



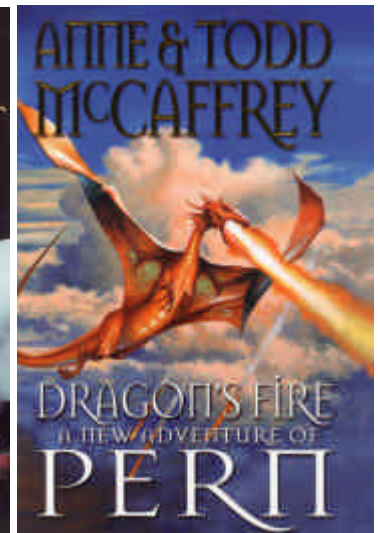
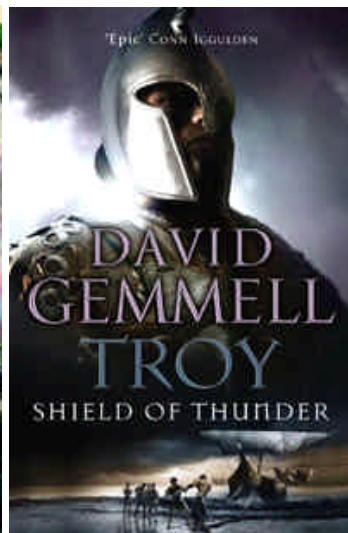
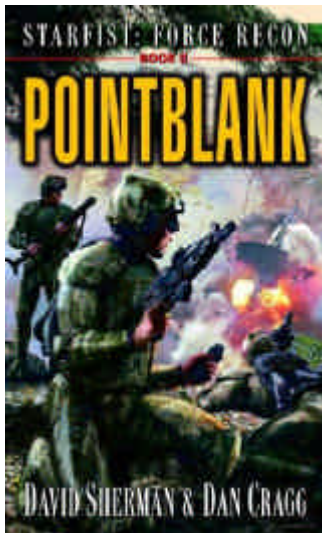
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Featured Books



Pointblank by **David Sherman** and **Dan Cragg**, Starfist Force Recon book 2 in paperback.

Troy: Shield of Thunder by **David Gemmell** in trade paperback and hardcover.

Stroke of Midnight by **Laurrell K. Hamilton**, the 4th Merry Gentry book in paperback.

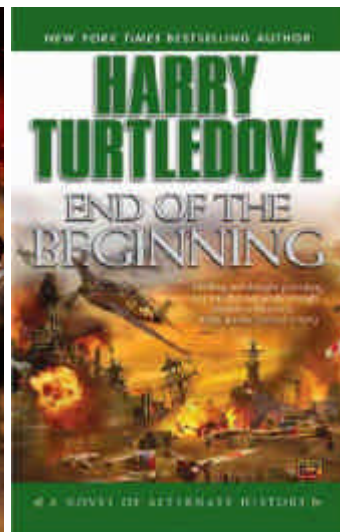
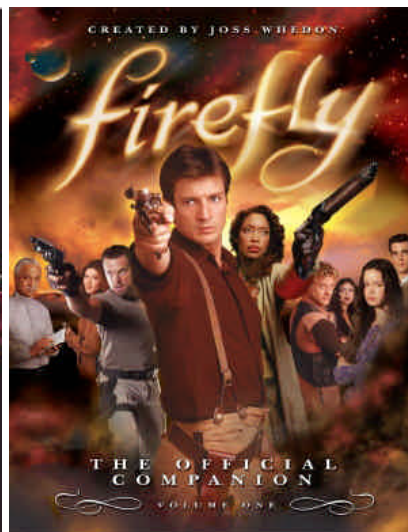
Dragon's Fire by **Anne and Todd McCaffrey** in hardcover.

We Few by **David Weber** and **John Ringo** out in paperback.

Firefly: The Official Companion Volume One.

The End of the Beginning Days **Harry Turtledove**, the 2nd Days of Infamy in paperback.

The Devoured Earth by **Sean Williams** in paperback.



News

David Gemmell fans may care to visit <http://pub40.bravenet.com/guestbook/3359808728> to enter a comment in the online memorial book.

Our Website is currently undergoing a major upgrade. The site has a whole new look as well as many technical improvements. We are improving cross browser compatibility, to have it working the same across various platforms. Also improved is accessibility, as to our surprise, we sell books to the vision impaired, and this will help screen readers, error handling and other assistance methods. Compliance to various web standards is also improving. A significant change is that we now have secure online collection of credit card details, with 256bit SSL and data encryption. The upgrade is still a work in progress, but by all means if you notice typos or errors, email Tim the details.

The Hugo Awards were announced at the World Science Fiction Convention in California. Spin by Robert Charles Wilson won best novel. *Serenity* (the movie) won dramatic presentation long form and Doctor Who won dramatic presentation short form.

There were several other category winners. http://locusmag.com/2006/News/08_HugoCampbellWinners.html

The Doctor Who Club of Australia is running an event at the Drummoyne RSL on Sunday 11th Sept, *Carrying the Torch*, admission \$7. Details at <http://www.drwhoaustralia.org/events/>

Lois McMaster Bujold has promised more Miles Vorkosigan stories, but writing will not start until 2007 for publication in 2009. She has a novel coming next month, *Sharing Knife: Beguilement* with a second half expected mid 2007 *Sharing Knife: Legacy*, which has gone to copy edit. Also she is writing *The Wide Green World*, another duology, before the Miles story.

Reviews

In the Ocean of Night, by Gregory Benford, reviewed by Garry Dalrymple

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780446611596>

In "In the Ocean of Night" The main character deals with the death / eternal life of a partner and a career length involvement with SETI. First as a working Astronaut, he encounters an extinct giant alien space ship that has to be destroyed to prevent it falling to earth and secondly as a manager of the team charged with communicating with an alien probe. The probe is the emissary of the machine intelligences of the universe who take an interest in observing the rise of flesh and blood intelligences.

There is a sub plot involving "bigfoot" and the difficulty of exploring part of an alien spacecraft crashed for millions of years ago on the Moon. The main thread however is an ongoing story of working Science having to live with those who feel that Science should only advance in service to "higher" theocratic / cultic beliefs.

Not Benford's best work, possibly a response to the Reagan years?

Night Watch, by Sergei Lukyanenko, review by Charina

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780434014125>

For centuries the forces of Light and Dark have fought for humanity's souls, neither side gaining a definitive advantage over the other. Finally an uneasy truce was called. The terms? Each side could only influence humanity to the same extent of the other side. If an agent of Light used their power to convince someone to do good, Dark would then be entitled to push someone into doing evil. No good deed goes unpunished.

The Night Watch works between sunset and sunrise, and ensures that the agents of the Dark are keeping to the truce. Andre is an agent of the Night Watch. While some of his fellow agents are shape-shifters and sorcerers, Andre only has mediocre powers. For the past few years he has been working at the Russian arm of the Night Watch as their IT System Manager, a role he was content with. Things begin to change when "the boss" decides Andre needs more field work experience. Slowly Andre starts to learn that he is merely a pawn in a centuries old battle, but his movements are some of the most strategically important on the game board.

The three stories in this novel have been translated from the original Russian. Perhaps because of this, the writing is simple and straightforward. However this suits the atmosphere of the book, and accentuates the bleak city setting. The story line was different from what I expected. Having only seen the previews for the movie, I expected it to be a vampire slasher novel. While vampires do play a part, the main story is more politically based. The Light and Dark have a delicate balance, but both sides are still trying to manoeuvre around the treaty to gain victory. Since they can't blatantly influence events, without giving an advantage to the other side, they must manipulate situations so that the other side is misled about their activities. Andre is used indiscriminately by both the Light and the Dark to push forward their interests. At times this can make Andre seem a bit of a dupe. But the stories are engrossing, and make a thoroughly enjoyable read.

What Fire Cannot Burn by John Ridley, reviewed by Brian Walls

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780446612036>

Sequel to Those Who Walk in Darkness

This is a cracking police procedural novel a follow up the 2003 novel. It is set in a world of tomorrow but not our tomorrow. It is a world of superpowered thugs and law-breakers, post The Age of Super-Heroes, as they have all been made illegal (at least in the USA). Comic book readers will be reminded of Powers by Brian Bendis.

Can ordinary human policemen & policewomen take on mutants and freaks, with abilities far beyond those of normal mortals? If normal guns cannot break their skin, what can they fight with? (A major plot line).

The two heroines, Soledad and Eddie, belong to the LAPD and are well-drawn & believable characters, fighting mutants, monsters and corruption and ethnic prejudice within their own ranks. (Very believable for anybody with a knowledge of that famous police force).

It contains a huge twist in this sequel - which I will not disclose. I didn't see that coming!

John Ridley is a writer of novels, screenplays & his own comic superhero series; The American Way. I will be looking forward to his work in the future!

Gardens of the Moon by Steven Erikson, reviewed by Stuart Wark

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553812176>

Steven Erikson (a pseudonym for Steve Lundin) is a Canadian author who has worked as an archaeologist and anthropologist in both North America and the United Kingdom. Erikson has now written six of a predicted ten novels in the epic fantasy Malazan Book of the Fallen sequence. Gardens of the Moon is the first volume in the series.

Gardens of the Moon is epic in all aspects of the word. As befitting the starting point for a series projected for ten books, the plot is very intricate and complicated. It concerns an ongoing war between the Malazan empire ruled by Empress Laseen, and Anomander Rake and the Tiste Andi, a group of warrior mages. The Empress is portrayed as unlovable tyrant, and the empire has an internal battle as well, with some soldiers more loyal to their direct commanders than the actual Empress. It is almost impossible to capture the plot successfully in a few sentences, but in addition to the human battles, the role of the Gods and their manipulation of the world adds to the intrigue.

Erikson has turned many of the conventions of fantasy writing on its head. Gardens of the Moon is not an easy read, with a multitude of characters and settings to keep track of. The book seems to commence mid-story, and almost infers that the reader should have some level of prior knowledge. As a literacy device it is interesting, as the reader feels that they are joining a real situation, rather than starting a story that has no pre-history. However, it is therefore also quite difficult to work out what is happening at times. There are also sections that are quite disjointed and need to be re-read a few times to understand what is occurring. The level of detail is one of the hallmarks of the novel, however, the sheer complexity could also be considered the book's greatest drawback.

Erikson has managed to create a cast of highly complex individuals that are not often evident within the fantasy genre. His training as an anthropologist has undoubtedly assisted him in the development of the characters. They all appear to have real personalities, honest emotions and understandable motivations. The world is highly developed and involved, but to put in bluntly, it is almost too elaborate.

Gardens of the Moon outlines an amazingly thought out world and storyline. Its design and potential is almost staggering, but it isn't all laid out easily. It is highly recommended for all fans of epic fantasy series, but be warned that it does take some time and effort from the reader.

Blaze of Glory by Michael Pryor, reviewed by Janelle

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781741661880>

Blaze of Glory is the first book of several in the Laws of Magic which is set in an early 20th century alternate England where magic is as "real" as physics. Aubrey Fitzwilliam, the son of a prominent politician, is brilliant at magic (and scheming), and feels he must live up to his father's achievements. He manages to overextend himself into a little bit of a predicament, which is where the book begins. Although Aubrey is at school, he's in his final year, and he doesn't really come across as a schoolboy, possibly because with the exception of the opening and closing chapters, we see very little of him at school. Aubrey and his best friend George Doyle (Watson to Aubrey's Holmes) manage to foil several seemingly politically motivated plots through the book, finally unmasking the villain. There are several twists in the plotting, making it not entirely obvious as to the villain's identity and motivations. Some issues are left to be resolved in the next book in the series, but there's no cliffhanger ending here; the story is pretty much complete in itself.

I enjoyed it quite a bit, although I did want to smack Our Hero sometimes for being a bit too excellent at everything.

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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 7th September Science Fiction crime
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 September 21st:

Greg Bear *Eon* (SF)
Traci Harding *Ancient Future* (F)

Thursday October 19th:

Gregory Benford *Timescape* (SF)
Terry Brooks *Magic Kingdom For Sale, Sold* (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 August

General Release

Final Impact	John Birmingham
Dragonsblood	Todd McCaffrey
Singularity Sky	Charles Stross
Engaging the Enemy	Elizabeth Moon
Phantom	Terry Goodkind
The Family Trade	Charles Stross
A Fistful of Charms	Kim Harrison
Mysteria	MaryJanice Davidson et al
The Hidden Family	Charles Stross
Scattered Suns	Kevin J Anderson

Media and Games Related Titles

Survival of the Fittest	Stargate SG-1
I Am A Dalek	Doctor Who
Halcyon	Stargate Atlantis
Blackstaff	Forgotten Realms
Final Gate	Forgotten Realms
To Reign In Hell	Star Trek Original Series
Bloodwalk	Forgotten Realms
The Two Swords	Forgotten Realms
Principles of Desolation	Mechwarrior Dark Age
False Gods	Warhammer 40,000

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Analog September 2006 Magazine \$9.95

Locus 547 August 2006 Vol 57 No 2 Magazine \$16

Fantasy and Science Fiction September 2006 Magazine \$9.95

Conan and the Demons of Khitai (Conan)

Set many years in the future from the award-winning ongoing series. TP \$22.95

Sunny

Mona Lisa Awakening

Mona Lisa, an unusual young woman who has always known that she is different, is drawn to Gryphon, a mysterious man of unearthly beauty who arrives during her night shift in the E.R., and discovers that he, like herself, is a MonŠre, a child of the moon, and is introduced to the nighttime world of the MonŠre, one of calculated cruelty, intrigue, and casual lust. TP \$28.95

Shana Abe

The Dream Thief

In eighteenth-century England, Lia, the daughter of the leader of the drakon tribe whose members possess the ability to transform from human to dragon, uses her own talents to locate a powerful diamond, hidden deep in the Carpathian mountains, a gem that could allow a human to control or destroy the drakon. HC \$36.95

Albert S Abraham

Jack Jacobs and the Doomsday Time Machine

When Jack Jacobs arrived back to Earth after sixteen years, he expected it to be the year 2199, but found it was one hundred years into his past. He wonders if it is a malfunction of his spaceship's quantum gravity propulsion system, but also finds it is related to an event inside another galaxy. He must now trek toward the new galaxy for answers. What he finds there takes him where no one has ever been before. HC \$47.95

Chris Adrian

The Children's Hospital

Surviving in a floating hospital after the earth is flooded beneath seven miles of water, medical student Jemma Claflin finds herself possessed of strange powers that lead to an understanding of her frightening destiny. HC \$49.95

Vivi Anna

Hell Kat

Smart, sexy, and kick-ass brave, Kat has the fighting skills of a warrior and a sexual appetite few men can match-although most would happily die trying. But Kat has bigger problems than choosing her latest bedmate/plaything. She's caught in a post-apocalyptic world where only the rich live well-and Kat is determined to be one of them. To make her dream come true, the fearless treasure hunter has to get her hands on a lot of money, and that's going to take every bit of talent she's got, and then some. With her devoted partner and lover Damian by her side, Kat sets out to make one big score. The stakes are high and they get even higher when she discovers her rival, Hades, is after the same thing. Big, mean, and sexy as hell, he's just the sort of man Kat loves to take to bed... and will... if he can help her in her quest.

Now, two people whose fiery attraction grows more explosive by the hour are joining forces in a dangerous game, and a delicious discovery of the treasures that await them in the dark . . . PB \$19.95

Alex Archer

Solomon's Jar (Rogue Angel 02)

When Solomon's Jar, which is rumored to hold the world's demons from biblical times, falls into the wrong hands, Annja, an archaeologist with a penchant for the arcane, goes up against a religious zealot who vows to reshape the modern world by unleashing humanity's darkest secrets.

APB \$16.95

Catherine Asaro

Alpha (Sunrise 02)

Now that Charon, the brilliant criminal mastermind is dead, General Thomas Wharington is assigned the task of capturing Alpha, the only android survivor of Charon's cybernetic empire, but his task becomes complicated when he is abducted by the escaping Alpha, whose behavior becomes increasingly human but whose own mission is in doubt, in the sequel to Sunrise Alley. HC \$51.95

Robert Asprin

Little Myth Marker (Myth)

Skeeve, a young magician, and Aahz, his demon teacher, face the prospect of going out of business when their enemies hire the Axe, a top character assassin. Reprint. APB \$17.95

James Axler

Shatter Zone (Deathlands 75 Goldfire Project 1)

When a faceless enemy begins manipulating Ryan and his warrior survivalists, drawing them out to Tucson, Arizona, they become caught in a fight to the death against a foe, linked to a pre-Dark society, who presents a new threat to this already fragile world. APB \$16.95

Kage Baker

The Children of the Company (Company 06)

A sixth installment of the Company series finds immortal Executive Facilitator General Labienus scheming to harness the powers of a rival's protege and dispose of an inconvenient ghost from his past as part of his plot to take over the world. APB \$19.95

The Machine's Child (Company 07)

In the sequel to *The Life of the World to Come*, Alec Checkerfield's AI, Captain Morgan, has masterminded the rescue of the immortal cyborg, Mendoza the botanist, growing her a new body and reviving her, and has retrieved the personalities of her dead lovers, Nicholas and Edward, and placed them in Alec's body as the first step in a new battle against The Company. HC \$51.95

Margaret Ball*Disappearing Act*

When she becomes the target of her own underworld boss's plans to cover-up the death of an important diplomat, petty criminal Maris uses the diplomat's ID to escape the space station, only to find herself plunged into a planet torn apart by conflict, in the middle of a cadre of corrupt officials conspiring with a local tyrant. **APB \$19.95**

Duchess of Aquitaine

The beautiful, brilliant daughter of the Duke of Aquitaine, Eleanor grows up in one of Europe's most dazzling courts, the birthplace of courtly love. In 1137, she is only 15 when her father dies suddenly, leaving her heir to the richest province in France – and an irresistible prize for the first baron who rides in to kidnap her and seize her lands. While her advisors condemn it as a madness to expose Eleanor to such danger, the duke is convinced that beyond her youth and loveliness lies the brains of a man and the soul of a warrior. Upon his death, Eleanor hatches a scheme to marry King Louis himself. But, despite her determination to hold up her end of the bargain, Eleanor learns she has more courage and conviction than her husband, and must eventually strike her own path out of a loveless marriage to an even greater alliance with Henry II of England.

Sweeping from the French countryside to the courts of Paris to the perils of the Crusades, Duchess of Aquitaine introduces one of the most powerful, resourceful, and intriguing women in all of history. **HC \$50**

Ashok Banker*King of Ayodhya (Ramayana 06)*

Rama, king in waiting, has crossed the ocean and the great war has begun. Ravana, lord of demons, unleashes terrible sorcery to deal a crushing blow to Rama's forces. Before they can recover, he sends forth a legion of warbred rakshasas more terrible than any seen before, and the soil of Lanka runs red with the blood of Rama's warriors. Still, the brave vanars and bears rally and fight on despite the formidable odds. The war descends into a brutal maelstrom as champions die and heroes sacrifice their lives for Rama's cause. And then Ravana commits the most dreaded act of all: rather than surrender Sita, he executes her before Rama's eyes. On this darkest day, it hardly seems to matter that Rama's exile is ended, and he is now free to return to his homeland to claim his rightful place as . . . King of Ayodhya. **BPB \$22.95**

Iain M Banks*Inversions*

In the winter palace, the King's new physician has more enemies than she at first realises. But then she also has more remedies to hand than those who wish her ill can know about. In another palace across the mountains, in the service of the regicidal Protector General, the chief bodyguard too has his enemies. But his enemies strike more swiftly, and his means of combating them are more traditional. Spiralling round a central core of secrecy, deceit, love and betrayal, *Inversions* is a spectacular work of science fiction, brilliantly told and wildly imaginative, from an author who has set genre fiction alight. **BPB \$24.95**

David Barbour & Richard Raleigh*Shadows Bend: A Novel of the Fantastic and Unspeakable*

Two legendary fantasy and horror authors--H. P. Lovecraft and Robert E. Howard--are the only ones who can stop an inhuman child with the power to open the gates to the most dangerous and powerful force in the universe, the ancient god Cthulhu. **APB \$19.95**

Michele Bardsley*I'm the Vampire, That's Why*

Now one of the undead, single mother Jessica Matthews, who is delighted with the disappearance of her stretch marks and her newly improved vision, has trouble dealing with the fact that she is now bound to a sinfully sexy Irish vampire for several hundred years. **APB \$17.95**

Greg Bear*Quantico*

It's the near future – sooner than you might hope – and the war against terrorism is lost, nuclear and biological weapons are in the hands of radicals, abortion clinics are wiped out. And still the threat is escalating. A memory-plague designed to wipe out history's age-old hatreds might be the last act in the story of the modern world. Three agents are finishing their training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia and this is the challenge facing them. **APB \$19.99**

Amber Benson & Christopher Golden*Witchery (Ghosts of Albion)*

When a number of women and fairies mysteriously vanish, Tamara Swift journeys to Cornwall to uncover the sinister dark forces responsible, while her husband William risks everything to free his possessed father from the control of the demon Oblis, in the sequel to *Ghosts of Albion: Accursed*. **TP \$28.95**

Terry Brooks*Armageddon's Children*

In the first volume in a new fantasy series, in a futuristic world in which civilization hovers on the brink of total collapse, evil forces control the ruins of the former United States, killing and enslaving the survivors, until Logan Tom embarks on a mission to find a group of Seattle street children, one of whom bears a powerful magic that could save the world. **CD \$76 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Max Brooks*World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War*

An account of the decade-long conflict between humankind and hordes of the predatory undead is told from the perspective of dozens of survivors--soldiers, politicians, civilians, and others--who describe in their own words the epic human battle for survival. **HC \$51.95 CD \$51.95**

Steven Brust*Brokedown Palace*

Ruling the land of Fenario with the aid of a goddess, a wizard, an enigmatic talking stallion, and a very hungry dragon, the four brothers of the Brokedown Palace--King Laszlo, Prince Andor, Prince Vilmos, and Prince Miklos--face a devastating threat that looms over their kingdom.

TP \$30.95

Chris Bunch*The Scoundrel Worlds (Star Risk 02)*

Skyball is popular, challenging, and violent. In other words, the greatest sport in the universe. The mercenary team of Star Risk, Ltd. has been hired to watch it closely. Two opposing worlds are neck and neck, and lately the game's been a real killer. Riots, murder, a real madhouse for loyal fans. It's up to Star Risk to keep it galaxy-friendly. Good luck to them. They don't stand a sporting chance. **APB \$19.95**

S C Butler

Reiffen's Choice (Stoneways Trilogy 01)

The unwanted heir to the thrones of both Wayland and Banking, twelve-year-old Reiffen is offered unlimited power and knowledge if he will surrender his humanity to three wizards who tempt him with great fame and fortune. **HC \$52.95**

Rachel Caine

Firestorm (Weather Warden 05)

When an ancient agreement between the Djinn and the Wardens is broken, rogue Weather Warden Joanne Baldwin, after the Djinn uprising takes the lives of several Wardens, finds herself up against an even more powerful enemy--Mother Nature. **APB \$19.95**

Alan Campbell

Scar Night (01)

For nine hundred generations, the city of Deepgate has hung suspended by giant chains over a seemingly bottomless abyss. In the unfathomable darkness below is said to reside the dread god Ulcis, "hoarder of souls", with his army of ghosts. Outside the city extend the barren wastes of Deadsands, inhabited by the enemy Heshette, so that safe access is guaranteed only by a fleet of airships.

At the hub of the city itself rises the Temple, in one of whose many crumbling spires resides a youthful angel, Dill, the last of his line. Descendant of heroic battle-archons, yet barely able to wield the great sword he has inherited from his forebears, he lives a sheltered existence under the watchful eye of Presbyter Sypes, who rules the Temple. For despite his sense of purposelessness, Dill has a destiny about to unfold – one that will take him down into terrifying depths of the pit in a desperate quest to save the teeming but precarious city from total annihilation at the hands of a cunning and resourceful traitor.

This magnificent and colourful epic of urban fantasy, the first in a trilogy, opens up an intricate new world of unforgettable characters and thrilling events, in the best tradition of Gormenghast. **TP \$32.95**

Barbara Campbell

Bloodstone (Trickster's Game 02)

When Darak, the tribe's Memory-Keeper, rescues his son Keirith, who had fled the tribe to avoid execution, from brutal raiders, both father and son must follow their destiny to a distant city where they must both face their darkest fears. **APB \$19.95**

Ramsey Campbell

The Overnight

Overseeing his reluctant staff during an overnight inventory, Woody, an American manager of a British bookstore, works everyone to their limits to prove himself to his superiors but finds the job compromised by a series of bizarre events, including an employee's spontaneous illiteracy and another worker's death in a hit-and-run accident. **APB \$19.95**

P C Cast

Divine By Mistake

During her summer vacation, teacher Shannon Parker, after purchasing a Celtic vase, finds herself transported to the world of Partholon where she becomes the Goddess Incarnate of Epona and must find a way to return to Oklahoma before war erupts - and she is married off to a centaur.

APB \$17.95

Mark Chadbourn

Hounds of Avalon (Dark Age 03)

The Hounds of Avalon are coming ...For these are the twilight days, when eternal winter falls and the gods destroy themselves in civil war ... when an invasion force of ghastly power threatens to eradicate all life.Humanity's last chance lies with two friends, as different as night and day, but bound together by an awesome destiny. Hunter, a warrior, a rake, an assassin; Hal: a lowly records clerk in a Government office. They must pierce a mystery surrounding the myths of King Arthur to find the dreaming hero who will ride out of the mists of legend to save the world. But time is running out, for when the Hounds of Avalon appear, all hope is lost... **APB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Chadwick

The Greatest Knight

Based on fact, this is the story of William Marshal, the greatest knight of the Middle Ages, unsurpassed in the tournaments, adeptly manoeuvring through the colourful, dangerous world of Angevin politics to become one of the most powerful magnates of the realm and eventually regent of England.

From minor beginnings and a narrow escape from death in childhood, William Marshal steadily rises through the ranks to become tutor in arms to the son of King Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine. A champion on the tournament field, William must face the danger and petty jealousy targeting a royal favourite. Dogged by scandal, banished from court, his services are nevertheless sought throughout Europe and when William's honour is vindicated, he returns to court and wins greater acclaim and power than before.

