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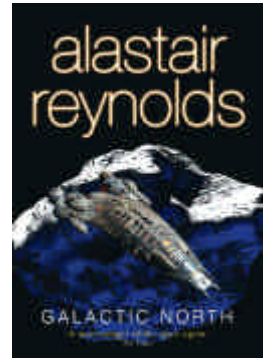
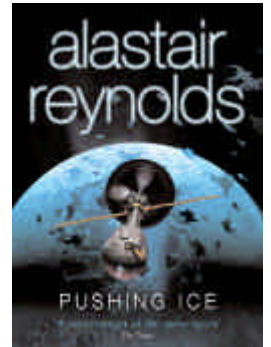
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## Author Signing 1



### Alastair Reynolds

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January, Infinitas hosted Alastair Reynolds. While the 2 publicity minders from Hachette Livre, his publisher, were trying to promote his 2 new releases, Alastair preferred to talk about his forthcoming novels, *The Prefect* (coming in June) and its sequel. Tim asked for the title of the as yet unwritten sequel, and Alastair answered "*Orbit of Ghosts*". This surprised the publishers and his wife Josette, who said even she had been unable to get this out of him. Fans will be pleased to hear there are these 2 Revelation Space novels yet to come, which are crime stories set in the Glitter Band of Yellowstone.



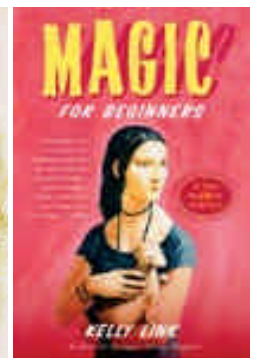
Infinitas now has some signed copies of Alastair's books, which are generally hard science fiction space operas, epic in scale, where space is dangerous and the stories are around the scientists trying to survive.

View a listing of his books at: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ProductsByAuthor.php?autid=23752>

## Author Signing 2



**Kelly Link and Gavin Grant** from Small Beer Press in the US will be visiting Infinitas on Saturday 10th February. Kelly Link is the author of *Magic For Beginners* and is a Hugo and Nebula award winner. Kelly and Gavin are co-editors (along with Ellen Datlow) of *The Year's Best Fantasy & Horror Annual*. They will have limited quantities of their books with them, so come and get a signed copy. Check our website for details.



View a listing of Kelly's books at: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ProductsByAuthor.php?autid=22801>

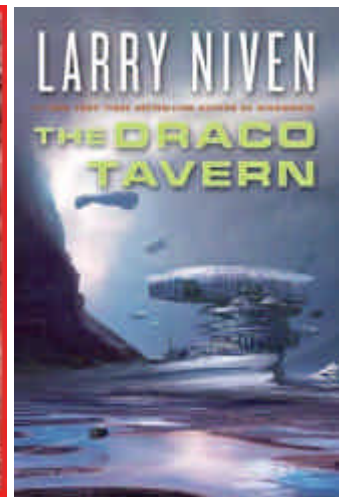
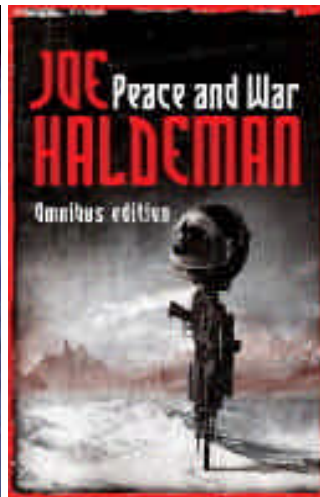
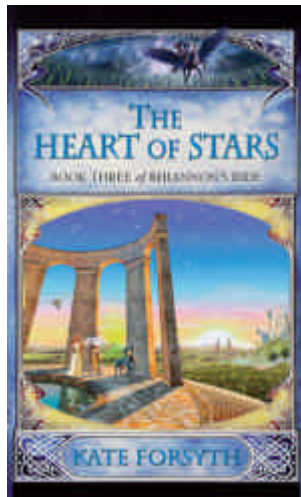
## Other News

**Aurealis Awards 2006 Finalists** have been announced. <http://www.fantasticqueensland.com/~aurealisawards/home.html>

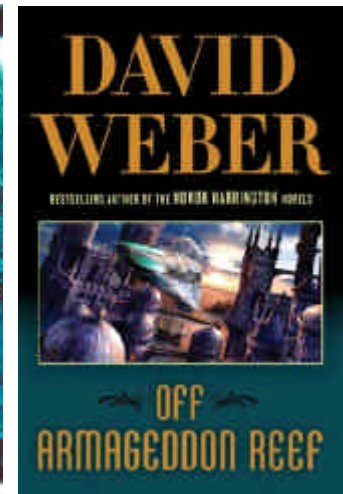
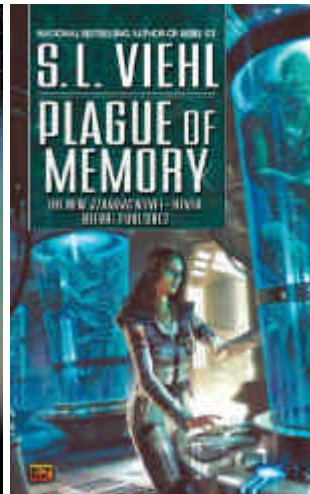
**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows** is the title of the next Harry Potter book.

**2006 Bestseller** list has been compiled. We have included it later in the newsletter.

## Featured Books



**Keri Arthur** *Full Moon Rising*, a sexy vampire werewolf tale set in Melbourne, in paperback.  
**Kate Forsyth** *Heart of Stars*, Rhiannons Ride 3 in paperback.  
**Joe Haldeman** *Peace and War*, Haldeman's first 3 novels in one omnibus paperback.  
**Larry Niven** *Draco Tavern*, in paperback.  
**Andre Norton & Lyn McConchie** *Silver May Tarnish*, a new witch world paperback.  
**John Scalzi** *Old Man's War* in paperback. Highly recommended for fans of military SF.  
**S L Veihl** *Plague of Memory* a new Stardoc paperback.  
**David Weber** *Off Armageddon Reef* a new science fiction series in hardcover.



## Reviews

Feel welcome to submit a book review for us to publish here. If you have read a book and have an opinion on it share it with the other readers in our community. Also, in the shop we have several books for which we are seeking reviewers, and would exchange for a review. Ask us what is currently in the review book pile.

*American Gods* by Neil Gaiman reviewed by Adam Bales

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780755322817>

"American Gods" is a mythological fantasy that deals with the plights of the old gods as they struggle to survive in a modern America that has too little belief to share around.

Shadow, an ex-convict, is hired by the mysterious Mr. Wednesday and soon becomes entwined in a battle between the old gods and the new (including media and the internet). Shadow, who is trying to deal with the death of his wife, is new to this world of magic and struggles to adapt. His task is only made harder by the fact that no-one is who they seem.

Gaiman creates a thrilling tapestry which weaves elements of mythology into a wonderful modern fable. "American Gods" has a similar feeling to Robert Zelazny's "Lord of Light", although Gaiman does not manage to capture Zelazny's sparse style, and at times his book seems to wander.

"American Gods" is a good read for those who enjoy fantasy which steps away from some of the clichés of the genre and which grabs you and refuses to let you go until you reach the end.

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***Galactic North* by Alastair Reynolds**, reviewed by Tim

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575079113>

This is a collection of 8 short stories / novellas all set in the Revelation Space/ Inhibitor universe of Reynolds' series, with his interesting afterword, filling 343 pages to novel length. The stories cover war, crime, espionage and epic genres. The book title is the title of the final story. Curiously, both the trade paperback and hardcover *Galactic North* list his series out of order. In his afterword, Reynolds acknowledges these short stories do not neatly fit into the plot and timeline of the series.

Until recently Reynolds worked with the European Space Agency, and he unashamedly peppers science into his storytelling. He writes hard science fiction, space opera where the universe is a cold lonely unfriendly place, and the light speed barrier is absolute. Humans may colonise the stars, re-engineer their bodies and create new species, but we would be wise to keep a low profile lest we get noticed by aliens. Themes and style are not dissimilar in various ways to Stephen Baxter, Isaac Asimov, Jack McDevitt and Arthur C Clarke. Characters are scientists, technicians, soldiers, colonists, politicians and capitalists. The stories are about space, not soap opera. Still, there are stories in the relationships and commitments between characters, but like them, the plots are task orientated and linear. The reader is led to want to know what happens next, why and how without too many sub plots or tangents. This is intrinsic to well written short stories, but typical of his whole series.

