate Thief*. **APB \$17.95**

Andrew McGahan Australian Author

Underground

Underground is the book that at least half the country has been waiting for. Think ahead five or so years from now, to an Australia transformed by the never-ending war on terror. Canberra has been wiped out in a nuclear attack. There is a permanent state of emergency. The AFP and ASIO have been granted extraordinary powers over the population. Roadblocks, security checkpoints, identity cards and detention without trial have all become the norm. Citizenship tests and loyalty oaths are mandatory. Suspect minorities have been locked away into ghettos. And worse - no one wants to play cricket with us anymore. Now Leo James - a burnt out property developer whose only claim to significance is that he happens to be the twin brother of the all powerful Bernard James, Prime Minister of Australia - finds himself abducted by terrorists. They hope to use him as a bargaining chip against his twin. Problem is, the two brothers have loathed each other since birth. And that's not the only complication. Vast, secret forces are in play here, and Leo and his captors are about to embark on a journey into the underworld of a nation gone mad. Like some bastard child of Dr Strangelove and George Orwell, blistering and blackly comic, *Underground* is both an adrenalin-pumped thriller and a wickedly barbed satire. Fuelled by a gleeful, anarchic energy that takes a chainsaw to political neo-correctness and Australia's new ultra-nationalism, this book goes straight to the heart of the country's future - and it isn't pretty. **TP \$29.95**

David E Meadows

Dark Pacific

When a saboteur infiltrates Sea Base, an artificial island that gives America control over the world's oceans, Naval Criminal Investigative Service agent Richard Zeichner goes undercover on its beta-test voyage to stop this floating fortress from being destroyed. **APB \$17.95**

Brad Meltzer

Book of Fate

In six minutes, one of us would be dead. None of us knew it was coming... So says Wes Holloway, a once-cocky and ambitious presidential aide, about the day that changed his life forever. On that Fourth of July, Wes put Ron Boyle, the chief executive's oldest friend, into the presidential limousine. By the time the trip came to an end, Wes was permanently disfigured, and Boyle was dead, the victim of a crazed assassin. Eight years later, Boyle is spotted, alive and well, in Malaysia. In that moment, Wes has the chance to undo the worst day of his life. Trying to figure out what really happened takes Wes back to a decade-old presidential crossword puzzle, mysterious facts buried in Masonic history, and a two-hundred-year-old code invented by Thomas Jefferson. But what Wes doesn't realize is that *The Book of Fate* holds everyone's secrets. Especially the ones worth dying for. **TP \$32.95**

Rick Mofina

Every Fear

When reporter Jason Wade investigates the kidnapping of the Colson baby, he discovers that the Colsons, a seemingly perfect family with no enemies, are linked to an unsolved murder, plunging him into a vast criminal underground where his life and the baby's hangs in the balance.

APB \$17.95

Joe Moore & Lynn Sholes

The Last Secret (Cotton Stone Mystery)

In this follow-up to *The Grail Conspiracy*, Cotton Stone unearths a crystal tablet that predicts the Great Flood and another final cleansing. According to an ancient society of spiritual warriors a series of these sacred tablets exist . . . and the last one holds the key to surviving Armageddon. Racing to recover this last secret, Cotton must face her terrifying destiny -- to battle the Son of the Dawn until the End of Days. **TP \$30.95**

Fiona Mountain

Bloodline (Genealogical Mystery)

An anonymous note, the shooting death of one of her clients, and an elderly man investigating his granddaughter's boyfriend send ancestor detective Natasha Blake on a perilous quest in search of the truth about a cold-blooded crime that has been hidden for generations. **APB \$17.95**

John F Mullins*Bayonet Skies (Men of Valor)*

In 1975, with the end of the Vietnam War in sight, Captain James Carmichael is living peacefully in Germany with his pregnant Russian ,migr, wife and serving as a trainer for the Special Forces, until he asked to take on a mission to rescue a P.O.W. being held by the North Vietnamese.