A crusader and the only knight ever to unhorse the legendary Richard Coeur de Lion, William's courage and steadfastness are rewarded by the hand in marriage of Anglo-Irish heiress Isobel de Clare, 19 years old, the granddaughter of kings and his equal in every way. **BPB \$22.95**

Shane Christopher

In Dreams

When five strangers are found together in a seedy New York City basement, brutally murdered, Detective David Rodriguez and reporter Mari Kinsella discover the shocking connection between the victims: strange nightmares that drive people to their deaths. **APB \$17.95**

Douglas Clegg

The Priest of Blood (Vampyricon 01)

The bastard son of a whore, a predator trainer in the royal court, and a conscripted soldier serving in the Crusades against the Saracens, Falconer finds his true destiny when he is transformed into a vampire by a creature called Pythia. **APB \$19.95**

The Lady of Serpents (Vampyricon 02)

Hailed as the messiah of the vampyre, Aleric is captured by the sorceress Enora, imprisoned, and forced to battle in the arena for her amusement, and to stop her reign of terror, Aleric must somehow escape, locate the alchemist behind her power, and unleash his old nemesis, Pythia, the Lady of Serpents, who may hold the key to the survival of the vampyres and humankind alike. **HC \$49.95**

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. **TP \$19.95**

John Connolly*The Book of Lost Things*

Once upon a time, there was a boy who lost his mother. As twelve-year-old David takes refuge from his grief in the myths and fairytales so beloved of his dead mother, he finds the real world and the fantasy world begin to blend. That is when bad things start to happen. That is when the Crooked Man comes. And David is violently propelled into a land populated by heroes, wolves and monsters in his quest to find the legendary Book of Lost Things. **TP \$32.95**

Dawn Cook*Princess at Sea (Princess 02)*

When the royal couple she has been assigned to protect is kidnapped by pirates after a storm forces them to drop anchor, Tess, who possesses magical powers greater than any treasure, must rescue them, while deciding between two potential suitors. **APB \$19.95**

Bernard Cornwell*The Pale Horseman (Last Kingdom 02)*

It is the lowest time for the Saxons. Defeated comprehensively by the Vikings who now occupy most of England, Alfred and his very small group of surviving followers retreat to the trackless marshlands of Somerset. There, forced to move restlessly to escape betrayal or detection, using the marsh mists for cover, they travel by small boats from one island refuge to another, hoping that they can regroup and find some more strength and support. Only Uhtred remains resolute. Determined to discover the enemy's strategies, he draws once again on his Viking upbringing, and attempts to enter the Viking camps. His plan is to become accepted by their leaders, and to sit in their councils and uncover their plans. But once there, the attractions of his many friends among the Vikings coupled with his disillusion with the Saxons' leadership and anger at Alfred's criticism of his own conduct, draws him back again to his allegiance to the Vikings. The Pale Horseman, an even more powerful and dramatic book than The Last Kingdom, brings both Uhtred and the Saxons' dilemmas vividly to life. **BPB \$22.99**

Dan Cragg & David Sherman*Pointblank (Starfist Force Recon 02)*

En route to the Officer Training College on Arsenault, the Confederation's training world, Sergeant Jak Daly runs into all kinds of mishaps and misadventures, while on Ravenette, the 4th Recon Marines launch a perilous mission behind enemy lines, harassing the enemy, destroying key facilities, and assaulting Ravenette's capital city. **PB \$17.95**

Janine Cross*Touched by Venom (Dragon Temple Saga 01)*

When she accidentally captures the dangerous attention of an eccentric dragonmaster, a rebellious Zarq Darquel and her delirious half-breed mother are forced to flee for their lives, until a vengeful Zarq, addicted to the dragon venom, must defy the social taboos of her society to foster a revolution. **APB \$17.95**

Philip K Dick*The Zap Gun*

Scaldingly sarcastic yet enduringly empathetic, The Zap Gun is Dick's remarkable novel depicting the insanity of the arms race. Lars Powderdry and Lilo Topchev are counterpart weapons fashion designers for a world divided into two factions: Wes-Bloc and Peep-East. Since the Plowshare Protocols of 2002, their job has been to invent elaborate weapons that only seem massively lethal. But when alien satellites hostile to both sides appear in the sky, the two are brought together in the dire hope that they can create a weapon to save the world, a task made all the more difficult by Lars falling in love with Lilo even as he knows she's trying to kill him. **PB \$21.95**

Paul Doherty*Queen of the Night*

It is the late summer of 314 and Rome is shocked by a series of violent abductions. Young men and women, sons and daughters of the powerful, are being kidnapped and held for ransom before being released in a rambling, haunted cemetery. At the same time, veteran soldiers, men who served Constantine along the Great Wall in northern Britain are being barbarously murdered. The indignities inflicted on their corpses recall the barbaric practices of the Picts against whom they fought so many years ago. Claudia 'agente in rebus politicis' or spy is summoned by the Empress Helena to investigate and resolve these macabre occurrences. Meanwhile, Claudia has problems of her own. The corpse of a young woman, beautifully preserved and apparently buried some years previously, is accidentally disinterred in her uncle Polybius's garden. Who is she? How did she get there? Why is the corpse so carefully preserved? Claudia is faced with this wall of mystery. **TP \$32.95**

David Drake*Some Golden Harbor (Lt Leary 05)*

With the war continuing between the Republic of Cinnabar and the tyrannical Alliance, Daniel Leary, recently promoted to commander, and his crew are given the task of preventing Dunbar's World from falling to an invasion by the planet Pellegrino, despite the heavy odds against them. **HC \$51.95**

Forlorn Hope

A band of Star Mercenaries is forced to fight their way across a hostile planet when the people who hired them sell them out to the enemy, confronting treachery, high-tech weaponry, and star ships to survive. **APB \$17.95**

David & Leigh Eddings*Belgarath the Sorcerer (Belgariad)*

Here is the full epic story of Belgarath, the great sorcerer learned in the Will and the Word on whom the fate of the world depends. Only Belgarath can tell of those near-forgotten times when Gods still walked the land: he is the Ancient One, the Old Wolf, his God Aldur's first and most-favoured disciple. Using powers learned over the centuries Belgarath himself records the story of conflict between two mortally opposed Destinies that split the world asunder. A hugely entertaining work of great daring, wit, grandeur and excitement that confirms the role of Belgarath the Sorcerer as one of the mightiest fantasy creations of the century. **APB \$20.99**

David & Leigh Eddings*Polgara the Sorceress (Belgariad)*

The queen of truth, love, rage and destiny reveals all.

Polgara the Sorceress is the crowning achievement of the great fantasy epic which began with *The Belgariad* and continued with *The Malloreon*. Once again David and Leigh Eddings display the epic imagination, humour, and storytelling power which have made this series the most popular fantasy of modern times. In the story of Polgara, a beautiful woman whose constancy and inner power have been the foundation of all the luck and love that have saved the world, the full truth of *The Belgariad* is revealed. **APB \$20.99**

P N Elrod*Vampire Files, Volume 2 (Vampire Files 04, 05, 06)*

The new omnibus edition containing three Jack Fleming, Vampire P.I., novels features Art in the Blood, Fire in the Blood, and Blood on the Water, which finds the vampire detective taking on a vicious new Chicago crime boss while coping with his addictive taste for blood. **TP \$32.95**

Andreas Eschbach*The Carpet Makers*

Since the time of pre-history, carpet makers tie intricate knots to form carpets for the court of the Emperor. These carpets are made from the hairs of wives and daughters; they are so detailed and fragile that each carpet maker finishes only one single carpet in his entire lifetime.

This art descends from father to son, since the beginning of time itself.

But one day the empire of the God Emperor vanishes, and strangers begin to arrive from the stars to follow the trace of the hair carpets. What these strangers discover is beyond all belief, more than anything they could have ever imagined...

Brought to the attention of Tor Books by Orson Scott Card, this edition of *The Carpet Makers* contains a special introduction by Orson Scott Card. **TP \$22.95**

Christine Feehan*Dark Celebration (Carpathian Reunion)*

Despite the dangers to his lifemate Raven and their daughter Savannah, Mikhail Dubrinsky, Prince of the Carpathians, risks everything to protect his people from the extinction of their species, as Carpathians gather from around the world to take on their adversaries in an ultimate showdown.

HC \$49.95

Christine Feehan & Margaret M Liu*Dark Dreamers*

In Christine Feehan's *Dark Dream*, Sara Marten finally meets the man who has haunted her dreams for years, and in Marjorie M. Liu's *Stone & Shadow*, Charlie, determined to escape the curse that plagues him, finds salvation in the arms of a woman he is forbidden to love. **APB \$19.95**

Raymond E Feist*Flight of the Nighthawks (Darkwar 01)*

The Conclave of Shadows have two problems: the final destruction of Leso Varen and the neutralization of the thousands of Talnoy discovered by Nakor in Novindus. Acting as the go-between for the Conclave and the Great Ones on the world of Kelewan whilst they study the alien Talnoy, Magnus realises that creature is acting as a rift 'magnet' – attracting the same dangers as it did on Midkemia, and could easily provide a doorway for the terrible Dasati to invade and decimate Kelewan. In Novindus, whilst studying the host of Talnoy secreted away in the cave, Nakor is ambushed by a small band of bandits. Fortunately, Tomas accompanies the small Islani, and he defeats the outlaws with ease. But, one of their number fights with such ferocity that Tomas suspects him to be more than human. After several near-disastrous conflicts Kaspar, Talwin and Amafi uncover the new nest of Nighthawks plotting against the royal house of Kesh. But when they attempt to warn the Emperor, it becomes clear that many of the truebloods – nobles related by birth to the Emperor – are already Varen's slaves, both willing and unwitting. **APB \$20.99**

Jude Fisher*Rose of the World (Fool's Gold 03)*

The Goddess of Elda -- the Rose of the World -- is now free and married to King Ravn of the Northern Isles. But the ships of the Southern Empire are bringing holy war to the North.

Meanwhile, Katla Aransen has been abducted by Istrian raiders and finds herself in the harem of Rui Finco, Lord of Forent. And Saro Vingo is imprisoned beneath the Eternal City, listening to the cries of those tortured by his madbrother, Tanto. Can he escape and put an end to his brother's atrocities? North will fight South, and all those caught in the vice of their passage will be crushed -- unless guardianship of Elda is taken from the bloody hands of the warmongers and returned to those who really care for it. **APB \$19.95**

Anne Frasier*Pale Immortal*

When the drained corpse of a young girl is found, Evan Stroud, a man held prisoner by a strange and terrible disease, stands accused, forcing him to ask his childhood friend, coroner Rachel Burton, to enter into a vampire-obsessed underworld to find the truth. **APB \$19.95**

P R Frost*Hounding the Moon (Tess Noncoire Adventure)*

Once a successful writer until fantasy turned into reality, Tess Noncoire, after falling ill with a strange virus, is taken to the Sisterhood of the Celestial Blade Warriors where she, trained in martial arts to fight the demons that plague our world, must stop a hound from hell who is attacking Navajo children. **HC \$49.95**

Diana Gabaldon*A Breath of Snow and Ashes*

Their love has survived the test of time. But can it survive fate?

America, 1772. It is only a few years before the war of independence and the colony seethes with unrest. As battle lines are drawn up and loyalties tested, no one is safe in this new country.

Jamie Fraser receives a message from Governor Josiah Martin. He wants Jamie's help to keep the backcountry safe for King and Crown. But Jamie knows what's to come. His wife, Claire, has travelled back from the twentieth century and she knows what will happen to those loyal to the King of England. Exile or death. Neither prospect appeals to Jamie.

But Claire knows something else. From her own time she's read an article, dated 1776, reporting the destruction by fire of their home on Fraser's Ridge and the death of those who live there. Jamie hopes Claire is wrong, for once, about the future. But only time will tell. **APB \$23.95**

David Gemmell

Troy: Shield of Thunder (Troy 02)

The war of Troy is looming, and all the kings of the Great Green are gathering, friends and enemies, each with their own dark plans of conquest and plunder. Into this maelstrom of treachery and deceit come three travellers; Piria, a runaway priestess nursing a terrible secret, Kalliades, a warrior with a legendary sword, and Banokles who will carve his own legend in the battles to come. **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95**

Gary Gibson

Against Gravity

In the late twenty-first century, you will find a very different world. Little is as it used to be, and many are not what they seem.

Kendrick Gallmon, survivor of an infamous research facility called the Maze, is trying to pick up the pieces of his life, even though he knows the Labrat augments are slowly killing him. Then one day his heart stops beating, forever, and a ghost urges him to return to the source of all his nightmares, a long-abandoned military complex filled with entirely real voices of the dead. **APB \$21.95**

Marc D Giller

Hammerjack (Hammerjack 01)

A former hacker-turned-corporate spy assigned to track down clandestine traffickers in information technology, Cray Alden becomes caught in the middle between the Collective's efforts to build a biological supercomputer and a mysterious antitechnology group called the Inru, who are waging war on the Collective while pursuing their own dark agenda. **APB \$17.95**

Prodigal (Hammerjack 02)

In the sequel to Hammerjack, when Cray Alden ascends into the Axis, he leaves behind Lea Prism, a legendary hacker and former revolutionary, and his greatest enemy, Avalon, a Inru operative, who engage in a violent game of cat-and-mouse, until an even more dangerous threat, one that could change all human life, emerges. **TP \$24.95**

Christopher Golden

Straight on 'Til Morning

In a dark fantasy tale based on Peter Pan, young Kevin Murphy confesses his secret love to his longtime crush, Nikki, but when Nikki mysteriously vanishes, Kevin and his friends set out to find her and rescue her from a neverland from which they may never return, in a horror volume that also includes the short story "Runaway." **TP \$28.95**

Daniel Golemon

Event: A Thriller

When a second unidentified craft crashes, leaving two survivors--one, a being of remarkable strength and power sent to assist humankind, and the other, whose goal is the total extinction of life on Earth--Major Jack Collins and the top-secret Event Group race against time to stop the "Destroyer of Worlds" before it is too late. **HC \$49.95**

Susan Grant

Your Planet or Mine

Submerged in a PR nightmare, Jana Jasper, a fledging California state senator, is stunned when a trip to the grocery store leads to an encounter with her supposedly "imaginary" friend from childhood who, on the run from an intergalactic assassin, needs her help in averting an alien invasion. **APB \$15.95**

Simon R Green

A Walk on the Nightside (Nightside 01, 02, 03)

Working in Nightside, a dark underworld hidden beneath the streets of London, John Taylor, a detective gifted with the ability to find things that are lost, searches for the missing daughter of a wealthy client, the Unholy Grail, and a missing singer whose voice has the power to cause death, in a trio of novels--Something from the Nightside, Agents of Light and Darkness, and Nightingale's Lament. **TP \$30.95**

Joe Haldeman

Old Twentieth

Jacob Brewer comes face to face with a dangerous sentient machine that has become obsessed with humanity when he launches an investigation into the mysterious deaths of passengers who have been spending much of their time aboard the starship Ad Astra during the thousand-year journey to Beta Hydrii within a virtual reality rendition of a twentieth-century Earth. **APB \$19.95**

A Separate War and Other Stories

Spanning more than thirty-five years in the writing career of the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author, a collection of short fiction includes fifteen never-before-collected stories that feature such works as his first sold tale, "Out of Phase"; "A Separate War," with a character from the classic novel The Forever War; and "For White Hill," based on a Shakespeare sonnet. **HC \$49.95**

Barbara Hambly

Renfield: Slave of Dracula

A fresh take on Bram Stoker's Dracula focuses on the obsessive devotion of Renfield to his vampire master, embarking on a personal mission to hunt down Van Helsing and his companions that sets the stage for the ultimate confrontation between the living and the undead and takes him from Dracula's castle into the horrific darkness of his own mind. **HC \$49.95**

Laurell K Hamilton

Danse Macabre (Anita Blake 13)

It was the middle of November. I was supposed to be out jogging but was at my breakfast table instead, talking about men, sex, werewolves, vampires and that thing that most unmarried but sexually active women fear most . . . She should be concentrating on a dangerous situation: the ardeur, the sexual power that flows between Anita and JeanClaude, Master Vampire of the City and Richard, the volatile werewolf who loves her passionately, is reaching new levels, perhaps evolving into something entirely new. It seems to be choosing new lovers for Anita, acting with a will of its own. The unexpected effect of this is that JeanClaude's own powers as a Master Vampire has grown to new levels and Richard, always unpredictable, is changing too.

However as the days pass Anita finds herself less interested in vampire politics than in an ancient, more ordinary dread she shares with women down the ages; she may be pregnant. **TP \$29.95**

Laurell K Hamilton*A Stroke of Midnight (Merry Gentry 04)*

I am Meredith Gentry, P.I. and Princess Merry, heir to the throne of Fairie. I have departed the safe haven of Los Angeles to face the peril and deception of my first home, the Unseelie court. There, my enemies are many, and my guards may not be able to protect me from the treachery of the unseen foes that will stop at nothing to keep me from the throne.

As for my quest to produce an heir and thereby save myself and all that is faerie from utter destruction - well, I am still trying. As pregnancy becomes ever more urgent, I must leave the protected beds of the Queen's Ravens and lie with other men, men whose designs and allegiances remain in question. And a night of delirious passion will transport me and my new lovers to another place, the mysterious dead gardens - an event that portends great unrest in the forces of magic. In order to save myself and those I love, I must walk into the very mouth of danger, and visit the Goblins in their lair - as well as the cunning King Taranis himself, who has an astonishing proposal for me. For I alone hold the power to rescue the universe, even if it requires aligning with my greatest and most dangerous of adversaries. But I'm running out of time... **APB \$21.95**

Lori Handeland*Midnight Moon (Nightcreature)*

After a devastating tragedy, Cassandra takes on a new identity as Priestess Cassandra, owner of a New Orleans voodoo shop and researcher for a paranormal secret society, in which role she journeys to Haiti, accompanied by fortune hunter Devon Murphy, to seek out the truth about rumors of a powerful and sinister voodoo master, Jacques Mezareau, who can resurrect the dead. **APB \$17.95**

Tom Harper*Knights of the Cross*

In late-eleventh-century Byzantium, Demetrios Askiates is assigned to investigate the murder of a Norman knight during a disastrous winter campaign, following a trail of jealousy, betrayal, and fanaticism. **HC \$51.95**

Candace Havens*Charmed and Ready (Charmed 02)*

In the sequel to Charmed & Dangerous, Bronwyn, a young witch and secret agent, is faced with the jealousy of her sexy warlock boyfriend when she is assigned to protect a rock star named Zane from a creepy gang of Goths who keep showing up at his concerts. **TP \$28.95**

Tanya Huff*The Blood Books Volume 2 (Blood 03, 04)*

Includes Blood Lines, in which a 450-year-old vampire, fearing for his life, calls upon his sometime-lover and comrade, ex-cop Vicki Nelson, for help, and Blood Pact, in which Vicki Nelson, after the sudden death of her mother, discovers that strange things are happening at the hospital where her mother worked. **APB \$19.95**

The Blood Books Volume 3 (Blood 05, 06)

Includes "Blood Debt" in which Henry Fitzroy, a vampire and romance writer, calls on detectives Vicki and Mike to help him lay to rest the ghosts haunting him, and "Blood Bank," in which all eight of the author's short stories about Henry and Vicki are presented, as well as a brand-new Blood story. **APB \$19.95**

Ian Irvine Australia*Torments of the Traitor (Song of the Tears 01)*

After ten years of servitude, Nish is about to be released from the blackest prison of his corrupt father, the maimed God-Emperor, Jal-Nish Hlar. Using the sorcerous Profane Tears, Gatherer and Reaper, Jal-Nish has crushed all opposition and is remaking Santhenar in his depraved image.

The Oppressed peoples of the world see Nish as a messianic figure, the Deliverer, who promised long ago to return and cast down his father. Unfortunately, Nish has no choice but to repudiate that solemn oath, for he's a broken man, powerless and alone. Even worse, his father is trying to seduce Nish into becoming his lieutenant and, faced with the unbearable alternative of another ten years in prison, Nish isn't sure he can resist the temptation.

The one person who can help him is little Maelys, a shy, bookish dreamer forced by duty to use Nish for an ignoble purpose. But Maelys is the last woman he wants, and she carries a secret that is more likely to destroy Nish than save him. **TP \$32.95**

Elaine Isaak*The Singer's Crown*

His family murdered by a usurping uncle, prince Kattanan duRhys works as a singer and pursues a secret relationship with a princess whose betrothed is entangled in a dark magical conspiracy, a situation that is complicated by a female wizard, an unwanted fiance, and a powerful magic-breaker. **APB \$19.95**

Melanie Jackson*Divine Madness*

When her immortal life is threatened by the Dark Man, Seraphina Sandoval is guided by fate to a sensual vampire whose past is stranger than her own. **APB \$17.95**

Gwyneth Jones*Band of Gypsies*

The riveting fourth instalment in Gwyneth Jones's award-winning Bold As Lovesaga. Ax Preston, former dictator, returns to England; he's agreed to take up the job of Green President. At close quarters he finds some outrageous details in the contract, so the Triumvirate decamps for Paris, to sit out the first hard winter after the A team destroyed crude oil in ostentatious poverty. He's quite certain he can negotiate a better deal. But while Ax and Sage and Fiorinda are embarrassing the English government over conditions in the new slavery labour camps, bad things are happening for the President of the USA. Fred Eiffrich's enemies in Washington are about to drop a bombshell, one that will shatter any hope of a return to former realities, former certainties. What happened at Lavoisier is not over. It's coming back, it's never going to end. At least not while Fiorinda lives ... or her child. **PB \$19.95**

Rainbow Bridge

It's the final curtain call for Fiorinda, the flame-haired rock princess, Guinevere to Ax Preston's King Arthur and Sage Pender's Sir Lancelot. Together, the Triumvirate have fought to save their Britain, and America - indeed, the whole world - from the deprivations of a collapsed economy and environmental meltdown. Together they have fought the evil magic of Fiorinda's wizard father; they have explored the depths and heights of ultimate consciousness, the fusion between mind and the world. And they have discovered a love that goes back centuries, and lives. But is all this enough to save a world that has fallen apart at the seams, a world that has given itself over to the dark side? **TP \$32.95 HC \$55**

Robert Jordan

Knife of Dreams (Wheel of Time 11)

As the very fabric of reality wears thin all portents indicate that Tarmon Gai'don, the Last Battle, is imminent - and Rand al'Thor must ready himself to confront the Dark One. But Rand must first negotiate a truce with the Seanchan armies, as their forces increasingly sap his strength.

Perrin has made his own desperate truce with the Seanchan - he would deal with the Dark One himself to save his wife Faile from the Shaido. Meanwhile, Mat is caught up in a reckless escape from Ebou Dar with the kidnapped Daughter of the Nine Moons. But Tuon is in fact in deadly danger from her Seanchan countrymen. Mat will have to risk much to prevail and still win her as his bride. All is in flux as established powers falter. . . In Caemlyn, Elayne fights to gain the Lion Throne while trying to avert civil war and Egwene finds that even the White Tower is no longer a place of safety. The winds of time have whirled into a storm, and Rand and his companions ride in the vortex. **APB \$23.95**

Paul Kearney

This Forsaken Earth (Sea Beggars 02)

"Nothing moved in all that tangled mass of wreckage and shredded cordage and shattered spars. All along the decks, flesh, wood and iron had been beaten into one unholy, pulped mess from which trickled streams of blood that freshened the brown stains venting from the scuppers. The enemy vessel was a dead thing which even the wind could no longer stir. The Revenants stared around themselves in heavy wonder, as if uncertain as to who could have brought such a thing to pass. A silence fell, broken only by the weary creak and groan of seaborne wood, the death rattle of a tall fighting ship. There was a moment almost of reverence.

'This,' Rol said, 'is victory.'"

The Revenant, black ship of Rol Cortishane, has been defending the Hidden City of Ganesh Ka for eight months now. What began as piracy has become full scale warfare, a continual battle to turn back the warships of mighty Bionar. But Ganesh Ka's luck has run dry. Eventually an armada is sent out, against which there can be no hope of victory. The Hidden City is sacked, its inhabitants put to the sword, its ships burned at the docks. The Revenant and a few other vessels escape the slaughter, laden with refugees. Taking to the high seas, they must contend with storm, shipwreck and pursuing fleets in their search for a new home. Not only that, but Rol, their reluctant leader, has begun to realise that in his soul there exists a power which is inimical not only to his shipmates, but to all of mankind. Among the refugees and slaves Rol rescued are an old man and a half-witted boy. The man is the Creator incarnate, the boy His only son. They have come upon the earth to judge mankind, and Rol will finally come to realise that he is one of their tools. He is to become the Angel of Death. **TP \$32.95**

Gregory J Keyes

Blood Knight (Kingdoms of Thorn and Bone 03)

"Something was coming for her. It began as an insect, but it grew, its many eyes fastened greedily on her. Something had followed her back. But back from where? Where was that place of dark waters?"

A season of darkness and horror has fallen upon the Kingdom of Crotheny. Now countless breeds of unspeakable monsters roam the countryside. After her husband's murder, Queen Muriele finds herself at the mercy of Robert Dare who plans a strategic marriage for his hostage to secure his own power in Crotheny. Muriele's fiancée is Berimund Reiksbaurg, heir to the throne of Hansa and descendant of the legendary Blood Knight, who once drank the blood of a waurm to gain the beast's power. But will Dare's plans really work out?

Meanwhile, Princess Anne awakes from a deep, trancelike sleep after a bloodthirsty battle with the monsters the Briar King has unleashed. Her guardian Sir Neil MeqVren and their escort are nowhere to be seen and Anne embarks on a perilous journey desperate to track down her travel companions. **TP \$32.95**

Stephen King

Hearts in Atlantis

Taking its cue from the fractured times it describes between 1960 and today, each beautifully interwoven tale is deeply rooted in the sixties, each is haunted by the Vietnam war. This is a book about a group of peers from small-town Harwich, Connecticut: in 1960, there's a newcomer to the town, who introduces Bobby Garfield to the joy of reading and the horrors of 'low men in yellow coats'; by 1966, it's bellbottom pants, pot, patchouli and peace-signs and at Maine University, Pete, who has fallen victim to the addictive game of 'hearts in Atlantis', will learn a lesson in humanity; by 1983, 'Nam vet 'Blind Willie' is paying penance; in 1999, there are reunions, funerals, and the eternal questions - 'why we're in Vietnam'; a year later, Bobby comes home to where his heart is, where the past is always present, as 'Heavenly Shades of Night are Falling'. **CD \$75**

Richard A Knaak

The God in the Moon (Conan Hyborian Adventures: Soldier's Quest 01)

Nermesa Klandes joins the Aquilonian army in hopes of serving his liege, King Conan, until he becomes a hero in his own right after killing a Pictish leader, but his victory is short-lived when he unwittingly unleashes an unholy force that could destroy the Aquilonian Empire. **APB \$17.95**

Angela Knight & Diane Whiteside

Captive Dreams

Sisters Celeste and Corinne Carson, each a best-selling author with her own fantasy-fulfilling hero, get more than they had bargained for when their "fictional" heroes--Jarred, a futuristic conqueror, and Mykhayl, a barbarian warrior of the past--worried about being written off, decide to kidnap their authors and imprison them in the seductive worlds that they created in their books. **TP \$28.95**

Sarah Langan

The Keeper

Once the local beauty, Susan Marley is now the local whore, prowling the dark streets of the dying town of Bedord, Maine, watching and waiting for something, tormented by nightmarish visions of violence and horror. **APB \$17.95**

Richard Laymon

Flesh / Resurrection Dreams (Richard Laymon Collection 05)

FLESH No one in town has ever seen anything like it before: a slimy, mobile tube of glistening yellow flesh with dull, staring eyes and an obscene, probing mouth. But the real horror is not what it looks like, or even what it does to you when it invades your flesh but what it makes you do to others... RESURRECTION DREAMS Melvin was definitely the biggest creep in Ellsworth High, and the other kids mercilessly taunted him fro his odd looks and weird behaviour. Vicki was the only one to stand up for him but even she had to admit he'd gone too far when he dug up a body and attempted to bring it back to life with the aid of a car battery. Years later Vicki still has nightmares about Melvin's 'joke' and now that she's back in Ellsworth she knows she'll have to see him again. Recently released from a mental institution, Melvin is acting stranger than ever. His experiments with the dead have progressed and as soon as he can get Vicki or rather her body where he wants her, he can realise his most chilling dream of all...