This collection gives background to Clavain, and to a lesser extent Remontoire, two of my favourite characters from Revelation Space. Readers of the series will find this pleasurable, supplementary material, uninitiated readers will get a taste of Reynolds' universe, finding the stories stand alone well. This is a stronger book than *Diamond Dogs*, *Turquoise Days*, another tangent to Revelation Space.

Some short story collections disappoint due to the good story ending too soon, to be replaced with something less. This does not happen here. This collection satisfies, as all are by one author, set within one universe. I enjoyed each of the stories, even where the lead characters were unattractive, which indicates Reynolds' level of skill.

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***Old Man's War* by John Scalzi**, reviewed by Dan

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765348272>

*Old Man's War* is military space opera on the surface. However, the focus is not on the details of fighting or the political plots and intrigue, but more about the personal issues that the combatants are facing. There are strong moral and ethical issues raised, and the themes of friendship and family as motivators.

Earth has managed to colonise other planets, but, for a number of reasons, the population of Earth is quarantined from the rest of the galaxy. You can choose to leave, either as a colonist, from one of the overpopulated countries, or as a recruit for the Colonial Defense Forces, but you can't ever return to Earth. The competition for colony worlds is strong between the different alien species, and so the CDF has a strong recruitment policy. The catch is, they only take you once you reach 75. The CDF wants people who have a lifetime of experience and maturity, not gung-ho teenagers. They can make you young again, so physical age is not a drawback.

John Perry and his wife made the decision to join the CDF when they reached 60. Kathy died before she could ship out, but John carried through with his enlistment after a last visit to her grave. The book follows John's journey from when he leaves Earth, to the completion of his front line service. Throughout this time, we see him make new friends and lose them, and meet enemies. We see him deal with his conflicts of fighting wars with the competing or native species for the right to colonise worlds.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and I'm looking forward to reading the sequel, *Ghost Brigades*. Fans of Elizabeth Moon's *Vatta War* and *Serrano Legacy*, as well as John Ringo's *Posleen*, David Weber's *Honor Harrington* and Elizabeth Bear's *Jenny Casey* books should enjoy this novel.

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## POIP's

by Sarah G Williams

The Banshee scream of the alert broke the peaceful silence in the control tower. Speakers bouncing the piercing sound off the walls in the executive office. The General snorted awake and glanced sleepily around his lavish surroundings with annoyance. He snarled, smashing his palm on the communication button on the right of his massive desk. He prodded an additional button and activated the speakerphone, screaming "Report!"

"The natives have escaped again." A high squeaking voice proclaimed.

"I told you last time, to make sure we locked them all in tight, or the least try something different to motivate them to stay." The General's voice growled dangerously low.

"We tried General; we punished all those left behind. We starved them, whipped them, threatened their wives and children, but the POIP's won't stop trying."

"Don't tell me you admire them?" The General said, detecting an odd note in the officer's voice.

"No no Sir." The voice stammered, confidence waving. "Like our holy book says; they are inferior; they have no common goals; they can't even work out God's real name. They deserve to be slaves."

"I'm glad you're still on our side officer." The General barked. "Now find them before they escape over the fence again."

"Yes Sir." He yelped back.

The General slumped in his comfortable chair. It squealed in protest as he spun his heavy weight back and forth, generous jowls wobbling with laughter. He remembered the days of shaking in his boots for his superiors. Heck, he still did that, just with less, but more important people. His chuckling stopped as he came back to the matter at hand.

"Yet another escape?" He muttered disbelievingly. It was getting ridiculous, escape attempts were becoming a habit for the People Of Indigenoussness Persuasion. For such a race that did menial labour so well, they were slow to learn reality. They were enslaved because they were too weak to win the war.

He would need to find a more effective method of discouraging their escape attempts, or at this rate his workforce would slowly decline and so would his delivery quota. He always thought clearer after a power nap, so he snoozed for a little while, drool dripping down his chin and splashing on his uniform.

"Sir!" A panicked voice yelled over the comm.

"They're in the Solar Thermo Reactor Core!"

"What?" The General exploded from his chair and looked through the window to the sprawling complex, with all the white domes that were chained by walkways and buildings to the smoking reactor stacks. "Why aren't they running for the fences like every other time?" he yelled shrilly.

"They're gonna blow it, they have a bomb!"

"Fools!" He said. "The reaction will kill everyone in the compound except... The prison camp protected by the mountain. Damn!"

The Comm fizzled out into silence at the same time the reactor exploded. The General watched as the reaction rumbled up the walkways, staccato blasts punctuating each dome's destruction and shaking the control tower building walls. The explosion ate its way on, closing in on the tower. Cries of surprise echoed in his bulbous hind brain as each of his soldier's life sparks were subdued, their consciousness transmitting like shooting stars into the sky.

The General folded his green and sore encrusted hands across his chest, and turned away from the window, the explosions almost on him. "Damn humans." He hissed. The loss of this many cloning pods was going to be difficult to explain to his superiors, but on the bright-side, he thought, pulling a fold of skin away from his body, his current body was falling to bits.

His consciousness burst up as he died and floated briefly over the fiery landscape before heading out to space. His last thought was that he hoped the transmission to the father-ship, and the morph with the new body would be less painful than last time.



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### New Release Information

The books listed in this catalogue are listed to be released during this month. All books listed are available for order. If there is something that you want that you cannot find listed, or is not in the shop, please ask us to order it for you.

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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

Legend: PB = paperback, HC = hardcover, TP = trade paperback, Cass = cassette, CD = CD, GN = Graphic Novel, APB = mass market paperback, BPB = paperback approx 20cm x 13cm

### 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.

January No Meeting  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Best and Worst of 2006

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

Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>:  
Alastair Reynolds *Century Rain* (SF)  
Lian Hearn *Across the Nightingale Floor* (F)

Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>:  
Mike Shepard *Kris Longknife* (SF)  
Sean Williams *The Crooked Letter* (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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Check out the website for more details.

### Bestsellers for December

#### General Release

Running From the Deity	Alan Dean Foster
Mistral's Kiss	Laurell K Hamilton
One Good Knight	Mercedes Lackey
Eldest	Christopher Paolini
Seeker	Jack McDevitt
Carnival	Elizabeth Bear
Kris Longknife: Resolute	Mike Shepard
Pushing Ice	Alastair Reynolds
Emissary	<i>Fiona McIntosh</i> *
Heart of Stars	<i>Kate Forsyth</i> *

\* indicates Australian authors

#### Media and Games Related Titles

Tempest	Star Wars
Galaxy In Flames	Warhammer 40,000
Horus Rising	Warhammer 40,000
His Last Command	Warhammer 40,000
Sons of Fenris	Warhammer 40,000
False Gods	Warhammer 40,000
Armour of Contempt	Warhammer 40,000
Deathworld	Warhammer 40,000
Bloodlines	Star Wars
Wolf Hunters	Mechwarrior Dark Age