APB \$19.95

Reggi Nadelson*Red Hook (Artie Cohen)*

Recently married to Maxine Crabbe and on the verge of his honeymoon trip, Artie Cohen is called back by the death of his old friend, Sid McKay, scouring the city in search of clues as he follows a trail that takes him from Red Hook to Hunts Point and beyond, uncovering a web of lies, deceit, and information for sale to the highest bidder. **HC \$49.95**

Bill Napier*Nemesis*

Called in to come up with a stop an asteroid on a collision course with Earth, physicist Dr. Oliver Webb and his colleagues find themselves in a desperate race against time on a mission that is complicated by Webb's discovery that a mysterious seventeenth-century Latin manuscript could hold the key to saving millions of innocent victims. **APB \$17.95**

Shira Nayman*Awake in the Dark*

A collection of tales about the contemporary lives of the children of Holocaust victims and perpetrators features protagonists who in turn struggle with questions about their Jewish identities and embark on journeys of self-discovery to uncover their parents' dark secrets. A first collection.

HC \$49.95

Tim O'Brien*In the Lake of the Woods*

Pursued by rumors of the atrocities he committed in Vietnam, a politician and his wife seek refuge in a lakeside cabin in northern Minnesota, where a mystery unfolds when the wife mysteriously vanishes into the nearby wilderness. **TP \$30.95**

Scott Oden*Men of Bronze*

526 BC and the empire of the Pharaohs is dying, crumbling under the weight of its own antiquity. Corruption and decay cripple its cities, infects its leaders and cripples its armies, while across the great expanse of Sinai, like jackals drawn to carrion, the forces of the omnipotent king of Persia watch and wait...

But all is not quite lost. For leading the fight to preserve the soul of Egypt is the Phoenician warrior, Hasdrabal Barca, the pharaoh's deadliest killer - possessor of a rage few men can fathom and fewer can withstand. But the defection of one of Egypt's most celebrated generals, the Greek mercenary Phanes, to the Persians triggers a savage war that will test Barca's military skills and his humanity to the limit. But Barca is changing - a girl who was once a slave but with a gift for healing - tends to his wounds, and as she does so, eases his tortured soul and teaches him how to be truly human again.

From the political wastelands of Palestine and the searing deserts east of the Nile to the streets of the ancient city of Memphis, Barca and Phanes play a desperate and brutal game of cat-and-mouse that culminates in the bloodiest battle of Egypt's history. In the dusty hills east of Pelusium, a reckoning will unfold, for there over the dead of two nations, Hasdrabal Barca will face the same choice of as those great heroes of old: death and eternal fame, or long life and obscurity... **APB \$21.95**

Robin D Owens*Heart Quest*

Guardsman Ilex Winterberry, the HeartMate to Trif Clover, refuses to reveal his true identity to her, believing that she will be disappointed, until a killer sets his sights on her, forcing him to tell her the truth no matter what the outcome or risk losing her forever. **APB \$17.95**

Robert B Parker*Hundred-Dollar Baby (Spenser)*

In a tale that reintroduces the character of runaway prostitute April Kyle, a poised adult April, now the head of an upscale Boston call-girl operation, requests private investigator Spenser's help in preventing a local kingpin from seizing control of her enterprise. **HC \$51.95**

James Patterson*Cross (Alex Cross)*

Alex Cross has quit his job with the FBI and feels great about that, but he can't seem to stay away. When a series of brutal rapes are committed across Washington and none of the victims will talk, Sampson calls on Alex for help. Alex uses all his skills as a psychologist in persuading one of the women to tell how the attacker scared her into silence - with mocking politeness, he'd showed her his photographs of horribly mutilated bodies. Cross's hunt for the rapist leads him to 'the Irishman' Michael Sullivan, the deadly hitman from his past, who's returned to Washington planning to kill the new mob Don, John Maggione. Mistakes will kill you, Sullivan tells himself as he starts to wage his own chilling one-man gang war - but he doesn't intend to make any. How many will meet a gruesome end while the Irishman evades the FBI, the mob hit team - and Alex, still haunted by the loss of his first wife and the unsolved mystery of who killed her? **TP \$32.95**

Michael Pearce*A Dead Man in Athens*

When the prime minister of 1913 Greece hatches a poorly received plan to unite his people throughout the Mediterranean, CID Foreign Office investigator Seymour is dispatched by Scotland Yard to address the ensuing chaos. **HC \$52.95**