BPB \$18.95

Alan Lee *Illustrator**Tolkien Calendar 2007 (Lord of the Rings)***\$22.99***Diary 2007: Tolkien (Lord of the Rings)***HC \$22.99****C S Lewis***Cosmic Trilogy Slipcase (Cosmic Trilogy)*

The Cosmic Trilogy is a remarkable work of fantasy, demonstrating the powerful imagination of C.S Lewis. Out of the Silent Planet: Dr Ransom, a Cambridge academic, is abducted and taken on a spaceship to the red planet of Malacandra, which he knows as Mars. His captors are plotting to plunder the planet's treasures and plan to offer Ransom as a sacrifice to the creatures who live there. Ransom discovers he has come from the 'silent planet' – Earth – whose tragic story is known throughout the universe... Perelandra: Dr Ransom is called to the paradise planet of Perelandra, or Venus, which turns out to be a beautiful Eden-like world. He is horrified to find that his old enemy, Dr Weston, has also arrived and is putting him in grave peril once more. As the mad Weston's body is taken over by the forces of evil, Ransom engages in a desperate struggle to save the innocence of Perelandra... That Hideous Strength: Newly-married Mark and Jane Studdock are drawn into events very far out of the ordinary. The morning after a horrific nightmare about a decapitated head, Jane sees the same face in a newspaper and has the growing feeling that she is being warned of something real and ominous. Meanwhile, Mark has been enticed to join the National Institute for Co-ordinated Experiments, which aims to control human society. As he is drawn into the sinister organization, he discovers the truth about his wife's dreams, while she seeks help at a community called St Anne's, led by the charismatic Dr Ransom... **BPB \$55**

Kelly Link*Magic For Beginners*

A follow-up collection to *Stranger Things Happen* celebrates the intersection between the worlds of reality and the supernatural, in an anthology that features such topics as a haunted convenience store and a weekly apocalyptic poker party. Includes the award winning stories "Magic for Beginners" (Nebula 2006, Best Novella) and "Faery Handbag" (Nebula 2006, Best Novelette; Hugo 2005, Best Novelette) **TP \$28.95**

David Thomas Lord*Bound in Flesh*

Vampires Jean-Luc Courbet and Claude Halloran travel the world, quenching their thirst, satisfying their desires, and creating a depraved empire, until one of their creations, ex-cop Mike O'Donald, who becomes a new type of vampire trained in the secrets of Tantric sex magic, turns against them. **TP \$28.95**

Brian Lumley*Sorcery in Shad (Primal Land)*

Seeking his fortune across Theem'hdra, the barbarian Tarra Khash is captured by an evil magician, joining forces with the lamia Orbiquita to prevent Black Yoppaloth from becoming immortal. **HC \$49.95**

Scott Lynch*The Lies of Locke Lamora*

They say that the Thorn of Camorr can beat anyone in a fight. They say he steals from the rich and gives to the poor. They say he's part man, part myth, and mostly street-corner rumour. And they are wrong on every count. Only averagely tall, slender, and god-awful with a sword, Locke Lamora is the fabled Thorn, and the greatest weapons at his disposal are his wit and cunning. He steals from the rich - they're the only ones worth stealing from but the poor can go steal for themselves. What Locke cons, wheedles and tricks into his possession is strictly for him and his band of fellow con-artists and thieves: the Gentleman Bastards. Together their domain is the city of Camorr. Built of Elderglass by a race no-one remembers, it's a city of shifting revels, filthy canals, baroque palaces and crowded cemeteries. Home to Dons, merchants, soldiers, beggars, cripples, and feral children. And to Capa Barsavi, the criminal mastermind who runs the city. But there are whispers of a challenge to the Capas power. A challenge from a man no one has ever seen, a man no blade can touch. The Grey King is coming. Aman would be well advised not to be caught between Capa Barsavi and The Grey King. Even such a master of the sword as the Thorn of Camorr. As for Locke Lamora ... **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95**

Juliet Marillier *Australia/New Zealand**The Well of Shades (Bridei 03)*

Sent home to Ireland on a secret mission for King Bridei of Fortriu, Faolan must first deliver the news of a brave warrior's death. But Bridei's chief assassin and spy also finds himself facing the demons of his family's dark past, with wholly unexpected results. By the time he tracks down the powerful Christian cleric who may be a threat to the stability of Bridei's pagan kingdom, Faolan has become responsible for a child, a dog and Eile, a troubled, volatile young woman.

For Eile, the journey to Fortriu is confronting. Accustomed to a life of deprivation and struggle, she finds herself facing an unfamiliar world, full of new lessons. For her, the hardest challenge of all will be learning to trust.

At Bridei's court in White Hill, disturbing news from the neighbouring kingdom of Circinn prompts the king to call his chieftains to council. But after the disappearance of Bridei's closest adviser and the tragic death of a young maid, the threat posed by the encroaching influence of Christianity appears to be the least of the dangers at hand... **TP \$32.95**

Graham Masterton*Night Wars*

When demons, using nightmarish visions and apparitions, enter the dreams of expectant mothers in an attempt to destroy humanity, the Night Warriors must enter an unreal world of terror to wage war on this new threat. **APB \$17.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Todd McCaffrey*Dragon's Fire (Pern 19)*

When firestone mine number 9 explodes, Cristov volunteers to take over the dangerous job of mining for firestone, not knowing that there was a survivor among the Shunned working mine number 9, his own father, Tarik. Can young Cristov survive the dangers of mining this explosive rock? Or will the dragons' flame be forever extinguished, leaving Pern defenceless against Thread? **HC \$49.95 CD \$76 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Kelly McCullough*WebMage*

When one of the three Fates downloads a spell to take away humanity's free will into the server that controls destiny, Ravirn, a hacker and wizard who can solve any problem in a society where magic has gone digital, refuses to debug her program and becomes the object of her wrath.

APB \$17.95

Martin Millar*The Good Fairies of New York*

Finding themselves in the very unusual world of Manhattan, a pair of Scottish thimble fairies apply their folk wisdom to assist a pair of down-and-out humans, including Kerry, who struggles with a colostomy bag, and Dinnie, who exhibits anti-social behaviors. **TP \$28.95**

Walter Moers*Rumo & His Miraculous Adventures*

Heroic little Wolperting, who with his trusty talking sword fights his way across the very different realms of Overworld and Netherworld while encountering such characters as a death-courting female Wolperting, a weather-sensitive swordsman, and a guardian of a talking animal forest.

HC \$52.95

Michael Moorcock*The White Wolf's Son (Albino Underground)*

Experiencing strange visions after being left behind at her Yorkshire Dales family home, Una learns that she has been selected to lead a band of followers to the White Wolf's son and to the discovery of the Runestaff, which must be kept out of the control of evil hands. **APB \$17.95**

Moira J Moore*The Hero Strikes Back (Hero 02)*

In a world plagued by natural disasters, bonded Pairs--Shield Lee Mallorrough and Source Shintaro Karish--must work together to catch a crazed killer targeting aristocrats, while trying to fix the weather, keep the citizens safe, and make the land habitable. **APB \$19.95**

Christopher Moore*Coyote Blue*

As a boy growing up in Montana, he was Samson Hunts Alone - until a deadly misunderstanding with the law forced him to flee the Crow reservation at age fifteen. Today he is Samuel Hunter, a successful Santa Barbara insurance salesman with a Mercedes, a condo, and a hollow, invented life.

Then one day, shortly after his thirty-fifth birthday, destiny offers him the dangerous gift of love - in the exquisite form of Calliope Kincaid - and a curse in the unheralded appearance of an ancient Indian god by the name of Coyote. Coyote, the trickster, has arrived to transform tranquillity into chaos, to reawaken the mystical storyteller within Sam . . . and to seriously screw up his existence in the process. **BPB \$22.95**

C E Murphy*Thunderbird Falls (Walker 02)*

It's the end of the world... again.

For all the bodies she's encountering, you'd think beat cop Joanne Walker worked in Homicide. But no, Joanne's a reluctant shaman who last saved mankind three months ago—surely she deserves more of a break! Incredibly, 'Armageddon, Take Two' is merely days away.

There's not a minute to waste.

But when her spirit guide inexplicably disappears, Joanne needs help from other sources. Especially since she has accidentally unleashed Lower World demons on Seattle. Damn! With the mother of all show-downs gathering force, it's the worst possible moment for Joanne to realise she should have learned more about controlling her powers.

and to discover she's being lied to... **BPB \$19.95**

Andrew Neiderman*Finding Satan*

Leading a team of powerful psychics in an effort to identify and track "storms" of evil energy across the country, parapsychologist Christopher Drew and his team are led to the Arizona desert, where a group of cultists prepares for the coming of the Antichrist, a Vatican spy is sent to unravel the truth, and an apocalyptic battle between good and evil unfolds. **APB \$19.95**

Larry Niven, Poul Anderson & Dean Ing*The Man-Kzin Wars (Man-Kzin Wars 01)*

After an unarmed human vessel from the earliest days of the planet's space exploration is attacked by the violent Kzin, the feline warrior race learns a surprising lesson from the vengeful human race.

Those hairless apes from Earth cause problems for the expansionist aggressive catlike aliens. These are early Man-Kzin stories. **APB \$11.95**

Robin D Owens*HeartMate*

In a world whose inhabitants are defined by their individual psychic gifts, Danith Mallow, a young woman with little psychic talent, is drawn to the aristocratic Rand T'Ash, a respected nobleman and artisan who has crafted a magnificent necklace to attract his destined beloved. **APB \$17.95**

Sarah Pinborough*Breeding Ground*

When women start giving birth to carnivorous spider-like creatures that use humans as food upon their entry into this world, a group of survivors must find a way to stop the madness and save humanity. **APB \$17.95**

Jean Rabe*The Finest Challenge*

Separated from her equine guardian, one of the Finest Creations forged in the form of ordinary horses by the creators to protect and aid humankind, Kalantha and her brother, rescued from the evil bishop, must stop a war that threatens an entire country, while an avian menace prepares to launch an attack on the humans and Finest Creations alike. **HC \$51.95**

The Finest Choice

Destined to help promising members of the human race avoid harm and follow virtuous paths, intelligent horse telepath Gallant-Stallion protects embittered young Kalantha, whose prince brother has been rendered a pawn at the hands of a murderous and power-hungry bishop. **APB \$17.95**

Kimberly Raye*Dead End Dating (Vampire Love)*

Launching Dead End Dating, a Manhattan-based matchmaking service, in order to help pay for her cosmetics obsession, fashionable vampire Lil Marchette decides that Francis Deville, a geeky vampire, will make a terrific first client, but her plans for Francis soon take a back seat to gorgeous bounty hunter Ty Bonner, in New York to chase down a serial killer. **APB \$17.95**

Kit Reed*Thinner Than Thou*

In a world that preaches a religion of youth and thinness, middle-aged Jeremy joins a cult health spa only to discover that it is actually a concentration camp, anorexic Annie and her obese friend strive to escape a health convent, and Annie's twin siblings and her boyfriend search for her throughout a gluttonous underground. **APB \$17.95**

John Ringo*A Hymn Before Battle (Aldenata 01)*

Planet Earth becomes caught in the midst of a power struggle between the rapacious Posleen and other races of the Galactic Federation when they are offered resources to help defend a backwards Earth against alien invaders, but the offer comes with a price that may be too high to pay.

APB \$11.95

Nora Roberts*Morrigan's Cross (Circle 01)*

Standing on the cliffs of 12th century Ireland following the disappearance of his twin, Hoyt Mac Cionaoith is visited by the goddess Morrigan and is charged with the ultimate of tasks: saving his and all future worlds. His enemy the beautiful but deadly vampire queen Lilith has had over two thousand years' experience in cruelly killing and changing humans into her own kind including Hoyt's brother, Cian. Now, Hoyt, a sorcerer, must travel across the world and through time to find and train the five others Morrigan has prophesised will join him as a circle and do battle against Lilith's army of vampires. Fate brings him first to Glenna Ward a modern witch who can make her own kind of magic. Hoyt and Glenna find themselves drawn together, but is their love strong enough to survive not just the battle ahead but the centuries that separate them...? **APB \$19.95**

Spider Robinson & Jeanne Robinson*The Stardance Trilogy (Stardance 01, 02, 03)*

An omnibus edition presenting all three novels in the Stardance Trilogy includes the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning Stardance, in which gifted dancer Shara Drummond journeys into space to create an all new art form in three dimensions, along with its sequels, Starseed and Starmind.

HC \$52.95

Spider Robinson*Very Bad Deaths*

Grieving over the death of his beloved wife, Russell Walker seeks refuge deep in the British Columbia wilderness, but he soon finds himself caught in the middle of a bizarre series of mass murders perpetrated by a monstrous, sadistic serial killer as he becomes an intermediary between a sensitive telepath who holds the key to the butcher and a skeptical police officer. **APB \$19.95**

James Rollins*Map of Bones*

'Shots rang out across the cathedral. Sporadic. Cries suddenly silenced. Death stalked the cathedral as the monks slaughtered the few remaining survivors ... All for a sack of bones. Why? Why steal the bones of the Magi?' When a group of parishioners is burned to death in a German cathedral, the US sends in Sigma force. For this tragedy is more than a case of arson - someone has stolen the priceless treasure stored in the cathedral's golden reliquary: the bones of the biblical Three Kings. Commander Gray Pierce leads a team on the hunt for the Royal Dragon Court, a clandestine aristocratic fraternity of alchemists that dates back to the Middle Ages and seeks to establish a new world order using the mystical bones. Pierce and his team follow a trail that leads from Europe's Gothic cathedrals through the remnants of the seven wonders of the ancient world to a mystical place where science and religion unite to unleash a threat not seen since the beginning of time itself ... **TP \$29.95**

Michelle Sagara*Cast in Courtlight*

After she successfully completes a perilous task, Teela must now enter a realm of deceit and treachery known as the Barrani High Court where she must save the life of the High Lord's heir, which, she soon learns, is only the beginning of her mission. **TP \$30.95**

Lilith Saintcrow*Dead Man Rising (Dante Valentine)*

Bounty hunting is a helluva job, but it pays the bills. And it lets necromance Dante Valentine forget her issues-like struggling with her half-demon side and the memory of her lover's death.

Now psychics all over the city are being savagely murdered-and a piece of the past Dante thought she'd buried is stalking the night with a vengeance. Too bad she's got no way to tell which fiend-or friend-to trust. Or that her most horrifying nightmares are gathering to take one kick-ass bounty hunter down for the count.

But that's only the beginning. The Devil just called. He's looking for Dante's lover-the one he killed... **APB \$17.95**

Working for the Devil (Valentine Dante)

Dante Valentine's working relationship with the Devil began on a rainy Monday. Dante's a licensed Necromance, one of the best ever to survive training, and she's got an emerald embedded in her forehead to prove it.

That's why the Devil sends his minion to hire Dante to kill Vardimal Santino, a fugitive demon. As Dante points out, Necromances don't kill people, they bring them back; or at least their ghosts. But turning down Lucifer isn't something you do if you want to stay alive, and besides, it turns out she's got a score to settle with Santino. Desperate to track down an enemy she can't find, Dante is bonded with a demon familiar she doesn't trust and a small band of psychics who seem almost as determined to help her as she is to refuse their help.

The thing is, Dante doesn't need friends, she needs a miracle. Because the first time Dante Valentine met Santino, she almost died. **APB \$19.95**

Joe Schreiber*Chasing the Dead*

Just before Christmas, Sue Young returns home from work to discover that her one-year-old daughter has been kidnapped and is forced to follow the kidnapper's bizarre instructions on a twisted route through a series of small Massachusetts towns in order to rescue her child by morning, only to encounter the horrific consequences of her flight. **HC \$34.95**

Joann Sfar*Vampire Loves*

Meet Ferdinand, a vampire who bites his victims with only one tooth in order to pass as a mosquito, who loves the music of dead singers, and who has no end of trouble trying to make sense of his relationships – some with the living, some with the undead.

Vampire Loves follows the strange and comically romantic adventures of Ferdinand and his friends as they flirt with, seduce, cheat on, break up and make up with all manner of strange creatures, including ghosts, other vampires, tree-folk, and golems.

At once silly and serious, wild and poetic, Joann Sfar's disquieting tales are filled with intelligence and rich humanity. Vividly illustrated and sensitively written, Vampire Loves is alive with colour, wisdom, and humour. **TP \$24.95**

Lucius Shepard*Life During Wartime (Science Fiction Masterworks 66)*

In the jungles of Guatemala, David Mingolla is struggling to survive amongst the rotting vegetation and his despairing fellow foot soldiers. He knows he is nothing but an expendable pawn in an endless war. On R & R a few miles away from the warzone he meets Debora - an enigmatic young woman who may be working for the enemy - and stumbles into a deadly psychic conflict where the mind is the greatest weapon. **BPB \$21.95**

Tony Shillitoe Australia*A Solitary Journey (Dreaming in Amber 02)*

She was smothered in darkness, and nothing touched her senses but she had a compulsion to go forward. Someone was waiting beyond the darkness, someone who needed her Her life torn apart by a sliver of amber, Meg Farmer flees to Summerbrook to marry and raise three children. When an invasion from the north forces Shess into yet another brutal conflict, Meg is wounded and her memory is erased. Now a refugee, she embarks on a journey to discover who she is. Pursued by mysterious Seers, and tormented by dreams of a trapped soul offering help, Meg brings an enigma from ancient Andrakis into her world. But at what cost? **APB \$20.99**

Maria V Snyder*Poison Study*

After she is given a reprieve from her death sentence, Yelena faces mounting disasters as rebels plot to seize Ixia, her life is once again threatened, and the chief of security is attempting to poison her. **APB \$17.95**

Alexandra Sokoloff*The Harrowing*

Left behind during the Thanksgiving holiday break, Robin Stone and four other students--Patrick, the jock; Lisa, a manipulative tease; Cain, the brooding musician; and Martin, a scholarly eccentric--all of whom have their own reasons for remaining on campus, gradually become aware of a sixth ominous presence that may have its own terrifying agenda for them. **HC \$21.95**

S M Stirling*Protector's War (Change 02)*

Ten years after all of Earth's technology had been rendered useless by the Change, two thriving communities in Oregon's Willamette Valley are confronted by a dangerous new challenge when the totalitarian Protectorate prepares to seek control over their priceless farmland. **APB \$19.95**

A Meeting at Corvallis (Change 03)

In the sequel to Dies the Fire and The Protector's War, tensions continue among Michael Havel's Bearkillers and their allies, Clan MacKenzie under the leadership of Juniper MacKenzie, and Norman Arminger, the Warlord of Portland, especially after Arminger's daughter falls into the hands of Clan MacKenzie. **HC \$52.95**

Denise Swanson*Murder of A Real Bad Boy*

When a hunky contractor, who has a reputation for conning the ladies, turns up dead, Skye Denison, deciding that even bad boys deserve justice, sets out to find the killer while dealing with an overly amorous police chief, a dodgy brother, and a haunted house. **APB \$17.95**

Harry Turtledo ve*The End of the Beginning (Days of Infamy 02)*

In the wake of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and their successful invasion and occupation of Hawaii, America must marshal its military forces to reclaim the islands from the enemy, in an alternate history sequel to Days of Infamy. **APB \$19.95**

The Disunited States of America

When the latest war breaks out between Virginia and Ohio, using a tailored virus that unleashes a plague on the tiny upland town of Elizabeth, Virginia, Crosstime Traffic operatives Justin and Becky become trapped in the middle of the conflict. **HC \$51.95**

Donald Tyson*Alhazred*

After being tortured, mutilated, and cast into the desert for falling in love with the king's daughter, Abdul, who is renamed Alhazred, begins his descent into wickedness, embarking on a quest to restore his body and reunite with his true love. **TP \$51.95**

Patricia Waddell*True Blood*

Assigned to investigate the explosion of a space freighter, diplomat Danna MacFadyen of the League of Planets must use her psychometric skills to determine what caused the explosion, but she finds her mission complicated by having to work with Korcian Enforcer Cullon Gavriel, who is searching for those responsible for killing Korcian True Bloods. **APB \$17.95**

J R Ward*Lover Awakened (Black Dagger Brotherhood 03)*

When Zsadist, the most feared member of the Black Dagger Brotherhood, rescues Bella from the evil Lessening Society, he is nearly driven insane by rage against her tormentors, and must confront his tortured past in order to have a future with this brave beauty who is his destiny. **APB \$17.95**

David Weber & John Ringo*We Few (Empire of Man 04)*

Left stranded on the barbarian planet Marduk with a group of Royal Marines, Prince Roger MacClintock now faces an all new set of challenges as he and his faithful followers set out to recapture an interstellar empire from enemies who have killed Roger's brother, captured his mother, and branded Roger a traitor and outlaw. **APB \$19.95**

Martha Wells

The Gate of Gods (Fall of Ile-Rien 03)

A finale to the series that began with *The Wizard Hunters and Ships of the Air* finds unlikely heroine Tremaine Valiarde and her adventurous band of companions struggling to harness a wild magical power in order to save the country of Ile-Rien from an army of sorcerers. **APB \$19.95**

H G Wells

The War of the Worlds

The night after a shooting star is seen streaking through the sky from Mars, a cylinder is discovered on Horsell Common in London. At first, naive locals approach the cylinder armed just with a white flag - only to be quickly killed by an all-destroying heat-ray, as terrifying tentacled invaders emerge. Soon the whole of human civilisation is under threat, as powerful Martians build gigantic killing machines, destroy all in their path with black gas and burning rays, and feast on the warm blood of trapped, still-living human prey. The forces of the Earth, however, may prove harder to beat than they at first appear. **APB \$9.95**

Scott Westerfeld Australia

Touching Darkness (Midnighters 02)

The Midnighters of Bixby, Oklahoma, know that their town is full of secrets - especially since they keep the biggest secret of all: knowledge of the secret hour, the mysterious time at midnight when the world freezes, except for them and the creatures that inhabit the darkness.

What they don't know is why earlier generations of Midnighters all disappeared, or why they are now the only Midnighters in town. As they learn more about the secret hour's twists and turns, they uncover terrifying mysteries woven into the very fabric of Bixby's history, and a conspiracy that touches both the midnight hour and the world of daylight.

At the same time, the Midnighters' own secrets start to emerge, including some that were never meant to come to light, changing the fragile dynamics among the five. This time Jessica Day is not the only Midnighiter in mortal danger. If the group can't find a way to overcome their differences, they could lose one of their own - forever. **TP \$19.95**

Sean Williams Australia

The Devoured Earth (Cataclysm 04)

In a glacial lake at the top of the world, salvation and destruction await ... Haunted by a ghost from the future, Shilly and her man'kin allies are drawn into the snowbound mountains on a mission to save the world. Yod, trapped by the Castillo twins in the Void Beneath, may finally be breaking free. Hard on Shilly's heels are Sal and his father, and an uneasy alliance of Sky Wardens, Panic and foresters. The stakes are high as ancient forces struggle for ascendancy, including the strange and alien glast, and a dragon with its own agenda. If the Goddess rises from her Tomb, the fate of the Ice Eaters will be sealed and they will kill anyone who tries to get in their way ... **APB \$20.99**

F Paul Wilson

The Tomb (Repairman Jack)

Hired to recover a mysterious stolen necklace, reputed to be accompanied by an ancient curse, Jack Nelson, known as the Repairman, encounters a secret world of magic and winged Bengali demons. **APB \$13.95**

Harbingers (Repairman Jack)

Still recovering from the tragic events of *Infernal*, Repairman Jack is enlisted to search for a missing teenage girl, a seemingly innocent request that draws him into the most dangerous quest of his life and into the middle of a conflict between two supernatural forces vying for control of all human life on Earth. **HC \$51.95**

Gene Wolfe

The Wizard (Wizard Knight 02)

A sequel to *The Knight* finds young teen Able, previously transported to a magical world into the body of an adult hero, returning to Mythgarthr in possession of special powers that he has vowed he will not use, in an adventure that requires him to fight giants, gods, and a seductive sorceress in his service to the dragon king Anthor. **APB \$19.95**

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro

Roman Dusk (Saint-Germain)

In an imperial Rome teetering on the brink of collapse, the vampire Ragozy Germaninus Sanct' Franciscus finds himself persecuted by a corrupt Roman official, accused of disloyalty to the emperor, and targeted by the zealot brother of the virginal Ignatia, daughter of an ailing Roman noblewoman, who accuses him of corrupting his sister. **HC \$54.95**

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Alan Jacobs

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A journey into the imaginative life of C.S. Lewis exploring the themes and life events that allowed an Oxford don, a scholar of medieval literature who loved to debate philosophy at his local pub, to write one of the most enduring classics of children's literature.

C.S. Lewis was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and arguably the most influential Christian writer of his day. Yet among his poetry, literary history and criticism, novels and Christian apologetics stands a unique, delightfully imaginative children's series called *The Chronicles of Narnia*, which have become enduring classics. Alan Jacobs takes this imaginary world of Narnia, that has captivated children and adults alike for years, and uses the themes and stories found within to explore the imaginative life of C.S. Lewis.

