



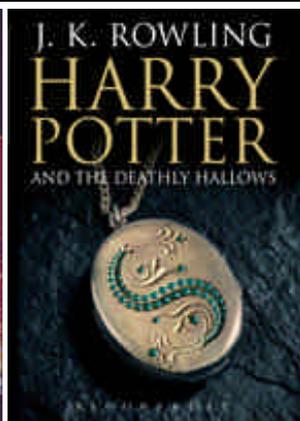
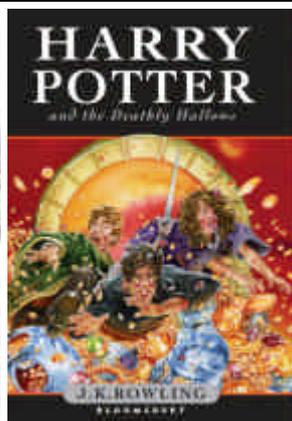
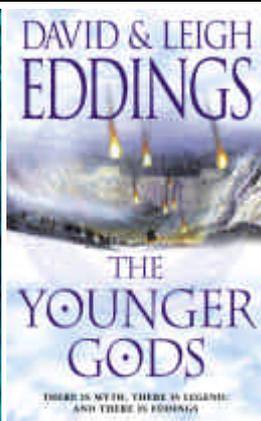
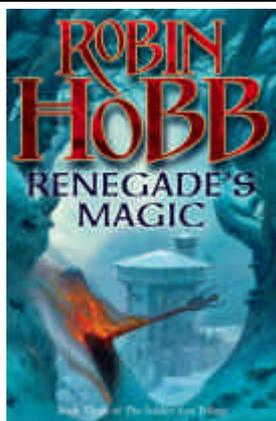
# Infinitas Bookshop

science fiction, fantasy & horror

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## Featured Books



**Robin Hobb**

**David and Leigh Eddings**

**J K Rowling**

**R A Salvatore**

**Stargate SG-1**

**Lois McMaster Bujold**

**Warhammer 40 000**

**Star Wars**

**Ballistic**

**John Birmingham**

*Renegade's Magic*, book 3 in trade paperback.

*The Younger Gods*, book 4 in paperback.

*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the final book in hardcover.

*The Road of the Patriarch*, in paperback.

*Roswell*, paperback by Australians Sonny Whitelaw and Karen Miller.

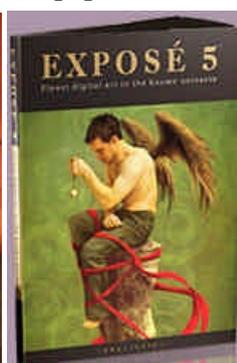
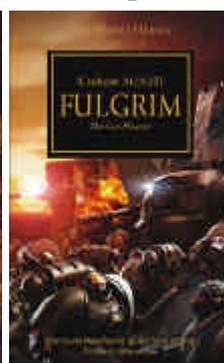
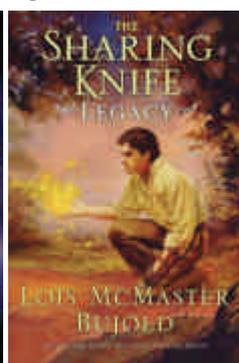
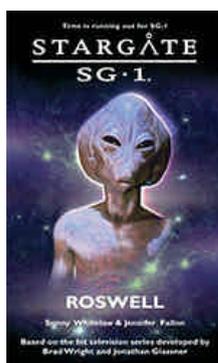
*The Sharing Knife: Legacy*, in hardcover.

*Fulgrim*, book 5 of the Horus Heresy

*Sacrifice*, book 5 of Legacy of the Force in hardcover

*Expose 5*, another great digital art book.

*Final Impact World War 2.3*, book 3 in paperback.



## News

**The Stocktake Sale** was financially successful but we would not run it the same again. Well done to readers who found old back list Star Trek books we did not know we had. Thanks for your support.

**Kevin J Anderson and Rebecca Moesta** will be visiting Infinitas 26<sup>th</sup> September. Details will be posted on our forums at: <http://infinitas.com.au/forums/viewtopic.php?t=769>

**Freb Saberhagen** died 29<sup>th</sup> June. He wrote many books, but is best known for his Berserker science fiction novels of AI spaceships searching and attacking all intelligent life.

**Winterfest** organiser Andrew visited us this week and reported the Medieval re-enactment fair last weekend at Castle Hill showground went very well with a high attendance, and will be run again next year at a similar time.

**Science fiction writers** have been recruited onto a committee by the US Department of Homeland Security to suggest ideas to anticipate and combat terrorism. The committee includes Greg Bear and Jerry Pournelle.

## 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.

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### *This Immortal* by Roger Zelazny, reviewed by Adam Bales

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780743497848>

Roger Zelazny's "This Immortal" has sat in my to-read pile untouched for a few months now. This isn't because I expected the book to be boring but because reading it would mean I had no more of Zelazny's Hugo award winning novels left unread. So I sat down to it with high expectations - and I wasn't disappointed.

"This Immortal" tells the tale of Conrad, an important member of the administrators of Earth following a nuclear war. But he is also much more than that, Conrad is a mysterious, powerful narrator who has lived far longer than the average human. So when he is called upon to guide an influential Vegan, an alien whose species now own Earth, on a tour around the planet, he wonders about the true reasons behind the visit. As the book progresses, Conrad must decide whether this visitor means to harm or aid humanity. His conclusion will determine whether he risks his own life to defend the alien from a group of radical humans or whether he aids the would-be assassins.

Zelazny has created a tale with a unique feel to it that can't be conveyed in a brief review. Both in the presentation of the world and the portrayal of Conrad, "This Immortal" presents a sophisticated storyline that deserved the recognition it received. "This Immortal" is shorter than many modern science fiction books but this works well - the story feels exactly the right length.

So how do I feel now I've read it? Well, sad that it's finished but happy that I wasn't disappointed. In fact, maybe I'll read it again.

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### *Sasha* by Joel Shepherd, reviewed by Daniel

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780733621413>

Sasha is Joel Shepherd's first Fantasy novel. Better known for the Cassandra Kresnov Series novels; Crossover, Breakaway and Killswitch, this is the first of four planed novels for this series.

Lenayin, ruled by the King and governed by feudal Lords, is on the brink of war. Religion divides the nation while the nobility maneuver for power and prestige. Sasha, daughter of the King, is caught between factions. Born Verenthane, raised Goeren-yai and schooled Nasi-Keth, her loyalty is claimed by all. Sasha must decide to uphold the King's Law or to defend to people and nation that she loves, but is everything as black and white as she believes?

It did not take me long to be drawn into Sasha's world. I had no trouble dreaming up places, scenes and characters from Joel's descriptions. Pieces of Goeren-yai beliefs, hints of special sword fighting techniques and the predominance of mounted combat have left me eagerly awaiting the next installment.

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### *Sasha* by Joel Shepherd, reviewed by Lynn

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780733621413>

Admittedly, I had problems following the storyline after the first few pages - lots of detail about ancient history and religions for clans will do that. That all changed once Sasha started on her journey home to see her father and honour a battle promise to a man who believes he is the one others will rally round to help save a mythical race; she begins to feel the effects of these past events on her life and the lives of her family and friends. The battle scenes are beautifully crafted though bloody and you can actually feel the characters growing in personality as they fight for what they believe in - being a different religion does not make you less worthy; living in a different area does not make you less worthy. In particular, the friends Sasha gathers along the way, Jaryd Nyvar, Captain Tyrun and Errolyn among others, help her see that just because she is no longer a Lenayin princess by choice, does not mean she does not have responsibility to her people. The story ends with Sasha accomplishing the task that was set for her by the people around her; there is the sense that she does have much more to do though especially with her newfound sense of purpose.

This is fantasy where ideals and honour are still important to the good guys and where the bad guys only want the power, no matter who they have to manipulate. If you like Mary Gentle's Ash, then you will probably enjoy this.

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### *Death's Head* by David Gunn, reviewed by Daniel

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780593058336>

Death's Head is David Gunn's first novel, and the first book in the "Aux" series.

Sven is an orphan of war. Disrespectful of his Commanding Officers, he is left to broil in the hot desert sun. But this isn't his planet. It isn't even a human planet. This world will be taken for humanity, even if no-one knows why.

Sven is a survivor. Fate will try to kill him, so will his fellow man. Neither hard enough. Prison didn't stand a chance. But what good is one broken man? Fate hasn't finished with Sven yet.

Death's Head contains all the standards that you would expect from a science-fiction military novel. Sven can be compared with Ciaphas Cain and Ibram Gaunt from the Black Library novels, Jason Wander from "Orphanage" or Felix from "Armor". If you are a fan of charismatic army men who always find the worst kind of trouble, this is well worth the read.



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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.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August: Which 3 science fiction or fantasy novels would you want if you were on a desert island?

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September: Companion animals in science fiction.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> July:

Kylie Chan *White Tiger* (F)  
Linnea Sinclair *An Accidental Goddess* (SF)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August:

John Marsden *Tomorrow When The War Began* (SF)  
Karen Miller *Empress of Mijak* (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.

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/WritersGroup.php>

**Infinitas Forums:** Visit the forums behind our website to read or post genre news, gossip, find role playing games, or just meet other fans. [forums.infinitas.com.au](http://forums.infinitas.com.au)

### Bestsellers for June

#### General Release

For a Few Demons More	Kim Harrison
The Harlequin	Laurell K Hamilton
Ghost Brigades	John Scalzi
Empress of Mijak	Karen Miller
Reaper's Gale	Stephen Erikson
Sharing Knife Beguilement	Lois McMaster Bujold
Phantom	Terry Goodkind
The Spirit Stone	Katharine Kerr
Kushiel's Scion	Jacqueline Carey
Cadmian's Choice	L E Modesitt Jr

#### Media and Games Related Titles

Wooden Heart	Doctor Who
The Last Dodo	Doctor Who
Sting of the Zygons	Doctor Who
Brothers of the Snake	Warhammer 40K
Entanglement	Stargate Atlantis
Betrayal	Star Wars
Horus Rising	Warhammer 40K
Chapter War	Warhammer 40K
Flight of the Eisenstein	Warhammer 40K
A Rending of Falcons	Mechwarrior Dark Age

# Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

## *Creative Essence: The Face*

Tutorial book, not a coffee table art book like most of Ballistic's range.

ESSENCE: The Face is the first book in the new 'Creative ESSENCE Series'. Designed for artists with a mid-to-advanced understanding of 3D character creation, the book starts with the photo shoot of model Monika and draws on the methods of six professionals to create a digital model from beginning to end. Working as a team each artist develops a piece of the 3D character puzzle to show you how lifelike characters are created in a production environment. The Face encompasses reference photography, modeling, UV mapping, texturing and rendering to create a digital double that would be at home in a next-gen game or HD movie. **TP \$66**

## *Expose 5*

The flagship title of award-winning publisher Ballistic Publishing has become an institution in the digital art world. EXPOSÉ 5 boasts a raft of new artwork including that of 108 unpublished artists drawn from a pool of over 4,500 entries.