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## 2006 Bestsellers List

1	Warhammer 40,000: Horus Rising	Dan Abnett
2	Warhammer 40,000: False Gods	Graham McNeill
3	Engaging the Enemy	Elizabeth Moon
4	Warhammer 40,000: Galaxy in Flames	Ben Counter
5	Micah	Laurell K Hamilton
6	Final Impact: World War 2.3	John Birmingham *
7	Prismatic	Edwina Grey *
8	Danse Macabre	Laurell K Hamilton
9	Cally's War	John Ringo
9	Oakleaf Bearers	John Flanagan *
9	Singularity Sky	Charles Stross
12	Dragonsblood	Todd McCaffrey
12	Warhammer 40,000: Dark Adeptus	Ben Counter
14	Carnies	Martin Livings *
14	Forest Mage	Robin Hobb
14	Star Wars: Bloodlines	Karen Traviss
14	We Few	David Weber & John Ringo
18	Undead and Unreturnable	MaryJanice Davidson
19	Wintersmith	Terry Pratchett
20	Fistful of Charms	Kim Harrison
20	Flight of the Nighthawks	Raymond E Feist
20	The Hallowed Hunt	Lois McMaster Bujold
20	The Icebound Land	John Flanagan *
20	The Sorcerer in the North	John Flanagan *
20	Star Wars: Triple Zero	Karen Traviss
26	Against the Tide	John Ringo
26	Star Wars: Tempest	Troy Denning
26	Thud!	Terry Pratchett
29	Hammered	Elizabeth Bear
29	Rebel Ice	S L Viehl
29	Warhammer 40,000: His Last Command	Dan Abnett
32	Iron Sunrise	Charles Stross
32	Star Wars: Outbound Flight	Timothy Zahn
34	Doctor Who: I Am A Dalek	Justin Richards
34	Heart of Stars	Kate Forsyth *
34	Judas Unchained	Peter F Hamilton
37	Broken	Kelley Armstrong
37	Ghost	John Ringo
37	Star Wars: Betrayal	Aaron Allston
37	Stargate SG1: Siren Song	Holly Scott & Jaime Duncan
37	Undead and Unappreciated	MaryJanice Davidson
37	Warhammer 40,000: Dawn of War: Tempest	C S Goto
37	Warhammer 40,000: Warrior Coven	C S Goto
44	The Family Trade	Charles Stross
44	First Warning	Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough
44	Stargate SG1: Alliances	Karen Miller *
44	Stargate SG1: Survival of the Fittest Sabine	C Bauer
44	Troy: Shield of Thunder	David Gemmell
44	Undead and Unwed	MaryJanice Davidson
44	Warhammer 40,000: Faith and Fire	James Swallow

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Analog December 2006

MAG \$9.95

Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine 26 MAG \$7.95

Locus 551 December 2006

MAG \$15.95

## C T Adams & Cathy Clamp

*Howling Moon (Sazi)*

Forced into retirement by scandal, Raphael, a former agent of the shape-shifter secret police and a werewolf, comes to the aid of Catherine, a young woman attacked by a serial killer and accidentally transformed into a were-jaguar, only to discover that she is his destined mate, the murderer is still on her trail, and his own pack wants her dead. **APB \$17.95**

## Madelyn Alt

*A Charmed Death (Bewitching Mystery)*

While trying to master her newfound powers, witch Maggie O'Neill investigates the murder of a local teenage princess and, with some mystical intervention and help from her boss, casts a spell to trap a killer. **APB \$17.95**

## Christopher Anvil

*Instellar Empire II: Federation of Humanity*

A new omnibus anthology continues the adventures of a starship crew trapped on a planet populated by battling gangs, as they take on a series of difficult and dangerous assignments as members of the Interstellar Patrol, in a volume that contains the novel Warlord's World, along with other short novels and stories from the same series. **APB \$19.95**

## Alex Archer

*The Chosen (Rogue Angel 03)*

Continuing her quest to uncover the truth about her own destiny, archaeologist Annja Creed investigates the sightings of strange creatures in the area of Santa Fe and encounters a dangerous Jesuit, a brilliant artist, and a famous monster hunter who could hold the key to everything. **APB \$16.95**

## Keri Arthur Australia

*Full Moon Rising*

When her twin brother, Rhoan, an assassin assigned the task of protecting the innocent from evil supernatural beings, vanishes while on one of his missions, dhampire Riley Jensen--a young woman who is half werewolf, half vampire--joins forces with the sexy, and very disoriented, vampire who shows up on her doorstep. **APB \$17.95**

## Catherine Asaro

*The Final Key (Triad 02)*

A second half of the story that began with Schism finds the Skolian Empire targeted by a series of assassinations and subterfuges by the Euban Concord, a situation in which a teenage cadet becomes her world's only hope. **APB \$19.95**

## Robert Asprin

*Asprin Wars*

In the late '70s, Robert Asprin brought us three unique novels of war, reprinted here for the first time in one volume:

The Cold Cash War tells of a very different kind of corporate war--one fought with trained mercenary armies!

The Bug Wars is a novel of alien warfare waged between the Tzen-fierce warriors and master strategists (and reptiles)--and their Enemy-savage conquerors and brilliant technicians (and insects). Can the Tzen defend themselves and their world from a swarm of winged invaders?

In Tambu, we meet the mysterious figure who has long held the settled planets in his reign of terror through the fleet of pirates under his command. Now, for the first time, the legendary warlord has granted a reporter an interview. The truth will finally be known about Tambu's origin and power. .

.that is, as long as the reporter is allowed to leave alive with his story!

As a very special feature, also included in this volume will be Cold Cash Warrior, a roleplaying novel (sort of a more detailed version of the "choose your own adventure" books) based on The Cold Cash War that was original published in 1989. **TP \$40.95**

## James Axler

*Perdition Valley (Deathlands 76 Coldfire Project II)*

When a faceless enemy begins killing innocent people in an attempt to draw him out, Ryan Cawdor, who has mastered the knowledge of preDark tech, discovers that his relentless pursuer wants to use his skills to control, manipulate, and remap time. **APB \$16.95**

## L A Banks

*The Damned (Vampire Huntress 06)*

When Lilith, the consort of the Un-Named One, releases the Damned to wreak havoc on all humankind, Damali, Carlos, and the Guardians race against time to stop the horrific infection spawned by these creatures of hell by finding and beheading the evil Lilith. **APB \$19.95**

## K A Bedford

*Hydrogen Steel*

When retired top homicide inspector Zette McGee, late of Winter City, Ganymede, gets called out of her mysterious retirement to help Kell Fallow, a desperate former android accused unjustly of murdering his wife and children, she knows she has to help him, for Zette has a secret she is desperate to keep, and Fallow knows all about it.

With the help of her best friend, the elderly but very suave former secret agent Gideon Smith, and his ridiculously impressive personal starship, the Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time, Zette sets out (a) to help the accused man, but also (b) to keep Gideon from finding out her own awful secret, even as everything they learn in the investigation keeps pointing to it.

But when Kell Fallow is killed by a bomb he didn't know was buried in his guts, and when a homebrew android identical to Zette destroys her home on the luxurious Serendipity habitat, Gideon and Zette go on the run, only to run afoul of sabotage, spies, nasty infections, and bad guys galore and ordinary machines come to relentless, murderous life.

The case will take Zette and Gideon on a terrifying journey into the darkest reaches of human space, in pursuit of an ancient truth -- and will bring her into deadly contact with that truth's keeper, the awesomely powerful firemind, Hydrogen Steel, an artificial consciousness evolved far beyond its original design, and which is utterly determined to keep that same truth from getting out, at any cost. **TP \$30.95**

**Judith Berman***Bear Daughter*

A young bear awakens one morning to find that she has been transformed into a human, and she embarks on a dangerous journey through both mortal and immortal worlds to confront her fears and preserve the lands in which she walks. **APB \$19.95**

**Ben Bova***Powersat*

Two hundred thousand feet up, things go horribly wrong. An experimental low-orbit spaceplane breaks up on re-entry, falling to earth over a trail hundreds of miles long. And in its wake is the beginning of the most important mission in the history of space. America needs energy, and Dan Randolph is determined to give it to them.

He dreams of an array of powersats – satellites which gather solar energy and beam it to generators on Earth, freeing America from its addiction to fossil fuels and breaking the power of the oil cartels forever. But the wreck of the spaceplane has left his company, Astro Manufacturing, on the edge of bankruptcy.