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Jodi Lynn Anderson

May Bird and the Ever After (May Bird 01)

Most people aren't very comfortable in the woods, but the woods of Briery Swamp fit May Bird like a fuzzy mitten. There, she is safe from school and the taunts and teases of kids who don't understand her. Hidden in the trees, May is a warrior princess, and her cat, Somber Kitty, is her brave guardian. Then May falls into the lake. When she crawls out, May finds herself in a world that most certainly does not feel like a fuzzy mitten. In fact it is a place few living people have ever seen. Here, towns glow blue beneath zipping stars and the people -- people? -- walk through walls. Here the Book of the Dead holds the answers to everything in the universe. And here, if May is discovered, the horrifyingly evil Bo Cleevil will turn her into nothing. May Bird must get out. Fast. **PB \$12.95**

Paul Bajoria

The God of Mischief

Sent to live with their nearest living relative, Sir Septimus Wellynghame Cloy, the eccentric and rather sinister widower of their late mother's half-cousin, Mog and Nick find themselves spending a lot of time on their own, exploring. Two elderly manservants, Melibee and Bonefinger, guard Cloy and his house like malevolent ravens and, when strange things begin to happen -- a falling gargoyle just missing them in the churchyard, a flagstone collapsing beneath their feet -- the twins start having the same dream. Is Danyata at large again? References in old documents lead them to unveil some dark secrets in the history of the house, in particular 'the story behind the hangings' so, when their governess is found hanged, they fear 'the hangings' may have started again. Can the twins discover the truth behind the house and its family secrets, before their own lives become endangered? **PB \$16.95**

Holly Black

Valiant (Faerie 02)

When 17-year-old Valerie Russell runs away to New York City, she's trying to escape a life that has utterly betrayed her. Sporting a new identity, she takes up with a gang of squatters who live in the city's labyrinthine subway system. But there's something eerily beguiling about Val's new friends. Impulsive Lolli talks of monsters in the subway tunnels they call home and shoots up a shimmery amber-coloured powder that makes the shadows around her dance. Severe Luis claims he can make deals with creatures that no one else can see. And then there's Luis's brother, Dave, who makes the mistake of letting Val tag along as he makes a delivery to a woman who turns out to have goat hooves instead of feet. When a bewildered Val allows Lolli to talk her into tracking down the hidden lair of the creature for whom Luis and Dave have been working, Val finds herself bound into service by a troll named Ravus. He is as hideous as he is honourable, and as Val grows to know him, she finds herself torn between affection for him -- and fear of what her new friends are becoming because of him. **BPB \$16.95**

Anne-Laure Bondoux

The Princess and the Captain

Malva is the princess of Galnicia, destined to marry the Prince of Andemark. Or so her parents think. On the eve of her wedding, she escapes at dead of night from under her parents' noses, little realizing that she is letting herself in for a life of peril and adventure, including being shipwrecked in a huge storm and being captured as part of a harem. A book of drama, magic and excitement, where challenges have to be overcome, friendships cemented, and hearts broken. A note from the author: 'When I was ten, I devoured stories about explorers. I asked my parents for a world map, and hung it above my bed . . . I wanted to create an imaginary world, similar to our own, set in the Age of Discovery . . . full of mysterious, unexplored territories, which could reflect the fears and hopes of men. I wanted love, hatred, danger, and, in the eye of the storm, real flesh and blood characters pursuing their dreams.' **TP \$24.95**

Herbie Brennan

Time Travel (Forbidden Truths 02)

What Mr Chase saw wasn't what he thought. He thought he was looking at two pleasant cottages. But they'd both been pulled down years before. Mr Chase had somehow slipped through time while waiting for the bus. Physicists are now admitting that time travel's possible in theory. I'm here to tell you it's already happening. And it could happen to you. **PB \$14.95**

Anna Ciddor

Prisoner of Quentaris (Quentaris)

"I know of a Land of Giants, where one man could wipe out all the people in Leprechaun Land with a single sneeze," boasts Heaney.

He soon regrets his words, for Finegan, beloved King of the Leprechauns, decides to venture through the rift caves to assess this dangerous land for himself. Then Finegan is taken captive by angry giants! Heaney and the other leprechauns set out in a valiant attempt to rescue their king. They ride on rats and carry spears made of blackberry thorns. But can these tiny warriors possibly overpower the mighty Giants of Quentaris to free their king?

BPB \$14.95

Justin D'ath

The Skyflower (Quentaris)

Joshi is a disappointment to those around him. Born into the powerful Nibhelline family, he displays none of the proud fighting traditions of the Greens. He even prefers gardening and growing flowers to living up to the family name. So when Joshi meets Abelha, the bee girl, and learns of the existence of a mysterious green flower beyond an unexplored rift, he finally has a chance to earn the respect of the Greens. But first he and Abelha must journey into an exotic forested world, where trees reach into the sky, where unicorns feed in ferny groves, and where unexpected dangers lie in wait for the unwary... **BPB \$14.95**

Terry Deary

The Queen of the Dying Light (Tudor Chronicles 06)

Queen Elizabeth is dying, and England is in turmoil. There are witch hunts going on. No one is safe, not even Will's grandmother. The penalty is death by drowning. So Will is sent to London to clear the Marsden family name. He gets to meet the Queen - but he hasn't bargained for Doctor Dee, the great magician she admires so, nor for the plots and conspiracies that surround her. It's a race against time for Will and his friend Meg, and they have dangerous enemies. But Will discovers some strange parallels with his grandmother's experiences as a girl at the court of Queen Mary, Elizabeth's bitter rival... **PB \$14.95**

Lord of the Dreaming Close

A man with one eye is trying to kill young Will Marsden. All Will wants is to get to Stratford where William Shakespeare has promised him work, but somebody seems to think he has important information. And when Shakespeare's daughter Judith is kidnapped, Will and his friend Meg discover that the world of the theatre is not what it seems. Certain actors are spying on their countrymen, on the orders of the queen herself... It takes Will's courage, Meg's ingenuity and the genius of Shakespeare himself to get out of the desperate plot they find themselves mixed up in. **PB \$14.95**

Joseph Delaney

The Spook's Curse (Spook 02)

The Spook and his apprentice, Thomas Ward have travelled to Priesttown for some unfinished business. For, deep in the catacombs of the cathedral, lurks the Spook's nemesis - The Bane. A creature he has never been able to defeat. As Thomas and his master prepare for the battle of their lives it becomes clear that The Bane isn't their only enemy in town. The Quisitor has arrived, searching the county for those who meddle with the dark - witches, warlocks and Spooks!

When the Spook is arrested and sentenced to death it's up to Thomas, with a little help from his old friend Alice, to rescue his master and destroy the curse of Priesttown. **BPB \$17.95**

The Spook's Secret (Spook 03)

In this third and terrifying instalment in the Wardstone Chronicles, the nights are drawing in and it's time for Tom and his master to move to Anglezarke, the Spook's winter house. Tom has heard it will be a sinister and menacing place but nothing could fully prepare him for what he finds there. For this house, and indeed the whole of Anglezarke moor is full of secrets about the Spook's youth. Secrets that are about to come to the surface and could wreck havoc on the whole County... **HC \$27.95**

Ann Downer

Hatching Magic (Theodora Oglethorpe 01)

When Gideon and Wycca, his pregnant pet dragon, travel through a magic hole from the 13th century in order for Wycca to have her baby in peace and away from the cruel Kobold, they soon find themselves in the 21st century and in the home of young Theodora who is only more than happy to assist them in any way she can. **BPB \$9.95**

The Dragon of Never-Was (Theodora Oglethorpe 02)

Ever since she was caught up in a magical whirlwind of dragons, spells, and wizards, Theodora Oglethorpe has been doing her best to put the Events of Last Summer behind her and go back to her life as a normal twelve-year-old girl. But no matter how hard she tries to forget about magic, it always seems to find her -- even when she's on vacation! When Theodora's biologist-dad is called to the Scottish island of Scornsay to study a scale believed to be from a previously unknown species, Theodora is thrilled to be invited along. A nice vacation is just what she needs to forget all about wyverns, demons, and magical tunnels through time.

But as soon as Theodora sees the scale, she knows it's not from a fish, a reptile, or anything known to science. It's from a dragon, and as Theodora knows all too well, wherever there are dragons, there are wizards, and then there's sure to be trouble. Before she can solve the mystery of the dragon's scale, Theodora will have to confront her own magical heritage and make a perilous journey to the wizard's limbo known as Never-Was.

The Dragon of Never-Was, the sequel to Hatching Magic, is just as funny, witty, and richly imagined as its predecessor. Filled with eccentric characters, crafty dragons, dazzling spells, good friends, and a feisty heroine that readers will root for, this is a middle-grade fantasy to be savored. **HC \$24.95**

Tobias Druitt

Corydon and the Fall of Atlantis (Corydon 02)

Life has been pretty peaceful for shepherd-boy Corydon and the other monsters since their epic battle with the heroes. Then the Minotaur is kidnapped and Corydon and his friends are faced with a rescue mission: a mission which will lead them on a dangerous voyage across the sea, all the way to the celebrated city of Atlantis. But Atlantis is a city riven by secrets, with a war between the gods threatening to tear it apart. Can Corydon and his friends rescue the Minotaur, before Atlantis is destroyed forever? **HC \$26.95**

John Fardell

Flight of the Silver Turtle

Sam and Marcia are back in Edinburgh with Zara, Ben and Professor Ampersand. The friends are helping to build an amazing electric-powered flying boat when they stumble across an old photograph - a clue that leads them on to the trail of a long-lost secret invention that could change the world. But a shadowy organisation is also after the invention. Soon the children are caught up in a perilous struggle that will take them through dimly lit museum galleries, up into the skies above Europe, down to the murky depths of Lake Geneva, and into the heart of a fortified Swiss castle.

PB \$15.95

Kate Forsyth Australia*The Gypsy Crown (Chain of Charms 01)*

Once there was a gypsy queen who wore on her wrist a chain of six lucky charms – a golden crown, a silver horse, a butterfly caught in amber, a cat's eye shell, a bolt of lightning forged from the heart of a falling star, and the flower of the rue plant, herb of grace. The queen gave each of her six children one of the charms as their lucky talisman, but ever since the chain of charms was broken, the gypsies had been dogged with misfortune.

It is even worse for the Finch tribe – they have been thrown into gaol with only three weeks to live. The only members of the family to escape are thirteen-year-old Emilia and her cousin Luka, who have been entrusted to find the six charms and bring them together again. What Emilia and Luka do not realise is that there is a price to be paid for each lucky charm, and that the cost may prove too high...

Book 1: The Gypsy Crown:

9th August – 12th August 1658

Maggie has given them the first charm – an old gold coin – but Luka and Emilia must escape the brutal thief-taker, Coldham. With a horse, a monkey, a dog, and a huge brown bear in their train, it is hard to travel secretly as they flee across the Surrey countryside. With a little bit of luck – or, as Emilia believes, magic – they manage to escape, but Coldham will not give up so easily. **HC \$14.95**

Sally Gardner*I, Coriander*

The story is told by Coriander, daughter of a silk merchant in 1650s London. Her idyllic childhood ends when her mother dies and her father goes away, leaving Coriander with her stepmother, a widow who is in cahoots with a fundamentalist Puritan preacher. She is shut away in a chest and left to die, but emerges into the fairy world from which her mother came, and where time has no meaning. When she returns, charged with a task that will transform her life, she is seventeen. This is a book filled with enchantments – a pair of silver shoes, a fairy shadow, a prince transformed into a fox – that contrast with the heartbreaking loss and cruelty of Coriander's life in the real world. The setting of old London Bridge is brilliantly realised and Coriander is a heroine to love. **PB \$15.95**

Laura Anne Gilman*The Camelot Spell (Grail Quest 01)*

On the eve of the Quest for the Holy Grail, every adult in King Arthur's castle falls into an enchanted sleep. The future of Camelot rests on the shoulders of fourteen-year-old squire Gerard, who has dreamed of becoming a Knight of the Round Table his whole life. With the help of Newt, the stable boy, and Ailis, a young maidservant, he must face terrible dangers, including a monstrous bridge troll, a wise and scheming dragon -- and finally, a dark, powerful force that will stop at nothing to destroy King Arthur, the knights, and the entire realm of Camelot. **HC \$19.99**

Kerry Greenwood Australia*Lightning Nest (Stormbringer 02)*

In this second book in the Stormbringer trilogy, the heroes of *The Rat* and *The Raven* have returned to the University but they are restless. They don't fit in anymore. Swart is given dreadful news by his father and at the same time a petitioner comes from afar begging the people of the university for help against an enemy who wields lightning as a weapon.

In this stand-alone sequel Kerry Greenwood once again offers outstanding adventure/fantasy to challenge her readers and open the door to a dark future ... **BPB \$17.95**

Diana Wynne Jones*The Pinhoe Egg (Chrestomanci 07)*

As many people know already, it's Chrestomanci's job to control the magic in the related worlds. Using magic is always dangerous, and it always has consequences, so even the best-intentioned witch or warlock needs help and guidance from time to time. Not only that, but there are plenty of ordinary people in the worlds without even a whiff of magical ability, and they need someone to make sure that the magic-users don't get their own way all of the time. Even so, in the village around Chrestomanci Castle, all sorts of magical misuse is going on which very few people seem to be aware of! When Cat Chant finds the egg in Gammer Pinhoe's attic, he knows he has to have it. Marianne Pinhoe isn't sure what Gammer will think about that, but she lets him take it anyway. Rumour has it it's an elephant egg, but Cat's convinced it's a dragon's egg. Within the safety of Chrestomanci Castle, the egg eventually hatches – and at the same time, chaos breaks out in the surrounding village. Can Cat and Marianne get to the root of the problem, and can Cat's new charge help? **HC \$36.99**

Justine Larbalestier Australia*Magic Lessons (Magic 02)*

Reason Cansino has learned the painful truth about the magic that lives in her blood. Like her mother, grandmother, and new friends, Tom and Jay-Tee, she must make a choice: to use the magic that lies within her, and die young, or refuse to use it and be afflicted with madness.

Now a new threat leaves Reason stranded alone in New York City, struggling to control a power she barely understands and fighting to return home. But could the danger she faces also hold the key to saving her life, and perhaps the lives of her family and friends?

Magic Lessons is the second book in Justine Larbalestier's thrilling trilogy and the stunning sequel to her highly acclaimed debut novel, *Magic or Madness*. **BPB \$19.95**

Mari Mancusi*Boys That Bite*

My mom is so going to kill me if she finds out I'm turning into a vampire

Okay, so technically she can't because I'm immortal. Well, not yet. See, due to the worst case of mistaken identity with my dark-side-loving twin sister at a Goth club called Club Fang, Magnus, a vampire hottie, went for my innocent neck instead of hers. Now if I don't reverse it in time, Magnus will be my blood mate forever and I'm doomed to be a blood-gulping, pasty, daylight-hating vampire. Believe me, it seriously bites.

After the unfortunate slaying of the vampire leader, it's up to me, my sister, and Magnus to find the one thing that can solve my problem—the Holy Grail. No joke. I seriously hope I can get out of this in time, because somehow, I scored the hottest prom date in my school, the mouth-watering Jake Wilder. And I do not want to be a vampire for the prom-let alone the rest of eternity . . . **TP \$17.95**

M I McAllister*Urchin of the Riding Stars (Mistmantle Chronicles 01)*

A group of animals, led by an orphaned squirrel named Urchin, learns about friendship and loyalty when they band together to defend their island kingdom of Mistmantle against evil forces. **PB \$19.95**

Angela McAllister*The Tide Turner*

Cal is a Silvertail. She never knew her mother, Sylla, and does not know that with her dying breath Sylla bequeathed her daughter the power of the Merrows - the means to battle an evil that threatens the entire ocean. When Cal meets Jake, a Creeper from the Overbreath, the two are drawn to one another. Cal, like the rest of the merfolk, is astounded when Jake is able to join them beneath the waves. Could he be the one that legend speaks of? The Tide Turner who will save their world? Time is not on their side as Cal and Jake seek the truth about themselves and their destiny . . . And Orcara, the terrifying seawitch who has a secret of her own, is never far away. **HC \$24.95**

Alex McAuley*Lost Summer*

Reluctantly vacationing on a remote Outer Banks island with her pill-popping mother and brother, California-born aspiring singer Caitlin befriends a local misfit before getting swept up by a gang of prep school boys, witnesses a tragic murder, and dreads the imminent arrival of a hurricane. **TP \$22.95**

Oisin Megann*Small Minded Giants*

Beyond the huge domed roof of Ash Harbour, a city built inside a hollowed-out mountain, deadly storms and Arctic temperatures have stripped the Earth bare. Resources are limited and access to power is all important. Sinister bodies reign supreme, undercover operations are rife and every move is monitored by the Clockworkers and Dark-Day Fatalists. When sixteen-year-old Sol Wheat's father goes missing and is accused of murder, Sol sets out to find out why, and in doing so uncovers the harsh reality behind Ash Harbour. **HC \$32.95**

Edward Ormondroyd*David and the Phoenix*

David and his new friend, the Phoenix, fly to various adventures and misadventures with mythical beings and an ill-intentioned scientist, until the Phoenix realizes that its destiny calls.

David Weber fans should note that this is the story that was featured in "At All Costs". **BPB \$17.95**

Christopher Paolini*Eragon CD (Inheritance 01)*

When Eragon finds a polished stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself. Overnight his simple life is shattered and he is thrust into a perilous new world of destiny, magic and power. With only an ancient sword and the advice of an old storyteller for guidance, Eragon and the fledgling dragon must navigate the dangerous terrain and dark enemies of an Empire ruled by a king whose evil knows no bounds. Can Eragon take up the mantle of the legendary Dragon Riders? The fate of the Empire may rest in his hands... **CD \$54.95 BPB \$19.95**

Eldest (Inheritance 02)

Darkness falls... Despair abounds... Evil reigns...

Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have just saved the rebel state from destruction by the mighty forces of King Galbatorix, cruel ruler of the Empire. Now Eragon must travel to Ellesm,ra, land of the elves, for further training in magic and swordsmanship, the vital skills of the Dragon Rider. It is the journey of a lifetime, filled with aweinspiring new places and people, each day a fresh adventure. But chaos and betrayal plague him at every turn, and Eragon isn't sure whom he can trust.

Meanwhile, his cousin Roran must fight a new battle back home in Carvahall one that puts Eragon in even graver danger.

Will the king's dark hand strangle all resistance? Eragon may not escape with even his life... **BPB \$19.95**

Francine Pascal*Naked Eye (Fearless FBI 04)*

Hot-shot recruit Gaia Moore has just managed to close one case -- and find her way back into the FBI's good graces -- when the Lollipop Murderer strikes again. Every minute that passes with the killer on the loose puts more innocent women in danger.

Gaia and Kim are closing in on the killer. But when all leads point to the same suspect, Gaia is thrown off balance -- and into conflict with her partner. Because Kim's theories incriminate the one person she desperately wants to trust. **PB \$14.95**

Natalie Jane Prior *Australia**Fireworks and Darkness (Casimir 01)*

The temperature in the room dropped, like the bitter cold before a storm, and the smell of magic gathered like a mist. Then the windows rattled, the floor shook and the paper stars and firework cases and all the trumpery tackle of Casimir's trade suddenly lifted off the shelves and whirled around him in a blinding, stinging storm... Simeon Runciman is a firework maker who used to be a dark magician; a difficult man with a dangerous past. His son, Casimir, has always known part of the truth about him. But when Simeon's enemy, the sinister magician, Circastes, reappears in their lives intent on revenge, Casimir is caught in a web of murder, deceit and magic. Forced to fight for his own survival, Casimir must also confront the harsh truth of who his father is and what he has done, as well as the real nature of the magic that he wields. **BPB \$15.99**

The Star Locket (Casimir 02)

"One of you is Esther Trier's daughter," said Anna quietly. "The other is a magical copy. She is flesh and blood, she lives, she thinks, she breathes - but when the star locket is rejoined or destroyed, she will simply cease to exist."

Identical in appearance, yet raised as strangers on opposite sides of the world, Estee Merton and Sally Taverner share a perilous inheritance: a broken half of a mysterious star-shaped locket, a magical talisman that could control the destiny of millions.

Aided by a renegade secret society and a young man who loves one of them too much, Sally and Estee are drawn into a terrifying struggle on the murky streets of nineteenth-century Starberg. As torn loyalties threaten everyone's safety, the star locket is fated to decide which twin will live and which will be lost. The problem is, there is no way of telling who is real and who is not.

A COMPANION NOVEL TO *Fireworks and Darkness* **BPB \$15.99**

Michael Pryor *Australia**Blaze of Glory (Laws of Magic 01)*

Aubrey Fitzwilliam is the son of a prominent ex-prime minister. He's also brilliant at magic, but he's stuck at military school. At least he has his best friend, George, there to back him up. George would follow Aubrey anywhere - and with Aubrey's talent for thinking up impulsive and daring schemes that will get them both in trouble, that's no easy thing to do.

At a weekend shooting party at Prince Albert's country estate, the boys find themselves in a hotbed of intrigue and politics. They discover a golem, a magical creature built to perform one task: to kill Prince Albert. Aubrey and George are hailed as heroes for foiling the attempt on the prince's life - but who sent the golem, and why? Aubrey is far too curious to let the authorities handle this one, and he and George start investigating. **TP \$27.95**

Candice Ransom*Secret In the Tower (Time Spies 01)* **PB \$10***Bones in the Badlands (Time Spies 02)* **PB \$10****Chris Ryan***Wildfire (Code Red 02)*

Ben gets the chance for a trip of a lifetime when his mum is invited to attend a big UN-sponsored conference in Australia. In the midst of a summer drought, it's hot. And it's dry. Drier than it's been for years. And it only takes a spark to set off a fire... As world leaders gather and a student demo gathers pace, a small flame takes hold - and suddenly an unquenchable fire bursts into life and an inferno of flames up to 100 metres high tear through the streets, threatening homes and lives... **BPB \$17.95**

Kate Saunders*The Little Secret*

"Most important of all, THE BOX MUST NEVER BE OPENED. Do you understand?"

Jane is the only one to befriend the strange new girl in her class. All the other children think Staffa is weird, with her paper-white skin, strange way of speaking and funny old fashioned clothes. But Jane thinks Staffa is fun, and silly and brave even if she is undeniably odd. The only thing Jane doesn't like about her is her mother, Lady Matilda - a large woman who dresses in huge tweed knickerbockers, drinks a vile smelling tea and seems to be sizing Jane up for something. Nonetheless, Jane agrees to go on holiday with Staffa.

Travelling with them is the exquisitely painted box Lady Matilda always keeps by her side. Jane is given strict instructions NEVER to open the box but when she wakes one night to see a strange glow coming from it, she can't resist a peek inside. What she sees changes life for ever as she finds herself plunged into the tiny world of Eck... a world of slug steaks, spider racing and a tyrannical Queen hell-bent on marrying Jane off to her son...

This is a vividly drawn contemporary fairytale, full of mad invention, adventure and wonderfully colourful characters. **HC \$29.95**

Obert Skye*Leven Thumps and the Gateway to Fo (Foo 01)*

Fourteen-year-old Leven Thumps (a.k.a. "Lev") lives a wretched life in Burnt Culvert, Oklahoma. But his life is about to change and his destiny be fulfilled as he learns about a secret gateway that bridges two worlds -- the real world and Foo, a place created at the at the beginning of time in the folds of the mind that makes it possible for mankind to dream and hope, aspire and imagine. But Foo is in chaos, and three transplants from that dreamworld have been sent to retrieve Lev, who alone has the power to save Foo.

Enter Clover, a wisecracking, foot-high sidekick; Winter, a girl with a special power of her own; and Geth, the rightful heir to Foo. Their mission: to convince Lev that he has the power to save Foo. Can this unique band of travelers help Lev overcome his doubt? Will Lev find the gateway in time? Or will Sabine and his dark shadows find the gateway first and destroy mankind? **PB \$16.95**

Sherwood Smith*Trouble Under Oz (Oz)*

Big trouble is brewing in Oz! Sinister clouds boil ominously over the Emerald City, Dorothy has gone missing, and there are rumblings of rebellion in the Nome Kingdom. So a desperate plea for help goes out from Princess Ozma to two resourceful sisters from Kansas through the magic snow globe that helped bring them to Oz once before.

But the girls face troubles of their own at home, and only one of them can answer Ozma's call. It's up to Dori to prevent a war deep in the caverns of the Nomes, while Em tries to do the same between their parents. It's hard to say who has the tougher job.

Written by acclaimed fantasy author Sherwood Smith and adorned with marvelous full-page black-and-white illustrations by William Stout, *Trouble Under Oz* is the second adventure featuring Dori and Em, two modern-day descendants of Dorothy Gale. The girls find themselves drawn even deeper into the affairs of the magical land they first visited in *The Emerald Wand of Oz*. **HC \$34.99**

Lemony Snicket*The Beatrice Letters*

Top secret—only for readers deeply interested in the Baudelaire case. How I pity these readers.

With all due respect,

Lemony Snicket **HC \$24.99**

Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell*The Winter Knights (Edge 08)*

In the great floating city of Sanctaphrax, blizzards howl through the streets as the Edgeworld descends into an endless winter. Quint, the son of a sky pirate, has just begun his training at the Knights Academy - training that involves heading out over the Edge on tethers to develop his flying skills. But when Quint breaks the rules and head out to Open Sky on his own, he runs into the great sky leviathan known as a cloud-eater and must use all his skill and ingenuity if catastrophe is not to strike the Edgeworld... **BPB \$17.95**

Clash of the Sky Galleons (Edge 09)

Quint is travelling with his father, Wind Jackal, on a mission to track down and bring to justice Turbot Smeal, the man who started the fire that killed their family. Having left behind his studies at the Knights Academy, Quint is now eager to learn what it really means to be a sky pirate and to learn from his father. But Wind Jackal is consumed by his desire to capture Smeal - and his judgement is flawed. His actions endangers the lives of his crew - and his son. As they travel from the taverns and backstreets of Undertown and the wonders of the shipbuilders' yards, to the dark dangers of the Deepwoods, where Quint and Maris become separated from the rest of the crew and encounter some terrifying creatures - and finally to the mysterious, ghostly sky-wreck in Open Sky, where they discover the truth about Smeal - and face a new terror... **HC \$39.95**

Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

<i>Beyond The Deepwoods (Edge 01)</i>	BPB \$17.95
<i>Stormchaser (Edge 02)</i>	BPB \$17.95
<i>Midnight Over Sanctaphrax (Edge 03)</i>	BPB \$17.95
<i>The Curse of the Gloamglozer (Edge 04)</i>	BPB \$17.95
<i>The Last of the Sky Pirates (Edge 05)</i>	BPB \$17.95
<i>Vox (Edge 06)</i>	BPB \$17.95
<i>Freeglader (Edge 07)</i>	BPB \$17.95

G P Taylor*Tersias*

Magnus Malachi, a magician, is guarding his latest moneyspinner - Tersias, a blind boy who can see into the future. But as Tersias's powers become known, others who seek to use them are drawn from the shadows: Jonah, a teenaged highwayman, and his companion in crime Tara; Solomon, a crazed zealot who has bred a new species of giant flesh-eating locusts; and Lord Malpas, a keeper of mysterious powers. They all want Tersias - but is he a force for good or evil? And can he ever rid himself of the dark spirit that torments his soul? **PB \$15.95**

Colin Thompson *Britain/Australia**Home and Away (Floods 03)*

The Floods family are on the run!