Judged by an international team of industry leaders this year's edition features 298 examples of the world's best digital art prepared by 218 artists from 45 countries. **TP \$59 HC \$70**

*Locus 556 May 2007*      **MAG \$16**

*Locus 557 June 2007*      **MAG \$16**

*Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine 29*      **MAG \$8.95**

## *Brave New Words: The Oxford Dictionary of Science Fiction*

Prucher, a freelance lexicographer, compiles a dictionary of science fiction terms used in novels, stories, mainstream publications, fanzines, screenplays, newspapers, comics, songs, and the internet. Most of the entries (relating mainly to the twentieth century) come from the Oxford English Dictionary Science Fiction Project, which has collected terms since 2001. Terms from the genre of fantasy are excluded. Entries cite usage, etymology, definition, variant and derived forms, cross-references, and citations in publications. A few sidebars discussing topics such as fanspeak, expletives and profanity, robots, Star Trek, and time travel are included. **HC \$60**

## **Justin Allen**

### *Slaves of the Shinar*

An epic fantasy that borrows themes from the Bible and classic literature traces the journey of ancient world nomadic thief Uruk and the slave Ander through the jungles of sub-Saharan Africa in search of the fabled city of Ur, where Uruk hopes to discover riches and Ander plots to gain his freedom. A first novel. **HC \$52.95**

## **Alex Archer**

### *God of Thunder (Rogue Angel 07)*

When a package containing a coded message about the location of the Hammer of Thor arrives on her doorstep, archaeologist Annja Creed, dodging unknown assailants, follows the clues to Latvia where she must go up against a ruthless corps of mercenaries to claim the prize. **APB \$16.95**

## **Kelley Armstrong**

### *No Humans Involved (Otherworld 07)*

No Humans Involved stars necromancer Jaime Vegas. She's on a television shoot in Brentwood, Los Angeles when weird things start to happen. Invisible hands brush her arms, she sees movements out of the corner of her eye, unintelligible fragments of words are whispered in her ear. Jaime's used to seeing the dead and hearing them clearly. But now, for the first time in her life, she knows what humans mean when they say they're being haunted. Jaime is determined to get to the bottom of this, but she doesn't realize how low her investigation will take her, or what human-based horror she will uncover. As she delves through the dark underside of Los Angeles she'll need as much Otherworld help as she can get to survive unscathed. But Jeremy, the alpha-werewolf is there by her side to offer his protection. And maybe more than that... **HC \$32.95**

## *Exit Strategy*

Nadia Stafford, a former police officer turned assassin dedicated to taking out criminals, may have bitten off more than she expected when she is hired to take out a ruthless and efficient serial murderer who is endangering the entire killer-for-hire community by bringing the Feds all too close for comfort. **APB \$17.95**

## **Keri Arthur Australian Author**

### *Dangerous Games (Riley Jenson Guardian 04)*

In Melbourne's urban underworld, there's a place for every fetish and fantasy. But for Riley Jenson, one such nightclub has become an obsession. Riley, a rare hybrid of werewolf and vampire and new agent for the Directorate of Other Races, hasn't come in pursuit of pleasure but of an unknown killer who's been using the club as his hunting ground. Leave it to Riley to find the only ticket into the heavily guarded venue: Jin, a deliciously hot-bodied bartender who might just provide the key to unmasking a killer unlike any other in the Directorate's experience. Taunted by a former colleague gone rogue, Riley follows Jin into a realm of pleasure she could never have imagined but as danger and passion ignite, a shocking mystery begins to unravel one where Riley herself becomes the ultimate object of desire... **APB \$19.95**

## **Catherine Asaro**

### *The Fire Opal*

When priestess Ginger-Sun, uncertain of her path in life, stumbles upon a royal stranger left for dead, she discovers her true destiny as the wife of a prince and the target of many, forcing her to master her dark powers, or surrender her soul to the evil that surrounds her. **TP \$30.95**

## **Amanda Ashley**

### *Deeper Than the Night*

Laughing at local superstitions that the mesmerizing Alexander Claybourne is a centuries-old vampire, Kara Crawford befriends the handsome stranger and begins an otherworldly adventure of the heart. **APB \$17.95**

## **Camille Bacon-Smith**

### *Daemon Eyes*

Specializing in occult cases, private investigators Kevin Bradley, Evan Davis, and Lily Ryan, all of whom have special advantages and unique gifts, take on such jobs as saving a wealthy woman's brother from inhuman captors and tracking down stolen crystal orbs that had once belonged to a dowager empress of China. **APB \$19.95**

### **Kage Baker**

*Sons of Heaven (Company)*

A conclusion to the story of Mendoza and The Company finds the immortal Lewis stripped of his vision and physical prowess and befriended by an extraordinary child, the Victorian superman Edward plotting world domination, and the Enforcer Budu enlisting an unexpected ally. **HC \$52.95**

### **R Scott Bakker**

*The Thousandfold Thought (Prince of Nothing 03)*

The epic conclusion to the acclaimed Prince of Nothing trilogy. All opposition to the man once derided as the Prince of Nothing has vanished or been vanquished. Their leaders slain, the heathen Fanim have fled in disarray. One final march will bring the Holy War to the fabled city of Shimeh. But so very much has changed. Anasurimbor Kellhus, the Warrior-Prophet, now leads the Men of the Tusk. The cuckolded sorcerer Achamian serves as his tutor, betraying his school to keep safe the man he believes can prevent the Second Apocalypse. The Scylvendi barbarian, Cnaiur, succumbs finally to madness. The Consult, sensing the endgame of millennia of planning, work frantically to prepare for the coming of the No-God. The final reckoning is at hand. Faceless assassins will strike in the dead of night. Kings and Emperors will fall. The sorcerous Schools will be unleashed. And Anasurimbor Kellhus will at last confront his father and the dread revelation of the Thousandfold Thought. **PB \$21.95**

### **L A Banks**

*The Forsaken (Vampire Huntress 07)*

With the death of the Chairman of the Vampire Council and the rise of the seventh level of Hell, Damali is confronted by her ultimate challenge, a once banished entity with the power to stop a Neteru. **APB \$19.95**

*The Cursed (Vampire Huntress 09)*

With the death of the Chairman, Lilith, of Satan's Consorts, is on the vampire throne as the Vampire Council's new head and uses her powers to raise the dark covens to aid her in her plot to gain Damali's new-found angelic powers that will allow her evil progeny, the unborn heir to the Dark Realms, to take his throne as the Anti-Christ and to unleash Armageddon. **TP \$30.95**

### **Michele Bardsley**

*Don't Talk Back to Your Vampire*

Unwed and undead, town librarian Eva LeRoy, dealing with her daughter's new boyfriend who is a vampire hunter, rival vamps, and unruly kids adjusting to night school, finds herself falling in love with Lorcan the Loner, the vampire who killed her. **APB \$17.95**

### **Gerry Bartlett**

*Real Vampires Live Large (Real Vampires 02)*

Full-figured vampire Glory St. Clair finds that being one of the immortal undead is not what it is cracked up to be when a frustrated vampire hunter firebombs her vintage clothing boutique, her angry long-time lover takes off in pursuit of the culprit to prove himself worthy of her, and Energy Vampires have targeted her as their next victim, in the sequel to Real Vampires Have Curves. **TP \$28.95**

### **Beverly Barton**

*Sanctuary (Raintree 03)*

War with their archrival, the evil Ansara clan, is unavoidable. For Mercy Raintree, a war means she must assume her position as guardian of the Sanctuary - the sacred Raintree home place deep in the Smoky Mountains. But doing so threatens to disclose her most prized secret - one Mercy has kept to herself for six years.

As the solstice looms and the battle heats up, Dranir Judah Ansara gathers his forces, intending to wipe every Raintree from the face of the land. Including Mercy, whom he's claimed as his to kill. Then he comes face-to-face with her - and with her daughter, Eve. Will Mercy's closely guarded secret change not only the outcome of the battle, but also Judah's own bitter heart? **APB \$15.95**

### **Elizabeth Bear**

*Whiskey and Water (Promethean Age)*

Ending an age-old war at great cost to himself, Matthew the Magician has been left physically crippled, with his power shattered, but when he finds a young woman brutally murdered by a Fae creature, he must use his role as protector of New York City to bring her killer to justice before his former mentor, Jane Andraste, uses the crime to justify more violence. **APB \$28.95**

### **John Birmingham Australian Author**

*Final Impact (Axis of Time 03)*

As history reaches a tipping point, the forces unleashed by the Transition threaten to bring the future crashing down in ruins. Will Hitler and Tojo finish their race towards an atom bomb? Is another catastrophic wave of destruction about to sweep out of a revitalised Soviet Union? What price will Kolhammer and his people pay for disrupting their own past? **APB \$19.95**

### **Terry Brooks**

*First King of Shannara (Shannara 00)*

After the terrible misuse of magic during the First War of the Races, the Druids at Paranor devoted themselves to the study of the old sciences. But forces were on the move from the Northlands, and at the heart of the evil tide was an archmage and Druid named Brona. One Man understood that if the peoples of the Four Lands were to escape eternal subjugation they would need to unite. But even united, they would need a weapon - something so powerful that the evil magic of Brona, the Warlock Lord, would fail before its might. And thus was forged the Sword of Shannara... **BPB \$22.95**

*The Elfstones of Shannara (Shannara 02)*

An ancient evil threatens the Elves and the Races of Man. The Ellcrys, the tree of long lost Elven magic, is dying, unravelling the spell of Forbidding that locks the hordes of Demons away from the world. Already the fearsome Reaper is free. Only by quickening a new seed in the mysterious Bloodfire can the Ellcrys be reborn and the Forbidding made whole. Amberle, a young Elven girl, is chosen to undertake the quest for the Bloodfire. The way is perilous, though. Other demons besides the Reaper stalk the land. Amberle will need a protector if she is to prevail, and Wil Ohmsford, heir to the elven magics of Shannara, is chosen to accompany her. Amberle's quest and the fate of the Four Lands will rest on Wil's ability to unlock the magic of the mysterious Elfstones of Shannara. **BPB \$22.95**

## **Terry Brooks**

### *The Wishsong of Shannara (Shannara 03)*

The third book in the internationally bestselling Shannara series. Horror stalks the Four Lands. The Ildatch, ancient source of evil, has stirred to life. It sends its foul Mord Wraiths to make war on all living things and bring about, at last, Mankind's destruction. Once again Allanon, Druid Protector of the Races, must seek the help of a descendant of the Elven King, Jerle Shannara. Brin, daughter of Wil Ohmsford, has been born with the magic of the Wishsong, which alone can open a way to the Ildatch. Reluctantly, she joins Allanon on his perilous journey east. Meanwhile her younger brother, Jair, learns that Brin will fail and die unless he can reach her in time. As Brin walks blindly into the trap the Ildatch has set, Jair's only hope of reaching her in time is to travel through the very heart of evil.... **BPB \$22.95**

### *Running With the Demon (Word and the Void)*

A knight haunted by dreams of a looming evil and a young girl with supernatural powers join together to confront a mysterious, earth-shaking evil that lurks in a park in the sleepy steel-mill town of Hopewell, Illinois. **APB \$19.95**

### *The Scions of Shannara (Heritage of Shannara 01)*

The beginning of a new chapter in the epic Shannara story - a masterly tale of magic, honour and death in the Four Lands. Three hundred years have passed in the Four Lands. The Federation now controls all of the Southland. In the West, the Elves have vanished. In the east, the dwarves are enslaved. Par Ohmsford has retained some of the magical powers of his ancestors, although he does not fully understand the way they work. He is troubled by dreams of Allanon, the Druid whose fate has always seemed linked with that of the Ohmsfords. But when he is told of the Shadowen, the greatest danger ever to threaten the Four Lands, he embarks upon a perilous quest - to meet the shade of Allanon and to carry his message to the other Scions of Shannara. **BPB \$22.95**

### *The Druid of Shannara (Heritage of Shannara 02)*

The second chapter of the epic Heritage of Shannara series - a masterly work from a master storyteller. To the scions of Shannara have fallen three tasks: Par Ohmsford has recovered the fabled Sword of Shannara. This he has accomplished, but the Federation's Chief Seeker has planted an awful thought in Par's mind - that he himself is Shadowen, the very evil he seeks to destroy. Wren is in the Westland, seeking out the elves. And in the Northland... Walker Boh has been commanded by the shade of Allanon to find the lost city of Paranor and recreate the Order of Druids, disbanded for three hundred years to achieve this he must find the Black Elfstone, but the gem is in the hands of an ancient being of timeless evil - the Stone King. Beset on all sides by enemies, and from within by his own self-doubt, Walker Boh sets out on his part of the perilous quest. A quest that will end in success - or the complete destruction of all he holds dear. **BPB \$22.95**

### *The Elf Queen of Shannara (Heritage of Shannara 03)*

Wren Ohmsford, Scion of Shannara, comes from the Westlands, where she lives the life of a Rover. Now she, like her kinsmen, Par and Walker Boh, has been called upon to help the shade of Allanon fight the totalitarian power of the Federation. She must find the Elves, who disappeared from their strongholds more than one hundred years ago... But even knowledge of the Elves is hard to find - only a blind, wise woman of the West knows something of their location. On her advice, Wren and her Rover companion, Garth, journey to the coast of the Blue Divide, where they build a fire and let it burn for three days. With the unexpected help that their blaze attracts, they reach the isle of Morrowindle and near their goal - to find the last of the Elves. But they also find dangers such as they could not have imagined, and Wren will make a discovery that will change her life forever. **BPB \$22.95**