A sweeping mix of space, murder, romance, politics, secrets, and betrayal, Powersat will take you to the edge of space and the dawning of a new world. **APB \$19.95**

*Trikon Deception*

As the Earth faces total destruction, Commander Dan Tighe discovers that Trikon, an orbiting research ship carrying out dangerous genetic experiments and the only thing that can save the planet, has become involved in espionage. **APB \$19.95**

**Octavia Butler***Fledgling*

Shori, a seemingly young, amnesiac girl with frightening inhuman abilities and a thirst for blood, wanders the land, unaware that she is really a genetically altered, fifty-three-year-old vampire with a unique ability to walk in the light of day and that she is the only survivor of a brutal attack on her community, searching for who she is and who wants to destroy her. **TP \$28.95**

**Lisa Cach***A Babe in Ghostland*

Working to restore an old mansion to its former glory, Case Lambert begins to believe that the house is seriously haunted, thanks to a series of disturbing nightly visitations, and hires psychic Megan Barrows to serve as ghostbuster to uncover the truth about the local spooks. **APB \$17.95**

**Mike Carey***Vicious Circle (Felix Castor)*

Castor has reluctantly returned to exorcism after the case of the Bonnington Archive ghost convinced him that he really can do some good with his abilities ('good', of course, being a relative term when dealing with the undead). But his friend, Rafi, is still possessed; the succubus, Ajulutsikael (Juliet to her friends), still technically has a contract on him; and he's still - let's not beat around the bush - dirt poor. Doing some consulting for the local constabulary helps pay the bills, but Castor needs a big, private job to really fill the hole in his overdraft. That's what he needs. What he gets, good fortune and Castor not being on speaking terms, is a seemingly insignificant 'missing ghost' case that inexorably drags himself and his loved ones into the middle of a horrific plot to raise one of Hell's fiercest demons. When Satanists, sacrifice farms, stolen spirits and possessed churches all appear on the same police report, the name of Felix Castor can't be too far behind ... **APB \$20.95**

**Jay Caselberg** *Australia**Wall of Mirrors*

While trying to decode the dreams he is being sent by aliens, psychic detective Jack Stein, kidnapped by agents of Outreach Industries who want to exploit his talent, is rescued by a woman named Billie who reveals that one of his friends is a traitor. **APB \$17.95**

**P C Cast***Divine by Choice (Divine)*

In this sequel to Divine by Mistake, Shannon Parker, a centaur's wife who is linked to the goddess Epona, discovers that she is pregnant and is returned to her old life in Oklahoma, where she desperately searches for someone to return her to the world in which she belongs. **APB \$17.95**

**James Clemens***Hinterland (Tyler's Star 02)*

Failed Shadowknight Tyler witnessed the death of a god, whose blood healed his deformities but branded him a Godslayer and a hunted criminal. In this second volume of the trilogy, Tyler's str **TP \$32.95**

**Kresley Cole***No Rest For the Wicked (Immortals After Dark 02)*

A soldier weary of life . . .

Centuries ago, Sebastian Wroth was turned into a vampire -- a nightmare in his mind -- against his will. Burdened with hatred and alone for ages, he sees little reason to live. Until an exquisite, fey creature comes to kill him, inadvertently saving him instead.

A Valkyrie assassin dispatched to destroy him . . .

When Kaderin the Cold Hearted lost her two beloved sisters to a vampire attack long ago, a benevolent force deadened her sorrow -- accidentally extinguishing all of her emotions. Yet whenever she encounters Sebastian, her feelings -- particularly lust -- emerge multiplied. For the first time, she's unable to complete a kill.

Become competitors in a legendary hunt.

The prize of the month-long contest is powerful enough to change history, and Kaderin will do anything to win it for her sisters. Wanting only to win her, forever, Sebastian competes as well, taking every opportunity -- as they travel to ancient tombs and through catacombs, seeking relics around the world -- to use her new feelings to seduce her. But when forced to choose between the vampire she's falling for and reuniting her family, how can Kaderin live without either? **APB \$14.95**

**Cameron Dean***Eternal Hunger (Candace Steele Vampire Killer 02)*

When Las Vegas vampire killer Candace Steele is attacked by a member of the Board, an ancient, sinister, and powerful vampire sect seeking revenge against Ash, the only way she can save her life is to become a vampire herself, but she soon discovers that her lust for blood and for Ash's embrace threatens to drag her ever deeper into his seductive dark world. **APB \$17.95**

**Debra Doyle & James D MacDonald***Land of Mist and Snow*

Lieutenant John Nevis and the crew of the USS Nicodemus, a remarkable ironclad ship that runs with the help of benevolent magic, take on their most dangerous adversary, a demonic vessel that is fueled by cruelty, terror, and an insatiable lust for human blood. **APB \$19.95**

**David Drake***Bridgehead*

Mysterious visitors from six thousand years in the future offer to help scientists build a time machine, but strange accidents mar their progress.

**APB \$17.95**

**Eric Flint***Grantville Gazette III (Ring of Fire Gazette 03)*

A third volume in the series of anthologies based on the saga that began in 1632 describes life for the inhabitants of Grantville, an American town from West Virginia that finds itself hurtled back in time and into the middle of the Thirty Years War, as they struggle to incorporate their advanced technology and modern-day culture into the seventeenth century. **HC \$51.95**

**Kate Forsyth Australia***Heart of Stars (Rhiannon's Ride 03)*

Lord Malvern swore he would have revenge on Lachlan the Winged for the death of his brother and nephew. Now Lachlan is dead and his children have all been stolen away.

Lachlan's son Donnacan is the new Righ of Eileanan, but after his abduction on his wedding night, his wife, Bronwen, daughter of the Ensorcellor, must rule in his stead in a court seething with intrigue, betrayal and suspicion. To rescue Donnacan, the Keybearer Isabeau and the Stargazer Cloudshadow must brave the perils of the Heart of Stars and travel back a thousand years in time. If they fail, Donnacan will be sacrificed and Brann the Raven, one of the most ruthless sorcerers in the history of Eileanan, will live again.

With the ruling MacCuinn clan rent apart, there is no-one to stop Lord Malvern but Rhiannon and her winged mare, Blackthorn. She must try to save the one woman she hates more than anyone - the banprionnsa Olwynne, rival for Rhiannon's true love, Lewen. In her desperate flight to save Olwynne and her twin brother, Owein, Rhiannon risks losing all that she holds dear - Lewen, Blackthorn, her freedom, even her own life.

**APB \$19.95**

**Jacquelyn Frank***Jacob (Nightwalkers 01)*

Since time began, there have been Nightwalkers - the races of the night who live in the shadows of the moonlight. Love with humans is absolutely forbidden, and one man makes certain to uphold this ancient law: Jacob, the Enforcer. . .

For 700 years, he has resisted temptation. But not tonight.

Jacob knows the excuses his people give when the madness overtakes them and they fall prey to their lust for humans. He's heard everyone and still brought the trespassers to justice. Immune to forbidden desires, uncontrollable hungers, or the curse of the moon, his control is total. . . until the moment he sees Isabella on a shadowy New York City street. **APB \$17.95**

**Colleen Gleason***The Rest Falls Away (Gardella Vampire Chronicles)*

Taking up the family legacy of vampire slaying on the eve of her social debut, Victoria Gardella Grantworth finds herself juggling her new role with her growing attraction to two men--London's most eligible bachelor, the Marquess of Rockley, and her mysterious ally, Sebastian Vioget--as she is called on to take on a powerful master vampire. **APB \$17.95**

**Terry Goodkind***Blood of the Fold (Sword of Truth 03 CD)*

Richard Cypher, his beloved Kahlan Amnell, and the wizard Zedd risk everything to combat an unspeakable evil from the Old World that threatens to destroy their world and precipitate the ultimate apocalypse. **CD \$78**

**Simon R Green***Hell to Pay (Nightside 07)*

After the war that had left the Nightside leaderless, Jeremiah Griffin, head of one of the last immortal human families, plans to fill the power vacuum, but when his granddaughter vanishes, he is forced to enlist the assistance of John Taylor and his special talents to find her, but someone--or something--is blocking his abilities. **APB \$17.95**

**Joe Haldeman***Peace and War (Forever 01, 02, 03)*

WAR William Mandela is a reluctant hero, drafted to fight in a distant interstellar war against unknowable and unconquerable aliens. But his greatest test will be returning to Earth. A few months of his tour of duty equate to centuries on his homeworld, during which he becomes increasingly isolated from the world he has been fighting to protect. FREE Mandela returns home for the last time to find humanity has evolved into a group consciousness which excludes him. Alone, alienated and missing the certainties of combat, he and his fellow veterans search for an escape - and finally look towards space. PEACE A war is raging, fought by indestructible machines operated remotely by soldiers miles away and for soldiers like Julian Class, war is truly hell. So when he and his companion, Dr Amelia Harding, uncover something which could take the universe back to square one, the prospect isn't so much terrifying, as terrifyingly tempting ... **BPB \$24.95**

**Laurell K Hamilton***Circus of the Damned (Anita Blake 03)*

When a rogue master vampire named Alejandro hits town and claims Anita Blake, an expert on undead creatures of the night, as his human servant, a war of the undead breaks out between the interloper and Jean-Claude, the city's Master Vampire, a situation complicated when Anita falls for Richard Zeeman, a handsome teacher with his own dark secret. **TP \$28.95**

**Lori Handeland***Rising Moon (Nightcreatures)*

When her sister Katie mysteriously vanishes, private detective Anne Lockhart follows a trail to Rising Moon, a jazz club in the French Quarter of New Orleans, and to the club's enigmatic proprietor, John Rodolfo, a gifted musician with ties to the creatures that stalk the night. **APB \$17.95**

**Matthew Scott Hansen***The Shadowkiller*

Every hair on Ty's body, the skin on his neck and arms, everything was clenched in a primeval fear stimulus response. In the thick of the woods not ten yards away stood a creature, manlike, apelike . . . some sort of hairy humanoid, like a gorilla standing upright on long legs. Motionless, it stared at Ty, and Ty froze dead in his tracks.