Travel back in time to faraway Transylvania Waters and find out what happened when a lowly drain cleaner called Nerlin Flood fell in love with the royal princess Mordonna. Can the two escape from an explosively angry King Quatorze, the nastiest spies in the land, and the prospect of life down the toilet? Why does their eldest child, Valla, drink blood? Was Satanella really turned into a dog because of an accident with a prawn and a faulty wand? This is your chance to find out how all the Floods children came to be born - or created. **BPB \$14.95**

Kim Wilkins *Australia**Sorcerer of the Waves (Fantastica the Sunken Kingdom 03)***BPB \$9.99****Gabrielle Zevin***Elsewhere*

How do you describe Elsewhere? A novel so astoundingly original and carefully crafted that its complexities become common place and the common place resounds with poetry? In this delightful novel death is a beginning, a new start. Liz is killed in a hit a run accident and her 'life' takes a very unexpected turn. At nearly sixteen she knows she will never get married, never have children, and perhaps never fall in love. But in Elsewhere all things carry on almost as they did on earth except that the inhabitants get younger, dogs and humans can communicate (at last) new relationships are formed and old ones sadly interrupted on earth are renewed. Full of the most ingenious detail and woven around the most touching and charming relationships this is a novel of hope, of redemption and re-birth. It is a novel that tells of sadness with heart-breaking honesty and of love and happiness with uplifting brilliance. **PB \$15.95**

Media Related**Battlestar Galactica (new)***Battlestar Galactica**Jeffrey A Carver*

For forty years, the Twelve Colonies of Man experienced peace, united since the war against the man-made Cylons. The Cylons, mechanical beings created to perform the manual labour civilisation required, were gone forever... or so humanity thought.

But in those years, the Cylons developed new Cylons that looked and acted like humans - with one goal in mind: to destroy all humanity! When they suddenly attacked the Twelve Worlds, humanity's extinction seemed inevitable.

Only a single warship survived the massive attack: Battlestar Galactica, the oldest ship in the fleet, ready to be decommissioned and turned into a museum. Commander William Adama, himself set to retire, had but one course: to marshal the meagre forces available, a ragtag crew of misfits and green recruits, to prevent their enemy from wiping out the last vestiges of the human race. But the Cylons, stronger, smarter, and driven to destroy their creators, may just be too powerful for them and all of humanity to survive. **APB \$14.95**

Buffy the Vampire Slayer*Go Ask Malice**Robert Joseph Levy*

January 22

Had the dream again last night. Only, this time it was different. . . .

Faith has always been a loner. Growing up in a broken home in South Boston, shuffled from relative to relative, her only companion was an imaginary friend named Alex, who helped her escape into a fantasy world of monsters and the supernatural, far from the real-life horrors of the waking world.

Now, taken away from her mother by social services and shipped off to a foster home, Faith learns that some nightmares are all too real, that the inventions of her childhood really do haunt the night, hungry for blood. Enter Diana Dormer, a Harvard professor and representative of the Watchers Council who has come to tell Faith of her destiny, to train her, to prepare her for what is to come: Faith is the Chosen One. She alone will stand against the vampires, the demons, and the forces of darkness.

But she's not alone. When Alex, her childhood companion, returns in her dreams, she warns Faith that someone else is coming for her, a force so deadly and unforgiving that it has inspired fear in the underworld for a thousand generations. Its name is Malice.

As memory and fantasy begin to merge, Faith's two worlds collide, with cataclysmic results. A violent battle for the Slayer's soul is staged, winner take all.

This is her story. . . . **TP \$19.95**

Doctor Who*The Tomb of the Cyberman*

The Doctor, Jamie and Victoria encounter a party of Earth archaeologists who are intent on uncovering the mythical 'tomb of the Cybermen'. Only the Doctor seems aware of the folly of this venture, but suddenly it's too late - the tomb is open, and the Cybermen are coming back to life... Trapped in a confined place with the Cyber Controller and his acolytes, can the humans avoid being turned into Cyber fodder? What's more, can the Cyber menace be made dormant before it spreads out the galaxy once again? **CD \$29.95**

The Dalek Conquests

Now, in an exclusive BBC Audiobooks presentation, Nick Briggs - who is the voice of the Daleks in the brand new BBC One TV series - presents everything you wanted to know about the meanies, but were too afraid to ask. Packed with extracts from their many TV appearances in Doctor Who, The Dalek Conquests finds out where the Daleks come from, why they are bent on universal domination, and who was behind their original creation. **CD \$29.95**

Audio Gallifrey 3.1: *Fractures*

Stephen Cole

'It learns. It evolves. It wants. It hungers. And now Romana has delivered herself to its very door.'

Gallifrey is a world at war with itself. The Pandora entity, clothed in the body of President Romana's first incarnation, seeks to control the populace through mind control and manipulation. The real Romana has resorted to destroying key parts of the Capitol, hoping to weaken Pandora's power base.

But when one such attack goes horribly wrong, Leela is left injured and Romana's base of operations is exposed. Hunted by their enemies, Leela must make for a medical outpost on the fringes of the fighting while Romana seeks a desperate solution in the planet's Anomaly Vaults. But what each discovers will alter their lives, and Gallifrey's future, forever. **CD \$39.95**

Audio Gallifrey 3.2: *Warfare*

'You shouldn't even exist. You're an anomaly. And we Time Lords stamp them out.'

The dark days have come again. It's the end for Gallifrey. The most learned civilisation in the universe has come to war. The Capitol is in ruins; pitched battles are an everyday occurrence, futures are being changed. The first Imperatrix, back from the dead, has stolen power and nothing will stop her ambition.

Except, perhaps, for a small band of opposition who believe that it is time to stop running and fight back. But war demands sacrifice, and to rid Gallifrey of Pandora, Romana's will sacrifice will be great indeed. That is, if she can remember which Romana she actually is. For there is some warfare that is more pervasive than others... **CD \$39.95**

Audio Gallifrey 3.3: *Appropriation*

'Didn't take the Temporal Powers long to realise that Pandora's war was over, and come here to start a new one.'

In the wake of Civil War, Gallifrey stands more vulnerable than at any time in its controversial history. The other temporal powers orbit the ancient Time Lord society, poised and ready to take control. And then, as a terrifying legacy, the residual traces of the Pandora virus bring down the transduction barriers... While Romana lies exhausted and powerless in the medical station, Lord Matthias fights desperately to negotiate a peace. But Gallifreyans are dying. Can Leela find K9? Is retribution about to be visited upon the oldest race in the universe for untold millennia of manipulation and interference? And what is behind Valyes' decision to recall the High Council? **CD \$39.95**

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Justin Richards

'They used to tell me at the Academy that anyone could become president. I'm beginning to believe it.'

The first presidential election for millennia is about to be held on Gallifrey. But in the wake of the civil war that has torn the Time Lords apart, can even an election restore calm and order?

And what of the candidates? Darkel - determined to win at any cost... Matthias - a dark horse with his own agenda... Romana - impeached for high treason...

But even as the candidates manoeuvre and plan, an assassin stalks the galleries of the panopticon. Gallifrey will soon have a new president, but at what cost? How many people will have to die? And which - if any - of the candidates will survive..? **CD \$39.95**

Ghost in the Shell

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Junichi Fujisaku

A collection of three short tales inspired by the popular anime series follows the efforts of elite counter-terrorist heads Chief Aramaki and Major Motoko Kusanagi and includes the stories, "Double Targets," "First Love, Last Love," and "Revenge of the Cold Machines." **TP \$22.95**

Hellboy

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Thomas E Sniegoski

With religious artifacts representing every faith, current and extinct, being stolen around the world, Hellboy, acting on a tip from a ghost, prevents a theft from a museum perpetrated by robotic constructs inhabited by human spirits and finds himself taking on the ultimate in supernatural evil.

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Spider-Man

The Darkest Hours

Jim Butcher

Peter Parker's life has hit a peaceful stretch. No evildoers have tried to flatten him in weeks, his marriage to Mary Jane is stronger than ever, and he's enjoying his job as a high school science teacher. Life is good.

Naturally, that doesn't last.

When Peter learns that his old enemy the Rhino is on a rampage in Times Square, he suits up as Spider-Man to stop the destructive villain in his tracks. But he's unexpectedly foiled in his attempts by the Black Cat, a former ally and old flame. The Cat informs Peter that the Rhino is just a distraction -- the real threat comes from a group of Ancients, members of the same race as the being called Morlun, who Spidey defeated in battle years earlier. The Ancients are now looking to exact revenge -- and hope to steal Spider-Man's life force in the process.

To defeat such powerful beings, Spider-Man is going to need all the help he can get, especially from the Black Cat. But what will Mary Jane Parker have to say about that? Peter isn't sure which is worse -- the Ancients trying to drain his life force, or the wrath of a jealous wife.... **APB \$14.95**

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D C Fontana

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Vonda McIntyre

When the brilliant physicist the Enterprise is transporting to a criminal rehabilitation center murders Captain Kirk, Spock must travel back into time to change current history and prevent the onslaught of a time warp closing in on the universe. **APB \$13.95**

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Kevin Dilmore & Dayton Ward

The Taurus Reach: a remote interstellar expanse that holds a very old and potentially cataclysmic secret, the truth of which is feared by the Tholians, coveted by the Klingons, and dubiously guarded by the Federation. At the center of this intrigue is Vanguard, a Federation starbase populated by an eclectic mix of Starfleet officers and civilians, whose lives are forever altered as they explore the layers of mystery surrounding the Reach and steadily peel them away...one after another.

In the aftermath of Harbinger, Commodore Diego Reyes commands Vanguard while waging an intensely personal struggle, tasked to uncover the true significance of the Taurus Reach while simultaneously concealing that mission from his fellow officers -- and even his closest friends. As the Daedalus-class U.S.S. Lovell brings some of Starfleet's keenest technical minds to help, the U.S.S. Endeavour makes a find that could shed further light on the enigmatic meta-genome that has captured the Federation's interest -- if its crew survives the discovery....

Deep within the Taurus Reach, an ancient and powerful alien mind has awakened prematurely from aeons of hibernation, alerted to the upstart civilizations now daring to encroach upon the worlds in her care. With the stakes for all sides escalating rapidly, the alien lashes out with deadly force against the interlopers, propelling the Vanguard crew on a desperate race to understand the nature of the attacker, and to prevent the Taurus Reach from becoming a war zone. **APB \$16.95**

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SG-1 08: Alliances

Karen Miller

After the disastrous mission to Uronda in the season four episode "The Other Side", tensions within SG1 reach breaking point. When Colonel Jack O'Neill and Dr. Daniel Jackson are captured, during a mission to recruit informants among Goa'uld slaves, the conflict that began on Uronda threatens their only hope of escape. . . **PB \$23.95**

Superman

It's Superman

Tom De Haven

It's Superman! is a fun and fast-paced tale of exciting misadventures, ill-fitting costumes and heroic escapades. Beginning in Smallville, a shooting incident at the theatre reveals to Clark Kent that he's bulletproof, and sets him on a path of discovery to his true identity.

Meanwhile, in Metropolis, Lois Lane's latest ex, Willi Berg, has stumbled upon a horrific murder scene and the involvement of Lex Luthor, a prominent citizen on the rise to power. Willi is framed for the murder, but flees to Smallville, where he meets Clark. Travelling to Hollywood, Clark becomes a stuntman and, given a costume befitting his abilities, discovers he can fly -- and Superman makes an unexpected debut in a daring rescue. Coming to New York, Willi and Clark meet with Lois, who doesn't believe Willi's tale of a 'Superman'. Clark attempts to get hired at the Daily Planet, and stumbles upon evidence that will clear Willi. Lex Luthor, now a notable politician, has begun the construction of the sinister LexBots, marketed as the must-buy item of the year. But a LexBot has gone rogue, and Superman must reveal himself and meet his greatest nemesis for the first time... **PB \$24.99**

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Karnath, Born in War . . .

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And a disgraced exile may be the only one who can save them.

Returning home from the Last War, a bitter soldier discovers a criminal operation trafficking in slaves. When members of his own family turn up missing, his attempt to get them back embroil him in a plot involving illegal necromantic activities that run from the lowliest criminals to the highest reaches of government. **APB \$14**

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Steve Jackson & Ian Livingstone

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RA Salvatore

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Randall N Bills

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Nick Kyme

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Greg Rucka

With the offices of the Carrington Institute being systematically annihilated by unknown forces, secret agent Joanna Dark is assigned to hunt down and destroy the source of the deadly attacks, a quest that plunges her into a bloody confrontation with hypercorp dataDyne and into a global conspiracy that has been shaping the entire world for decades. **CD \$60 TP \$26.95**

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Warhammer 40K

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Andy Hoare

Lucian Gerrit is a rogue trader – a starship captain granted ancient trading rights along the Eastern Fringe of Imperial space. But his family's fortunes have been steadily declining for many generations and his inheritance amounts to little more than a pile of debt and misery. In a final desperate gamble to restore his family's former glory, Gerrit strikes a deal on a forgotten Imperial world to aid its commander in a longstanding war with his rival. As Gerrit commits his family's assets to the escalating conflict, he may lose more than his livelihood! **APB \$16**

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Warhammer

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Steven Savile

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Kate Atkinson

One Good Turn

It is summer, it is the Edinburgh Festival. People queuing for a lunchtime show witness a road-rage incident - an incident which changes the lives of everyone involved. Jackson Brodie, ex-army, ex-police, ex-private detective, is also an innocent bystander - until he becomes a suspect.

With *CASE HISTORIES*, Kate Atkinson showed how brilliantly she could explore the crime genre and make it her own. In *ONE GOOD TURN* she takes her masterful plotting one step further. Like a set of Russian dolls each thread of the narrative reveals itself to be related to the last. Her Dickensian cast of characters are all looking for love or money and find it in surprising places. As ever with Atkinson what each one actually discovers is their true self.

Unputdownable and triumphant, *ONE GOOD TURN* is a sharply intelligent read that is also percipient, funny, and totally satisfying. **TP \$32.95**

Case Histories

'Investigating other people's tragedies and cock-ups and misfortunes was all he knew. He was used to being a voyeur, the outsider looking in, and nothing, but nothing, that anyone did surprised him any more. Yet despite everything he'd seen and done, inside Jackson there remained a belief - a small, battered and bruised belief - that his job was to help people be good rather than punish them for being bad.'

Cambridge is sweltering, during an unusually hot summer. To Jackson Brodie, former police inspector turned private investigator, the world consists of one accounting sheet - Lost on the left, Found on the right - and the two never seem to balance. His days are full of people clamouring for answers and explanations. A jealous husband suspects his wife. Two spinster sisters make a shocking find. A solicitor investigates an old murder. A nurse has lost her niece; a widow, her cats.

Jackson has never felt at home in Cambridge, and has a failed marriage to prove it. He is forty-five but feels much, much older. He is at that dangerous age when men suddenly notice that they're going to die eventually, inevitably, and there isn't a damn thing they can do about it. Surrounded by death, intrigue and misfortune, his own life is brought sharply into focus.

Ingeniously plotted, full of suspense and heartbreak, *CASE HISTORIES* is a feat of bravura storytelling that conveys the mysteries of life, its inanities and its hilarities. It is a life-affirming work of profound insight and intelligence. **BPB \$23.95**

Juval Aviv

Max

In 1989 with his media empire on the brink of collapse, Max Robertson dies mysteriously, apparently committing suicide. Now, six months on, ex-Mossad agent Sam Woolfman is hired to find Robertson's missing 50-million - a job that has already claimed the lives of five men. Using his espionage expertise Sam's investigation takes him throughout Europe, extracting and deciphering what clues he can. As he delves deeper into the dark underbelly of Robertson's murky business dealings, he discovers that Robertson's death may have been more sinister than it first appeared. In a web of intrigue, betrayal and deceit Sam's loyalty and allegiance are tested. Unsure of who he can really trust he sets out to discover the truth. Faced with conspiracy, murder and treachery, Sam must navigate the world of international espionage - and escape with his life. The secret he discovers would destroy the world economy if it became known. **TP \$32.95**

David Baldacci*The Camel Club*

The man known as Oliver Stone has no official past. He spends most days camped opposite the White House, hoping to expose corruption wherever he finds it. But the stakes are raised when he and his friends, a group of conspiracy theorist misfits known as The Camel Club, accidentally witness the murder of an intelligence analyst. Especially when the authorities are seemingly happy to write it off as a suicide.

For Secret Service agent Alex Ford, monitoring the "investigation", the suicide verdict doesn't ring true. As punishment for sticking his nose where it doesn't belong, he is reassigned to bodyguard duties. His abilities are tested to the limit when he is sent to protect the President during a visit to his hometown, where a terrorist cell has spent months plotting an event that will shake the world.

Meanwhile, America's powerful intelligence chief Carter Gray is unnerved when he glimpses the face of an old acquaintance in Arlington Cemetery – but it is the face of a man supposedly long dead...

And as The Camel Club is poised to expose a conspiracy that reaches into the heart of Washington's highly secretive corridors of power, Alex Ford finds out that his worst nightmare is about to happen... **APB \$19.95**

Lauren Baratz -Logsted*Vertigo*

The wife of a respected novelist and member of a prominent family, Emma Smith embarks on a correspondence with Chance Wood, a man incarcerated at the local prison for murder, writing a series of letters that become ever more intense and erotic, in a novel of obsession, intrigue, and lust set against the backdrop of Victorian England. **TP \$23.95**

Sydney Bauer*Undertow*

If two people have a conversation heard by only those two, did the conversation actually take place?

Following an alleged conversation between respected attorney Rayna Martin and teenager Christina Haynes during a boating trip at Cape Ann, Massachusetts, one of them is dead, the other arrested for murder.

Boston lawyer David Cavanaugh faces his toughest case to date as what appears to be a tragic but blameless accident turns into something else entirely.

With the victim's father one of the most powerful politicians in the US Senate and the Assistant District Attorney prepared to put his personal ambition ahead of legal justice, David finds that his most dangerous battle is taking place outside the courtroom.

Lies, deception, blackmail, threats... and finally the precision of an assassin's bullet combine to create a shocking finale in this exciting debut from Australian author Sydney Bauer. **TP \$32.95**

Will Beall*L A Rex*

New to the LAPD's 77th Division, young police officer Ben Halloran and his oddly principled partner find themselves caught in a web of violent corruption involving the Crip gang and the Mexican mafia, a situation that brings up demons from Halloran's complicated past and forces him to choose between his beliefs and survival. **HC \$51.95**

M C Beaton*Love, Lies and Liquor (Agatha Raisin Mystery)*

Invited to spend a seaside vacation with her ex-husband, James Lacey, at a rundown town called Snoth-on-Sea, Agatha Raisin gets more than she had bargained for when she becomes the prime suspect in the murder of a woman staying at the same hotel and is forced to step in to find the real culprit before it is too late. **HC \$47.95**

Simon Beckett*The Chemistry of Death*

Once a high-profile forensic anthropologist, Dr. David Hunter's keeps his past a secret while hiding himself in an isolated English village, until he is asked by the police to use his arcane skills to help track down the killer of a young woman, whose murder becomes only the first in a series of twisted mutilation killings. **HC \$45.95**

Laurien Berenson*Raining Cats and Dogs (Melanie Travis Mystery)*

When her dog Faith is accepted into the prestigious program at Winston Pumpernill Nursing Home, Melanie Travis gets more than she bargains for when their first outing to this residence full of senior pet lovers results in murder. **APB \$17.95**

Lawrence Block*The Burglar Who Studied Spinoza (Bernie Rhodenbarr Mystery)*

An installment of the best-selling series finds the intrepid Bernie Rhodenbarr uncovering some deadly competition as someone following his nocturnal activities enters the luxury Chelsea brownstone of Herb and Wanda Colcannon after Bernie has left and commits murder, a crime in which Bernie now becomes the prime suspect. **APB \$19.95**

Hilary Bonner*When the Dead Cry Out*

Twenty-seven years after the mysterious disappearance of Clara Marshall and her two children, the discovery of some skeletal remains brings up new questions about the crime for Detective Inspector Karen Meadows and reporter John Kelly. **APB \$17.95**

Sam Bourne*The Righteous Man*

Researching the deaths of several men who appear to be linked to a long-standing legend, a reporter finds himself in the heart of New York's ultra-orthodox Jewish community, during an investigation that turns personal when an unknown assailant kidnaps his wife. **HC \$51.95**

Phil Bowie*Guns*

A hot-shot pilot with a secret past, Sam Bass finds his old life intruding upon his new one, thanks to unwanted publicity following his rescue of a couple lost at sea, when a team of assassins targets him, only to kill his girlfriend, Valerie, a Cherokee widow, instead, sending a grieving Sam on a desperate quest for vengeance. **APB \$17.95**

Christopher Bram

Exiles in America

Having shared a partnership with psychiatrist Zack for more than twenty years, college art instructor Daniel begins an affair with a married Iranian painter, a situation that turns explosive when the painter's brother, a high-ranking member of the Iranian government, arrives for a visit with the FBI in tow. By the author of *Gods and Monsters*. **HC \$51.95**

Theresa Breslin

The Medici Seal

Romagna, Italy 1502.

Fleeing from the murderous brigand Sandino, Matteo - a young boy - is saved from drowning by the companions of Leonardo da Vinci. From this moment on, Matteo is at the Maestro's side as he carries out his work, which ranges from the painting of magnificent frescos to intricate dissection of the human body.

But Leonardo is employed by Cesare Borgia, head of one of Italy's leading families. Cruel and ruthless, the Borgia punishes without mercy those who oppose him or who threaten him in any way. And as Da Vinci and Matteo travel across Italy on the Borgia's business, murder, deceit and revenge follow in their trail.

For Matteo carries with him a secret - a secret that both the Borgia and Medici families would kill to obtain. A life-changing secret that must, finally, come to light for all to see...

A gloriously rich and authentic story of the Renaissance, *THE MEDICI SEAL* is also both the personal story of Matteo, a boy becoming a man, and a fascinating glimpse into the world of Da Vinci. **TP \$29.95**

Suzanne Brockmann

Ladies' Man

Becoming embroiled in a sizzling affair with a gorgeous cop, Ellen Layne, a divorced single mother, is forced to turn to sexy NYPD detective Sam Schaefer for her very survival when she suddenly becomes the target of a deranged stalker. **APB \$17.95**

William Broderick

The Gardens of the Dead

Investigating the death of an attorney whose demise has been marked by bizarre puzzles, barrister detective Father Anselm discovers a link between the dead woman and his own choices in a difficult case that he won two years earlier. **HC \$51.95**

Rita Mae Brown

The Hunt Ball (Fox Hunt Mystery)

When a faculty member from the local prep school turns up dead, "Sister" Jane Arnold, the local Master of the Hunt, undertakes finding the killer and discovers that the case is complicated by a controversy over local historical artifacts in the school collection that were made by slaves.

TP \$28.95

Ken Bruen

American Sky

A first American novel by the popular Irish noir writer traces the collision of everyman Stephen Blake, his girlfriend Siobhan, his best friend Tommy, an IRA terrorist named Stapleton, and an American psychopath named Dade, who interact between the dive bars of New York and the harsh Southwest desert. **HC \$51.95**

John Burdett

Bangkok Eight

In surreal Bangkok, city of temples and brothels, where Buddhist monks in saffron robes walk the same streets as world-class gangsters, a US marine sergeant is killed inside a locked Mercedes by a maddened python and a swarm of cobras. Two policemen - the only two in the city not on the take - arrive too late. Minutes later, only one is alive.

The cop left standing, Sonchai Jitpleecheep, is a devout Buddhist and swears to avenge the death of his partner and soul brother. To do so he must use the forensic techniques of the modern policing and his own profound understanding of the mystical workings of the spirit world. Both will be vital as he immerses himself in the moneyed underbelly of Bangkok - where desire rules and where he will eventually find the killer, a predator of an even more sinister variety. **BPB \$23.95**

Bangkok Tattoo

Bangkok, rich in history and spirituality, crowded with temples, markets and canals, is also a city shrouded in shadows. Polluted, corrupt, infamous as the sex capital of the world, it is a place where wealth, poverty and unimaginable evil walk hand in hand.

In District 8, the underbelly of Bangkok's crime world, a dramatically mutilated body is found in a hotel bedroom. It looks bad: the corpse - who's been flayed - is CIA. And it gets worse when the self-confessed murderer is the beautiful Chanya - the best 'working girl' at The Old Man's Club, a brothel owned jointly by Sonchai's mother and his boss, Police Colonel Vikorn. Alerted by Sonchai, Vikorn quickly concocts a cover-up that involves an Al-Qaeda terrorist cell located in a southern Thai border-town where, since 9/11, the CIA has also had a covert presence.

So far so good: but the truth will be harder to come by, and it will require Sonchai to find an ever more delicate balance between his ambition (western) and his Buddhism (eastern), while he runs the gamut of Bangkok's drug-dealers, prostitutes, bad cops, even worse military generals, and the pitfalls of his own melting heart.

Crowded with astonishing characters, redolent with the authentic, hallucinogenic atmosphere of Bangkok, with needle-sharp observations about the clash of cultures when East meets West, this is a literary thriller like no other. **BPB \$23.95**

James Lee Burke

Crusader's Cross (Dave Robicheaux)

After hearing an old schoolmate's deathbed confession, Dave Robicheaux begins a search for a prostitute he met decades earlier who had dangerous ties to the mob, an endeavor that proves dangerous in the wake of a series of murders and the sudden appearance of a troubled young woman. By the author of *In the Moon of Red Ponies*. **APB \$19.95**

Nancy Bush

Candy Apple Red (Jane Kelly Mystery)

Jane Kelly, a thirty-year-old single woman working as a process server in Lake Chinook, Oregon, becomes entangled in a case involving the disappearance of Bobby Reynolds, a man accused of murdering his own family. **APB \$17.95**

Dana Cameron*Ashes and Bones (Emma Fielding Mystery)*

Enjoying her job at a respected university and the love of her devoted husband, archaeologist Emma Fielding is stunned when an unknown enemy launches an insidious campaign of personal terror against her as part of a plot to destroy her reputation, her career, and her character, and embarks on a personal investigation to find the culprit responsible. **APB \$17.95**

Andrea Camilleri*Rounding the Mark (Salvo Montalbano)*

The latest mystery in Camilleri's savagely funny Montalbano series.

"He began swimming in slow, broad strokes. The sea smelled harsh, stinging his nostrils like champagne, and he nearly got drunk on it... In a fraction of a second, Montalbano realized he'd struck a human foot. Somebody else was floating right beside him, and he hadn't noticed. 'Excuse me', he said hastily, flipping back onto his belly. The person beside him didn't answer, because he wasn't doing the dead man's float. He was actually dead. And, to judge from the way he looked, he'd been so for quite a while."

Increasingly disillusioned with his government and the world in general, Inspector Montalbano is considering retirement. He is starting to feel his age, and even his favourite restaurant has closed. But when he bumps into a dead body during a bracing swim, his detective instincts are aroused once more. Particularly when the most likely identity of the victim is a man already long buried... **TP \$32.95**

Excursion to Tindari (Salvo Montalbano)

"Maybe a phrase, a line, a hint somewhere would reveal a reason, any reason, for the elderly couple's disappearance. They'd saved everything... There was even a copy of the 'certificate of living existence', that nadir of bureaucratic imbecility... What was the 'protocol', to use a word dear to government offices? Did one simply write on a sheet of paper something like: 'I, the undersigned, Salvo Montalbano, hereby declare myself to be in existence', sign it, and turn it in to the appointed clerk?"