### *The Talismans of Shannara (Heritage of Shannara 04)*

The descendants of the Elven house of Shannara have all completed their quests: Paranor, the Druid's Keep, has been restored; the Elves have been returned to the Four Lands; and Par Ohmsford has found what he believes to be the legendary Sword of Shannara. But their work is not yet done. The Shadowen still swarm over the Four Lands, poisoning all with their dark magic, and their leader is determined to prevent the scions of Shannara from sharing the knowledge that will end the sickness. To this end he sets his traps. For Walker, he will dispatch the Four Horsemen; for Wren, he sends an untrue friend; and for Par, he devises the most terrible fate of all... The charges given by the shade of the Druid Allanon seem doomed to failure - unless the Shannara children can escape the traps being laid for them, and Par can unlock the secret of the Sword of Shannara. **BPB \$22.95**

## **Tobias S Buckell**

### *Ragamuffin*

Their universe run by alien tyrants who systematically block all technological advances and eliminate any races who might scratch out more than a meager existence, a band of Caribbean refugees from distant Earth forms a rebellion in the hopes of overthrowing the evil Benevolent Satrapy. By the author of Crystal Rain. **HC \$51.95**

## **Lois McMaster Bujold**

### *Legacy (Sharing Knife 02)*

A conclusion to the tale that began with *The Sharing Knife*: Beguilement finds the newly married Fawn and Dag arriving at his Lakewalker home only to be met with prejudice and suspicion, a challenge that threatens the couple with exile before Dag is called upon to investigate a magical attack on a farming community. **HC \$52.95**

## **Chris Bunch**

### *Dragonmaster Omnibus (Dragonmaster)*

**STORM OF WINGS:** When the uneasy peace of the three kingdoms is threatened by war, Hal's dream of riding dragons becomes reality. For this is a conflict like no other. For the first time, wild dragons have become living weapons, ridden by men of cold daring and ruthless ambition. And the greatest of them is Hal Kailas, Dragonmaster. **KNIGHTHOOD OF THE DRAGON:** When he first dreamed of riding a dragon to war, Hal Keilas was laughed at. Then the war between the kingdoms of Deraine, Sagene and Roche compelled a solution daring beyond their people's wildest dreams. But Hal, Dragonmaster, knows that the war and the killing have only begun. **THE LAST BATTLE:** As predicted, with the end of the war both dragon fliers and dragons have been cast aside. However, what or who is savaging the dragons in their native lands? Hal embarks on a new crusade, and discovers a threat, not just to the dragons but to man himself. **BPB \$29.95**

**Alan Campbell***Scar Night*

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. **BPB \$22.95**

**Will Clarke***The Worthy*

In the aftermath of a frat pledge's death during a brutal hazing incident at Louisiana State University, the angry spirit of nineteen-year-old Conrad possesses the body of an unsuspecting pledge in his determination to exact revenge on the fraternity's unscrupulous chapter president. By the author of Lord Vishnu's Love Handles. **TP \$28.95**

**David B Coe***Weavers of War (Winds of the Forelands 05)*

In the epic conclusion of the Winds of the Forelands series, Dusaan, a Weaver of the Qirsi people, uses his ability to bind the magic of many Qirsi together into a single potent weapon to seize control of the Empire and to unite his allies from other realms into a powerful and unbeatable force.

**HC \$56.95**

**Robert Conroy***1862*

Angered when the U.S. Navy seizes three Confederates aboard an English sailing vessel, Britain retaliates by entering the Civil War in support of the Southern rebels, threatening the fate of the Union and the ultimate outcome of the war, in a novel of speculative, "what-if" fiction by the author of 1901. **APB \$17.95**

*1945*

An intriguing alternate history novel speculates what could have happened if, after the dropping of two atomic bombs, a devastated Japan, under the influence of fanatical extremists, still refuses to surrender, forcing the war-weary United States to launch an invasion on the defiant nation.

**TP \$30.95**

*1901*

In 1901, as the imperial German navy invades the United States in order to force America to surrender its newly acquired territories, President McKinley suffers a fatal heart attack and Theodore Roosevelt, the new commander in chief, rallies the disorganized American forces to defend their homeland, in a novel of alternate history. **APB \$18.95**

**Glen Cook***Cold Copper Tears (Garret P I)*

Garrett, a very human private eye in a fantastical world, puzzles over a mysterious case that involves a coveted copper casket, the disappearance of valuable relics, and death threats against himself. **APB \$17.95**

**MaryJanice Davidson & Anthony Alongi***Jennifer Scales and the Messenger of Light (Jennifer Scales 02)*

Fifteen-year-old Jennifer Scales learns yet another secret of her family's past, and must help to track down and stop a murderous half-werdragon, half-werachnid. **APB \$17.95**

**Chris Dolley***Shift*

Locked away in an institution, Peter Pendennis, a serial killer who claims to host several multiple personalities, maintains that one of the personalities is astronaut John Bruce, who is now running for president of the United States, and Nick Stubbs, a scientist investigating the nature of multiple dimensions, finds himself the prime suspect in a series of murders resembling those of Pendennis. **HC \$49.95**

**Keith Donohue***The Stolen Child*

Seven-year-old Henry Day is kidnapped by fairy changelings living in the dark forest near his home - ageless beings whose secret community is threatened by encroaching modern life. They give Henry a new name, Aniday, and the gift of agelessness - now and forever, he will be seven years old. The group has left another child in Henry's place. This changeling boy, who has morphed himself into Henry's duplicate, must adjust to a new way of life and hide his true identity from the Day family. But he can't hide his extraordinary talent for the piano, and his near-perfect performances prompt his father to suspect that he is an impostor. As he grows older the new Henry Day becomes haunted by vague but persistent memories of life in another time and place. Both Henry and Aniday search obsessively for who they were before they changed places in the world. **BPB \$23.95**

**Kate Douglas***Wolf Tales IV (Wolf Tales)*

When wolf rescue specialist Lisa Quinn, who has no idea of her Chanku heritage, meets Tinker McClintock, she finds the perfect partner to satisfy her hunger as she undergoes a change that awakens sensations she has never experienced. **TP \$26.95**

**David Drake & Eric Flint***The Dance of Time (Bellisarius 06)*

Armed with a mystical jewel from the future, Belisarius, the greatest general of his age, musters the forces of humankind against the evil Malwa, who are ruled by a monster from the future that is part demon and part computer, as they prepare for the epic final confrontation between good and evil, with the fate of the entire world at stake. **APB \$19.95**

### **Tananarive Due**

#### *Whispers in the Night*

Filled with unforgettable scenes of madness, ecstasy, and unspeakable tragedy, this electrifying and terrifying collection of stories takes readers into a nightmarish realm where their darkest fears become a horrifying reality. **TP \$28.95**

### **David Eddings & Leigh Eddings**

#### *The Younger Gods (Elder Gods 04)*

This is the exciting final volume in the glorious fantasy series The Dreamers. From the masters of modern fantasy, a magi cal, action packed, totally engaging and characterful story of mythical proportions featuring gods, people and other creatures.

The attacks of the dreadful insect queen known as the Vlagh have been repelled in three of the Elder Gods' realms. Now, only the land ruled by the Goddess Aracia remains for the Vlagh to send her hordes to attack.

But while the Gods, their younger avatars and their human comrades have emerged victorious from all previous encounters, this time the Goddess herself may be their greatest foe - she craves worship and hates the idea of being replaced by a younger God when her time comes to an end... and that time is approaching fast. A mighty conclusion to a fabulous series! **APB \$20.99**

### **Steven Erikson**

#### *Gardens of the Moon (Malazan 01)*

When the last of the free cities of the war-torn Malazan Empire is targeted by the Claw assassin forces of the Empress Laseen, Bridgeburner squad leader Sergeant Whiskeyjack and the mage Tattersail, still mourning the victims of the siege of Pale, confront dark gods to protect the ancient citadel of Darujhistan. **HC \$52.95**

### **Christine Feehan**

#### *Safe Harbour (Drake Sisters)*

Supermodel Hannah Drake, one of seven daughters in a line of extraordinary and magically gifted women, places her life in the hands of sheriff Jonas Harrington when she is stalked by a sinister enemy who is determined to bring darkness to her and the entire Drake family. **APB \$19.95**

### **Jasper Fforde**

#### *Fourth Bear (Nursery Crimes Division)*

The Gingerbreadman - psychopath, sadist, convicted murderer and cake/biscuit - is loose on the streets of Reading. It isn't Jack Spratt's case. Despite the success of the Humpty Dumpty investigation, the well publicised failure to prevent Red Riding-Hood and her Gran being eaten once again plunges the Nursery Crime Division into controversy. Enforced non-involvement with the Gingerbreadman hunt looks to be frustrating until a chance encounter at the oddly familiar Deja-Vu Club leads them onto the hunt for missing journalist Henrietta 'Goldy' Hatchett, star reporter for The Daily Toad. The last witnesses to see her alive were The Three Bears, comfortably living out a life of rural solitude in Andersen's wood. But all is not what it seems. Are the unexplained explosions around the globe somehow related to missing nuclear scientist Angus McGuffin? Is cucumber-growing really that dangerous? Why are National Security involved? But most important of all: How could the bears' porridge be at such disparate temperatures when they were poured at the same time? **BPB \$22.95**

### **William R Forstchen & Newt Gingrich**

#### *Pearl Harbor*

Fresh from their series on the American Civil War, bestselling authors Newt Gingrich and William R Forstchen now launch a new epic adventure by applying their imaginations and knowledge to the "Date of Infamy" - the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Pearl Harbor covers the full spectrum of characters and events from that historic moment, from national leaders and admirals to the views of ordinary citizens caught in the chaos of war.

From the chambers of the Emperor of Japan to the American White House, from the decks of aircraft carriers to the playing fields of the Japanese Naval Academy, this powerful story stretches from the nightmare slaughter of China in the 1930s to the lonely office of Commander James Watson, an American cryptographer, who suspects the impending catastrophic attack.

It is a story of intrigue, double-dealing, the horrific brutality of war, and the desperate efforts of men of reason on both sides to prevent a titanic struggle that becomes inevitable. **HC \$50**

### **Dave Freedman**

#### *Natural Selection*

Intrigued by a series of mysterious attacks on ocean wildlife, a group of scientists stumbles upon evidence of a prehistoric manta ray that has evolved into a dangerous predator, but when they set out to study the creature, they discover that the leader of the rays has figured out how to fly and is attacking people on a remote island in the region. A first novel. **APB \$19.95**

### **R Garcia Y Robertson**

#### *Firebird*

Having come of age in the house of the dreaded Bone Witch, young orphan Aria saves the life of foreign knight Sir Roye de Roye, who carries a precious Firebird egg that Aria becomes determined to restore to its nest. By the author of White Rose. **APB \$19.95**

### **T L Gardner**

#### *Protector (Demon Hunter 01)*

When he takes his own life, Elijah Garland awakens three days later, framed for murder and on the run from the FBI, forcing him to save his own soul, a difficult task that brings about danger, love, and the ultimate test of faith. **TP \$30.95**

### **R Patrick Gates**

#### *Vaders*

When billions of pellet-sized spores are unleashed on our world, transforming humans into flesh-eating monsters who feed on those closest to them, Joe Burton discovers that it is the survival of the fittest when the invaders turn on each other, creating a deadly new threat. **APB \$17.95**

### **Heather Graham**

#### *Blood Red*

When a fortune-teller predicts her grisly death, Lauren Crow laughs it off, until she meets a self-proclaimed vampire hunter on a mission of vengeance, who plunges her into the middle of a vicious war between the living and the undead. **APB \$19.95**

**Sara Gran***Come Closer*

When her marriage is challenged by odd noises, petty squabbles, and the onset of blackouts with no medical source, Amanda begins to dream about a woman from her past and accidentally receives a mail-order book on possession, the arrival of which coincides with increasingly bizarre events. **APB \$17.95**