Don Pendleton*Jungle Justice (Executioner 334)*

When cops, soldiers, game wardens, and U.S. diplomats are marked for death by Balahadra Naraka, a warlord who thrives on human misery, Mack Bolan must hunt down this vicious criminal, who will soon become extinct, in the jungles of India's Sundarbans. **APB \$13.95**

Otto Penzler & Scott Turow *Editor*

Best American Mystery Stories 2006, The

The acclaimed author of *Presumed Innocent* serves as guest editor for this new collection of the outstanding mystery tales of the year, in an anthology that incorporates pieces of short fiction by Elmore Leonard, Ed McBain, James Lee Burke, Joyce Carol Oates, Walter Mosley, and other notable authors. **TP \$28.95**

Anne Perry

Dark Assassin (William Monk Mystery)

The two figures had been on the bridge. He had grasped hold of her. To save her, or to push her? Inspector William Monk is still feeling his way in a new post in the Thames River Police and knows he must solve the mystery to gain the respect of his men. Soon both he and Hester find themselves powerfully involved in the story of the dead woman, Mary Havilland, and her quest to vindicate her father, found dead two months previously. An engineer working for the Argyll Construction Company, James Havilland was convinced a major disaster would happen in the tunnels where London's desperately needed new sewer system was being built. Maddened by his obsession, he'd apparently shot himself. Mary had never accepted that and now she was dead too. Was it chance or something more sinister? **APB \$19.95**

Cathy Pickens

Done Gone Wrong

Living in the small Southern town of her childhood after being fired from her big-city law firm, attorney Avery Andrews is called in by high-profile lawyer Jake Baker to assist in a case in Charleston, South Carolina, but the job becomes serious when a young doctor is found dead, a prostitute vanishes, and a suicidal gunman goes on a shooting rampage. By the author of *Southern Fried*. **APB \$1.95**

Douglas Preston

Tyrannosaur Canyon

In a post-apocalypse tale by the author of *The Codex*, a long-missing moon rock, a killing in a New Mexico canyon, a murderously ambitious scientist, and other factors contribute to the world's greatest scientific discovery and a mystery involving the earth's near-destruction by a galactic fire bolt. **APB \$19.95**

Ann Purser

Fear on Friday (Lois Meade Mystery)

The latest Lois Meade mystery, Lois Meade, cleaner and part-time sleuth, opens an office in the neighboring town of Tresham, and is intrigued to find a number of surprising guests visiting a small shop of dubious reputation opposite. **APB \$17.95**

Robert J Randisi

Everybody Kills Somebody Sometime (Rat Pack Mystery)

When Dean Martin begins receiving threats while the members of the Rat Pack are in town for the filming of *Ocean's 11*, Eddie G., the pit boss at the Sands Casino, joins forces with a private detective friend and some muscle from New York, to uncover the culprit, but his search leads him right into the heart of a murder case. **HC \$49.95**

Ian Rankin

Black and Blue

Includes an extract from Ian Rankin's first novel, *The Flood*

Rebus is juggling four cases trying to nail one killer - who might just lead back to the infamous Bible John. And he's doing it under the scrutiny of an internal inquiry led by a man he has just accused of taking backhanders from Glasgow's Mr Big. As if this wasn't enough, there are TV cameras at his back investigating a miscarriage of justice, making Rebus a criminal in the eyes of a million or more viewers. Just one mistake is likely to mean an unpleasant and not particularly speedy death or, worse still, losing his job. **APB \$9.95**

James Reese

The Book of Spirits (Book 02)

A sequel to *The Book of Shadows* finds the early nineteenth-century witch Herculine leaving her violent life in France for an uncertain future in America, where she enters into an erotic and desperate relationship with a beautiful slave and launches a search for her missing teacher, Sebastiana. **APB \$19.95**

Matthew Reilly *Australian Author*

Seven Ancient Wonders

It is the biggest treasure hunt in history, and nearly every nation on earth is involved in a headlong race to locate the Seven Wonders of the ancient world.

Thousands of years ago, a magnificent golden capstone sat atop the Great Pyramid of Giza. It was a source of immense power, capable of bestowing upon its holder absolute global rule for a thousand years... But then, in 323 BC, the capstone was broken into seven pieces and spread to the corners of the Earth, hidden within the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. Now, with the coming of a rare solar event, the time has come to locate the pieces and rebuild the capstone.