A young Don Juan is found murdered in front of his apartment building early one morning, and an elderly couple is reported missing after an excursion to the ancient site of Tindari – two seemingly unrelated cases for Inspector Montalbano to solve amid the daily complications of life at Vigata police headquarters. But when Montalbano discovers that the couple and the murdered young man lived in the same building, his investigation stumbles onto Sicily's brutal "New Mafia", which leads him down a path more evil and more far-reaching than any he has been down before. **BPB \$22.95**

Stephen J Cannell*Cold Hit (Shane Scully)*

Investigating a chilling series of homeless Vietnam veteran murders in Los Angeles, detective Shane Scully and his partner stumble on a death that suggests the work of a copy-cat killer, in a case that is further complicated by a ten-year-old unsolved murder. **APB \$19.95**

Joanna Carl*The Chocolate Bridal Bash*

Determined to smooth things over with her mother before her impending nuptials, after her aunt reveals a startling secret, bride-to-be Lee McKinney vows to solve the decades-old mystery surrounding the apparent suicide of her mother's fiance. **APB \$17.95**

Caleb Carr*The Alienist*

When a madman begins stalking victims on the streets of 1896 New York, a team of investigators is forced to apply radical and untested techniques that include fingerprinting and the controversial science of psychology. **TP \$30.95**

Paul Carson*Betrayal*

Dublin's Harmon Penitentiary is Europe's most dangerous jail. Dr Frank Ryan is in charge of looking after its inmates. It's a risky job - the last doctor was murdered - but for Ryan it's also an exciting challenge.

Early one morning, Ryan receives a phone call. It's the jail. He's needed right away. Kissing his girlfriend Lisa goodbye, he leaves his high-security apartment and walks straight into an ambush. This may be it for Ryan.

Coming to, Ryan finds himself in what he assumes is a hospital. But something isn't right. Why does his nurse lock the door behind her and why hasn't Lisa come looking for him? Is Ryan now a prisoner?

Overwhelmed by confusing and contradictory evidence, Frank Ryan's investigations lead him to the penitentiary's most secure section, J Wing, and the mysterious inmate incarcerated there... **APB \$21.95**

Dixie Cash*My Heart May Be Broken But My Hair Still Looks Great*

Hair stylists and private detectives Debbie Sue Overstreet and Edwina team up with the rich and spoiled Paige McBride in a madcap caper involving horse thieves and a cheating husband who are spreading mayhem throughout the small town of Saltlick, Texas. **TP \$26.95**

Marc Cerasini & Alice Alfonsi*The Pink Panther Gets Lucky*

Chief Inspector Jacques Clouseau of the Paris Police Bureau is called in to investigate the disappearance of a priceless diamond and the starlet who had been wearing it during a Las Vegas magic show, and joins forces with "Junkyard" Bob Convoy, an American private detective and bounty hunter, to find the culprit responsible. **APB \$17.95**

Laura Childs*Motif For Murder (Scrapbooking Mystery)*

In the wake of hurricane Katrina, scrapbooking shop owner Carmela Bertrand struggles to put her business and her relationship with her ex-husband Shamus back together, a goal undermined by the kidnapping of Shamus from their home and the murder of Shamus's uncle Henry, and discovers that she may unwittingly hold the key clue to both crimes. **HC \$47.95**

Paul Christopher*The Lucifer Gospel*

While searching the Sahara for the long-lost tomb of an apostle, archaeologist Finn Ryan and photographer Virgil Hilts stumble upon clues to a decades-old murder and an ancient Roman medallion bearing the name of a fallen archangel, a discovery that forces them to run for their lives.

APB \$19.95

Chris Cleave*Incendiary*

Distraught over the deaths of her husband and son in a suicide bombing at a London soccer match, a woman writes a letter to Osama bin Laden to persuade him to abandon his terror campaign and becomes embroiled in a psychological web of ambition, cynicism, and guilt that erodes her faith in society and pushes her to acts of extraordinary desperation as the city braces for another deadly bomb threat. **TP \$26.95**

Judy Clemens*Three Can Keep a Secret*

A Mennonite widow burdened with grief, financial hardship, and rumors of infidelity and murder, Stella Crown gets more than she had bargained for when she hires a new farmhand to assist with her Pennsylvania dairy, including nasty in-laws, vandalism, and dark secrets that also plague her friend and fellow biker, Lenny. **TP \$28.95**

James Cobb*The Arctic Event (Robert Ludlum's Covert-One)*

Lt. Col. Jon Smith and the daring operatives of Covert-One, a top-secret team of political, military, and technical experts, risk everything to stop a high-level conspiracy that once again threatens the world as we know it. **TP \$32.95**

Harlan Coben *Editor**Death Do Us Part: New Stories about Love, Lust and Murder*

An anthology of eighteen original relationship tales includes Lee Child's 'Safe Enough,' in which a blue-collar city boy pursues a wealthy suburban wife, with dire consequences; Harlan Coben's 'Entrapped,' in which a woman's missing husband is replaced by a handsome impostor; and P. J. Parrish's 'One Shot,' in which a man discovers a long-ago tragedy in his childhood home. **HC \$52.95 TP \$28.95**

Margaret Coel*The Drowning Man*

When a priceless Arapaho artifact, a petroglyph known as "The Drowning Man," is stolen by thieves who offer to ransom it back to the tribe, Arapaho attorney Vicky Holden and Father John O'Malley join forces to find the culprits and recover the petroglyphs, only to discover that the crime may be linked to an unsolved seven-year-old case involving stolen artifacts and murder. **HC \$49.95**

William S Cohen*Dragon Fire*

Sean Santini, a one-time senator and Vietnam POW, returns to Washington from Wall Street to lead the Pentagon following the assassination of the secretary of defense, only to discover that the United States is being drawn into a devastating global war by an unknown enemy out to destroy America as a world power. **HC \$51.95**

Iris Collier*Secrets of the Black Canons*

"The date is September 1538. Having been left a widower by Jane Seymour's death, Henry VIII is looking for a new wife. Cromwell has put forward the Princess of Cleves, a marriage which will bring Henry an alliance with the Protestant princes of Europe. Meanwhile near to Nicholas Peverell's Sussex estate, the body of a young girl is found washed up on the shore. At first it is feared she has taken her own life but, in his capacity as justice of the peace, Nicholas soon comes to the conclusion that Sarah Bowman has been murdered. A skilled needlewoman, Sarah had worked at the nearby Augustinian priory of Monksmere until Henry had ransacked the monasteries and ordered their dissolution. But, despite a hefty reward offered for information regarding Sarah's murder, the people of Monksmere seem reluctant to talk, especially about anything regarding the former occupants of the priory the mysterious order of clerics known as the Black Canons..." **PB \$55**

Michael Collins*Death of A Writer*

During his convalescence following a failed suicide attempt, an unpublished novel called *Scream* is discovered in the basement of professor E. Robert Pendleton, a book that chronicles a brutal child murder that bears an uncanny resemblance to a real-life, unsolved murder case. **HC \$51.95**

Stephen Coonts & Jim DeFelice*Dark Zone (Stephen Coonts' Deep Black)*

In a secluded headquarters on the other side of the globe a terrorist mission is underway - a plan to set-off an underwater explosion so great, and with such hellish force, that it could shift the very foundation of the earth's surface causing untold calamity and world-wide disaster. The terrorists call it God's Revenge. A nuclear warhead has gone missing. Small in size, it packs up to ten times the kilotons that exploded over Hiroshima. It's now in the wrong hands, ready to detonate a world war of unfathomable proportions. In the top secret headquarters of the National Security Agency, a small cadre of special agents form Deep Black, designed to bring a techno edge to covert operations and eliminate the cyber threats to world peace. This is Charlie Dean's world - an NSA ex-marine sniper now enlisted to stop the unthinkable. But when his suspicions of a traitor in his shadow become frighteningly true, Dean's race against time could mean the end of the free world. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen Coonts*Traitor*

The death of a French intelligence agent on an Air France flight to Amman, Jordan, is the trigger that launches Tommy Carmellini's latest adventure. Within the European Union, the national espionage agencies are fiercely competing for supremacy against each other - and against the CIA. When the Americans discover that the director of the French spy agency has secret investments in the Bank of Palestine, alarm bells go off. To investigate, the Americans send Jake Grafton, who has been brought back from retirement to unravel a tangle of espionage, terrorism and murder. And of course, the man Grafton wants on the case is Tommy Carmellini. Together they uncover an elaborate strategy to infiltrate the highest levels of Al Qaeda with a top-level plant - but who is playing whom? As Carmellini delves deep undercover he finds he is running for his life. Grafton and Carmellini uncover a horrifying plan to shake the West as never before - and a Catch 22: can they stop the conspiracy without compromising the intelligence source that could bring down Al Qaeda once and for all? **TP \$32.95**

Cleo Coyle*Murder Most Frothy (Coffehouse Mystery)*

After accepting a position at millionaire David Mintzer's estate, coffeehouse manager Claire Cosi needs a serious infusion of caffeine when she arrives in the Hamptons with her family in tow only to be met with murder when an employee winds up dead after trying to kill David. **APB \$17.95**

Blake Crouch*Locked Doors*

In the sequel to *Desert Places*, Andrew Thomas is still in hiding after seven years, framed for a series of horrific murders committed by his psychotic brother, until his former girlfriend, Karen Prescott, becomes part of a nightmarish new series of crimes. **APB \$17.95**

Michael Crow*No Way Back*

Suspended from the Baltimore narcotics squad after being rendered a scapegoat in a case gone bad, Vietnamese-American Gulf War veteran Luther Ewing reluctantly returns to undercover work with the CIA and is assigned to oversee the purchase of Russian military technology, a case with hidden pitfalls. **APB \$19.95**

Clive Cussler *et al**Lost City (Numa Files)*

An enzyme that will dramatically prolong life has been discovered two thousand feet down in the North Atlantic, in an area known as 'Lost City'. But why are the people attempting to harvest it getting killed? Why are the scientists in a remote Greek laboratory disappearing one by one? What does this all have to do with a body found frozen in the ice high up in the Alps?

For Kurt Austin, leader of NUMA's Special Assignments Team, and his colleague Joe Zavala, it's clear they have their work cut out for them, but it may be even bigger than they think. In fact, it may be their greatest challenge of all. **APB \$19.95**

Mary Daheim*Dead Man Docking (Bed-and-Breakfast Mystery)*

When the pre-launch party for their anticipated cruise is interrupted by the murders of the cruise line owner and two additional victims, Judith and Renie find themselves prowling the hilly streets of San Francisco in a case that is complicated by the perpetually intoxicated interference of two fellow travelers. **APB \$17.95**

Gordon Dahlquist*The Glass Books of the Dream Eaters*

Determined to find out why her engagement to Roger Bascombe was abruptly terminated, Celeste Temple disguises herself to follow her erstwhile fiance to forbidding Harschmont Manor, which becomes a terrifying gate into a seductive and shocking world linked to a terrifying conspiracy.

HC \$52.95

Michael Dibdin*Back to Bologna (Aurelio Zen Mystery)*

The latest Aurelio Zen mystery follows the world-weary Venetian detective to Bologna to investigate the apparently straightforward murder of a local industrialist, embroiling him a case that quickly spirals out of control and entangles him with a semiotics student, a mysterious immigrant claiming to be royalty, and Bologna's most incompetent private detective. **TP \$26.95**

James D Doss*Stone Butterfly (Charlie Moon Mystery)*

Called in by his aunt, Ute tribal elder Daisy Perika, when she experiences a terrifying vision of unnatural death, part-time investigator Charlie Moon, aided by FBI Special Agent Lila Mæ McTeague, launches a probe into the killing of an elderly Nevada man, whose body is found with the prime suspect, a teenage orphan girl who is the child of Charlie's old friend. **HC \$51.95**

Shadow Man (Charlie Moon Mystery)

When a local prosecutor is killed by a sniper while dining at an exclusive Granite Creek, Colorado, restaurant, a nearby witness, orthodontist Manfred Blinkoe, who claims that the bullet had been intended for him, hires Charlie Moon and his Ute shaman Aunt Daisy to uncover the truth, but the case is complicated by the murder of Charlie's client. **APB \$17.95**

Brendan DuBois*Primary Storm (Lewis Cole Mystery)*

Four years after leaving the Department of Defense for a new career as a magazine writer in tiny Tyler Beach, New Hampshire, Lewis Cole comes face to face with his past when an apparent assassination attempt on a leading candidate, a prominent Georgia senator, threatens everything and everyone he cares about when he becomes a prime suspect in the case. **HC \$49.95**

Carola Dunn*Gunpowder Plots (Daisy Dalrymple Mystery)*

In 1924, while visiting an old school friend's home for the annual Guy Fawkes celebration, Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher is stunned by the supposed suicide of the tyrannical head of the family, who may also have killed a guest, a married woman from Australia, and it is up to Daisy and her husband, Detective Chief Inspector Alex Fletcher, to sort out the tragedy. **HC \$49.95**

John Dunning*The Bookman's Wake (Cliff Janeway Mystery)*

APB \$18.95

Booked to Die (Cliff Janeway Mystery)

APB \$18.95

John Emley*The First Cut*

Returning to duty after recovering from a brutal assault in the line of duty, Detective Nan Vining is assigned to find the killer of a female L.A. cop whose body is found dumped in Pasadena and draws on her new, deeply disturbing psychic visions to follow the trail of a vicious husband-and-wife killing team, before they can strike again. **HC \$49.95**

Maggie Estep*Flamethrower (Ruby Murphy Mystery)*

Sleuth Ruby Murphy finds her life turned upside down when she is accused of infidelity by her horse trainer boyfriend and is fired from the Coney Island Museum, all the while investigating the source of a severed human leg, being stalked by a mysterious stranger, and trying not to end up dead herself. **TP \$28.95**

Dick Francis*Risk*

A certified public accountant and amateur steeplechase rider gets his chance to ride a famous horse in a top race and jumps into an obstacle-strewn course of trouble and danger. **APB \$19.95**

Margaret Frazer*A Play of Knaves*

In the spring of 1435, Joliffe and his acting troupe arrive in the village of Ashewell to investigate a rivalry between the town's three wealthy families that takes a deadly turn before the final act. **APB \$17.95**

Brian Freeman*Stripped*

Brian Freeman's second novel is a gripping, hardhitting thriller set in one of the most fascinating, sexy and intriguing cities in the world, Las Vegas, and puts his ongoing detective character Jonathan Stride on the trail of a cunning and relentless killer. Elonda's seen most things working the streets. But it's a first when her client is shot dead in the act. Detective Jonathan Stride quickly establishes that the victim is M J Lane, son of a reclusive millionaire film producer. Any number of people might have wanted to kill M J. Another death is troubling the Vegas force of a little boy, killed in a hitandrun incident involving a stolen car. Then the body of a woman is found in a remote farmhouse. Could the murders be linked? It seems the killer wants to send a message about the brutal slaying decades earlier of a night club dancer. That case was wrapped up quickly. Too quickly. Someone certainly thinks so and he's set on murderous revenge. **TP \$32.95**

Frances Fyfield*The Art of Drowning*

Rachel Doe is a shy accountant at a low ebb in life when she meets charismatic Ivy Schneider, nie Wiseman, at her evening class and her life changes for the better. Ivy is her polar opposite: strong, six years her senior and the romantic survivor of drug addiction, homelessness and the death of her child. Ivy does menial shift work, beholden to no one, and she inspires life; as do her farming parents, with their ramshackle house and its swan-filled lake, the lake where Ivy's daughter drowned. As Rachel grows closer to them all she learns how Ivy came to be married to Carl, the son of a WWII prisoner, as well as the true nature of that marriage to a bullying and ambitious lawyer who has become a judge and who denies her access to her surviving child. Rachel wants justice for Ivy, but Ivy has another agenda and Rachel's naive sense of fair play is no match for the manipulative qualities in the Wisemen women. **HC \$49.95 TP \$32.95**

Safer Than Houses

Sarah Fortune inherited her flat from one of her many lovers. Now a son has appeared claiming it is his, morally if not strictly legally, and he is using illegal means to persuade Sarah to give it up: abusive letters threatening her personal harm. As it becomes more difficult to ignore these missives, Sarah comes across Henry, a timid, lonely man whose upstairs neighbour is using every trick in the racketeer landlord's book to make him leave his home: litter in the shared hallway, continual noise, poison set out for his cat. It seems that if they swap accommodation for a while they may be able to deal with each other's problems. But these two strangers have unknown connections in common: a well-meaning widow, a struggling therapist, and a man who sets fire to other people's property for a living . . . **BPB \$22.95**

Yasmine Galenorn*One Hex of a Wedding*

When her fiance is wounded by a gunshot after an altercation with her ex-husband Ray, medium Emerald O'Brien, believing that her impending wedding is cursed, sets out to clear Ray's name and expose a twisted stalker who is terrorizing her maid of honor. **APB \$17.95**

Katy Gardner*Hidden*

A trail of blood leads DCI Dave Gosworth to the body of Jacqui Jennings, her skull smashed with a chisel. For Dave it will be a long and puzzling case . . .

Forty miles away single mother Melanie Stenning is blissfully unaware of Jacqui's death. But their stories are about to collide when Melanie falls in love with a stranger.

Fourteen months later, Melanie has a new husband and a new life. But when her seven-year-old daughter Poppy disappears, everything is thrown into question.

Because DCI Gosworth has come knocking on her door with some chilling questions about the man she married . . . **TP \$29.95**

Elizabeth George*What Came Before He Shot Her*

The shocking conclusion of Elizabeth George's previous bestseller, WITH NO ONE AS WITNESS, saw the wife of New Scotland Yard's Thomas Lynley gunned down in the street outside her home. Under arrest for the crime is a twelveyearold boy, Joel Campbell. What possible motive could he have? What chain of events could have led such a child from the housing estates of North Kensington to the elegant streets of Belgravia with such deadly intent? The answer to these questions is a complex mixture of fate and circumstance. Abandoned (albeit involuntarily) by his parents, Joel and two siblings are dumped on the doorstep of his aunt's house. Kendra, childless and with two marriages behind her, is doing her best to turn her life around; responsibility for three troubled children is not what she had in mind. Drugs, neglect, violence and poverty are commonplace in North Kensington. Joel does his best to look out for his family, but that involves a Faustian pact. And the Devil will have his pay. **TP \$32.95**

Tess Gerritsen*Vanish*

The beautiful woman appears to be just another corpse in the morgue. But when medical examiner Maura Isles looks down at the body, she gets the fright of her life.

The corpse opens its eyes.

Now very much alive, the woman is rushed to the hospital, where she murders a security guard and seizes hostages, one of whom is the heavily pregnant homicide detective Jane Rizzoli.

But who is this woman, and what does she want? Only Jane can solve the mystery - if she survives the night. **APB \$19.95**

Tess Gerritsen*The Mephisto Club*

Christmas Eve in Boston is no holy night for medical examiner Dr. Maura Isles.

In a rundown house a woman has been dismembered in an act of carnage that leaves veteran cops in shock. The last person called from the dead girl's phone is Dr. Joyce O'Donnell, a celebrity psychiatrist who's made her name defending serial murderers.

But there are other clues that make the police wonder if this slaying was part of a Satanic ritual. Drawn on the wall, in blood, are ancient symbols, and a mirror-image word in Latin that, translated, says: "I have sinned."

Then a second woman is found butchered on Beacon Hill, just outside the grand residence of Anthony Sansone, a reclusive historian. He is the leader of the Mephisto Club, an old and secret society dedicated to the study of evil, and to confronting it in its purest form. On the door to Sansone's house have been scrawled yet more ancient symbols. Are they clues? Or threats? When the same symbols appear on Maura Isles' door, Maura and Jane must call on the Mephisto Club for assistance. Because this is a form of evil Boston PD has never encountered before. And the only way they can defeat it is by turning to the people who understand the devil himself. **TP \$32.95 HC \$51.95**

Mark Gimenez*The Color of Law*

A partner at an elite Dallas law firm, Scott Fenney is forced to choose between his conscience and his wealthy, privileged lifestyle when he assigned to defend pro bono Shawanda Jones, a heroin-addicted prostitute, who is accused of murdering Clark McCall, the ne-er-do-well son of a millionaire Texas senator and presidential candidate. **APB \$19.95**

Janet Gleeson*The Thief Taker*

Working in the kitchen of a famous mid-eighteenth-century silversmith family, Agnes Meadows finds her respectable life thrown into a shambles in the wake of a murdered apprentice, a stolen silver cooler, and a missing maid, circumstances that prompt her mistress to enlist Agnes to quietly investigate at a considerable personal risk. **TP \$28.95**

Jason Goodwin*The Janissary Tree (Yashim)*

Yashim is no ordinary detective. It's not that he's particularly brave. Or that he cooks so well, or reads French novels. Not even that his best friend is the Ambassador from Poland, whose country has vanished from the map. Yashim is a eunuch. As the Sultan plans a series of radical reforms to his empire, a concubine is strangled in the palace harem. And a young cadet is found butchered in the streets of Istanbul. Delving deep into the city's crooked alleyways, and deeper still into its tumultuous past, Yashim discovers that some people will go to any lengths to preserve the traditions of the Ottoman Empire. Brilliantly evoking Istanbul in the 1830s, *The Janissary Tree* is a fast-paced literary thriller with a spectacular cast, from mystic orders and lissom archivists to soup-makers and a seductive ambassador's wife. Darker than any of these is the mysterious figure who controls the Sultan's harem. **TP \$29.95**

Ed Gorman*Fast Track*

Ordered to protect a valuable thoroughbred entering a horse race offering the biggest purse in history, Secret Service Agent Dev Mallory must save his partner's life when she is kidnapped by a high-stakes player who is determined to beat the odds. **APB \$15.95**

James Grady*Mad Dogs*

When their psychiatrist is murdered, leaving them as prime suspects in the crime, five deranged CIA killers, all dependent on their medications, are forced to break out of an asylum deep in the Maine forests in a desperate quest to clear their names and hunt down the real murderer. **HC \$51.95**

Sue Grafton*S is For Silence (Kinsey Millhone 19)*

Thirty-four years ago, Violet Sullivan put on her party finery and left for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display. She was never seen again. In the small Californian town of Serena Station, tongues wagged. Some said she'd run off with a lover. Some said she was murdered by her husband. But for the not-quite-seven-year-old daughter Daisy she left behind, Violet's absence has never been explained or forgotten.

Now, thirty-four years later, she wants the solace of closure.

In *S is for Silence*, Kinsey Millhone's nineteenth excursion into the world of suspense and misadventure, *S* is for surprises as Sue Grafton takes a whole new approach to telling the tale. And *S* is for superb: Kinsey and Grafton at their best. **APB \$19.95**

Heather Graham*The Vision*

The gift of sight comes at a dangerous price

The hunt for the Josephine Marie seems like any other salvage dive...until Genevieve Wallace sees the vision of a dead woman in the water, her vacant eyes boring into Genevieve's very soul.

Terrified, confused and haunted by what she saw, there is no one-not even her diving partner Thor Thompson-who will believe Genevieve. And when a dead woman washes up on shore, everyone assumes this body to be Genevieve's 'vision'.

but she knows better: the dead woman is not the ghost she saw. This corpse is another victim of the same brutal killer.

Sensing that the threat of death is creeping closer, she and Thor are forced to acknowledge that some things can't be explained, yet somehow they must link a violent past with an abyss of terror. **TP \$27.95 APB \$19.95**

Kerry Greenwood Australia*Murder in the Dark (Phryne Fisher 16)*

It's Christmas, and Phryne has an invitation to the Last Best party of 1928, a four-day extravaganza being held at Werribee Manor house and grounds by the Golden Twins, Isabella and Gerald Templar. She knew them in Paris, where they caused a sensation. Phryne is in two minds about going when she starts receiving anonymous threats warning her against attending. She promptly decides to accept the invitation - after all, no one tells Phryne what to do. At the Manor, she is accommodated in the Iris room, and at the party meets two polo-playing women, a Goat lady (and goat), a large number of glamorous young men and a very rude child called Tarquin. The acolytes of the golden twins are smoking hashish and dreaming, and Phryne finds that the jazz is as hot as the drinks are cold and indulges in flirtations, dancing, and mint juleps. Heaven. It all seems like good clean fun until three people are kidnapped, one of them the abominable child, and Phryne must puzzle her way through the cryptic clues of the scavenger hunt to retrieve the hostages and save the party from disaster. **PB \$19.95**

Susanna Gregory

The Mark of a Murderer (Matthew Barthomew 11)

On St Scholastica's Day in February 1355, Oxford explodes in one of the most serious riots of its turbulent history. Fearing for their lives, the scholars flee the city, and some choose the University at Cambridge as their temporary refuge. However, they don't remain safe for long. Within hours of their arrival, the first of their number dies, followed quickly by a second.

When Bartholomew and Brother Michael begin to investigate the deaths, they uncover evidence that the Oxford riot was not a case of random violence, but part of a carefully orchestrated plot. With the Archbishop of Canterbury about to honour Cambridge with a Visitation, and a close colleague accused of a series of murders Bartholomew is certain he didn't commit, the race is on to solve the riddles and bring a ruthless killer to justice. **APB \$19.95**

A Tarnished Chalice (Matthew Barthomew 12)

On a bitter winter evening in 1356, Matthew Bartholomew and Brother Michael arrive in Lincoln - Michael to accept an honour from the cathedral, and Bartholomew to look for the woman he wants to marry. It is not long before they learn that the friary in which they are staying is not the safe haven they imagine - one guest has already been murdered. It soon emerges that the dead man was holding the Hugh Chalice, a Lincoln relic with a curiously bloody history. Bartholomew and Michael are soon drawn into a web of murder, lies and suspicion in a city where neither knows who can be trusted. **HC \$49.95**

Martha Grimes

The Old Silent (Richard Jury)

Superintendent Richard Jury and his old friend Melrose Plant investigate the death of Roger Healy at the Old Silent Inn, an investigation hampered by the silence of the dead man's wife. **APB \$19.95**

Belle Ruin

Discovering the crumbling remains of a once-fabulous hotel in the woods near her small home town, twelve-year-old cub reporter Emma Graham stumbles upon clues pertaining to a forty-year-old unsolved crime involving deeply buried family secrets. **TP \$28.95**

Parnell Hall

Stalking the Puzzle Lady (Puzzle Lady Mystery)

Puzzle Lady Cora Felton is confronted by a stalker who is using her own crossword column to follow her every move, a situation complicated by her niece Sherry's domestic crisis involving her ex-husband and new bride, as she races against time to unmask a killer. **APB \$17.95**

Pete Hamill

The Guns of Heaven

In exchange for an exclusive interview with an Ulster rebel, Sam Briscoe, a reporter from New York, agrees to take a small package back to the United States, unaware that it will involve him in kidnapping and murder. **APB \$17.95**

Steve Hamilton

A Stolen Season (Alex McKnight)

While enjoying the July 4th fireworks on the edge of Lake Superior on Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Alex McKnight and his former partner come to the aid of three men caught in the wreck of an antique wooden boat, a rescue that draws Alex into a deadly confrontation with gun smugglers, drug dealers, betrayal, and a dark secret from his own past. **HC \$47.95**

June Hampson

Trust Nobody

It is 1962 and Daisy Lane, whose husband Kenny is in jail for robbery, runs the family's cafe in Gosport with Kenny's older brother Eddie. Daisy looks out for pretty 16-year-old Suze, raped by her stepdad, terrified of sex and a magnet for predatory men. Also sharing the house is Daisy's friend Vera, a prostitute who boards with her cat Kibbles, a male she can always rely on - not that Vera is anyone's fool. The three women share a strong, mutually protective bond. The Lane brothers were both abused by their father, but Eddie took the brunt of the beatings. He has grown into a handsome, resourceful villain with a streak of viciousness that leads him to commit acts of terrifying violence to get his way - and his way includes organised prostitution and protection rackets. Daisy prefers not to know the details of Eddie's 'business' dealings. But hard man Eddie has an Achilles heel - Daisy. He loves his brother Kenny but he worships his brother's wife. She resists him. In jail, Kenny becomes the victim of a sadistic homosexual. His psyche begins to crack and he takes it out on Daisy when she visits. Inevitably this drives her towards Eddie's open arms. Then Eddie overreaches and pulls a racket too far, venturing on the patch of a villain who is even harder and more territorial than he is ... **TP \$29.95**

Lee Harris

The Cinco de Mayo Murder (Christine Bennett Mystery)

During a sightseeing trip to Arizona, Christine Bennett is reunited with the mother of a former high-school classmate, Heinz Gruner, who had died while hiking Picacho Peak twenty years earlier, only to discover that, despite police claims that the death had been an accident, his mother firmly believes that the young man had been murdered and asks Christine to investigate. **APB \$17.95**

Rita Herron

Last Kiss Goodbye

The last thing Ivy Stanton remembers about her mother's death is kissing her good-bye. Twenty years later, she is having panic attacks and returns to the town to find out the truth about her parents' murder.