**Simon R Green***The Man With the Golden Torc*

'You know what? It's all true. Everything that ever scared you, from conspiracy theories to monsters under the bed to ghosties, ghoulies and long-legged beasts. The only reason they haven't taken over the world yet is because my family has always been there to stand in their way. We guard the door, keeping you safe from the big bad wolf, and you never even know our names. Of course, there's a price to be paid. By us, and by you.' The username's Bond. Shaman Bond. Licensed to kick supernatural arse. And Bond - real name Eddie Drood - comes from one of the oldest families in England, a family that has been protecting Humanity from the forces of darkness for more centuries than anyone can even remember. And Eddie Drood loved his job - until the day it all blew up in his face...**SECRET HISTORIES** is a mix of James Bond and Blade, a fast-paced roller-coaster ride through the dark side. **TP \$32.95 HC \$59.95**

**Rick Griffin***Rick Griffin*

Rick Griffin was one of the most influential artists to emerge from the late 60s San Francisco art scene, second only perhaps to R. Crumb. His poster art and comics are descended from dada and surrealism, but take unique life in their representation of surf culture, psychedelic realities, and religious experience. This book covers the span of Griffin's career and is an excellent retrospective of the work of this magnificent artist. Griffin illustrated top flight album covers for classic rock acts including the Grateful Dead. **TP \$51.95**

**David Gunn***Death's Head*

The cage will kill you. And if it doesn't, well, then thirst and the blistering heat of the desert sure as hell will. Or drive you insane. Few legionnaires survive the cage. Fewer still live long enough to face the whipping post. Of those who do, few are in a state to know what is happening to them. One who does is an ex-sergeant in the legion, trangere. A stubborn, insubordinate son-of-a-bitch, Sven Tveskoeg feels the first lash fall, hears the desert tribes attack, and watches them slaughter his comrades before his comrades can kill him. Rescued from certain death, Sven joins the tribes. Until his ruthless skills come to the attention of the Death's Head, an elite special ops force so feared the mere sight of their uniform makes whole regiments surrender. The Death's Head want Sven to sort out an impending military disaster. It soon becomes clear that all is not as it should be. Sven is a pawn in a deadly game, and pawns have a bad habit of being sacrificed. But Second Lieutenant Tveskoeg, Obsidian Cross 3rd Class, is nobody's sacrifice. And even a pawn can checkmate a king. **TP \$32.95**

**Tate Hallaway***Tall, Dark and Dead*

Chick Bit: Sophie Kinsella meets Buffy the Vampire Slayer.'The line between magic and sanity is very thin. That's part of why I, Garnet Lacey, quit cold turkey. Never touch the stuff. No Exceptions.' Trouble is magic is so addictive, especially when you've got inner goddesses like Lilith to contend with. And it doesn't stop there for Garnet; if you are going to run an occult bookstore then you've got to expect customers like Sebastian Von Traum, with his piercing brown eyes, sexy accent, killer body and total lack of an aura; which means he's dead... Trouble can be so hard to resist, and what with Vatican witch hunters, long lost vampire exes and a boyfriend with an ex-wife who is literally stirring in her grave, Garnet Lacey has trouble enough for anyone. **APB \$22.95**

**Laurell K Hamilton***Guilty Pleasures (Anita Blake 01 Graphic Novel)*

New York Times Best-Selling author LAURELL K. HAMILTON offers readers a brand-new experience in the world of ANITA BLAKE in a beautiful hardcover edition! Fusing mythology, werewolves and vampires with a story loaded with mystery, action and romance, the ANITA BLAKE novels take place in a world where vampires, werewolves, and other creatures of nightmare have been declared legal citizens of the United States. ANITA BLAKE is an animator - a profession that involves raising the dead for a living. ANITA BLAKE is also known as a fearsome hunter of criminal vampires, and she moonlights by investigating cases that are far too much for conventional police. But as Anita gains the attention of the vampire masters in her hometown of St. Louis, she also risks revealing an intriguing secret about herself - the source of her unusual strength and power. As a special treat, Anita Blake fans will also discover an original side story featuring Anita and Dolph, written specially for the hardcover edition by LAURELL K. HAMILTON. **HC \$40.95**

**Charlaine Harris***Dead as a Doornail (Sookie Stackhouse 05)*

Sookie Stackhouse is a pretty, well-mannered cocktail waitress in a little bar in a small town deep in Louisiana. Sookie can also read minds. As much as she might want a quiet life, when she's around things just seem to happen - like her brother, who appears to be changing into a were-panther. He's not that bothered, but someone doesn't like it and is trying to wipe him out, along with the rest of the shape-changing population. That mean's Sookie's got just a month, before the next full moon, to find out who wants her brother dead and stop the fiend. **PB \$29.95**

**Matt Hart***The Midnight Beast*

The Scarp. Also known as The Emporium of Human Misery. A savage demon is stalking its streets. A powerful secret society, the League of the Golden Unicorn, is bent on restoring the monarchy. Could they be inciting a revolution from the bowels of the city? Meanwhile, Lord Bortle, a member of the League, wants to create a Fabulary Garden full of fantastical creatures from the underworld... and all he's missing is a werewolf. The demon Bazimaal knows where the werewolf is hiding: in the house of the famous conjurer Callisto. Crispin, Callisto and a feisty new river-girl, Dessica Flaunt, must crack codes, reclaim the werewolf and return the demon to the underworld, before Bazimaal triumphs and the Scarp is utterly destroyed. **BPB \$17.95**

**James Herbert***The Secret of Crickley Hall*

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

Crickley Hall is an unusually large house on the outskirts of the village at the bottom of Devil's Cleave, a massive tree-lined gorge – the stuff of local legend. A river flows past the front garden. It's perfect for them... if a bit gloomy. And Chester, their dog, seems really spooked at being away from home. And old houses do make sounds. And it's constantly cold. And even though they shut the cellar door every night, it's always open again in morning... **BPB \$22.95**

**Joey W Hill***The Vampire Queen's Servent*

Centuries-old vampire Lady Elyssa Yamato Amaterasu Wentworth finds herself unexpectedly drawn to her new servant, Jacob, an alpha male with an extreme reluctance to submit to any woman's wishes. **TP \$28.95**

**Robin Hobb***Forest Mage (Soldier Son 02)*

The second book in the brand new trilogy from the author of the Tawny Man trilogy, following on from the bestselling Shaman's Crossing. The King's Cavalla Academy has been ravaged by the Speck plague. The disease has decimated the ranks of both cadets and instructors, and even the survivors remain sickly. Many have been forced to relinquish their military ambitions and return to their families to face lives of dependency and disappointment. As the Academy infirmary empties, Cadet Nevare Burvelle also prepares to journey home, to attend his brother Rosse's wedding. Far from being a broken man, Nevare is hale and hearty after his convalescence. He has defeated his nemesis, Tree Woman and freed himself of the Speck magic that infected him and attempted to turn him against his own people. A bright future awaits him as a commissioned officer betrothed to a beautiful young noblewoman. Yet his nights are still haunted by dreams of the voluptuous Tree Woman, dreams in which his Speck self betrays everything he holds dear in his waking life. Has the plague infected him in ways far more mysterious than the merely physical? Despite his fears, Nevare will journey back to Widevale in high spirits, in full expectation of a jubilant homecoming and a tender reunion with his beautiful fiancée, Carsina. But his life is about to take a shocking turn, as the magic in his blood roars to life and forces him to recognize that his most dangerous enemy, an enemy that seeks to destroy all he loves, might dwell within him. **APB \$20.99**

*Renegade's Magic (Soldier Son 03)*

The final book in the brand new trilogy from the author of the Tawny Man and Farseer trilogies, following on from the bestselling Shaman's Crossing and Forest Mage. Nevare Burvelle, the second son of a noble Gernian family, once looked forward to a promising future as a cadet soldier, and then an officer in the King's Cavalry. But his entanglement with the magic of the Speck people has robbed him not only of his childhood dream, but also of any hope he might have clung to for any kind of life among his own people. Little by little the magic has gnawed away at Nevare's happiness until all he can do to preserve what little of it remains is to relinquish himself to the difficult fate chosen for him. In Renegade's Magic, Nevare is forced to seek out his enemies; he must learn how to harness his manipulative magic, and then join them in their fight against his own people. **HC \$55 TP \$32.99**

**Allyson James***Dragon Heart*

When her strange roommate, a cranky fifty-foot dragon named Caleb, takes on his human form to protect her from those out to steal her magic and destroy the world, Lisa Singleton finds herself distracted from her mission to save humankind by this hunky warrior with the rippling muscles.

**APB \$17.95**

**Trent Jamieson***Reserved For Travelling Shows*

Twenty-three stories that explore the nature of love, loss and hope in worlds distant and familiar. A girl in a black dress at the end of the universe. Romance blossoming within a bottle grande. Carousels dancing in a single drop of blood. A clockwork citadel that haunts a man with his own mortality. A ruby slipper launched in the shadow of Jupiter. With his debut collection, former Redline editor, Trent Jamieson, takes us from the streets of decaying cities to the edges of an everchanging universe. These are bittersweet and haunting tales that resonate with a wonderful sense of humanity. **TP \$24.95**

**Cleolinda Jones***Cut*

The ten biggest grossing movies of all time would take nearly two days to watch end to end. And that's with no toilet breaks. And all you'd get to eat and drink would be enormous buckets of coke and popcorn and six inches of hideous pink extruded gunk in a bun. Think of all those special effects, think of all those Hollywood family values, think of the unlikely plot twists, of the suspect character motivation, the sentimentality, the...shudder...dialogue. Now here's a way to experience all those films in two and a half hours. With added jokes. Titanic! Lord of the Rings! Harry Potter! Gladiator! And some others. Cleolinda Jones has taken the biggest films ever and put them through a shredder. The result is ten hilarious scripts, ten uncannily accurate summations, ten easily digestible, slyly satiric attacks on everything that is wrong with the Hollywood blockbuster. All informed by an encyclopaedic knowledge of, and genuine love for the movies. **PB \$22.95**

**Julie Kenner***California Demon (Secret Life of a Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom 02)*

After fourteen years as the perfect suburban housewife, soccer mom, and political wife, Kate Connor secretly returns to her old profession as a demon hunter, fending off demon attacks, trying to keep an eye on a mysterious new high school teacher who looks strangely familiar, and dealing with her teenage daughter's infatuation with a surfer dude. **APB \$19.95**

*Demons Are Forever (Secret Life of a Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom 03)*

Now that her daughter has figured out what her mother does, suburban stay-at-home mom and demon hunter Kate Connor finds herself confronted by a would-be teenage protégée, as well as a late husband who may have used the forces of darkness to steal another's body, a living husband who is somehow different, and a precious item that every demon in the area wants. **TP \$28.95**

## **Garry Kilworth**

### *Attica*

A timeless adventure story in a land full of wonder and riches from the acclaimed and much-loved storyteller. A novel with echoes of timeless classics such as *THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE*, *THE BORROWERS* and *ALICE IN WONDERLAND*, Garry Kilworth's *ATTICA* reveals a twilight world of forgotten wonders, and extraordinary adventures - all happening just above our heads. Join Jordy, Alex and Chloe as they cross the portal from our world to a strange and wonderful other place, accessible for just a moment in time through the trap-door of the attic in their family home. From hat-stand forests, to towering hills of old musical instruments, deserts of old books and a great water-tank lake, the vast continent they stumble upon is one of limitless surprises - and that's before they meet the inhabitants: strange clans of small and lumpen people who live in homes constructed from all manner of found things and drive vehicles powered by old sewing-machine parts. It is against this remarkable backdrop that the three children will embark on a spellbinding adventure to recover a prized possession, save a life, and - somehow - find a way back home. **BPB \$17.95**

### *Jigsaw*

A fabulous beast wandered the earth in centuries past, leaving behind a magical, deadly legacy... At first, Max Sanders' diary seems like any other entry on a teenager's blog but closer reading reveals an incredible adventure story... James Sanders is a professor of history who becomes obsessed by the need to recover the long-sundered hide of a fantastical creature, its separate parts strewn in sacred sites and hidden temples throughout the world. James and his two sons are unprepared for the wonders that will unfold once they recover the whole, or for the terrors that await them on a tiny tropical island, soon to be lost to the sea. As the strange events unfold, Max and those around him are drawn deeper and deeper into danger. Surrounded by spies and pirates, Max makes a terrible discovery - a secret that could change the world for ever... **TP \$19.95**

## **Stephen King**

### *Blaze*

**BLAZE BY RICHARD BACHMAN WITH A FOREWARD BY STEPHEN KING**

At 6'7" and just under 300 lbs, Clay Blaisdell is one big mother, but his capers were just small-time until he met George Rackley. George introduced him to a hundred cons and one big idea: kidnapping the child of rich parents. The Gerards are filthy rich, and the last twig on the family tree could be worth millions. There's only one problem: by the time the deal goes down, the brains of the partnership is dead. Or is he? Now Blaze is running into the teeth of a howling storm and the cops are closing in. He's got a baby as a hostage, and the Crime of the Century just turned into a race against time in the white hell of the Maine woods. **TP \$35**

### *Lisey's Story*

Lisey Landon lost her husband Scott two years ago, after a twenty-five-year marriage of profound, sometimes frightening intimacy. Scott was a celebrated, award-winning, novelist. And a complex man. Lisey knew there was a dark place where her husband ventured to face his demons. Boo'ya Moon is what Scott called it; a realm that both terrified and healed him, that could eat him alive or give him the ideas he needed to write and live. Now it's Lisey's turn to face her husband's demons. And what begins as a widow's effort to sort through her husband's effects becomes a perilous journey into the heart of darkness. **PB \$19.95**

## **Russell Kirkpatrick New Zealand Author**

### *Path of Revenge (Husk 01)*

A brand new epic fantasy series from the acclaimed author of *Across the Face of the World*.