Everyone wants it. From the greatest, most powerful countries on Earth, to gangs of evil terrorists... and one daring coalition of eight small nations who think no single country should possess such an awesome power source. And so, led by the mysterious Captain Jack West Jr, this determined group enters into an adventure beyond imagining.

From the Colossus of Rhodes to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon; from the Lighthouse at Alexandria to the Great Pyramid itself; the author of *Ice Station* and *Scarecrow* takes you on the adventure of your life! **TP \$32.95**

Ruth Rendell*The Water's Lovely*

Weeks went by when Ismay never thought of it at all. Then something would bring it back or it would return in a dream. The dream began in the same way.

She and her mother would be climbing the stairs, following Heather's lead through the bedroom to what was on the other side, not a bathroom in the dream but a chamber floored and walled in marble. In the middle of it was a glassy lake. The white thing in the water floated towards her, its face submerged, and her mother said, absurdly, "Don't look!"

The dead man was Ismay's stepfather, Guy. Now, nine years on, she and her sister, Heather, still lived in the same house in Clapham. But it had been divided into two self-contained flats. Their mother lived upstairs with her sister, Pamela. And the bathroom, where Guy had drowned, had disappeared.

Ismay worked in public relations, and Heather in catering. They got on well. They always had. They never discussed the changes to the house, still less what had happened that August day...

But even lives as private as these, where secrets hang in the air like dust, intertwine with other worlds and other individuals. And, with painful inevitability, the truth will emerge. **TP \$32.95**

Linda L Richards*Calculated Loss (Madeline Carter)*

Former stockbroker Madeline Carter gets into hot water when she enters the ultra competitive world of haute cuisine to discover the truth surrounding the apparent suicide of her ex-husband, renowned Chef Braydon Gauthier. **APB \$17.95**

David Rivera Jr*The Street Sweeper: See No Evil*

A sequel to Harlem's Dragon finds single father and detective Chemah Rivers struggling to crack a challenging case for which the only witness is blind comedienne Michelle, a woman Rivers comes to regard as his soul mate before Margarita returns, intending to reestablish herself in Rivers's life. **TP \$26.95**

David A Rollins*A Knife Edge*

While working on a top-secret research program for the US Department of Defense in the freezing waters off Japan, a leading scientist turns up dead, eaten by a monster shark.

US Air Force OSI Special Agent Vin Cooper is hurriedly dispatched to investigate. Cooper, however, has barely begun when he's pulled off the case to look into the death of an old military buddy who died while making a routine parachute jump. Both cases suddenly collide when Cooper finds himself having to parachute out of a plane and into the night-time skies of a hostile Pakistan.

His mission: to recover stolen US Defense biological technology. The stakes: to prevent a nuclear war between Pakistan and India that could engulf the world. The problem: Cooper has to jump alongside a soldier he suspects is a killer.

In his latest edge-of-the-seat adventure, the clock is ticking down to disaster as Cooper tracks his elusive quarry from the crushing depths of the Japan Trench to the frozen foothills of the Hindu Kush and the humid border regions of Thailand and Burma. **TP \$32.95**

John Rubinfeld*Interpretation of Murder*

When a wealthy young debutante is discovered bound, whipped and strangled in a luxurious apartment overlooking the city, and another society beauty narrowly escapes the same fate, the mayor of New York calls upon Freud to use his revolutionary new ideas to help the surviving victim recover her memory of the attack, and solve the crime. But nothing about the attacks - or about the surviving victim, Nora - is quite as it seems. And there are those in very high places determined to stop the truth coming out, and Freud's startling theories taking root on American soil.

TP \$32.95 HC \$52.95

Patricia Schonstein*A Quilt of Dreams*

A tale set against a backdrop of 1990s South Africa follows the intertwined lives of a heavy-drinking white man and the young daughter of a black activist whose private ambitions are irrevocably shaped by the waning days of apartheid. By the author of *A Time for Angels*. **HC \$51.95**

Heather Sharfeddin*Mineral Spirits*

Dismayed to find his new jurisdiction struggling with such challenges as drug activities, sexual abuse, and poverty, Montana county sheriff Kip Edelson embarks on an investigation involving the suspicious deaths of two people, a case with ties to a local reprobate. **HC \$45.95**