Finally released from prison, embittered Matt Mahoney returns to the small town of Kudzu Hollow to chase down old ghosts and find the man who framed him for the Stanton murders. But the town doesn't want him or Ivy digging up old secrets, and soon they find themselves working together to uncover the past. Meanwhile, a series of violent crimes committed by teenagers rock the town, an odd occurrence that happens every time heavy rains hit the Appalachian area. Rumors of witchcraft and voodoo add to the seedy atmosphere of the town.

As they race to discover the truth, the heat between Ivy and Matt intensifies, their bond growing. Can Matt, the teenage boy who saved Ivy, the man falsely imprisoned for her parents' murder, the man who haunts her dreams and her passion with taunting kisses and hopes for another life, forget the bitter vengeance that drives him long enough to give into forbidden desires? **APB \$14.95**

Taylor Holden

The Sense of Paper

A journalist haunted by her wartime experiences, Charlie seeks refuge from her pain by researching the history of paper and of famed artist J. M. W. Turner, a quest that leads her to Sir Alan Maheson, a renowned scholar of the artist with whom she falls in love, but she soon discovers that her lover possesses his own troubled past. **TP \$28.95**

David Hosp*Dark Harbour*

The disembowelled body of a young woman is fished out of Boston harbour. The distinctive mutilations to the corpse bear all the hallmarks of the killer they call Little Jack.

But unlike the six previous victims, Natalie Caldwell was no prostitute. She was a once-beautiful, ambitious and highflying lawyer. As the last person to have seen her alive, Scott Finn, her colleague and ex-lover, comes under intense scrutiny in the ongoing police investigation.

With Natalie's death, Finn also inherits the high-profile assignment she was working on. The case, involving a terrorist train bombing, could clinch his career. But the more Finn uncovers about Tannery vs Huron Security, the murkier it all appears. And, as revelation follows revelation, Finn begins to harbour a dark suspicion. Was Natalie the random victim of a deranged psychopath? Or could the case she was working on have some connection with her death? Meanwhile, the city is being terrorised by a vicious serial killer. And Finn begins to fear for his own survival.

APB \$19.95

Gregg Hurwitz*Troubleshooter*

Doggedly pursuing the leader of a violent biker gang who has caused the deaths of several fellow U.S. marshals, warrant squad member Tim Rackley makes a difficult choice that ends in an attack on his pregnant wife, an event that causes Tim to pursue justice in a dark underworld. By the author of *The Program* **APB \$19.95**

Last Shot

Assigned to track down a dishonored recon marine who escaped from an island penitentiary after causing the death of a murderous fellow inmate, Deputy U.S. Marshal Tim Rackley investigates the underworld of a large pharmaceutical company and finds himself questioning the circumstances under which his target was convicted. **HC \$51.95**

Charlie Huston*A Dangerous Man*

Reluctant hitman Henry Thompson returns to New York City, the scene of his original mishaps, when he takes an assignment as the new bodyguard for rising baseball star Miguel Arenas, a mission that is complicated by a threat against his parents' lives, a threat that forces Henry to make a desperate and final choice. By the author of *Caught Stealing* and *Six Bad Things*. **TP \$26.95**

Arnaldur Indridason*Voices (Reykjavik)*

Detective Erlendur encounters memories of his troubled past in this award-winning continuation of the Reykjavik Murder Mysteries.

In a grand Reykjavik hotel, the doorman has been stabbed in the dingy basement room he called home. The manager tries to keep the murder under wraps. A somewhat glum detective taking up residence in his hotel and the intrusion of a murder investigation are not what he had in mind.

Malice, greed, and shades of corruption reveal themselves as Erlendur quietly surveys the cast of grotesques who populate the hotel. But most shocking is the childhood secret of the dead man: a brush with stardom which ultimately cost him everything. **TP \$32.95**

Jonnie Jacobs*The Only Suspect*

When Dr. Sam Russell finds himself the only suspect in the murder of his wife, it will take the investigative skills of Hannah Montgomery to figure out if he is a monster who killed his wife, or if there is something much more sinister going on. **APB \$17.95**

J A Jance*Long Time Gone*

Investigating a long-unsolved murder when a nun witness uncovers blocked memories, Special Homicide Investigation Team member J. P. Beaumont infiltrates a band of powerful conspirators who will go to any lengths to hide the truth, in a case that is complicated when his former partner is charged with murder. **APB \$22.95**

Merry Jones*The Nanny Murders*

Raising her young daughter in the Philadelphia neighborhood of Queen Village, young single mother Zoe Hayes comes face to face with the horrors of murder when young nannies begin to vanish, one by one, from the neighborhood, and is drawn into the case thanks to her daughter's gruesome discovery and an unexpected relationship with investigator Nick Stiles. **APB \$17.95**

Christian Jungerson*The Exception*

Four women work at the Danish Centre for Genocide Studies. When two of them start receiving death threats, they suspect they are being stalked by Mirko Zigic, a Bosnian torturer and war criminal. But perhaps he is not the person behind the threats - it could be someone in their very midst. Much of the drama created revolves not only around the scary sense of a killer prowling in the shadows but also around the manipulative games being played between the women in the office as they come under pressure and turn on each other. The irony is that these betrayals and persecutions are taking place amongst professionals who daily analyse cases of appalling cruelty. Now and again, the narrative is broken with extracts from 'articles' dealing with crimes against humanity and the psychology of evil. Whilst the women apply this to their work with genocide (and the killer), there are parallels to their own behaviour. It's a pacy read - a real page-turner that resonates with deeper questions. One reader said 'This is one of the most intelligently, beautifully constructed novels I have ever read'. **TP \$32.95**

Mari Jungstedt*Unseen*

In the midst of preparing for the midsummer tourist season, the island of Gotland is rocked by the brutal killings of a young woman and her dog, a crime that becomes only the first as a serial killer terrorizes tourists and locals alike and brings Inspector Anders Knutas into an alliance with journalist Johan Berg to find the murderer before more women die. **HC \$49.95**

Sharon Kahn*Out of the Frying Pan, Into the Choir (Ruby, The Rabbi's Wife Mystery)*

Polarized by a failed fund-raising attempt, the members of Temple Rita choir are dismayed by the untimely death of a star soprano whose demise is subsequently linked to a poisoning by one of her fellow singers, one of whom takes it upon herself to identify a killer during a haphazard train trip. **HC \$49.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*BAD Attitude*

BAD agent Sydney Westbrook must find the perfect assassin for a risky counter-terrorism mission. J.D. Steele, a military sniper whose attitude problem landed him in prison, seems a good candidate. But as they're dragged into a secret world of freelance killers, Sydney begins to discover the man of honor and passion beneath Steele's arrogant façade. It's a man even Steele didn't know he could be -- and a man whose mission will risk the life of the only woman he's ever loved.... **APB \$14.95**

Jack Kerley*The Broken Souls (Carson Ryder)*

It looked like an abattoir when they found the mutilated body of the young journalist inside her car. And if Carson Ryder and his partner had known what they were getting into, they would never have taken the case. Too late, what looks like the work of a lone madman spreads tentacles that wrap themselves round all sorts of strange areas. And it's not long before attention focuses on the city's most unlikely suspects: the wealthy family whose philanthropy has made them famous and influential. For behind every fortune, there is a crime. And behind their money and smiles is a family divided by hatred, a family whose strange and horrific past is about to engulf everyone around them -- including Ryder... **TP \$32.99**

Jonathan King*Eye of Vengeance*

When a convicted murderer is dramatically gunned down with a single bullet to the head, journalist Nick Mullins is quickly dispatched by his newspaper to cover the story. A veteran crime reporter, Nick is no stranger to scenes of violence and loss, but a coincidence immediately draws him into the investigation - the victim was a featured subject in one of his earlier news stories. Nick himself is still struggling with the aftermath of another crime: a car accident caused by a drunk driver that took the lives of his wife and one of their two daughters. Now, with a nine-year-old to raise, Nick is trying to balance single-fatherhood with a career that daily puts him into the dark corners of death and justice. But this new shooting soon leads to another discovery. Researching his past stories, Nick finds that just months earlier, a man he exposed for killing his own wife was murdered in his car. The MO - a single gunshot to the head. And when a third man Nick wrote about is murdered in the same way, it becomes clear that a serial sniper is on the loose ... and he has his eye on Nick. With everything on the line - his family, his career, and his own life - Nick must figure out who is next in the cross-hairs before it's too late. **TP \$29.95**

Kate Kingsbury*An Unmentionable Murder (Manor House Mystery)*

As Major Earl Monroe flies over Germany and occupied France, Elizabeth Hartleigh Compton, working to track down Martin, the elderly butler, and several pairs of ladies' undergarments, must convince the police that foul-tempered Clyde Morgan's death was not suicide, but murder. **APB \$17.95**

Andrew Klavan*Damnation Street*

Endeavoring to safeguard an angel-faced prostitute who fled after being tortured by psychopathic killer John Foy, private detective Scott Weiss conducts a search through a small town and a dangerous wilderness while struggling to outmaneuver Foy's equally determined effort to re-capture the terror-stricken woman. By the author of *Don't Say a Word*. **HC \$49.95**

Thomas Lakeman*The Shadow Catchers*

Suspended from his job when his latest case, a child kidnapping, ends tragically, FBI Special Agent Mike Yeager seeks refuge in the mountains of Nevada, unaware that he is entering the orbit of a ruthless killer who has already killed one child and kidnapped another. A first novel. **HC \$49.95**

John J Lamb*The Mournful Teddy (Bear Collector's Mystery)*

When retired cop Brad Lyon finds a dead body during the Shenandoah Valley Teddy Extravaganza, he discovers that the victim was linked to the Mourning Bear, a \$150,000 bear created to commemorate the sinking of the Titanic, and that the local cops do not want his help. **APB \$17.95**

Sarah Langan*Keeper*

Two sisters. One town. Terrible secrets. Susan; beautiful, disturbed and living in squalor, she wanders around the town, mute and accusing, an object of lust, fear and derision, the town witch, the town's guilty secret. Liz; years younger than Susan, in her last year of high school, worried about her looks, her weight, how popular she is, whether she will ever escape from Bedford and above all why her sister hates her so much. You see, she can't stop dreaming about Susan, vividly, horrifically. Dreams in which Susan tries to kill her, dreams from which she awakes strangely bruised. It turns out that everyone in Bedford dreams about Susan Marley. And when she dies, betrayed by life one final petty time, a hail of destruction is unleashed on the town of Bedford that is more terrifying than any dream. **TP \$32.95**

Danny Leigh*The Monsters of Gramercy Park*

Determined to revive her ailing career, celebrated crime novelist Lizbeth Greene comes up with a plan to write a book about Wilson Velez, a gang lord just removed from five years of solitary confinement, only to find herself drawn into the killer's sinister world as they engage in increasingly intimate and more dangerous exchanges. **TP \$30.95**

John Lescroart*The Vig*

Ex-cop, part-time investigator, and sometime bartender Dismas Hardy returns to face a death threat as he investigates the bloody disappearance of his friend Rusty Ingraham, an investigation that exposes foot-dragging police, corruption, and an enforcer named Johnny LaGuardia. **APB \$19.95**

Julie Leto*Dirty Little Lies*

While attending a society masquerade ball, Marisela Morales comes face to face with her former lover Frankie Vega, a colleague at Titan International Investigations, but their reunion is cut short by a mysterious female assassin targeting a popular senator. **APB \$17.95**

Simon Levack*The Shadow of the Lords*

In the sequel to *Demon of the Air*, Yaotl, the Chief Minister's slave, is on the run from his vengeful master, the powerful Lord Feathered-in Black, as he searches for his missing son, but his quest is complicated by his discovery of a dismembered corpse and of a conspiracy among members of the ancient, secretive society of feather workers, in a mystery set in sixteenth-century Aztec Mexico. **HC \$49.95**

Paul Levine*Kill All the Lawyers (Solomon vs Lord)*

The offbeat South Florida law firm of Solomon and Lord faces an all new challenge as the unlikely partners confront a former client who wants Steve Solomon dead, a radio campaign against them, a celebrity shrink who wants to be Steve's new best friend, and a killer on the loose.

APB \$17.95

Eric Van Lustbader*The Testament*

After his father's death in a mysterious explosion, Braverman "Bravo" Shaw discovers that the late Dexter Shaw had been a high-ranking member of the Order of Gnostic Observatines, a secret sect tasked with preserving an ancient cache of documents that could reshape all of Christianity and has become the target of the Knights of St. Clement, who will stop at nothing to obtain the treasure. **HC \$51.95**

Pierre Magnan*The Messengers of Death*

Emile Pecenat is in a cemetery, designing his own ornate tomb. In a disused postbox by the gate he discovers an envelope addressed to a Mlle Vâ€ronique Champourcieux. He is puzzled but, being a former postman, he dutifully purchases a stamp and posts the letter.

When the body of this same Mlle Vâ€ronique is later discovered - pinned to her own piano by a bayonet attached to an ancient rifle - Commissaire Laviolette is coaxed out of retirement to solve one of the most bizarre crimes imaginable.

Tautly plotted and brimming with suspense, Magnan's latest novel to be translated into English is a story of dark vengeance and avarice, linking the peasant community of Upper Provence to nineteenth-century South Africa. It will thrill and intrigue M. Magnan's ever-growing following in the English-speaking world. **TP \$32.95**

Sujata Massey*The Typhoon Lover*

Interviewing for a mysterious job opportunity, antiques dealer Rei Shimura undertakes the task of finding and authenticating an ancient Middle Eastern pitcher that has disappeared from Iraq's national museum, an endeavor that is complicated by a passionate Japanese collector and a typhoon. By the author of *The Pearl Diver*. **TP \$28.95**

Girl in A Box

Taking a freelance assignment from a Washington, D.C., alphabet agency with possible ties to the CIA, Japanese-American investigator Rei Shimura goes undercover as a clerk in a big Tokyo department store to unmask a killer, a case that is complicated by the unwanted advances of store executives and her own enthusiasm for shopping. By the author of *The Typhoon Lover*. **HC \$49.95**

Francine Mathews*The Alibi Club*

Four very different women, brought together by chance, race against time to help smuggle a brilliant scientist and his dangerous secrets away from Nazi control, in a thriller based on a little-known episode of World War II. **HC \$49.95**

Ed McBain *Editor**Transgressions*

The first of two novellas from the collection of previously unpublished works includes pieces by two of today's top writers and features Lawrence Sanders' *Keller's Adjustment*, in which the popular assassin sets out to reexamine his life in the wake of September 11, and *Forever*, by Jeffery Deaver, in which police statistician Talbot Simms begins to smell a rat when wealthy county residents begin killing themselves. **APB \$19.95**

Dinah McCall*The Survivors*

After a plane goes down in the Appalachians, Deborah Sanborn, using her telepathic abilities, joins the rescue team led by Mike O'Ryan, who is skeptical of her visions, to help find a missing five-year-old boy who, she believes, is caught in the grip of a desperate killer **PB \$19.95**

S K McClafferty*Nothing to Lose*

Deke McCall, an undercover cop haunted by the unsolved murders of his family members, must rely on the help of a beautiful journalist named Anna, who is the only woman who can save him from himself, when the same serial killer strikes again. **APB \$15.95**

LuAnn McLane*Dark Roots and Cowboy Boots*

When Parker Carrington, a gorgeous Hollywood producer, comes to Hootertown, Kentucky, beautician Jamie Lee Carter's dating dry spell is finally over, especially when she unexpectedly finds herself torn between two men after her brother's best friend throws his cowboy hat into the ring.

APB \$17.95

Catriona McPherson*The Burry Man's Day*

The festivities at the annual Ferry Fair in 1923 are thrown into turmoil when the ubiquitous Burry Man, a pagan-dressed, whiskey-nipping character who routinely offends the stricter members of the community, from the minister to the temperance pamphleteer, falls dead from poisoning while handing out prizes. **HC \$52.95**

Leslie Meier*Back to School Murder (Lucy Stone Mystery)*

Struggling with her job, night classes, and the responsibilities of single parenthood, sometime sleuth Lucy Stone investigates the bombing of the local elementary school, which has resulted in a death and the implication of a teacher. **APB \$15.95**

Brad Meltzer*The Book of Fate*

When Ron Boyle, the supposed victim of an assassination, is spotted alive and well in Asia eight years after his purported death, former presidential aide Wes Holloway, permanently disfigured in the same attack, stumbles into the heart of a baffling conspiracy involving Masonic history, an enigmatic code invented by Thomas Jefferson, and the Book of Fate, a repository for disturbing secrets. **HC \$52.95**

John Ramsey Miller

Too Far Gone

FBI Special Agent Alexa Keen, an agent with a talent for finding the victims of abduction before it is too late, joins forces with Casey LePointe West, an heiress to one of America's largest fortunes, to find Casey's missing husband, following a trail from an insane asylum and old family secrets to the dark bayous of Louisiana, while hurricane Katrina sets its sights on the Crescent City. **APB \$17.95**

Kyle Mills

Second Horseman

Brandon Vale is a career thief. He's never been caught, never plans to be. Of course, there's the problem of his serving out a prison term for a robbery gone bad - one that he didn't commit. One night, he's broken out of prison against his will by Richard Scanlon, the former FBI agent who framed him. Scanlon, who still has ties to U.S. intelligence, has discovered that a Ukrainian crime organization is auctioning 12 nuclear warheads to the highest bidder, but he can't convince the government that the sale isn't a hoax. The only way he can get his hands on the money is to arrange for Brandon to steal the \$250 million necessary to take the warheads off the market. Not that Brandon has much choice in the matter - it's either do it or go back to jail with the added years of a failed 'escape' tacked on to his sentence - he decides to get the cash by pulling off the heist he had been planning when he and Scanlon first met: hijacking the trucks that drive the casinos' cash out of Las Vegas. As the day of the warhead sale approaches, their carefully constructed plan begins to break down, and Brandon starts to suspect that the deal has even higher stakes than he had imagined. **HC \$51.95 TP \$32.95**

Denise Mina

The Dead Hour

'A blonde woman with a poodle perm standing in the doorway of the elegant villa with blood dripping from her chin. There was a story. No doubt about it'.

Paddy Meehan, Glasgow's aspiring journalist is back on the beat, trawling the streets of Glasgow for a story - something to prove she can write; that she's better at her job than all her male colleagues; anything that will get her off the terrible night shift that is slowly turning her brains to mush and her insane.

And then she meets the woman with the poodle perm at the door of a wealthy suburb in the north of the city. It's just a domestic dispute, Paddy's told, although her instincts are raised when she's slipped a £50 note to keep the story out of the papers. By the next morning the woman is dead; she's been tortured first, beaten, and left to die. Paddy has found her story, but she's still got the £50; and with her father and brothers unemployed, and her upright Roman Catholic family perilously short of money, this could solve a lot of problems.

A day later, Paddy sees a body being pulled from the river. Another death, she's told; it's nothing to do with you; go home. But when Paddy talks to the wife of the dead man, she finds that the relationship between him and the murdered woman was rather closer than the police had imagined.

Why have these people died? What were they trying to hide? And could this be the break Paddy's been waiting for? What follows is a deeply personal journey into the dark heart of a brutal economic recession, and the brutal bud of the drugs trade in the 1980s. **TP \$32.95**

Phillipa Morgan

Chaucer and the Doctor of Physic

Sent by Edward III to the Devon seaport of Dartmouth where he has been ordered to solve the theft of a Genoese ship's cargo, poet and diplomat Geoffrey Chaucer and his companions find lodging in the waterside home of a wealthy doctor and encounter dangerous local hostilities. **HC \$51.95**

Walter Mosley

Cinnamon Kiss (Easy Rawlins)

Facing unprecedented financial troubles when his daughter requires a medical treatment, Easy Rawlins takes a job tracking down a missing attorney and legal assistant, but when the assignment proves more complicated than anticipated, Easy wonders about the integrity of his employer. By the author of Little Scarlett. **APB \$18.95**

Fear of the Dark

The arrival of his lowlife cousin, Ulysses S. "Useless" Grant, spells trouble for Paris Minton, who discovers that his wayward relative has become involved in a high-stakes blackmail scheme, and his friend, Fearless Jones, as they become embroiled in a bizarre case involving mysterious women, desperate blackmail victims, cheating business partners, and murder. **HC \$52.95**

Tara Moss Australia

Hit (Makedde Vanderwall)

She's street-smart, stunning and hoping to leave her troubled past behind her – Mak is back in the new bestseller from the author of *Covet* Makedde 'Mak' Vanderwall has her PhD and has started a new life in Australia with her detective boyfriend, Andy Flynn. To scrape together extra cash to start her first forensic psychology practice, Mak begins working part-time for an infamous Sydney PI. With a knack for investigation and bending the law, she might just have stumbled across her true calling and the career choice that could finally bust up her relationship once and for all. Then Mak is hired by a mysterious client to investigate the murder of –list PA Meaghan Wallace. The police believe it's an open and shut case: a junkie street-kid is guilty. But the case turns out to be a lot more complicated as Mak uncovers a dangerous web of cover-ups, killers for hire, the powerful and debauched rich, and Australia's sleazy underbelly. If the boy didn't kill Meaghan, then who set him up? And how far will they go to keep their guilt a secret? **TP \$32.99**

Covet (Makedde Vanderwall)

Makedde Vanderwall is back - and trouble's not far behind... Eighteen months after her ordeal at the hands of the sadistic 'Stiletto Murderer', fashion model and forensic psychology student Makedde Vanderwall must confront her demons when she returns to Sydney for the trial. But just as the verdict is handed down, the unthinkable happens - the killer makes a daring escape, aided and abetted by a twisted accomplice whom no one suspected. Mak is terrified, and her ex-boyfriend, Detective Andy Flynn, who has a bad habit of employing more madness than method in his work, isn't helping. She decides to leave the country, but the Press dogs her every move, hindering her safe passage and unknowingly helping the Stiletto Murderer, who's busy rekindling an old fetish - her. Where can she run? Whom can she trust? And have she and the police underestimated Australia's most notorious serial killer yet again? Sharper than a Manolo six-inch heel, sexier than a Versace fashion show, and riskier than all seven deadly sins, *Covet* will set your pulse racing. **APB \$18.95**

Tim Myers

A Pour Way to Die (Soapmaking Mystery)

Benjamin Perkins finds himself in a very slippery situation when the jeweler next door who, claiming that he won the land on which the Perkins family's soap boutique stands in a poker game years ago, is found dead clutching a bar of handmade soap in his hand. **APB \$17.95**

Magdalen Nabb

The Innocent

It is spring in Florence and everyone around Marshal Guarnaccia seems to be in love, even his own son. The case he is working on, the murder of a young woman, seems to present no particular problems. No distressed parents, no political or influential connections, no pressure from the media. The investigation takes him only a few steps from home, to the Boboli gardens and to the artisans' quarter - where he knows everybody and everybody knows him. The locals also trust him - until he seems to be accusing one of them...

Then everything changes. A second death follows and Guarnaccia is convinced that it is his fault. The case becomes one of the most distressing he's ever had to handle. Burdened with guilt, he finds it impossible to trust his own instincts any more... But he has to learn to do so before he can get at the truth... **APB \$21.95**

Jo Nesbo

The Devil's Star

A young woman is murdered in her Oslo flat. One finger has been severed from her left hand, and behind her eyelid is secreted a tiny red diamond in the shape of a five-pointed star - a pentagram, the devil's star.

Detective Harry Hole is assigned to the case with his long-time adversary Tom Waaler and initially wants no part in it. But Harry is already on notice to quit the force and is left with little alternative but to drag himself out of his alcoholic stupor and get to work.

A wave of similar murders is on the horizon. An emerging pattern suggests that Oslo has a serial killer on its hands, and the five-pointed devil's star is key to solving the riddle. **BPB \$23.95**

The Redbreast

In 1944, Daniel, a soldier legendary among the Norwegians fighting the advance of Bolshevism on the Russian front, is killed. Two years later, a wounded soldier wakes in a Vienna hospital. He becomes involved with a young nurse, the consequences of which will ripple forward to the end of the century.

1999: Harry Hole, working alone having caused an embarrassment in the line of duty, has been promoted to inspector and is lumbered with surveillance duties. He is assigned the task of monitoring neo-Nazi activities; fairly mundane until a report of a rare and unusual gun being fired sparks his interest. Ellen Gjelten, his partner, from his police officer days makes a startling discovery. Then a former soldier is found with his throat cut. In a quest which takes him to South Africa and Vienna, Harry finds himself perpetually one step behind the killer. He will be both winner and loser by the novel's nail-biting conclusion.

THE REDBREAST, won the Glass Key for best Nordic crime novel when it was published in Norway, and was subsequently voted Norway's best crime novel. THE DEVIL'S STAR, Nesbo's first novel featuring Harry Hole to be translated into English, marked Nesbo as a voice to watch in the ever-more fashionable world of Nordic crime. **TP \$32.95**

Brenda Novak

Dead Silence

There's a body buried behind a Mississippi farmhouse...