Jesus Christ, this is Bigfoot. **HC \$51.95**

**Elizabeth Haydon***The Assassin King*

As the dragons mourn the death of one of their own, a council of war which includes the rulers of the alliance that protects the Middle Continent gathers to discuss the inevitable: war, the likes of which the world has never known, is coming. **HC \$56.95**

**Simon Haynes Australia***Just Desserts (Hal Spacejock 03)*

A mysterious sealed crate, a pair of shady mercenaries with more guns than brain cells and the amnesiac robot which may or may not be on a secret mission . . . Only interstellar ignoramus Hal Spacejock and the unflappable Clunk could turn a straightforward cargo delivery into space opera with clowns. Three simmering planets, two cocky spacemen and one huge mess: Just Desserts, for your pleasure. **APB \$19.95**

**Barb Hendee & J C Hendee***Rebel Fay (Dhampir 05)*

Determined to free his mother from her elven assassin captors, Leesil joins forces with his beloved Magiere, the sage Wynn, and their canine protector Chap to embark on a perilous quest through the dangers of the wilderness and the Elven Territories, unaware that they have been brought together to force an alliance against the forces of dark magic. **HC \$49.95**

**Emma Holly***Heat of the Night*

A two-in-one full-length novel and novella-length sequel includes Hunting Midnight, in which a vengeful leader of a pack of shape-shifting immortals ventures beyond the Scottish forest into the arms of a merchant's desperate daughter, and The Night Owl, in which a fellow shape-shifter practices his powers in Vermont, where he falls in love with a baker. **TP \$28.95**

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

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In "Valor's Choice," humans, after being granted membership in the Confederation, must protect the peaceful members of the alliance, and in "The Better Part of Valor," Staff Sergeant Torin Kerr, separated from her platoon, is sent off on a perilous mission to protect a scientific expedition.

**APB \$20.95**

**Jemiah Jefferson***Drop of Scarlet*

When a beautiful vampire scientist, specializing in blood diseases, develops a drug to cure her lover's mental instability due to his transformation into the undead, word hits the streets and vampires come from all over the world to get their hands on this miraculous cure. **APB \$17.95**

**Carolyn Jewel, Jade Lee, Liz Maverick & Patti O'Shea***Shards of Crimson (Crimson City)*

Some of the best voices in paranormal romance unite in this fascinating collection that centers around Crimson City, a place where vampires, werewolves, demons, and humans attempt to lead a peaceful co-existence, and find a love to last a lifetime. **APB \$19.95**

**Robert Jordan***The Conan Chronicles Volume 1 (Conan)*

Three fantasy sagas--Conan the Invincible, Conan the Defender, and Conan the Unconquered--featuring the world-famous barbarian warrior are presented in their entirety in a deluxe, omnibus edition. **TP \$32.95**

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THROUGH THE SHADOWLANDS: WHERE THE TOUCH OF SILVER WAS PROTECTION, POWER AND PERIL THROUGH BATTLE, BLOOD AND SACRIFICE-ONLY THUS COULD THE WORLD BE SAVED...

Or so the bards sing. But at the dawning of the world, Catrione, a gifted Druid, knew only that the realms of Shadowland and Sidhe faced the gravest of danger from the goblin hordes and treacherous mortals.

Now wary allies come together to wreak a spell to avert evil magicks, but the cost will be high. For much is needed to make the Silver Caul, and the songs don't speak of the price demanded. There will be duplicity and deceit, battle and blood and sacrifices-willing and unwilling. **BPB \$19.95**

**Sherrilyn Kenyon***Dark Side of the Moon (Dark Hunter)*

Dark-Hunter: an immortal warrior who has traded his soul to Artemis for one moment of vengeance on his enemies. In return, they swear to spend eternity protecting mankind from the daimons and vampires that prey on them Susan Michaels is a reporter on a mission to resurrect her professional reputation. And she only has to brave her cat allergy at a local animal shelter to follow the lead that could get her off the tabloid beat forever. But she gets more than she bargained for when she inadvertently adopts one of the cats... As soon as she gets home the cat turns into a gorgeous naked man. Ravyn is entirely unique - a Were-Hunter who became a Dark-Hunter as well. Suddenly, Susan is pulled into Ravyn's mysterious world - one full of danger and magic. And, despite the way he makes her sneeze, despite the danger that swirls around him, she can't resist him... **APB \$19.95**

**Caitlin Kiernan***Daughter of Hounds*

Stolen from their human parents to be raised by ghouls, the Children of the Cuckoo are changelings who are forbidden any human contact, but now they are coming to reclaim a lost child, Emmie Silvey, a precocious and solitary young girl, who has been raised by her widower father and is haunted by two very different women -one who stalks her and one who haunts her dreams. **TP \$28.95**

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Chance Matthews, a troubled young woman grieving over the death of her grandfather, stumbles upon a bizarre fossil among her geologist grandparents' artifacts, a discovery that leads to an encounter with a strange girl who claims to have been charged with the task of battling monsters and who is out to enlist Chance's assistance in her quest. **APB \$17.95**

**Stephen King***Secretary of Dreams*

Cemetery Dance Publications will be publishing a deluxe Limited Edition of *The Secretary of Dreams*, Stephen King's first ever unabridged graphic short story collection! Featuring a half-dozen classic tales of terror personally selected by King, this collection presents his stories for the first time in the tradition of the pulp horror comics. Spanning close to 250 oversized pages, the hundreds of illustrations and full comic panels from acclaimed Maine artist Glenn Chadbourne transform *The Secretary of Dreams* into a work of art. Not one word from King's stories has been left out -- instead they've been brought to life by hundreds of pen and ink drawings by Chadbourne! **HC \$140**

**Richard A Knaak***The Silent Enemy (Conan Soldier's Quest 03)*

Before his wedding, Nermesa Klandes, an elite warrior of Aquilonia, must deliver important documents to an ally of the king and unwittingly becomes immersed in a plot to assassinate King Conan. **APB \$17.95**

**Mercedes Lackey***Children of the Night (Diana Tregarde 02)*

When the rock band Wanderlust attracts the attention of Master Jeffries, a psychic vampire who preys on the musicians and their fans, band protector and witch Diana Tregarde prepares for a confrontation with Jeffries with the help of an attractive vampire. **APB \$17.95**

**Stephen Laws***Ferocity*

For her next novel, Cath Lane journeys to the Northumberland moors to investigate rumors of a huge, feral creature that brutally slaughters livestock and soon discovers firsthand that the deadly beast is very real. **APB \$19.95**

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**Rachel Lee***Shadows of Destiny (Shadows 03)*

In the third and final volume in the Ilduin trilogy, Tess Birdsong and Archer Blackcloak have finally liberated Anahar, but now they are confronted by a rebellion of Anari slaves and must bring the warring races together to move against the dark forces that threaten them all. **APB \$17.95**

**Lora Leigh***Harmony's Way*

A huntress with an unquenchable thirst for killing, Harmony Lancaster of the Lion Breed must place her trust in mortal Sheriff Lance Jacobs, a brave man who is determined to tame her, when a cult leader sets out to destroy all of the Breeds. **APB \$17.95**