Sidney Sheldon*Naked Face*

The psychiatrist's couch holds many secrets. Can it also hold the key to a series of brutal murders? In a chilling game of cat and mouse, psychoanalyst Dr Judd Stevens must become the hunter rather than the hunted if he wants to stay alive. This is the first novel to accompany the author's memoirs. **APB \$19.99**

Rage of Angels

Jennifer Parker is the most glamorous lawyer in America, she dominates the court with her sparkling intelligence and persuasive charms. She seems unbeatable, but is she really? When Jennifer falls in love, she can hardly believe her luck. Jennifer falls pregnant and yet is determined not to allow her broken heart to get in the way of her success. **APB \$19.99**

A Stranger in the Mirror

From humble beginnings, Toby Temple became a superstar. Jill Castle found breaking into Hollywood as an actress, impossible without auditioning on the Directors' infamous casting couches. But, Toby falls for Jill's beauty and sweeps her out of obscurity to stardom by his side. This story is a combination of glamour, glitz, sex and revenge. **APB \$19.99**

Windmills of The Gods

The world is on the brink of mutual destruction between the East and the West and Mary Ashley, beautiful, talented, intelligent, has been chosen to represent America as Ambassador to Romania. Then someone starts to threaten Mary and her children. Who can want her to leave so desperately and why? **APB \$19.99**

George D Shuman*18 Seconds*

After spending nearly thirty years behind bars for causing a deadly school bus accident, Earl Sykes returns to his hometown determined to enact revenge for his incarceration. He sets his sights on Lieutenant Kelly O'Shaunisy, the daughter of his captor. But Earl Sykes has an even more sinister secret: as he plots his revenge, his penchant for the rape, torture, and murder of young girls—the kinds of crimes he used to commit but for which he was never caught—needs to be fed.

As Sykes gives in to his dark urges and the bodies of young women begin to appear in desolate areas of the New Jersey boardwalk, newly minted Lieutenant O'Shaunisy takes on the investigation. These crimes horrify her, not only because they suggest a gruesome cruelty, but because they are strangely reminiscent of crimes that went unsolved thirty years ago. As O'Shaunisy follows a series of frustrating dead-end leads, young women continue to go missing and bodies pile up.

But then, a breakthrough that will change the game entirely. Her desperation leads her to an unlikely source: Sherry Moore, a beautiful, blind psychic, who possesses the extraordinary ability to access the last eighteen seconds of a person's life by touching that person's corpse. Sherry and O'Shaunisy, together, set out to stem the bloodshed...but not before becoming entangled in a dangerous web that could cost them their lives.

TP \$29.95

Jenefer Shute*User ID*

In Los Angeles to deliver a speech at a conference, New Yorker Vera de Sica confronts the ultimate nightmare when her identity is stolen by a scam artist, in a novel that captures the psychology of the victim and victimizer alike as the lives of both women unfold in alternating chapters and Vera pursues the thief through cyberspace. **TP \$26.95**

Michael Simon*Body Scissors*

Investigating the botched assassination attempt of a rising black community leader, New York-born Austin homicide detective Dan Reles is unexpectedly taken off the case and placed in pursuit of an influential drug dealer who has endangered several affluent college students. By the author of Dirty Sally. **TP \$28.95**

Taylor Smith*Slim to None*

When she loses custody of her son, and an assignment in the Middle East goes horribly wrong, security specialist Hannah Nicks encounters the man who ruined her mission in Iraq and, determined to get revenge, uses this opportunity to expose a conspiracy that could destroy America. **HC \$51.95**

Julia Spencer-Fleming*All Mortal Flesh (Clare Fergusson / Russ van Alstyne Mystery)*

Having long concealed his feelings for the Reverend Clare Fergusson, Police Chief Russ van Alstyne is stunned when he becomes the prime suspect in the murder of his wife and risks everything in his investigation to find the real culprit before it is too late. **HC \$47.95**

Lyndon Stacey*Six to One Against*

Damien Daniels has been murdered; shot out of the saddle by an expert marksman while exercising his horse. It looks like a professional job, but who would want to kill a popular ex-jockey who trains racehorses for living?