And Grace Montgomery knows who it is, and why it happened. She was only thirteen the night it all went wrong. Now, as then, she has no choice but to keep her mouth shut.

Grace left Stillwater years ago—trying to forget, trying to make good. As an assistant D.A. she's finally achieved the success that was supposed to change her life. But it hasn't, so she's come back to confront her own history and face the people of Stillwater, a number of whom suspect the truth...

Widower Kennedy Archer is one of them. He's running for mayor and needs to stay as far away from Grace as possible, yet she's an enigma he finds hard to resist.

Will the truth ever be revealed? **APB \$14.95**

Andrew Nugent

The Four Courts Murder

A superbly entertaining and suspenseful debut crime novel from Irish Benedictine Monk Andrew Nugent. When a Dublin High Court judge is found dead slumped in his chair, his neck snapped by a well aimed kick many would say he got what he deserved. But Inspector Denis Lennon and Sergeant Molly Power soon unearth a far more dangerous and complex case than simple revenge. There's the handsome, fairhaired young man whose flights of fancy and secret liaisons lead them down many a dark alleyway; the judge with an unusual but lucrative hobby; the strange connection with a rural community; the goodlooking TaeKwando teacher. Elegant, charming and clever, Andrew Nugent deflates the pomposity of the law, the police force, and Irish rural mythology in a novel as ingenious as it is witty and compelling. **TP \$32.95**

Karen E Olson

Sacred Cows

Covering the murder of a Yale student who worked evenings as a high-priced escort, police reporter Annie Seymour finds her investigation into the murder compromised by her stonewalling cop boyfriend, an incompetent cub reporter, and a far-reaching network of corruption. **APB \$17.95**

James Patterson

Mary, Mary (Alex Cross 11)

Somebody is murdering Hollywood's A list. FBI agent Alex Cross is on vacation in Disneyland when he gets the call. A wellknown actress has been shot outside her home in Beverly Hills. Shortly afterwards, an editor for the Los Angeles Times receives an email recounting the murder in shocking detail, signed Mary Smith. Her calling card. More killings follow, with emails immediately after. Mary Smith is targeting Hollywood stars and powerbrokers, and she is getting better every time. Right from the beginning, this case is like nothing Alex has ever confronted. People make enemies easily in Hollywood. Is this the plan of an obsessed fan or a spurned actor, or is it part of something much more terrifying? **APB \$19.95**

Hide and Seek

Maggie Bradford is on trial for murder - in the celebrity trial of the decade. As one of the world's best-loved singer-songwriters, she seems to have it all. So how could she have murdered not just one, but two of her husbands? Written by the author of "Along Came a Spider" and "Cat and Mouse", this is a novel of terror and suspense. **APB \$19.99**

Black Market

At 5.05 pm Wall Street would be destroyed. A multiple firebombing - orchestrated by a secret militia group - would wipe out the financial heart of America. And Federal agent Archer Carroll and Wall Street lawyer Caitlin Dillon are pitched into a race against time. This is a novel of high finance, international terrorism and suspense. **APB \$19.99**

James Patterson*The Midnight Club*

Nobody knows the underbelly of the city like New York cop John Stefanovitch. He's out to get Alexandre St-Germain, the most powerful member of the Midnight Club – a secret international society of ruthless crime czars, all of whom are 'respectable' businessmen. And Stef's the ideal man for the job – until he's levelled by a blast from St-Germain's shotgun and left for dead.

Now, Stef is back, wheelchair-bound, yet sworn to destroy St-Germain. With the help of a beautiful journalist and a Harlem cop, Stef is determined to crack the Midnight Club. And he's up against odds that are as unknown as they are deadly... **APB \$19.99**

George Pelecanos*The Night Gardener*

They never found the killer. All they knew, back in the winter of 1985, was that someone was taking teenagers, killing them and leaving their abused bodies in public parks. Three victims in all, with no link between them except a oddity of their names. They read the same back-to-front - Otto, Ava and lastly Eve. A lot has happened in the twenty years since. Detectives Gus Ramone and Dan Holiday - two of the leads on the case - have pursued very different paths. Gus has climbed to the heights of Detective Sergeant and built himself a reputation as a very good cop, whilst Dan has been drummed out of the force - his sleaze finally getting too much for his superiors. However, their paths are about to cross again. A boy named Asa - a close friend of Gus's teenage son - has been found in the public park, his skull shattered by gunfire. Now it seems that both men are once again in the path of this disturbed serial killer. The Night Gardener is George Pelecanos's stunning new crime thriller - the story of two very different men united by the maliciousness of a deadly attacker. **TP \$32.95**

Don Pendleton*Aftershock (Executioner 333)*

While in Turkey to recover stolen medical and relief supplies before they are sold on the black market, Mack Bolan finds his mission compromised by a massive earthquake that plunges him in the middle of a war between two savage paramilitary groups. **APB \$13.95**

Sensor Sweep (Stony Man 84)

When four freighters, carrying missiles and a deadly chemical agent, fall under attack, threatening the lives of millions, the Stony Man team, using speed, skill, and intelligence, is sent in to stop the threat. **APB \$16.95**

Susan Elizabeth Phillips*Match Me If You Can*

A sequel to This Heart of Mine finds Annabelle Granger endeavoring to promote her grandmother's matchmaking business by landing sports agent Heath Champion as a client, an effort that is challenged by Heath's arrogant nature and Annabelle's own unexpected feelings. **APB \$19.95**

Jo-Ann Power*Missing Member (Me and Mr Jones Mystery)*

A former Miss Texas-turned-congresswoman, Carly Wagner finds her political career in jeopardy when she stumbles upon the body of her party's second most powerful man dead in her office chair, and joins forces with an unlikely ally, the enigmatic--and gorgeous--Mr. Jones, to solve the case, in the first of an entertaining new mystery series. **HC \$49.95**

Ian Rankin*The Flood*

Mary Miller had always been an outcast. As a young girl she had fallen into the hot burn - a torrent of warm chemical run-off from the local coal mine. Fished out white-haired and half-dead, sympathy for her quickly faded when the young man who pushed her in died in a mining accident just two days later. From then on she was regarded with a mixture of suspicion and fascination by her God-fearing community. Now, years later she is hardly less alone. She is the mother of a bastard son, Sandy, and caught up in a faltering affair with a local teacher. Sandy, meanwhile, has fallen in love with a strange homeless girl. The search for happiness isn't easy. Both mother and son must face a dark secret from their past, in the growing knowledge that their small dramas are being played out against a much larger canvas, glimpsed only in symbols and flickering images - of decay and regrowth, of fire and water - of the flood. The Flood is both a coming-of-age novel and an amazing portrait of a time and place. **APB \$19.95**

H Jay Riker*Ohio Class (Silent Service)*

As a sinister enemy prepares to launch a strike against the United States, the U.S. Navy converts a ballistic nuclear missile submarine into the ultimate weapon against terrorism, and the crew of the U.S.S. Ohio embarks on its first mission. **APB \$19.95**

W L Ripley*Pressing the Bet (Cole Springer Mystery)*

Bored, with too much time and money on his hands, former Secret Service agent Cole Springer goes back into action when an L.A. grifter, "Spider" John Dupree, comes up with a dangerous plan--with the assistance of a Denver mob soldier--to relieve Springer of his money. By the author of Springer's Gambit. **HC \$49.95**

Karen Robards*Vanished*

Seven years ago, five-year-old Lexie Mason vanished and her mother Sarah was left to pick up the pieces of her shattered life. Then one hot August night Sarah picks up the telephone to hear a child's terrified voice whispering, 'Mommy, help, come and get me...' The call is cut off, but not before Sarah's heart soars. The voice belongs to Lexie. Sarah goes to the police, the FBI, friends and her coworkers at the Beaufort County, South Carolina Prosecutor's Office, but none of them can help. Desperate, she turns to Jake Hogan, her closest friend in the world, the man who has stood by her throughout the long years of searching. Jake is now a private investigator and though he is sceptical convinced that someone is deliberately tormenting the grief-stricken mother the attraction he feels for Sara makes him join her search. Lexie may still be alive and they may be able to rescue her. **TP \$32.95**

Harold Robbins & Junius Podrug*The Devil to Pay*

Framed for arson and murder, struggling Seattle businesswoman Nash Novak is in desperate need of funds to pay for her defense and the only way to get it is to run the coffee plantation she has inherited, an estate deep in the heart of Colombia's drug-ridden jungles, and take a trip to Shanghai, home of the powerful Chinese triads. **HC \$52.95**

Nancy Taylor Rosenberg

Sullivan's Evidence

In New York Times bestselling author Nancy Taylor Rosenberg's riveting novels, Sullivan's Law and Sullivan's Justice, gutsy probation officer Carolyn Sullivan proved she's a heroine readers can root for—a single mom intent on serving justice even as she tries to hold her personal life together. Carolyn's pursuing a twisted killer in a case that will defy logic, evidence, and Carolyn's own street smarts, pitting her against a man who may be the most dangerous she's ever known . . .

Ten years ago, Carolyn Sullivan recommended a forty-four year sentence for vicious murderer and serial rapist Carl Holden. Cold, shrewd, cunning, and without remorse, Holden was the kind of criminal the death penalty was made for, and the forensic evidence had him nailed—or so everyone thought. But when the evidence is discredited, Holden is a free man again, and Carolyn is his assigned probation officer.

To the state, Holden is a man who has served his time. **TP \$29.95**

Sean Rowe

Fever

Set up by his unscrupulous stepbrother in a freighter sinking, cruise line security chief and former FBI agent Matt Shannon learns of his stepbrother's plot to acquire an enormous sum of money in a hijacking scheme that will cost several lives. **APB \$18.95**

Sheldon Rusch

The Boy With the Perfect Hands

A new series of bizarre and baffling crimes, linked by the nocturnes of one of the world's greatest composers, leads Special Agent Elizabeth Taylor Hewitt into a deadly pursuit of a psychopath haunted by his own visions of beauty, music, and death. **HC \$49.95**

Chris Ryan

Blackout

Blackout - three cities all lose power. No-one claims responsibility. Fears of a terrorist strike are imminent.

Josh Harding is a tough SAS soldier. Yet his disregard for authority has landed him a secondment to MI6's anti-terrorism unit. In the wake of the mysterious 'Three Cities' attacks, Josh finds himself on the way to the USA, on the trail of a pair of intrepid young hackers who are out to try and make themselves a fortune, and who are in grave danger from those who would kill for the secrets they have managed to uncover - how to control the power of the Western world.

But soon Josh finds himself waking up in a ditch bloody and wounded, and with no memory of who he is, how he got there, or how he got hurt.

Yet one thing is for certain - Josh is in danger.

Stranded in the Wild West, Josh must rely on his instincts as a soldier and on the kindness of a beautiful stranger in order to escape those who appear intent on tracking him down and killing him - all for a secret he can't remember.

His determination to discover who he is, and what he was doing there, leads him into an explosive web of corporate blackmail, deceit and greed - where the stakes are high and where no-one can be trusted. **APB \$19.95**

Ultimate Weapon

Three people. Three stories. And a desperate race for survival in a country in the midst of war.

Nick Scott fought in the SAS during the first Gulf War. Captured and tortured, he was left a broken man. His daughter Sarah Scott is a beautiful young scientist who has cracked one of the scientific secrets of the age. Now, she has vanished. Her lover Jed Bradley is one of the SAS's toughest young agents, dropped behind enemy lines in the build up to the Iraq War to find the truth about Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. Caught up in a global power play, Nick and Jed must fight their way through a war-ravaged Iraq as the regime of Saddam Hussein collapses around them. It is a desperate race to find the woman they both love. And to unlock the secret of the Ultimate Weapon. **TP \$32.95**

James Sallis

Drive

Driver, a man who makes a living doing stunt driving for films during the day and by driving for criminals at night, finds himself caught in the middle when he is double-crossed by some former partners and is forced to take violent means to protect himself and to seek revenge on his betrayers, in a short novel that evokes the world of classic noir. **TP \$26.95**

Peter Sasgen

Red Shark

When a powerful bomb kills representatives of both North and South Korea who are negotiating peace between the two countries--along with a host of innocent bystanders--sub commander Jake Scott and his crew are asked to track down the renegade North Korean general responsible and finds himself dealing with an enemy armed with the latest technology. **APB \$19.95**

Mark Schorr

Borderline

A Vietnam veteran and recovering alcoholic, psychologist Brian Hanson is disturbed by the apparent suicide of one of his clients, but his investigation into the death leads him to a dark secret lurking beneath the surface of the Portland, Oregon, administration and forces him to risk his career, his marriage, and his life to uncover the truth. **HC \$49.95**

Maggie Sefton

A Dealy Yarn

When their friend Allison, an up-and-coming artist, gets a job in New York City, Kelly and Megan, arriving at Allison's apartment to take her to the airport, discover her dead body, and when the police rule the death as suicide, Kelly and Megan vow to unravel this tangled mystery of jealousy, betrayal, and murder. **APB \$17.95**

Chris Simms

Shifting Skin

'The Butcher of Belle Vue' has struck again. Like the first two victims, the third has been partially skinned and dumped on waste ground, her muscles, tendons and ligaments exposed to view. Only this time, her face has also been removed. Jon Spicer and his new partner, Rick Saville, are on the investigating team. The case is waiting for its first breakthrough when a woman approaches Jon insisting that she heard 'The Butcher' claiming his third victim in the next-door room of a run-down hotel in Belle Vue. But all she has to back up her story is a business card that she recovered from the empty room the following morning - it's from a local escort agency and the name 'Alexia' has been scrawled on the back. Jon's investigation takes him into the twilight world of Manchester's escort agencies and the unscrupulous cosmetic surgery industry, ultimately forcing him to confront the propensity for violence that is inherent within each of us - even within himself. **TP \$TBA**

Michael Simon

Little Faith

In the wake of a religious zealot's conspiracy regarding an oil heiress's political plans, Austin detective Dan Reles teams up with Sergeant Cate Mora for a case that is complicated by a wrongful arrest involving a murdered child star. **HC \$49.95**

Karin Slaughter

Triptych

When Atlanta police detective Michael Ormewood is called out to a murder scene at the notorious Grady Homes, he finds himself faced with one of the the most brutal killings of his career: Aleesha Monroe is found in the stairwell in a pool of her own blood, her body horribly mutilated.

As a one-off killing it's shocking, but when it becomes clear that it's just the latest in a series of similar attacks, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation are called in, and Ormewood is forced into working with Special Agent Will Trent of the Criminal Apprehension Team - a man he instinctively dislikes.

But then, only twenty-four hours later, the violence Michael sees around him every day explodes in his own back yard. And it seems the mystery behind Monroe's death is inextricably entangled with a past that refuses to stay buried... **HC \$49.95**

Alexander McCall Smith

The Right Attitude To Rain (Sunday Philosophy Club)

When friends from Dallas introduce her to Tom Bruce, a Texas tycoon, Isabel Dalhousie turns sleuth to investigate Tom's young fiance, who may be more interested in Tom's money than in Tom, as well as her niece Cat's new beau, whom Isabel suspects is the ultimate mama's boy, a situation complicated by Tom's apparent growing interest in Isabel. **HC \$45.95**

Julie Smith

P.I. on a Hot Tin Roof (Talba Wallis)

Going undercover as a housekeeper in the home of a corrupt judge, who is suspected of setting up those who would expose his illegal activities, Talba Wallis locates evidence about a network of bribes and kickbacks but finds the case complicated by the judge's innocent young fiance.

APB \$19.95

Scott B Smith

The Ruins

While partying on holiday in Cancun two young American couples befriend a German tourist named Mathias, and three friendly Greeks. Mathias had been travelling with his brother, Heinrich, who's disappeared off to the Mayan ruins with a woman working on an archaeological dig. Mathias is worried for his brother and, using a hand-drawn map Heinrich had left behind, sets off in pursuit. The Americans and one of the Greeks join him in his adventure to the interior.

After an exhausting journey, the six reach a Mayan village. But there they receive a frightening reception and turn around, despairing of ever finding Heinrich and the ruins.

Following a camouflaged trail out of the village, the group come to a hillside covered in bright red flowers. As they pause at the base of this hill, transfixed by the beauty of the vision, a horseman approaches behind them. It's one of the Mayans; he's got a gun and, in his own language, orders them away from the hill. In the midst of the confrontation, one of the group steps backward, into the flowering vine. The Mayan falls silent then orders all six up the hill.

As they follow the trail across the hilltop and down the slope they see yet another group of Mayans waiting for them, weapons out - and a mound, covered with the flowering vine. They examine it and find Heinrich's corpse, shot full of arrows. They are mystified.

And the Mayans won't let them leave.

Trapped, the group try to figure out a way to survive until someone comes to find them, imagining they've been made irrational by thirst and hunger. But as they move through their first twenty-four hours, another, far more terrifying foe reveals itself... Eerie, terrifying, unputdownable THE RUINS is suspense storytelling at its best. **TP \$32.95**

A Simple Plan

Every year, on 31 December, Hank and his older brother Jacob make a pilgrimage to their father's grave. They have never been close - indeed, they have never even liked one another - but they keep this promise, made to their father before he died.

This year Jacob's friend Lou comes with them. As they drive towards the cemetery in Jacob's truck through the snowbound landscape, a fox runs across the road, and they skid on the ice and crash. Jacob's dog chases the fox through the deep snow. The three men follow him, beating their way through the drifts, until they come to a valley where they see a small plane, belly down in the snow. In the pilot's seat is a dead man, his eyes pecked out by the crows. In the back they discover a duffle bag. In the bag is 4.4 million dollars.

A SIMPLE PLAN is a novel that slowly but surely grips the reader by the throat as it unfolds in an inevitable and doomed spiral of events, through murder, betrayal and mass killing. From its deceptively simple beginning, to its horrific and surprising conclusion, it marks the d, but of an extraordinary new talent. **APB \$21.95**

Wilbur Smith

Warlock / River God

Ancient Egypt. Land of the Pharaohs. A kingdom built on gold. And a legend shattered by greed. At the festival of Osiris, loyal subjects of the Pharaoh gather to pay homage to their leader.

Only Taita - a wise and formidably gifted eunuch slave - sees him as a symbol of a kingdom's fading glory. Danger surrounds all those who oppose the ruling elite. But together with his proteges, Lostris, beautiful fourteen-year-old daughter of his master Lord Intef and the proud young army officer Tanus, Taita begins the long and dangerous journey towards his own glorious dream - to restore the majesty of the Pharaoh of Pharaohs on the glittering banks of the Nile.

An omnibus edition of two of the master storyteller's exciting ancient Egyptian adventures. **HC \$35**

Boris Starling

Visibility

Having traded MI5 for New Scotland Yard, Detective Inspector Herbert Smith thinks he's left the murky world of espionage behind him - until he begins retracing the final footsteps of Max Stensness. Suddenly he's being tailed, thinly veiled threats are issued, danger lurks at every turn in the investigation. **TP \$32.99**

Jason Starr*Lights Out*

A love triangle between baseball star Jake Thomas and his one-time high-school teammate, Ryan Rossetti, trapped in a low-paying job after a career-ending injury destroys his dreams of fame, both of whom are involved with Jake's fiancée Christina, collides in violence on the hometown streets of Canarsie, Brooklyn. **HC \$47.95**

Olen Steinhauer*The Vienna Assignment*

Vienna, 1966. To be wrongly accused of murder once is a misfortune. Twice – and it's a conspiracy.

It is the height of the Cold War. When a defector mysteriously returns to the Eastern European village of his birth, it's a chance for disgraced detective Brano Sev to redeem himself. Being framed for a murder should just be part of his cover story.

Or is it? Exiled suddenly to Vienna, treacherous city of spies, Sev finds himself caught up in a cat-and-mouse game where survival is the only prize. But in a world where no good deed goes unpunished, loyalty can be the biggest crime of all... **BPB \$22.99**

Vicki Stiefel*The Grief Shop*

When someone breaks into the Chief Medical Examiner's Office and leaves behind the dead body of a girl, homicide grief counselor Tally Whyte must play a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse with a twisted serial killer who is targeting young children. **APB \$17.95**

Karin Tabke*Good Girl Gone Bad*

Working undercover at a gentleman's club, by-the-book policewoman Philamina Zorn struggles to overcome her personal inhibitions as well as the skepticism of jaded vice cop Ty Jamerson, with whom she is forced to work on a sexually charged case involving a kidnapping and murder.

TP \$28.95

Robert K Tanenbaum*Fury*

In Brooklyn, a female jogger is brutally raped; the assailants are convicted and later exonerated by the Kings County DA. Now the guilty are filing a multimillion-dollar lawsuit against the city of New York, the police, and the two Brooklyn Assistant DAs who tried the case. Caught in the glare of the media-frenzy, Butch Karp may be blinded to the lethal maneuverings of a terrorist cell plotting to bring the city to its knees by striking Times Square on New Year's Eve. But the destruction begins far below ground, in the subway system -- where Karp's family may become their first victims.... **APB \$16.95**

Counterplay

A chilling sequel to *Fury* finds the Karp family scrambling to handle the prison escape of murderous former mayoral candidate Andrew Kane, who harbors intentions of joining a terrorist group and organizing a major attack on New York City. **HC \$52.95**

William G Tapply & Sarah Stewart Taylor*Out Cold (Brady Coyne)*

Boston attorney Brady Coyne finds himself in hot water when he stumbles upon the body of a teenage girl, buried under the snow in the backyard of his Back Bay brownstone, and launches a personal investigation to uncover what happened to her, a probe that threatens someone who will do anything to cover up the truth. **HC \$51.95**

Sarah Stewart Taylor*Judgement of the Grave (Sweeney St George)*

Harvard art historian and gravestone expert Sweeney St. George joins forces with Cambridge homicide detective Tim Quinn to investigate a mysterious corpse found dressed in a Revolutionary War-era British soldier's uniform, a case that could tie a 1775 disappearance of a militiaman with a modern-day missing persons case. **APB \$17.95**

Jack Terral*Battlecraft (SEALs 03)*

When the terrorist group known as al-Mimkhalif wages war on the high seas, Brannigan's Brigands prepare to take down the enemy, until they discover that one of their own is deep undercover in the al-Mimkhalif organization and holds the fate of their mission in his hands. **APB \$17.95**

P J Tracy*Snow Blind*

When the first snow falls in a small Minneapolis town, the whole community takes part in a carnival of innocent fun. By the end of the day, the park is full of snowmen. But when the snow melts, it becomes graphically obvious that somebody's fun wasn't entirely innocent. Two bodies are found in the snowmen, and a day later, in a nearby county, rookie sheriff Iris Rikker makes a similar discovery. Soon Detectives Gino and Magozzi are heading north in the midst of the worst blizzard seen in Minneapolis for years to join the two investigations. But some things should remain buried. And as the cases unravel, it seems the snowmen weren't alone in hiding dark secrets. The old barn next to Sheriff Rikker's isolated farmhouse also appears to have some strange connection to the killings. Could the ghosts said to haunt the place be real? Or will the truth turn out to be even more shocking and far more dangerous? **TP \$32.95**

Richard Wagamese*Dream Wheels*

Suffering from a severe depression after a devastating, career-ending accident that destroys his chance of becoming World Champion, Joe Willie Wolfchild returns home, where he encounters Aiden, a troubled young man whose actions have landed him in jail, and Aiden's mother, Claire.

HC \$51.95

Minette Walters*The Devil's Father*

When five women are found brutally killed in Sierra Leone, journalist Connie Burns suspects that a British mercenary is acting out his sadistic fantasies, but her efforts to expose him are complicated when, traumatized by her experiences as a hostage in Baghdad, she retreats to a remote, hidden house where her nightmares threaten to become all too real. **HC \$49.95**

Robert Ward*Red Baker*

After being laid off by Lamel Steel, forty-year-old Baltimorean Red Baker seeks solace in booze and illicit sex before his passionate vitality and capacity for loyalty and love redeem him and enable him to start again. **TP \$26.95**

Louise Welsh*The Bullet Trick*

Delighted when his agent books him for a series of Berlin cabaret appearances, mentalist and conjurer William Wilson soon finds himself in over his head thanks to some dangerous after-hours work and dark secrets from his past. **HC \$47.95**

Don Winslow*The Death and Life of Bobby Z*

To escape a life of hard time, a hapless petty criminal agrees to impersonate a legendary drug lord as part of a government scheme to rescue an federal agent, only to find himself prey to cops and killers alike. **TP \$28.95**

The Winter of Frankie Machine

When a local mob boss calls in an old favor, Frank Machianno, the middle-aged owner of a bait shack on the San Diego waterfront, devoted father, and popular fixture in the local community, is forced to return to his old job as a hit man, but as he is sucked back into his dangerous former life, he discovers that someone from his past wants him dead. **HC \$49.95**

Jacqueline Winspear*Messenger of Truth (Maisie Dobbs)*

London, 1931. Nick BassingtonHope, veteran of the Great War and controversial artist, is suddenly found dead. His death from a fall, the night before a much anticipated exhibition of his work, is recorded as 'accidental'. But his sister is not convinced. Despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, Georgina BassingtonHope believes her brother was murdered, and she turns to Maisie Dobbs for help. Maisie's investigation takes her from the desolate beaches of Kent to the dark underbelly of London's art world. Still fragile after her war-related breakdown, Maisie's immersion in her work could lead her to lose more than she bargained for, while a desperate family with strong ties to her heart urgently needs her help. **TP \$32.95**

Pardonable Lies (Maisie Dobbs)

London, 1930. Maisie Dobbs, the renowned psychologist and investigator, receives a most unusual request. She must prove that Sir Cedric Lawton's son Ralph really is dead. This is a case that will challenge Maisie in unexpected ways, for Ralph Lawton was an aviator shot down by enemy fire in 1917. To get to the bottom of the mystery, Maisie must travel to the former battlefields of northern France, where she served as a nurse in the Great War and where ghosts of her past still linger. As her investigation moves closer to the truth, Maisie soon uncovers the secrets and lies that some people would prefer remain buried... **BPB \$22**

Kim Wozencraft*The Devil's Backbone*

The murder of her sister Kit, a rebellious young woman cut off from her past and working as a stripper, draws Jenny, a Texas police officer, into a perilous investigation into her estranged sibling's life and into a world that is far more lethal than she had ever imagined. **HC \$51.95**

Nina Wright*Whiskey Straight Up (Whiskey Mattimoe Mystery)*

Thirty-something realtor Whiskey Mattimoe and her purse-stealing Afghan hound are drawn into the lives of the eccentric characters of the resort town of Magnet Springs, Michigan, after nearly drowning in an icy lake, finding the body of the local mayor during the town's annual Ice Fishing Jamboree, and searching for her precocious runaway charge, Chester. **TP \$28.95**

Bill Yenne*Raptor Force*

When the United Nations refuses to acknowledge an act of terrorism without an impossible amount of proof, the president, taking a page from FDR's playbook, enlists the help of General Buck Peighton, who unleashes an "invisible" army of misfits, loners, and cowboys on the terrorists. **APB \$19.95**