Seventy years after the conclusion of the Falthan War, three great continents - and their gods - are again at war for truth and immortality.

Husk is the remnant of a once-powerful magician, defeated decades ago by the Undying Man, Lord of Bhrudwo. He lies, eviscerated, in the dungeon of Andratan, planning his revenge. There are three things he needs: the stone, the blood and a hand of hate. The three people he has manipulated from afar to bring these things to him are on their way ... with no means of knowing what they are about.

But even Husk cannot know everything ... **APB \$20.99**

## **E E Knight**

### *Valentine's Resolve (Vampire Earth)*

Returning from three years of exile, David Valentine reluctantly joins forces with the Marshal, a legendary and autocratic resistance fighter with a personal vendetta, to free the Lightweavers--allies of humankind--imprisoned by a vicious Kurian overlord, in the sequel to *Valentine's Exile*.

**HC \$49.95**

### *Valentine's Exile (Vampire Earth)*

Revered as a hero following the first major defeat of their Kurian enemies by rebel forces, David Valentine now confronts a dangerous enemy at home when he is accused of abusing Quisling prisoners, the human pawns of the vampire aliens, and undertakes a mission to rescue the wife of wounded fellow freedom fighter William Post. **APB \$19.95**

## **Kaoru Kurimoto**

### *Prisoner of the Lagon (Guin Saga 04)*

The fourth volume of the fantasy saga that is a phenomenon in Japan blends the themes of science fiction and fantasy in a potent brew of supernatural creatures, villains and classic heroism. **HC \$47.95**

## **Ellen Kushner**

### *The Privilege of the Sword*

Anticipating nothing more than a conventional life and marriage among the city's high society, young Katherine Talbert is stunned when her uncle, the Mad Duke, hands her a sword, relegates her to boy's clothing, and sends her on an adventure-filled odyssey of self-discovery. **APB \$17.95**

## **Kristin Landon**

### *The Hidden Worlds*

Determined to save her family from ruin and secure a future for her loved ones, nineteen-year-old Linnea Kiaho, who is from one of the poorest planets, accepts an indenture on the decadent home world of the Pilot Masters and finds an unlikely ally in pilot Iain sen Paolo. **APB \$19.95**

## **Glenda Larke Australian Author**

### *Songs of the Shiver Barrens (Mirage Makers 03)*

Continuing this exciting trilogy from the author of the acclaimed *Isles of Glory* series ...

Kardiastan has earned its freedom and the revolution might just have succeeded. However, Arrant is consumed by guilt, and nothing he does to earn himself a place as his father's heir assuages that. It doesn't convince the people around him, either, who can only see his lack of control over his own magic ... **APB \$20.99**

**Deborah LeBlanc***Morbid Curiosity*

Determined to become popular in high school, Haley, along with her twin sister, performs certain dark rituals that will change her life forever, but she soon discovers the high price of getting what you want when she is unable to control the deadly and hungry forces she summons. **APB \$17.95**

**Tosca Lee***Demon*

Recently divorced and mired in a meaningless existence, Clay drifts from his drab apartment to his equally lusterless job as an editor for a small Boston press - until the night Lucian finds him and everything changes with the simple words, "I'm going to tell you my story, and you're going to write it down and publish it." What begins as a mystery soon spirals into chaotic obsession as Clay struggles to piece together Lucian's dark tale of love, ambition, and grace, only to discover that the demon's story has become his own. And then only one thing matters: learning how the story ends. **TP \$26.95**

**Roger Levy***Icarus*

Mankind has reached deep space. Separated from earth and each other by unimaginable reaches of space, forced to adapt to various diverse planetary environments the colonies have become isolated and inward looking, forgetting their pasts, losing touch with their humanity. Until a mysterious ship found locked in the deep rock by a mining team on a planet whose surface is drenched in lethal radiation sparks off a deadly conspiracy that threatens man wherever he is. After his grim dystopias set on a failing earth Roger Levy has spread his wings to give us a broad and exciting SF novel of exotic locales and mindblowing ideas, without losing any of his trademark psychological acuity and elegant style. **BPB \$22.95**

**Morgan Llywelyn***The Greener Shore (Druids of Hibernia)*

Fleeing the destruction of the Sacred Grove by the invading Roman army, Ainvar the druid and the remnants of his clan flee Gaul to settle in Hibernia, where they find other Celts and other druids, and, along with his wife, Briga, a powerful druid in her own right, sets out to rebuild their lives in a new homeland, in the sequel to *Druids*. **TP \$30.95**

**Kathy Love***My Sister is A Werewolf*

Werewolf Elizabeth Young, craving a normal life free of unwanted hair, must find a man to satisfy her urges and, deciding to proposition the first man she sees, makes veterinarian Jensen Adler a sensual offer he cannot refuse. **TP \$28.95**

**Sergei Lukyanenko***The Twilight Watch (Day Watch 03)*

Walking the streets of Moscow, indistinguishable from the rest of its population, are the Others. Possessors of supernatural powers and capable of entering the Twilight, a shadowy world that exists in parallel to our own, each owes allegiance either to the Dark or the Light.

Three years have passed since the events of *THE DAY WATCH*. Svetlana has left the Night Watch to raise her and Anton's daughter Nadya, now a precocious two-year-old. With mother and daughter spending the summer on a dacha not far from Moscow, Anton is working on uneventfully, dreaming of a holiday, when his boss Gesar asks him in for a private meeting.

Gesar has received an anonymous note, stating that an Other has revealed the full truth about their kind to a human, and now intends to do the impossible: convert that human into an Other. Even more worryingly, the note has been sent to Zebulon and to the Inquisition's offices in Berne - and only the highest-level mages and sorcerers know the address. So the Inquisition has ordered the Night Watch to cooperate with the Day Watch and unmask the culprit. Anton will be the Night Watch representative, while the Day Watch is sending Kostya Saushkin, once Anton's teenage neighbour and idealistic friend, now a High Vampire and, at the age of twenty, the youngest in Europe... **HC \$69.95**

**Jonathan Maberry***Dead Man's Song*

The once idyllic Pennsylvania village of Pine Deep becomes a hell on earth when the townspeople must fight for their lives and their souls against a monstrous evil that leaves a bloody trail of carnage and madness in its wake. **APB \$17.95**

**James Maxey***Bitterwood*

Bitterwood, the famed dragon hunter, is growing old. His desire for vengeance on the dragon-soldiers who murdered his family finally beginning to wane after many years of bloodshed. A disastrous encounter that leads to the death of the royal prince dragon, however, incites the king's retribution and brings terror and death to the world. For the king sets out to eradicate the human race, and only Bitterwood, trapped inside a doomed city, can try to lead his people to salvation.

Full of rich characters and drama, *Bitterwood* is an amazingly astute tale of war and genocide, a tale with resonance in our own troubled times, told through the eyes of a master fabulist.

*Bitterwood* marks a new high point in the dragon-fantasy genre and announces James Maxey as a significant new talent. **APB \$16**

**Cathy McDavid***Night Hunter*

When the beast that murdered her mother returns, determined to finish what it started, a beautiful psychology professor desperately searches for the chosen Hunter—the only one who can destroy the creature. **APB \$17.95**

**Rose Michael Australian Author***The Asking Game*

Sydney, 2020—'the city of water'. Alice's life is about to change in ways she could never have imagined. Alice, or Eve as she was once known, is hired to expose Eternity, the cult that was founded outside the small desert town where she was born. With Drew, the boy from upstairs, who may be spying on her or watching over her, she begins a dream-like road trip into the dead heart of Australia where the past unravels into the future with exhilarating speed. Why did her sister Lucy leave her and what is it that happened between them? Who was her mother? Questions are asked. Their answers haunt and unsettle. At its heart *The Asking Game* drives us to ask ourselves who we really are. Childhood, sibling rivalry, science and identity are all explored in a bold, tautly woven debut—'a stylish thriller with literary sensibilities'. If you're addicted to psychological thrillers or speculative fiction, or if you loved *The Time Traveller's Wife* for its sharp psychological truths and complex emotions, you'll want to read *The Asking Game*. **TP \$29.95**

## **Richard Morgan**

### *Black Man*

One hundred years from now, and against all the odds, Earth has found a new stability; the political order has reached some sort of balance, and the new colony on Mars is growing. But the fraught years of the 21st century have left an uneasy legacy...Genetically engineered alpha males, designed to fight the century's wars have no wars to fight and are surplus to requirements. And a man bred and designed to fight is a dangerous man to have around in peacetime. Many of them have left for Mars but now one has come back and killed everyone else on the shuttle he returned in. Only one man, a genengineered ex-soldier himself, can hunt him down and so begins a frenetic man-hunt, a battle for survival, and a search for the truth about what was really done with the world's last soldiers. **BLACK MAN** is a novel about prejudice, about the ramifications of playing with our genetic blue-print. It is about our capacity for violence but more worrying, our capacity for deceit and corruption. **HC \$45 TP \$32.95**

## **Chris Moriarty**

### *Spin Control (Spin 02)*

Major Catherine Li and A.I. Hyacinthe Cohen join forces once again to track down a defecting clone who has stolen a radical genetic weapon capable of destroying the precarious balance of power throughout the universe, in the sequel to Spin State. **APB \$19.95**

## **Mikael Nieme**

### *Astrotruckers*

A series of tales based around outer space, **ASTROTRUCKERS** is funny, perverse, inventive and bristling with unstoppable imagination. In the illuminating company of an astrotrucker we meet the ponorists - those who venture into outer space beyond the point of no return - discover the most popular and most pungent Earth mementos taken into space and learn the essential difference between humans and androids. He clarifies the murky areas of human knowledge: the meaning of the oldest writing in the universe, who set off the big bang, the scientific explanation for Murphy's Law, the catalyst for the death of literature and, not to be forgotten, how the world will end.

What do you say to an intellectually superior fistular maggot who wants to observe you watching football? How many doors get slammed in your face when you try to find out who is in charge of the universe? And what happens when you switch your android's personality setting to 'humour'?