Animal behaviourist Gideon Blake witnesses the shooting and is able to provide information that leads to an arrest, however, many questions remain unanswered. Do a series of mysterious break-ins have any bearing on the case? What is the significance of the cryptic list found amongst the dead man's things?

Gideon soon finds himself drawn deeper into the mystery, and before long, a dark and terrible conspiracy comes to light which threatens to destroy the lives of those closest to him. **TP \$32.95**

Anne Strieber*Little Town Lies*

Burned out from her social work career, Sally Hopkins takes on an investigative job for her sheriff uncle in east Texas, a case involving a series of arson fires and animal killings that suggest the work of a budding serial murderer. **APB \$17.95**

Marcia Talley*Through the Darkness (Hannah Ives Mystery)*

Cancer survivor Hannah Ives is stunned when her one-year-old grandson Tim vanishes from the day care center at the luxurious spa owned by his parents, especially when no ransom note is forthcoming, and embarks on her own dangerous and determined quest to find the innocent child and punish his abductor. **APB \$17.95**

Jim Thompson*A Swell-Looking Babe (Crime Masterworks)*

The Manson looked like a respectable hotel; Dusty Rhodes looked like a selfless young man working as a bellhop; and the woman on the tenth floor who arrived on the midnight train looked like a slumming angel. But appearances can be deceptive - deceptive enough to lead to robbery, treachery and murder ... **BPB \$21.95**

The Getaway

The story of a bank robbery and its aftermath, of cross and double-cross, told with the unflinching eye of America's greatest crime writer. When it comes to pulling off the perfect bank job, Doc McCoy wrote the book. But with a partner like Rudy Torrento, who is not only treacherous but insane, and a wife who is still an amateur, McCoy has forgotten something: when the crime is big and bloody enough, there is no such thing as a clean getaway. **BPB \$21.95**

The Grifters

Roy Dillon is young, good-looking and devastatingly charming. He's also a completely amoral con man. Lily, his mother, works for the mob. Moira Langtry, Roy's mistress, is always looking for the main chance, and so is Carol Roberg, the nurse brought in to look after Roy when a bad choice of mark means he has an unfortunate encounter with a baseball bat and a bad case of internal bleeding.

Together they make up a perverse quadrangle of love and greed in a coruscating novel of corruption. **PB \$21.95**

Jim Thompson*The Killer Inside Me*

Deputy Sheriff Lou Ford is a pillar of the community in his small Texas town, patient and thoughtful. Some people think he's a little slow and boring but that's the worst they say about him. But then nobody knows about what Lou calls his 'sickness'. It nearly got him put away when he was younger, but his adopted brother took the rap for that. Now the sickness that has been lying dormant for a while is about to surface again - and the consequences are brutal and devastating. Tense and suspenseful, *The Killer Inside Me* is a brilliantly sustained noir crime masterpiece. **BPB \$21.95**

Pop 1280

Nick Corey likes being the high sheriff of Potts County. But Nick has a few problems that he needs to deal with: like his loveless marriage, the pimps who torment him, the honest man who is running against him in the upcoming elections and the women who adore him.

And it turns out that Nick isn't anything like as amiable, easy-going or as slow as he seems. He's as sly, brutal and corrupt as they come. **BPB \$21.95**

Carlene Thompson*Last Whisper*

Years after the murder of her mother at the hands of her stepfather, Zachary Tavell, who is sent to prison for the crime, Brooke Yeager suddenly finds herself the target of the vengeful killer, who has escaped from a maximum security prison, tormented by a string of brutal killings and disturbing messages somehow linked to her mother's death. **APB \$17.95**

Steven Torres*Missing in Precinct Puerto Rico (Precinct Puerto Rico 04)*

In the fourth volume in the critically Precinct Puerto Rico series, Sheriff Luis Gonzalo races against time to uncover the truth about the mysterious disappearances of the town children and is drawn into a chilling confrontation with a group of international villains. **HC \$49.95**

Peter Tremayne*The Leper's Bell (Ancient Ireland)*

Returning home to her brother's estate only to discover that her son's nurse has been found brutally murdered and that her son is missing, Sister Fidelma of Cashel draws on every resource at her disposal as she races against time to rescue her missing child. **TP \$26.95**