**Jane Lindskold***Wolf Hunting*

Summoned by the soothsayer-jaguar Truth, Firekeeper and her wolf companion work to identify a group of people who are utilizing forbidden ancient magic for sinister purposes. By the author of *Wolf Captured*. **APB \$19.95**

**Holly Lisle***Talyn (Korre)*

Rendered unnecessary when peace is declared throughout her land, magic soldier Talyn is seduced by a Feegash peace diplomat and discovers a darker side to her personality, but realizes with dismay that the Feegash are more interested in oppression than peace. **APB \$19.95**

**Bentley Little***Death Instinct*

With a serial killer on the loose in Phoenix, Cathy Riley experiences tremendous fear living with her aged and angry father, and Lieutenant Allan Grant counts one defeat after another as more and more people die. **APB \$19.95**

**Marjorie M Liu***Eye of Heaven*

Iris, a Las Vegas star who has an affinity for wild creatures, finds salvation in the arms of "Blue" Perrineau, an agent with Dirk & Steele detective agency and protector of the innocent, who is working undercover to expose an organ smuggling ring. **APB \$17.95**

**Cara Lockwood***The Scarlet Letterman*

A follow-up to *Wuthering High* finds Maya's newfound successes at Bard Academy challenged by Headmaster Bronte's accusations that she is responsible for a series of faculty disappearances, a situation that is further complicated by disturbing rumors about her new boyfriend, Ryan. **TP \$22.95**

**Kathy Love***I Only Have Fangs For You*

When vampire Sebastian meets Wilhemina Weiss, who, unbeknownst to him, is working undercover at his club Carfax Abbey to reform his wicked ways, he discovers that love bites in a big way when he falls for this holier-than-thou beauty. **TP \$28.95**

**Myrna Mackenzie***Passions of the Ghost*

He is Lord Reynald de Mortimer, a powerful warrior of the thirteenth century who defended his castle against his fiercest enemies. Now Reynald has awakened from a seven-hundred-year sleep to find that his beloved home has been turned into a modern hotel. Worse, it is host to a medieval festival! Before Reynald can begin to contemplate his fate, a stunning beauty comes to his rescue . . .

Amy Fairweather is not your typical damsel. Nor is she in distress. As a former con artist, it'll take more than a breathtaking giant in armor to convince her that he's the Lord Reynald . . . even if he does set Amy's nights ablaze with passion and magic. But then strange, inexplicable things start to happen at the hotel, and she has no choice but to believe that the Ghost has emerged from the shadows of time. And now he must seek redemption by facing his greatest threat . . . with the unquestioning love of one extraordinary woman by his side. **APB \$15.95**

**John Marks***Fangland*

Traveling to Romania on behalf of her popular television news magazine, Evangeline Harker investigates a notorious crime boss named Ion Torgu, only to disappear and awaken several months later in a Transylvanian monastery with no memory of what happened to her. **HC \$52.95**

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

A Feast for Crows brings to life dark magic, intrigue and terrible bloodshed as the war-torn landscape of the Seven Kingdoms is threatened by destruction as vast as any in its violent past. The War of the Five Kings has ripped Westeros apart. The bloodthirsty, treacherous and cunning Lannisters occupy the Iron Throne, with allies as ruthless as themselves. Lord Frey was host at the Red Wedding, so called for the massacre of the guests, their screams unheard above the music of the feast. Euron Crow's Eye is as black a pirate as ever raised a sail, sworn to deliver the whole of Westeros to the ironborn. No less to be feared are their enemies. The Starks of Winterfell and the Martells of Dorne seek vengeance for their dead. And the last of the Targaryens, Daenerys Stormborn, will bring fire and blood to King's Landing when her young dragons reach their terrifying maturity. The last war fought with dragons was a cataclysm powerful enough to shatter the Valyrian peninsula, now a smoking, demon-haunted ruin half drowned by the sea. Against a backdrop of alchemy and murder, victory may go to the men and women possessed of the coldest steel . . . and the coldest hearts. **APB \$20.99**

**Brandon Massey***Within the Shadows*

Thirty-one-year-old Andrew Wilson believes that he has it all--a great house in the Atlanta suburbs, a successful career as a mystery writer, and close friends--especially when he meets beautiful, sophisticated Mika Woods, a woman who seems too good to be true, but he soon discovers that Mika is not what she appears to be and that he has become trapped in a nightmarish web of evil and death. **APB \$17.95**

**Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough***Maelstrom (Twins of Petaybee 02)*

The Shongili twins, Ronan and Murel, accompany their friend Marmie on her luxury space craft Pif to rescue their friend Ke-ola's family from an uninhabitable planet. They arrive to find the planet in the midst of a terrible meteor storm and when they go down to the surface find that the survivors have taken refuge under ground. Ronan and Murel change into seal form and find the survivors and their totem animals or aumakua, the giant turtles, or Honu, and the sharks.

Back on Petaybee the twins, in their seal form, escort the Honu to their new home in the middle of the ocean. They also want to warn the otters and seals about the sharks. It is a long journey and Murel falls asleep and gets separated from the rest. She is surrounded by a pod of Orcas who, thinking she is a normal seal, try to eat her. Before they can do so she is caught up in a whirlpool caused by the volcanic activity in the area, as is Ronan, who had swum back to try to rescue her.

They are rescued from the whirlpool by the mysterious deep sea otters and taken into their shielded city on the ocean floor. While their leader, Kushtaka, is talking to them her son Jeel sees the sharks and goes to inspect them, Murel races after him but is too late and Jeel is killed.

Meanwhile Marmie and her crew are arrested on trumped up charges of kidnapping Ke-ola's family and taken to Gwinnett Incarceration Colony, along with most of the survivors they rescued.

When Murel and Ronan return to their family and discover that Marmie has been arrested and the Pif impounded they realize they need to get off the planet and go to her rescue. While staying with Kushtaka they were told that the deep sea otters were not just otters but beings from outer space who had hidden in the depths of Petaybee's oceans for years. Now that they have been discovered they plan to leave, the twins persuade Kushtaka to take them with her and to help them rescue Marmie. **HC \$55**

**Juliet McKenna***Eastern Tide*

The fourth volume in this epic fantasy adventure. The Archipelago is still plagued by dragons and its peoples live in terror of their coming. Kheda, Risala and Velindre chase rumours of a water dragon, as they alone have gathered secrets of how to **PB \$22.95**

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The death of her beloved grandfather forces bookstore owner Sylvia Lynn to return to her childhood home in upstate New York to confront the grandmother who had raised her and the nearby woods that had both enticed and terrified her, and encounters members of the local Fiber Guild, a group of women seeking to bind the power of the woods into their weavings. **TP \$28.95**

**Robin McKinnley***The Hero and the Crown*

With the aid of the wizard Luthe and the Blue Sword, Aerin wins the birthright due to her as the daughter of the Damarian king and a witchwoman of the mysterious, demon-haunted North. A Newbery Medal winner. **TP \$28.95**

**R M Meluch***Wolf Star*

During the war with the Palentine Empire, a culture that mimics Roman civilization, the U.S.'s sister starships, the U.S.S. Merrimack and the U.S.S. Monitor are endangered as both sides struggle for supremacy while an alien life-form, called the Hive, prepares for invasion. **APB \$19.95**

**Christopher Moore***Island of the Sequined Love Nun*

Take a wonderfully crazed excursion into the demented heart of a tropical paradise - a world of cargo cults, cannibals, mad scientists, ninjas, and talking fruit bats. Our bumbling hero is Tucker Case, a hopeless geek trapped in a cool guy's body, who makes a living as a pilot for the Mary Jean Cosmetics Corporation. But when he demolishes his boss's pink plane during a drunken airborne liaison, Tuck must run for his life from Mary Jean's goons.

Now there's only one employment opportunity left for him: piloting shady secret missions for an unscrupulous medical missionary and a sexy blond high priestess on the remotest of Micronesian hells.