Poetic, grotesque, hilarious, disgusting and visionary, **ASTROTRUCKERS** will reveal all this, and more... **HC \$29.95**

## **K S Nikakis**

### *The Whisper of Leaves (Kira Chronicles 01)*

Can healing defeat the sword? In seasons long past, twin gold-eyed princes sundered a kingdom. Rejecting his twin brother's warrior ways, Kasheron established a community deep in the southern forests. Forgotten by the outside world and protected by the trackless trees of Allogrenia, Kasheron's Tremem community has flourished, with his legacy of peace and healing upheld generations on. But now the forest has been breached by hostile intruders ... Fighting and bloodshed follow, testing even the skills of Kira, the greatest of all Tremem Healers. As well as sharing Kasheron's gift for healing, Kira has inherited his golden eyes and inspirational qualities - she, too, is seen as a leader amongst her people. As the attacks upon the Tremem become more violent, Kira is faced with a terrible dilemma. Should she stay and risk the annihilation of her community, or set out on a perilous journey north to seek aid from their long-lost warrior kin? With its beautifully drawn world, fast-paced plot and wonderful characters, *The Whisper of Leaves* heralds the arrival of a dazzling new talent on the fantasy landscape. **TP \$29.95**

## **Douglas Niles & Michael Dobson**

### *MacArthur's War*

Just as Fox on the Rhine and Fox at the Front showed readers an alternate Europe in which Hitler had been killed, thereby radically changing the course of World War II, Douglas Niles and Michael Dobson bring us the Battle of Midway with a very different outcome.

The Allies are wildly out-manoeuvred and sent home in disgrace. Back in the States, things are looking rather grim as the ultra-secret Manhattan Project runs into snafus that greatly delay the final production of the atomic bomb. President Roosevelt's approval ratings drop dramatically. Congress is desperate and the country cries out for a hero. That hero might just be Douglas MacArthur, who vowed that he would return to his beloved Philippines. He plans to do so with the backing of the entire US Armed Forces.

MacArthur's plan of action is simple: bring the war back to the Japanese, island by bloody island, until standing on the shores of Japan, he can proclaim victory. And possibly gain the leadership of the United States as well. **HC \$55**

## **Andre Norton**

### *The Masks of the Outcasts*

Working in an unusual pet shop, Troy Horan becomes a fugitive when his employer is murdered as part of a deadly game of intrigue in Catseye, and a scarred Nik Kolherne accepts a dangerous assignment in order to receive a new face, only to find himself party to a kidnapping in Night of Masks. **APB \$19.95**

## **Susan Palwick**

### *Shelter*

In a late twenty-first century earth on which compassion has become a crime, Meredith Preston relies on the kindness of strangers at their own peril and forges a connection with a genius technological developer who has programmed a house capable of protecting the homeless during dangerous climate-induced weather systems. **TP \$32.95**

## **Tom Piccirilli**

### *The Midnight Road*

From his first vision of a girl during a snowstorm, the boundaries between life and death become blurred for Flynn, an investigator for the Suffolk County Child Protective Services, as he becomes trapped in a terrifying cat and mouse game with a mysterious, unknown killer. **APB \$17.95**

## **Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child**

### *Book of the Dead*

In a sequel to *Dance of Death*, psychotic killer Diogenes faces down his incarcerated FBI agent brother, while the Museum of Natural History reopens a long-closed tomb exhibit, a decision that coincides with a series of murders and sparks rumors about an ancient curse. **APB \$19.95**

## **Mary Jo Putney**

### *A Distant Magic*

On a visit to Marseille to attend a Guardian wedding, Jean Macrae is kidnapped by Captain Zander, a handsome stranger who claims that her family owes him a blood debt and who threatens to sell her into slavery on the Barbary Coast, and her only chance is to use her Guardian magic to make him fall in love. **HC \$51.95**

### **John Ratcliffe**

#### *History of the Hobbit: Volume 1 Mr Baggins (Lord of the Rings)*

A major new examination of how J.R.R.Tolkien came to write his original masterpiece The Hobbit, including his complete unpublished draft version of the story, and many little-known illustrations and previously unpublished maps by Tolkien himself.

The History of the Hobbit presents for the first time, in two volumes, the complete unpublished text of the original manuscript of J.R.R.Tolkien's The Hobbit, accompanied by John Ratcliffe's lively and informative account of how the book came to be written and published. As well as recording the numerous changes made to the story both before and after publication, it examines - chapter-by-chapter - why those changes were made and how they reflect Tolkien's ever-growing concept of Middle-earth.

The Hobbit was first published on 21 September 1937. Like its successor, The Lord of the Rings, it is a story that "grew in the telling", and many characters and story threads in the published text are completely different from what Tolkien first wrote to read aloud to his young sons as part of their "fireside reads".

As well as reproducing the original version of one of literature's most famous stories, both on its own merits and as the foundation for The Lord of the Rings, this new book includes many little-known illustrations and previously unpublished maps for The Hobbit by Tolkien himself. Also featured are extensive annotations and commentaries on the date of composition, how Tolkien's professional and early mythological writings influenced the story, the imaginary geography he created, and how Tolkien came to revise the book years after publication to accommodate events in The Lord of the Rings. **HC \$49.99**

### **Matthew Reilly Australian Author**

#### *Hell Island (Scarecrow)*

This is a second edition of the novella featured by the Books Alive Promotion 2005.

It is an island that doesn't appear on any maps.

A secret place, where classified experiments have been carried out.

Experiments that have gone terribly wrong.

Four crack special forces units are dropped in.

One of them is a team of Marines, led by

Captain Shane Schofield, call-sign: SCARECROW.

Nothing can prepare Schofield's team for what they find there.

You could say they've just entered hell.

But that would be wrong.

This is much, much worse. **APB \$4.95**

### **Sara Reinke**

#### *Dark Thirst*

When she encounters Brandon Noble, a man from her past who harbors a horrifying secret, cop Angelina Jones falls in love with this tormented soul who vows to protect her from his enemies and his own dark thirst. **APB \$11.95**

### **Jenna Rhodes**

#### *The Four Forges (Elven Ways 01)*

On war-torn Kerith, a weapon master named Quendus prepares to shift the balance of power in his favor, while Lariel Anderieon, her brother Jeredon, and a group of rag-tag rebels, armed with Talents, search for the Elven Ways to stop a civil war and return to the home they had lost centuries ago. **APB \$19.95**

### **Jennifer Roberson**

#### *Deepwood (Karavans 02)*

Fleeing their war-ravaged homeland, Audrun, Davyn, and their four children join a caravan headed toward a haven of peace where diviners have said their fifth child must be born, but before they can safely reach their destination, they are overtaken and separated by the deepwood, a magical and unstable realm filled with lost souls. **APB \$52.95**

### **Kim Stanley Robinson**

#### *Sixty Days and Counting (Washington 03)*

In the interface between big science and big business lies the potential for the absolute destruction or salvation of our world, as new discoveries open ever more remarkable doorways into the future. And while good intentions may underlie the science that leads to these discoveries, human greed, on an individual, political or corporate basis, will always seek a way to exploit each and every new development.

Combining superb narrative and beautiful writing – these will not only be highly entertaining thrillers with an electrifying story, but will also offer the reader a highly privileged insight into and greater understanding of the bigger picture and how the jigsaw pieces of science, politics and business operate in the modern world.

The events of the books will focus on: a science-industrial spy, based in part on the amazing multiple-lives of FBI spy Ronal Hansen; a US patent office lawyer; a venture capitalist; a Washington lobbyist; a Congressional aide; a Buddhist scientist, recently arrived in the West; a Senator and several scientists at a biotech lab outside Washington: and the storylines will include births, deaths, marriages and murder, as well as all the political, scientific and espionage elements: life on the micro, as well as the macro, level. **HC \$55**

### **Justina Robson**

#### *Selling Out (Quantum Gravity 02)*

Lila Black is going to Hell. Ever since the Quantum Bomb of 2015 things have been different; the dimensions have fused and suddenly our world is accessible to elves, demons, ghosts and elementals...and their worlds are open to us. Special Agent Lila Black is different too: tortured and magic-scarred by elves, re-built by humans into a half-robot, part-AI, nuclear-fuelled walking arsenal, and carrying the essence of a dead elven necromancer in her chest, sometimes she has trouble figuring out who she really is. And that's without mentioning that her boyfriend's a half-elf, half-demon international rock-star. So a mission to Hell isn't exactly what she needs. The heart of art, of pleasure, sensuality and politics, Demonica is glorious and terrible. And an assassination attempt, three marriage proposals and one ruined dress after her arrival, it seems Demonica might be more complicated than Lila thought. **TP \$32.95**

### **Michelle Rowen**

#### *Fanged and Fabulous*

Transformed into a vampire thanks to the world's worst blind date, Sarah Dearly finds herself caught in a love triangle between Thierry de Bencicour, her six-hundred-year-old vampire boyfriend, and Quinn, a onetime vampire hunter with a talent for hand-to-hand combat. **APB \$17.95**

**John Saul***In the Dark of the Night*

The Brewster family's idyllic summer vacation at Phantom Lake turns to horror when their teenage son and his friends stumble upon a mysterious secret room, filled with a variety of disassembled objects, in their rental home, a room that has a strange influence over the boys, as they begin to suffer from nightmares, and another boy vanishes. **APB \$19.95**

*The Devil's Labyrinth*

A troubled teenager struggling to cope with the loss of his father, Ryan McIntyre is sent to St. Ignatius Catholic School, an institution with a good reputation for dealing with troubled teens, where he meets exorcist Father Sebastian, an enigmatic man who may have the power to summon evil rather than drive it out. **HC \$52.95**

**Joel Shepherd** *Australian Author**Sasha*

Sasha turns her back on her regal heritage, forsakes the life she could have as the princess in a rich kingdom, and trains instead to be a powerful warrior, fighting for the good of the people her father commands. Sasha is a princess, the like of which the highland country of Lenayin has never seen before. Spurning her royal heritage to be raised by the great warrior, Kessligh, her exquisite swordplay astonishes all who witness it. But Sasha is still young, untested in battle and often led by her rash temper. In the complex world of Lenayin loyalties, her defiant wilfulness is attracting the wrong kind of attention. Lenayin is a land almost divided by its two faiths: the Verenthane of the ruling classes and the pagan Goeren-yai, amongst whom Sasha now lives. The Goeren-yai worship swordplay and honour and begin to see Sasha as the great spirit - the Synnich - who will unite them. But Sasha is still searching for what she believes and must choose her side carefully. When the Udalyn people - the symbol of Goeren-yai pride and courage - are attacked, Sasha will face her moment of testing. How will she act? Is she ready to lead? Can she be the saviour they need her to be?

**TP \$32.95****David Sherman & Dan Cragg***Firestorm (Starfist 12)*

With many of its troops tied up in protecting distant planets from the threatened incursion of the Skinks, aliens bent on destroying all humankind, the Confederacy of Human Worlds sends the Marines of the 34th Fist to deal with a local insurrection by defending a base against overwhelming rebel odds. **HC \$45.95**

**Will Shetterly***The Gospel of the Knife*

His early teen years in the 1960s fraught with the period's interplay of sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll, Christopher Nix is invited by a mysterious benefactor to attend an exclusive private school, where he discovers his hidden supernatural destiny. **HC \$52.95**

**Susan Sizemore***Companions (Laws of the Blood 03)*

Chicago homicide detective Selena Crawford and Istvan, chief of the Enforcers, suddenly find themselves on the same side when they investigate the murder of a vampire, while maintaining the vampire code of secrecy. **APB \$17.95**

**K Snow***The Slightly Silly Men of Business (MirrixWorld 02)*

In this second novel of the MirrixWorld® series, adventure through the heartland of the great planet with Phil the Swamp-monster, a very colorful, albeit damp, character who seeks a rare and precious treasure--one that most folk believe doesn't exist. Centered in the ever-sparkling city of Artango, the book tells the tale of true love and the sale of office supplies, (and that's not even mentioning Andix's oh-so-top-secret research project). **TP \$26.95**

**Maria V Snyder***Magic Study*

After gaining her freedom, poison taster Yelena returns home to Sitia where she, after receiving a not-so-warm welcome, starts her magic training, which unexpectedly hurls her into the middle of a plot to reclaim Ixia's throne and exposes a plan, orchestrated by her brother, to take her life.