Margaret Truman*Murder at the Opera (Capital Crimes)*

When the Washington National Opera becomes the scene of the brutal murder of a young soprano, Mac Smith and his wife, gallery owner Annabel Reed Smith, launch their own investigation that leads them into a race against time to stop an assassination plot targeting the president of the United States on opening night at the Kennedy Center. **HC \$51.95**

Jess Walter*Citizen Vince*

Beginning his witnessprotection job at a doughnut restaurant in the week before the 1980 presidential election, smalltime thief Vince Camden finds himself unwittingly embroiled in a local politician's troubles, involved in a creditcard scam, and torn between relationships with a beautiful law clerk and a neurotic prostitute. **TP \$30.95**

The Zero

Five days after a terrorist attack decimates his home city, Brian Remy struggles with gaps in his memory pertaining to a self-inflicted gunshot wound, a girlfriend whose name he does not know, and deteriorating eyesight, a situation that is further challenged when he is recruited to gather information for a shadowy intelligence operation. **HC \$52.95**

Minette Walters*The Devil's Father*

When five women are brutally murdered in Sierra Leone, Reuter's correspondent, Connie Burns, questions the arrest of three rebel soldiers for the crimes. No one listens. In the wake of a vicious civil war which saw hundreds of thousands killed and displaced, the rape and murder of women is of little consequence. And who cares if child soldiers are beaten into a confession? With little to go on, except her witnessing of a savage attack on a prostitute, Connie believes a foreigner's responsible. A man who claims to have been in the SAS and works as a bodyguard to a Lebanese diamond trader. She remembers him from Kinshasa when he was a mercenary for Laurent Kabila's regime, and she suspects he uses the chaos of war to act out sadistic fantasies against women. Two years later in Iraq, the consequences of her second attempt to expose him are devastating. Terrified, degraded and destroyed, she goes into hiding in England and tries to rebuild the person she was before being subjected to three days of conditioning in a Baghdad cellar. In the process, she strikes up a friendship with Jess Derbyshire, a loner whose reclusive nature has alienated her from the rest of the Dorset community where she lives. Seeing parallels between herself and Jess, Connie borrows from the other woman's strength and makes the hazardous decision to attempt a third unmasking of a serial killer, knowing he will come looking for her ... **TP \$19.95**

Robert Ward*Four Kinds of Rain*

Broke and down-on-his luck, recently divorced psychiatrist Bob Wells is assigned to assist a paranoid patient, Emile Bardan, who is convinced that someone is out to steal his most prized possession, a priceless mask, but when Bob decides to steal the mask for himself, he is plunged into a dark world from which there may be no escape. **HC \$47.95**

Michael White Australian Author*Equinox*

Laura Niven, a former New York journalist turned thriller-writer, returns to Oxford University, where she studied twenty years earlier, to help her daughter, Joanna, settle in to life as a first-year student.

Visiting Oxford also prompts her to journey into her own personal history, and Laura stays with her former lover, Philip Bainbridge, who is now a police-scene photographer. The night before she is due to return to New York, Philip is called to a murder scene just outside of Oxford. The victim is a young woman. Her throat has been slashed and her heart has been cut out of her body. In her chest cavity, the police find an ancient-looking gold coin. The next day another murder is discovered, and the MO is the same except that the girl's brain has been removed and a silver coin has been left in the bowl of her skull

Compelled to investigate these horrific murders, Laura soon discovers that they are not just confined to the here and now. As she follows slender leads a story gradually emerges that connects the members of the Royal Society in the 1600s – Isaac Newton, Edmund Halley, Christopher Wren, Robert Hooke – alchemy, and a modern-day search for The Philosopher's Stone. With this knowledge, Laura becomes the one person who, in a desperate race against time, has any chance of stopping the killer from completing a series of ritual murders. **TP \$32.95**