Here is a brazen, ingenious, irreverent, and wickedly funny novel from a modern master of the outrageous. **BPB \$22.95**

*You Suck*

Waking up after a fantastic night only discover that his girlfriend is a vampire and has transformed him into one, a disgusted C. Thomas Flood struggles to adapt to his new powers, a cute teenage minion, and a dangerous faction of bloodsuckers who are determined to kill off all other vampires. **HC \$45.95**

**Walter Mosley***Wave, The*

Receiving a bizarre prank call from someone claiming to be his dead father, Errol visits the graveyard where his father is buried and makes an astonishing discovery about a supernatural presence that is spreading throughout the planet. **APB \$18.95**

**Robert Newcomb***Savage Messiah (Destinies of Blood and Stone 01)*

With the Orb of the Vigors, the source of all good magic, bleeding deadly magical energy across the kingdom, only Tristan can heal the Orb, but first he must undertake a quest to cleanse his blood and bring it back to its natural state, a mission that takes him and his companions to distant Parthalon and the mysterious Well of Forestallments. **APB \$19.95**

**Stan Nicholls***Quicksilver Twilight (Quicksilver 03)*

Desperate to find a cure for the curse of immortality and the episodes of berserk fury and debilitating visions that torment him, Reeth Caldason has traded his fighting skills for the promise of access to powerful ancient magic. But the Resistance group he reluctantly joined as part of the bargain is in disarray since their plans to found an island utopia free from tyranny were betrayed by one of their own. Now, Reeth is trapped on the Diamond Isle, fending off the pirates that plague the surrounding waters. Despite his romantic entanglement with one of the freedom fighters, Serrah, and the responsibility he feels towards Kutch, a young magician's apprentice, he is determined to set off on the search for his cure. But as his visions grow stranger, Serrah and Kutch begin to understand his true nature and the great power it represents. Back on the mainland, Reeth's arch-enemy, Devlor Bastorran, remains intent on destroying him. Overshadowing everything is the threat of Zerreiss, the conquering barbarian warlord who uses an enigmatic ability to sweep all before him. The spectre of war looms. **TP \$29.99**

**Larry Niven***The Draco Tavern*

Human entrepreneur Rick Schumann builds a tavern catering to various species of visiting aliens, an interplanetary gathering place situated in Siberia that is known as Draco Tavern, in an entertaining anthology of short fiction that includes such tales as "The Subject Is Closed," "Table Manners: A Folk Tale," "Wisdom of Demons," and the previously unpublished "Losing Mars." **APB \$17.95**

**Andre Norton***Three Hands For Scorpio*

Kidnapped and left to die in the underground Dismals as part of a plot to shift a balance of power, the triplet princess daughters of a border lord use their telepathic powers to uncover a secret that may help save their people from a long-standing threat. By the author of the Witch World series.

**APB \$17.95**

**Andre Norton & Sasha Miller***Dragon Blade (Cycle of Oak, Yew, Ash and Rowan 04)*

Hoping to settle down to a peaceful life with her family after the defeat of an evil force, Ashen Nordorn, Queen of the Land of Ever Snow, learns that the Mother Ice Dragon is once again threatening the world and can only be killed by a long-missing ancient sword. By the author of To the King a Daughter. **APB \$17.95**

**Andre Norton & Lyn McConchie***Silver May Tarnish (Witch World)*

Lorcan was the son of the noble house of Erondale, but when war came to the dales and his father was killed, he could only flee to safety and hope for a better day. Fostered by relatives until he was turned out by a vicious cousin jealous of his legacy, Lorcan joined with others to fight marauders bent on murder and looting. All the while, Lorcan hoped for peace and a place he could settle and begin anew.

Meive, a noble lass of Landale, was lucky to survive a brutal attack on her dale led by a malcontent who joined with marauders for his own revenge. Like Lorcan, Meive sought only a haven from the violence, a bit of land where she could keep the honeybees that were her blessing and her responsibility.

When these two dispossessed young people meet, neither knows what will come of it. But together they are determined to fight the marauders and reclaim the ravaged land. With a dedicated band of loyal companions and the help of Goddess-blessed warrior bees, they will fight to the last to stake their claim for freedom and a new life. But Lorcan's vengeful cousin, riding with a crew of bloody raiders, could shatter the dream of a peaceful land.

**APB \$17.95**

**Andre Norton & Jean Rabe***A Taste of Magic*

Wisteria is magically attuned to the world around her. Her senses relish the tastes of magic that the wonders of nature offer. But the peacefulness of her backwoods existence is shattered when her village is attacked by the raiding force of the bellicose Lord Purvis, who leaves only this twenty-something magic wielder and an adolescent lass as the inadvertent survivors.

Wisteria has pledged herself to a mission. Now she and her young ward must brave the wilds beyond their home in pursuit of the ravager who destroyed everyone near and dear to their hearts. The woman with the Taste of Magic now has a taste for vengeance, and the blood oath she has pledged must be satisfied with the life of Lord Purvis. **HC \$51.95**

**Mel Odom***Lord of the Libraries (Rover 02)*

Working as a master librarian at Great Library one hundred years after the events of *The Rover*, Edgewick Lamplighter takes on inexperienced apprentice Juhg to help acquire volumes for the Vault of All Known Knowledge, a task that is compromised by dark forces. **APB \$19.95**

**Paul Park***The White Tyger (Princess of Roumania 03)*

Reunited with her old friends only to be captured by her archnemesis, Miranda Popescu once again matches wits with the mad Baroness Ceausescu as she finds herself at the center of a dangerous political and diplomatic firestorm between conjurers, in the sequel to *A Princess of Roumania* and *The Tourmaline*. **HC \$52.95**

**Robin T Popp***Tempted in the Night (Night Slayer)*

Dedicating her life to destroying vampires after her mother is killed when she was a child, Jessica Winslow journeys to America to take on a colony of chupacabras, joining forces with attorney John Boehler in her search, but her quest is threatened when John himself is transformed into one of the beings she has vowed to eliminate. **APB \$17.95**

**Mike Resnick***Pirate (Starship 02)*

Branded as mutineers, Captain Wilson Cole and the crew of the starship Theodore Roosevelt, enter the world of piracy and find themselves ill-prepared for the likes of alien pirate Hammerhead Shark. **HC \$51.95**

**Laura Resnick***Doppelgangsters*

Out-of-work actress Esther Diamond, while waiting tables, stumbles upon mystical mayhem and must once again call on Max the magician and Detective Connor Lopez for help when a gangster meets his demise at the hands of his doppelganger. **TP \$30.95**

**Alastair Reynolds***Galactic North (Revelation Space Short Stories)*

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**Alastair Reynolds***Pushing Ice*

Some centuries from now, the exploration and exploitation of the Solar System is in full swing. On the cold edge of the system, Bella Lind, captain of the huge commercial spacecraft Rockhopper IV, helps fuel this new gold rush by attaching mass-driver motors to organic-rich water-ice comets to move them back to the inner worlds. Her crew are tough, blue-collar miners, engineers and demolition experts. Around Saturn, something inexplicable happens: one of the moons leaves its orbit and accelerates out of the Solar System. The icy mantle peels away to reveal that it was never a moon in the first place, just a parked spacecraft, millions of years old, that has now decided to move on. Rockhopper IV, trapped in the pull, is hurled across time and space into the deep, distant future, arriving in a vast, alien-constructed chamber. And the crew are not alone, for each chamber contains an alien culture dragged into this cosmic menagerie at the end of time. **BPB \$19.95**

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The Quantum Bomb of 2015 changed everything. The fabric that kept the universe's different dimensions apart was torn and now, six years later, the people of earth exist in uneasy company with the inhabitants of, amongst others, the elven, elemental and demonic realms. Magic is real and can be even more dangerous than technology. Elves are exotic, erotic, dangerous and really bored with the constant Lord of the Rings references. Elementals are a law unto themselves and demons are best left well to themselves. Special agent Lila Black used to be pretty but now she's not so sure. Her body is now more than half restless carbon and metal alloy machinery. A machine she's barely in control of. It goes into combat mode, enough weapons for a small army springing from within itself, at the merest provocation. As for her heart ... well ever since being drawn into a Game by the elven rockstar she's been assigned to protect, she's not even sure she can trust that anymore either. **BPB \$22.95**

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**Travis S Taylor***The Quantum Connection (Warp Speed 02)*

Steven Montana, computer whiz and hacker extraordinaire, was attending college in Ohio when his world fell apart. A swarm of huge meteors fell all over the world, on Europe, on the United States, and in particular on Steven's home town in California. In an instant, his family and all his friends were gone.