**BPB \$19.95****Jeanne C Stein***Blood Drive*

After being turned into a vampire, bounty hunter Anna Strong, struggling to find a place to belong, discovers that her long-dead brother's daughter is in serious trouble with the wrong kind of people, who are about to learn that human predators make the best prey. **APB \$19.95**

**Steph Swainston***The Modern World (03)*

The third of THE CASTLE novels will take the reader ever deeper into a world of beauty and terror. A world led by an immortal emperor and the Circle; his 50 immortal helpers. It is a world with an absentee god, a world that has been fighting a war against giant insects. A world like no other. There will be more insights into Jant, the emperors vain winged messenger, and the shift, the surreal other life Jant enters when he overdoses on his drug of choice and where he meets the dead in a land that defies logic. This is a fantasy series like no other - a literary fantasy with the verve and originality to stand alongside the best of Mervyn Peake, M. John Harrison and China Mieville. **TP \$32.95**

*Dangerous Offspring*

Having survived numerous life-threatening adventures throughout his centuries-long life, immortal messenger Jant Comet encounters a challenge that threatens the foundations of the Fourlands, a situation that is further complicated by the sinister plan of the Emperor San. **TP \$28.95**

**Koushun Takami***Battle Royale*

Koushun Takami's notorious high-octane thriller is based on an irresistible premise: a class of 42 junior high school students are taken to a deserted island where, as part of a ruthless authoritarian program, they are electronically collared, provided with weapons of varying potency, and sent out onto the island. If they are in the wrong part of the island at the wrong time, their collars will explode. If they band together to save themselves, a collar will explode at random. If they try to escape from the island, they will be blown up. Their only chance for survival lies in killing their classmates. Criticised as violent exploitation when first published in Japan—where it then proceeded to become a runaway bestseller—Battle Royale is a Lord of the Flies for the 21st century, and a potent story of politics and survival in a dog-eat-dog world. Made into a controversial hit movie of the same name, BATTLE ROYALE is already a contemporary Japanese pulp classic. **TP \$29.95**

**Anna Tambour***Spotted Lily*

Angela Pendergast, escapee from the Australian bush, grew up with the smell of hot mutton fat in her hair, the thought of her teeth crunching a cold Tim Tam chocolate biscuit-the height of decadent frivolity. Now, though her tastes have grown and she knows absolutely what she wants, her life is embarrassingly stuck. So when the Devil drops into her bedroom in her sharehouse in inner-city Sydney with a contract in hand, she signs. He's got only a Hell's week to fulfil his side, but in the meantime he must chaperone her-or is it the other way around? **TP \$24.95**

**Richard Taylor***The Haunting of Cambria*

Residing within the coastal bed-and-breakfast his wife and he had just purchased at the time of her tragic accidental death, Theo Parker struggles with survivor's guilt and his efforts to recuperate before encountering strange occurrences that lead him and a new lady friend to suspect that the property is haunted. **HC \$51.95**

**Harry Turtledove***The Disunited States of America (Crosstime Traffic 04)*

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. **APB \$17.95**

*Bridge of the Separator (Videssos)*

Destined to become the ecumenical patriarch of the Empire of Videssos, Rhavas witnesses the destruction of his world when civil war erupts and the Khamorth barbarians attack from across the border, forcing Rhavas to flee. **APB \$19.95**

**A E Van Vogt***Slan*

A classic 1940s piece originally published in the science fiction magazine Astounding follows the story of reviled orphan mutant Jommy Cross, whose superpowers reveal him to be a representative of the next stage of human evolution. **TP \$28.95**

**Shiloh Walker***Hunter's Salvation (Hunter)*

Vax, a Hunter tracking down the evil beings who prey on humans, must help a gifted psychic and telekinetic find the man who killed her sister, a dangerous alliance that brings them face-to-face with evil and closer to a love more powerful than they ever could have imagined. **APB \$17.95**

**Minda Webber***The Reinvented Miss Bluebeard*

Inventing a husband to regain some semblance of respectability, Eve, the daughter of legendary pirate Bluebeard, leaves home to run The Towers, a psychiatric clinic for paranormals, where she meets a colorful cast of characters and the man of her dreams. **APB \$17.95**

**John C Wright***Fugitives of Chaos*

Raised in a strict British boarding school, five orphans--Amelia, Vanity, Colin, Quentin, and Victor--discover that they are not truly human, but rather have been kidnapped from their real parents, robbed of their powers, and raised in ignorance by a variety of super-beings, and now they must learn to control their individual unusual abilities in order to escape. **APB \$19.95**

**Fiona Zedde***Every Dark Desire*

When a sensual encounter under the full moon transforms her into one of the immortal undead, Naomi McElroy, now known as Belle, is trained in the ways of the vampire as she spends her days with her new family, an ancient clan that opens new doors of erotic pleasure for her to explore. **TP \$28.95**

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In stories by Marcus Clarke, Mary Fortune and Henry Lawson, the colonial homestead is wracked by haunted images of murder and revenge. Settlers are disoriented and traumatised as they stumble into forbidden places and explorers disappear, only to return as ghostly figures with terrible tales to tell.

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From a post-AI-war Earth where humans have traded technology for survival, to an entirely new kind of naval warfare, this brilliant collection of fifteen original stories, from such authors as Jean Rabe, Simon Brown, and Ed Gorman, envisions a future where computers achieve genuine Artificial Intelligence. **APB \$19.95**

**Rich Horton** *Editor*

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Featuring contributions from the genre's greatest authors, such as Peter S. Beagle, Neil Gaiman, and Gene Wolfe, this collection showcases the best fantasy prose written in 2006. **APB \$19.95**

**Robert E Howard**

*Shadow Kingdoms (Weird Works 01)*

This first volume in The Weird Works of Robert E. Howard series contains stories that appeared in pulp magazines like *Weird Tales*, and includes his first professional fiction sale, "Spear and Fang," as well as the electrifying sword and sorcery tale called "Red Thunder." **APB \$17.95**

**James Morrow & Kathryn Morrow**

*SFWA European Hall of Fame: 16 Contemporary Science Fiction Classics From the Continent*

An English-language anthology of science-fiction tales by top European writers includes pieces by such authors as Joanna Sinisalo, Andreas Eschbach, and Jean-Claude Dunyach, in a volume complemented by an introductory essay and informative story notes. **HC \$54.95**

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**Holly Black**

*Ironside*

*A Modern Faerie's Tale (Faerie 03)*

In the realm of Faerie, the time has come for Roiben's coronation. Uneasy in the midst of the malevolent Unseelie Court, pixie Kaye is sure of only one thing - her love for Roiben. But when Kaye, drunk on faerie wine, declares herself to Roiben, he sends her on a seemingly impossible quest. Now Kaye can't see or speak to Roiben unless she can find the one thing she knows doesn't exist: a faerie who can tell a lie. Miserable and convinced she belongs nowhere, Kaye decides to tell her mother the truth - that she is a changeling left in place of the human daughter stolen long ago. Her mother's shock and horror sends Kaye back to the world of Faerie to find her human counterpart and return her to Ironside. But once back in the faerie courts, Kaye finds herself a pawn in the games of Silarial, queen of the Seelie Court. Silarial wants Roiben's throne, and she will use Kaye, and any means necessary, to get it. In this game of wits and weapons, can a pixie outplay a queen? Holly Black spins a seductive tale at once achingly real and chillingly enchanted, set in a dangerous world where pleasure mingles with pain and nothing is exactly as it appears. **HC \$24.95**

**Matt Chamings**

*The Medici Curse*

Alessandra, the daughter of the powerful Lorenzo Medici, sits for her portrait - a wedding gift for the man her father is forcing her to marry. But Alessandra is determined not to go through with the wedding. And the young painter Arnaldo also has a dangerous secret . . . Hundreds of years later, Maria and her family are visiting relatives near Florence when her father buys an old painting. As he attempts to clean it he discovers another painting beneath: a portrait of a girl dressed in white. And the more he looks at it the more obsessed he becomes. His behaviour becomes erratic. Maria's Uncle is rushed to hospital. There is a mystery intruder in the house. Can Maria uncover the ancient mystery of love, power and bitter feuds, and put an end to the catalogue of disasters? **PB \$15.95**

**Terry Deary**

*The Fire Thief Fights Back (Fire Thief 03)*

In 1785 Eden City, Sam and his mother's Magical Medicine Show is going down a storm, especially with Prometheus helping them out. Suddenly they are rumbled. Luckily for them Zeus is in Eden City looking for the Avenger, so he saves them. In return Sam has to help Zeus defeat seven terrifying monsters who have descended on the city. Will Sam overcome the monsters and can Prometheus survive all this to find a human hero?

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**Salamanda Drake**

*Dragonsdale*

Forget Pony Club. This is different. Come to Dragonsdale! At Dragonsdale, riding is the most important thing in the world, but for Cara, daughter of the stable's Dragonmaster, she can only dream of soaring through the skies. Ever since her mother died, her father has strictly forbidden her to ride. But when Hortense, the haughty daughter of the ruler of the Isles, cruelly takes sky - Cara's favourite dragon - Cara will do anything to save him. Even if it means risking their lives in the wild lands beyond Dragonsdale. **BPB \$14.99**

**Helen Dunmore**

*The Tide Knot (Ingo 02)*

The Tide Knot is the dramatic and spellbinding sequel to Helen Dunmore's critically acclaimed *Ingo*. 'I can't go back in the house. I'm restless, prickling all over. The wind hits me like slaps from huge invisible hands. But it's not the wind that worries me. It's something else, beyond the storm...' Sapphire and Conor can't forget their adventures in *Ingo*, the mysterious world beneath the sea. They long to see their Mer friends Faro and Elvira, and swim with the dolphins once more. But a crisis is brewing far below the ocean's surface, where the wisest of the Mer guards the Tide Knot. And soon both Sapphire and Conor will be drawn into *Ingo*'s troubled waters... **BPB \$15.99**

**Phil Foglio**

*Girl Genius 1 (Girl Genius 01)*

Adventure, Romance, Mad Science! Agatha Clay is a student at Transylvania Polygnostic University, and a complete klutz. But when the University is overthrown and a mechanical monster stalks the streets, it begins to look as though Agatha may carry a spark of Mad Science after all. This convenient backpack-sized, black and white edition contains the main story from the first three volumes of the *Girl Genius* Collection. **TP \$30.95**

**Kate Forsyth Australian Author**

*The Lightning Bolt (Chain of Charms 05)*

Once there was a gypsy queen who wore on her wrist a chain of six lucky charms. 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 the fifth year of the Lord Protector's rule, and not safe nor seemly to love bright colours, nor music, nor dancing, nor magic, nor any of the things that the gypsies most loved, and which made them who they were.

But now life for the Finch tribe has gone even more horribly wrong. They have been accused of vagrancy and murder, and thrown into gaol with only three weeks to live. The only members of the family to escape are 13-year-old Emilia and her cousin Luka. They have been entrusted to find the six lucky 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...

The Lightning Bolt – Book 5, 26th August 1685:

Sussex was the first county secured by the Roundheads because of its iron foundries. Here in the Weald, the Smith tribe are working for Parliament, making cannons and weaponry. They have prospered under Cromwell's rule, and have no interest in old gypsy charms. And it is here where Luka and Emilia must find the fifth charm, a finely-wrought lightning bolt, and amidst the smoke and noise of the Horsmonden foundry, the gypsy children run into old friends... and old enemies. **HC \$19.95**

**Alan Garner**

*The Owl Service*

Winner of both the Guardian Award and the Carnegie Medal, this is an all-time classic, combining mystery, adventure, history and a complex set of human relationships. It all begins with the scratching in the ceiling. From the moment Alison discovers the dinner service in the attic, with its curious pattern of floral owls, a chain of events is set in progress that is to effect everybody's lives. Relentlessly, Alison, her step-brother Roger and Welsh boy Gwyn are drawn into the replay of a tragic Welsh legend - a modern drama played out against a background of ancient jealousies. As the tension mounts, it becomes apparent that only by accepting and facing the situation can it be resolved. **BPB \$17.95**

**Matt Haig**

*Shadow forest*

Samuel Blink is the hero of this story, but he doesn't know it yet. Right now, he and his sister Martha are in the back of his parents car. He has no idea a giant log is about to fall from the sky and change his life forever. He doesn't know that he and Martha will be forced to move to Norway and eat their Aunt Eda's smelly brown cheese. He hasn't the slightest clue Martha will disappear into Shadow Forest. A forest full of one-eyed trolls, the sinister huldre-folk, deadly Truth Pixies and a witch who steals shadows. A forest ruled by the evil Changemaker. A forest so dangerous that people who enter never return.