Robin White*Hunters in the Sea*

During the dog days of the USSR, desperate Russian scientists fought to create a weapon that could preserve the balance with the US - one that no sophisticated defence system could stop. They turned to one of the oldest killers of all - Smallpox. Modifying it to evade the human immune system, they created something so destructive that even they realised that it could never be used. The disease - codenamed Hunter - was left to rot in an obscure lab in the heart of Russia as the Soviet state collapsed around it. But now a disgruntled former Russian scientist has defected to a shadowy group of terrorists and has taken passage to the Middle East in a rusty freighter full of so-called freedom fighters. And in his case is stored one test-tube of this new plague. Out of fear and anger, he has sold his soul to the devil. And in the midst of the worst storm in the history of the Mediterranean, only two men can stop him. Commander William Steadman of the attack boat USS Portland, and Captain Rem Reonov of the Russian Akula class submarine Gepard hold the fate of the world in their hands. The trouble is their masters refuse to recognise that they're on the same side, and they may have to destroy each other before capturing the ship. But what no-one knows, least of all the hapless terrorists on the freighter, is that Hunter is already free on the boat, and that the end of the world is already upon them. **TP \$32.95**

Kate Wilhelm*The Price of Silence*

Todd and her husband move to what seems to be a wonderful Oregon town when she is offered a position at a local newspaper, but when a little girl goes missing, Todd delves deeper and discovers that this community has a very dark past. **APB \$17.95**

Sleight of Hand

When Jay Wilkins accuses former criminal-turned-Vegas-entertainer Wally Lederer of stealing a priceless artifact, attorney Barbara Holloway must prove her client's innocence when Jay is murdered, a gamble that could destroy one life in an attempt to save another. **HC \$51.95**

Tim Willocks*Green River Rising*

After three years' hard time, minding no-one's business but his own, Ray Klein wins his parole. That same day, the disciplinary perfection of Green River State Penitentiary is torn apart by tribal war, and the prison falls into the hands of its inmates.

As the River sucks them all towards the abyss, Klein must choose: whether to claim his freedom and leave the ones he cares for to die, or risk everything and fight... **PB \$21.95**

The Religion

Malta. May 1565.

From the shores of the Golden Horn, Suleiman the Magnificent, Emperor of the Ottomans, has sent the greatest armada since antiquity to wipe out Islam's most implacable foe, the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem, in their stronghold on the island of Malta. To the Turks the knights are known as 'The Hounds of Hell'. The knights call themselves 'The Religion'.

Meanwhile, in Sicily, a disgraced and exiled Maltese noblewoman, Carla La Penautier, has been trying to return to the doomed island in an attempt to find the bastard son who was taken from her at his birth. The Religion have refused her every plea and a tormented Roman Inquisitor, Ludovico Ludovici, seeks to imprison her. But Carla recruits a notorious adventurer and arms merchant - Mattias Tannhauser - to help her evade the Inquisition and to escape on the last galley to run the Turkish blockade. As the ensuing apocalyptic conflict between Islam and Christianity becomes the most brutal and harrowing siege in military history, Tannhauser and Carla must survive the bloody inferno and track down a twelve-year-old boy whose face they have never seen and whose name they do not know. And neither of them reckon on the return of the avenging Inquisitor, Ludovico Ludovici. **TP \$32.95**

Brian M Wiprud*Sleep with the Fishes*

Determined to escape the witness protection program, ex-mobster-turned-snitch Sid "Sleep" Bifulco has set up a new life in a rural hideaway to pursue his new avocation, trout fishing, but he soon discovers that he cannot escape the attentions of the zany local yokels, a Mafia killer on his trail, or an incriminating videotape. **APB \$17.95**

William P Wood*The Bribe*

When a war hero and a member of Congress is brutally murdered after making a speech blasting corruption in Washington, police detectives Terry Nye and Rose Tafoya have twenty-four hours to find the truth with the help of acting District Attorney Dennis Cooper. **APB \$17.95**

Stuart Woods*Short Straw*

Having married the seductive Barbara Kennedy against his better judgment, Santa Fe lawyer Ed Eagle awakens the morning after his fortieth birthday to discover that his wife has vanished and that all of his money has been wired to Mexico, a circumstance that is complicated by a new case involving a part-time mechanic who has been charged with a triple homicide. By the author of Santa Fe Rules. **HC \$52.95**

Qiu Xiaolong*A Case of Two Cities (Inspector Chen)*

Asked to take the lead in a corruption investigation in which the principal figure and his family have already fled to the U.S., Inspector Chen Cao of the Shanghai Police Bureau is charged to uncover the culprit's partners-in-crime and their organization, following a trail from Shanghai to the U.S. and a reunion with Inspector Catherine Rhon of the U.S. Marshal's service. **HC \$49.95**