Suffering fits of deep depression, he dropped out of college and ended up working as a repairman in a video games store, where he did a brilliant job of repairing a 30-year-old video game. That caught the attention of the game's owner, who happened to be in a position to get Steven a government job, cracking computer codes, and reverse engineering unusual hardware.

When he was given a tiny piece of hardware to examine as a "test," he worked out its functions so well that he and his boss were called to Washington for a Top Secret meeting. They asked him countless questions, yet declined to answer his; but he would soon learn all the answers.

The "meteor" onslaught that had orphaned him had actually been a brief and still secret war between the U.S and its enemies (as told in Warp Speed) using a new warp drive technology that was more secret than top secret. Another secret was that U.S. had been sending faster-than-light ships to other star systems. Most secret of all was that unfriendly aliens were observing the Earth, and while U.S. spaceships were not quite in a war with the unknown aliens, they were shooting at the intruders.

Whether any of these answers would do Steven any good was an open question because he learned them only after he was abducted by those very same aliens and was held prisoner on one of their ships orbiting Saturn. At first, he was one of three human prisoners, but he had just seen the aliens completely dissect one of the three, and it looked like either Steven, or the Russian girl who was his fellow prisoner, were scheduled to be the next alien lab experiment. . . . **APB \$19.95**

**Ronda Thompson***The Cursed One (Wild Wulfs of London 03)*

Wed and widowed in one day, stunning socialite Amelia Sinclair's honeymoon is anything but typical. Then again, neither is Amelia – rebellious and impulsive, marrying Robert Collingsworth was the one sensible thing she ever did. Now he's dead and she must escape the vicious creatures stalking her – even if it means relying on a stranger. Well, maybe not a complete stranger. Amelia first glimpsed Gabriel Wulf years ago on the busy streets of London; since then he has haunted her dreams. But in the flesh, Gabriel is much more tantalising than she ever dreamed, and much more complicated...

Gabriel Wulf, the strong one, the sensible one – the family, and the curse that plagued them, were his only priorities; there was little time for women and none for love. Now, he must protect an enticing beauty – and not just from the dangers that prowl the woods around them. Gabriel has secrets; dark ones he's sure Amelia must never know and could never understand. But she has already awakened his heart... and the beast within. Will Amelia be the key to his salvation, or the architect of her own demise? **APB \$17.95**

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Sam fights in a fierce battle against the Danish Fleet, led by none other than Nelson himself, and against all odds victory is theirs. Peace is declared and Britain's war with most of Northern Europe is over. Sam can go home. But on the journey back, he witnesses a crime, for which he is framed. He is sentenced to death, but at the last minute his sentence is commuted to transportation to Australia. With petty thieves, vicious criminals, women, and other children, Sam begins an eight month journey to the other side of the world, and a life of slavery in the harsh Australian interior. He knows that against all odds, he must escape. **PB \$14.95**

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### *Dirty Magic*

Joe? someone called softly. You Joe Brooks? Joe lifted his head and saw a strange-looking girl crouching by the garden wall. She was as pale as dust and dressed in a military uniform. The girl stepped towards him, and the ordinary world vanished. When Joe follows the mysterious Katherine, he is sucked into a grubby, gritty underworld of Fetchers, Skulkers, feuding warlords and double agents. With only blind Spider and some ancient maps to guide them, Joe and Katherine must navigate their way through a land where murderous machines roam the plains, sewer tunnels hide escape routes, and sinister contraptions listen for your innermost secrets. As Joe faces each danger in turn, one thing becomes terrifyingly clear: this is a matter of life and death, both here and in the world he's left behind. Dirty Magic pulls you into a crazy, fast-paced world that is frightening, confronting and addictively good. **PB \$15.95**

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Topher and his father are trying to get over the death of Topher's mother, an Egyptologist, when they take in a stray cat. This cat bears an uncanny resemblance to a cat ornament given to Topher by his mother and so they name it 'Ka', meaning 'double'. Topher becomes very attached to Ka and is puzzled by her mysterious absences. One day when he is playing a computer game with an Egyptian theme, Ka jumps on the keys and spells out the name Bubastis, which was the centre of cat worship in Ancient Egypt. Could Ka really be leading a double life and what is she trying to tell Topher? **PB \$14.95**

## Catherine Jinks Australia

### *Eglantine (Allie's Ghost Hunters 01)*

CASE #1: EGLANTINE Who is writing on the walls? We moved into our new house because Mum liked the vibes. But those vibes turned scary when ghostly writing started appearing on the walls of Bethan's room. Mum tried a few new-age tricks, but couldn't stop the creepy nightmares. We even called in paranormal investigators, but they were totally stumped. That's when I decided to take matters into my own hands . . . **PB \$14.95**

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CASE #3: ELOISE Who is the presence in the bedroom? I wasn't too keen on the Exorcists' Club at first. I mean, playing about with ghosts can be dangerous. But when Bettina begged me to help her aunt contact a dead relative, I gave in. That's what ghost hunters are for, right? If only I'd known what the seance would wake up . . . **PB \$14.95**

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## David Langford

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When seafaring traders, Gunnar, and his sword-wielding son, Harald Silkenhair, land in Trollsvik, looking for crew to join their journey to 'Vinland' (North America), Hilde is desperate to join the ship. She begs her parents to let her go as Gunnar's wife Astrid's companion, and when Peer agrees to go and look after her, her parents reluctantly agree. But Gunnar and Harald are dangerous men. Harald has killed a man, and Gunnar has been cursed and is losing his wits in fear that the dead man's ghost is following him. Harald has an uncontrollable, raging temper, and a perilous rivalry develops between he and Peer. By the time they finally reach the shores of Vinland, the settlement is looking less of an attractive proposition. And that's before they meet the 'Skraelings' (the Native American people) and the terrifying Jenu; the cannibal giant with the heart of ice... Action-packed, suspense-fuelled and with a wonderful cast of characters, *Troll Blood* is a truly rip-oaring read. **BPB \$19.99**

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Amy jumps at the chance to leave her gloomy aunt and uncle and go to the mountains. But once there, she finds that she must go to stay with the alien clan, the Wood People, and betray them. Worse still, when she meets the Woods she likes them, and her traitorous position there makes her more and more uncomfortable. A mysterious stranger turns up at the house, and kidnaps their beloved wolf cub. Amy is soon engaged in the chase through the winter landscape to a final showdown. **PB \$14.95**

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Prudence Stewart had it all at Beverly Hills High: straight A's, the cutest crush, and a sweet gig as captain of the cheerleading squad. Then poof! Mom and Dad announce they're moving to Salem, Massachusetts. Turns out, Pru comes from a long line of witches and it's time for her to learn the craft. Buh-bye, Beverly Hills High -- hello, Agatha's Day School! But Pru's not about to trade in her spirit stick for a broomstick! She's sure she can keep her kewl at her new school -- until she discovers it's all magic, all the time, and she's failing Witchcraft 101. Worst of all, even the cheerleaders bring a special "spirit" to their routine. As in, triple-back-somersault-with-a-twist kind of spirit.

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When the family business collapses, Beauty and her two sisters are forced to leave the city and begin a new life in the countryside. However, when their father accepts hospitality from the elusive and magical Beast, he is forced to make a terrible promise - to send one daughter to the Beast's castle, with no guarantee that she will be seen again. Beauty accepts the challenge, and there begins an extraordinary story of magic and love that overcomes all boundaries. This is another spellbinding and emotional tale embroidered around a fairytale from Robin McKinley, an award-winning American author. **PB \$36.95**

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**Colin Thompson Australia***Survivor (Floods 04)*

The youngest child in the Flood family, Betty, is a pretty little girl, who looks quite normal - unlike some of her brothers and sisters. She goes to the normal primary school down the road and she even has a normal best friend, Ffiona Hulbert. But Betty is not normal - she is a witch. When Bridie McTort, the school bully, starts throwing her weight around, Betty knows exactly what to do. And when Ffiona's dad gets bullied at work, Betty knows how to fix that too.

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