No. Samuel Blink doesn't know any of this. So don't tell him. It might ruin the book . . . **HC \$29.95**

**J V Hart**

*Capt. Hook (Peter Pan)*

With his long black curls, a shadowy family tree, and an affinity for pet spiders, James Matthew bears little resemblance to his starched-collar, blue-blooded peers at Eton. Dubbed King Jas., he stops at nothing to become the most notorious underclassman in the prestigious school's history. For James, sword fighting, falling in love with an Ottoman Sultana, and challenging the Queen of England are all in a day's skullduggery. But when he sets sail on a ship with a mysterious mission, King Jas.'s dream of discovering a magical island quickly turns into an unthinkable nightmare.

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**Matt Hart**

*The Midnight Beast*

The Scarp. Also known as The Emporium of Human Misery. A savage demon is stalking its streets. A powerful secret society, the League of the Golden Unicorn, is bent on restoring the monarchy. Could they be inciting a revolution from the bowels of the city?

Meanwhile, Lord Bortle, a member of the League, wants to create a Fabulary Garden full of fantastical creatures from the underworld... and all he's missing is a werewolf. The demon Bazimaal knows where the werewolf is hiding: in the house of the famous conjurer Callisto.

Crispin, Callisto and a feisty new river-girl, Dessica Flaunt, must crack codes, reclaim the werewolf and return the demon to the underworld, before Bazimaal triumphs and the Scarp is utterly destroyed. **BPB \$17.95**

**Elizabeth Haydon**

*Thief Queen's Daughter (Lost Journals of Ven Polypheme)*

Dispatched by King Vandemere to the Gated City to discover the origins of a mysterious artifact, Royal Reporter Ven Polypheme and his companions learn about the sinister practices of the Queen of Thieves just before one of their number is kidnapped. By the author of The Floating Island. **HC \$36.95**

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Fox and BC travel through time from the distant future to 1901. As elite cadets in the Imperial Army, they are young, handsome, well-mannered and now... Mutineers.

They have journeyed into the past to save the opening ceremony of Australia's first parliament from being bombed. If the cadets fail, thousands will die, sparking a century of total war.

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Elves who live secretly in the midst of the human world are known as Shadows, and after a tragic misunderstanding involving the death of the Crown Prince, Elves live in fear of the King's Shadow Hunters, who seek to capture and enslave them. Rhonan and his sister Dyahn are half human, half elf and when they disobey the rules to play with the wild ponies on the moors, they unwittingly lead the Shadow Hunters back to their family. A twisting turning tale of baby dragonets, magic stones and broken promises follows as they must try and save their parents from the wrath of the angry King. Something terrible is about to happen, as the magic the elves have relied on to stay hidden begins to fade leaving them all exposed to the wily Shadow Hunters. **BPB \$14.99**

**James A Owens**

*Here, There Be Dragons*

It is the year 1917 and following the death of his professor, John and his two companions, Jack and Charles, are approached by a strange little man who gives them a book to safeguard. The book, the Imaginarium Geographica, is the reason the professor was killed, and now his students are in mortal danger. Chased by the ferocious half-man, half-werewolf Wendigo, the three companions seek refuge on a ship — a Dragonship that leads them to the extraordinary lands of myth and legend mapped out in the precious book they carry. Travelling to the very realm of the imagination itself, they must learn to overcome their fears and trust in one another if they are to defeat the dark forces that threaten the destiny of two worlds. As their journey unfolds, readers are led to the surprise revelation that these young men are in fact C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien and Charles Williams. An extraordinary adventure of myth, magic and mystery that ties into a grand literary heritage, *Here, There Be Dragons* is sure to thrill and inspire readers of all ages! **BPB \$16.95**

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Sandry has a gift for weaving silk thread and creating light. At Winding Circle she meets Briar, a former thief; Daja, a Trader outcast; and Tris, who has been exiled from her family. Each has a magical talent and when disaster strikes the Winding Circle community the four children must weave their powers together to try to save the place they have begun to think of as home. **BPB \$17.99**

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Earthquake damage leaves Winding Circle vulnerable to pirate attack. Soon two things become terribly clear: the pirates have a powerful new weapon, and they have an accomplice within Winding Circle. It is up to Tris and her loyal friends Sandry, Daja and Briar to discover the traitor and weave their magic together to defend their home. **BPB \$17.99**

*Fire in the Forging (Circle of Magic 03)*

Outcast Trader Daja, along with her fellow mages-in-training, journeys from Winding Circle to the Gold Ridge Mountains, where drought threatens widespread famine. There, Daja creates an astonishing object - a living metal vine - and Daja's dealings with her former people reawaken a longing for familiar ways. Daja must choose - should she return to the Traders or remain with the Winding Circle folk who have become her family? **BPB \$17.99**

*Healing in the Vine (Circle of Magic 04)*

Former 'street rat' Briar leads a comfortable life at Winding Circle Temple, learning plant magic from Rosethorn. But street kids are still his friends, and when one of them gets sick, she turns to Briar for help. When her disease proves beyond even Rosethorn's power, Briar realises that all of Summersea is in danger. As the mysterious illness spreads, Sandry, Daja and Tris join Briar and their teachers to fight the epidemic. But just as the situation improves, the unthinkable happens. Will Briar be able to save what he loves most? **BPB \$17.99**

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*Viking Warrior (Strongbow Saga 01)*

A young man only at peace when he is at war

Young Halfdan is a slave. He is crafty with a bow and arrow and wise in the ways of the animals, but he can only dream of a warrior's life. That is, until the dark day a Saxon's blows lay his father on his deathbed, and his mother makes a tragic bargain for Halfdan's freedom.

A boy's destiny can come at the most terrible price. Halfdan must suffer a grave loss in order to grasp what he most desires: to train by, to live by, and, if the fates decree it, to die by the force of his sword and the swiftness of his arrow. He is to be a warrior -- a great warrior.

Bloody, furiously paced, heart-wrenching, and unflinching, this is a story of a land where the destinies of boys and men are forged in the heat of battle. Young Halfdan shall come to know the glories of true brotherhood and the unspeakable horrors of true evil. In this first book in a saga teeming with thrilling details of the Viking world, young Halfdan emerges as a new hero . . . a new myth . . . a new legend. **HC \$36.99**

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Harry has been burdened with a dark, dangerous and seemingly impossible task: that of locating and destroying Voldemort's remaining Horcruxes. Never has Harry felt so alone, or faced a future so full of shadows. But Harry must somehow find within himself the strength to complete the task he has been given. He must leave the warmth, safety and companionship of The Burrow and follow without fear or hesitation the inexorable path laid out for him . . . In this final, seventh instalment of the Harry Potter series, J.K. Rowling unveils in spectacular fashion the answers to the many questions that have been so eagerly awaited. The spellbinding, richly woven narrative, which plunges, twists and turns at a breathtaking pace, confirms the author as a mistress of storytelling, whose books will be read, reread and read again. **HC \$49.95 (choice of adult or children's cover)**

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When something's amiss in the Spook Household, there's usually only one suspect - Araminta. But she swears she had nothing to do with the disappearance of Barry Wizzard's frogs, and is determined to find them (and the true culprit). But it's not going to be easy. These aren't just any old frogs, and they are in short supply. Araminta must deal with a crazy Old Morris, a dangerous shark, and a demanding - if somewhat unexpected - audience if she's going to find the frogs and perhaps even steal the show, too. **PB \$14.95**

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Since the days of King Arthur, there have been poems and paintings done in her name. She is the Lady of Shalott, and now there is a new story about her, from an exciting new talent. The year is 490 AD. Fiery 16-year-old Elaine of Ascolat, the daughter of one of King Arthur's supporters, lives with her father on Arthur's base camp, the sole girl in a militaristic world of men. Elaine's only girl companion is the mysterious Morgan, Arthur's older sister, but Elaine cannot tell Morgan her deepest secret: she is in love with Lancelot, Arthur's second-in-command. However, when yet another girl - the lovely Gwynivere - joins their world, Elaine is confronted with startling emotions of jealousy and rivalry. But can her love for Lancelot survive the birth of an empire? **HC \$24.99**

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A thrilling sci-fi novel set in a believable - and terrifying - near future... Hybrids is the winning entry to the HarperCollins UK nationwide new author competition with SAGA Magazine. Johnny Online and Kestrella are hybrids - victims of 'Creep', a pandemic sweeping the country which causes sufferers to merge with items of technology when over-exposed to their use. Kestrella persuades a wary Johnny to help her find her missing mother, but the Gene Police have other plans for him... Powerful, compelling, and narrated alternately by Johnny and Kes, it questions our human dependence on technology, and our reactions in the face of nationwide panic. This was the outstanding winner of the Children's Book Writing Competition run in conjunction with SAGA Magazine. Orange-prize winning author Helen Dunmore - one of the judges - says: 'The writing is sharp, the dialogue good, and the action pacy and page-turning. But there's a real depth to this story, too. Like all good fiction it makes the reader see the world in a different light.' Ages: 11 -14 **BPB \$16.99**

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Sometimes the most powerful magic is revealed in the least expected places...

When 15-year-old Tegen is declared the Star Dancer - the one who will save her people from a terrible evil - she is stunned. Tegen has nothing in common with the mystical druids whose rituals protect her village. She's just a normal girl, not a hero.

Then Tegen learns to work real magic with an enchanted silk shawl, and has no choice but to accept her destiny. But there are those who are set on destroying her before she can fulfil the prophecy - and defeat the enemy that threatens her world... **BPB \$14.95**

### **Scott Westerfeld Australian Author**

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### **Kate Wild**

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We need a young boy, one who can fight. One who doesn't exist . . . You're unique Smith. We want you. Fifteen-year-old Freedom Smith is a born fighter - it's in his gypsy blood. Freedom's no angel, but he's no killer either. So when he's falsely accused of attempted murder, the Special Police Department: Phoenix gives him the chance to prove his worth by infiltrating a sinister fight game that's recruiting runaway boys. But what Fred discovers is something else. Something big. A submerged, mind-bending world of dangerous science - and a fight that never stops. **PB \$17.99**

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#### *Dragon and Thief (Dragonback Adventures 01)*

Framed for a crime he did not commit, Jack Morgan seeks refuge on a distant planet, until a battle forces Jack into a relationship with the sole survivor, the dragon-like K'da, and the two must track down those responsible for the threatened destruction of the K'da. **BPB \$15.95**

## **Media and Comic Related**

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##### *Peter David*

Tormented by disturbing dreams about Earth and the Cylons, Laura Roslin, the president of the human colonies, becomes concerned about an extremist group, the Midguardians, who firmly believe in a prophecy that predicts an end to all humankind and who appear willing to do anything to make the prophecy come to fruition. **APB \$17.95**

### **Buffy the Vampire Slayer**

#### *The Deathless*

##### *Keith R A deCandido*

As if Ring Day weren't enough to make Buffy Summers anxious (she can't even afford one of the less expensive silver bands), the Slayer has her hands full trying to figure out why an average split-level house in Sunnydale has all the vampires spooked. When she arrives at the library to discuss this new development with Giles, a package he's received from an old folklorist in Russia reveals what's going on: The stars are properly aligned for an attempt to resurrect Koschei the Deathless, a long-dead evil sorcerer. So while her classmates are busy choosing rings to demonstrate their school spirit, Buffy must figure out how to keep someone from reviving Koschei and, should she need to resort to plan B, how to kill him again. A little investigating soon leads Buffy and the gang to the necromancer who originally killed the sorcerer, an immortal Russian sorceress named Yulia Dryanushkina, who can control vampires (which explains their reluctance to pass by her place of residence). When the crew pays Yulia a visit, she assures them that with Willow's assistance, she would be able to kill the sorcerer again should he be revived. Neither Buffy nor Willow are particularly comfortable with aligning themselves with the necromancer, but they have no other choice when, twenty-four hours later, the vampires start behaving strangely . . . and half the senior class goes missing. **APB \$14.95**

## **Charmed**

### ***High Spirits***

*Scott Ciencin*

She sang her telegram to a Hollywood star — now he entertains from afar. Foe to friend, help in our quest to rid this mansion of an unwanted guest. The Charmed Ones travel to Hollywood to attend a big bash hosted by Kevin Peterson, Paige's old flame. Kevin is holding the party at his recently purchased mansion, which he was able to afford because of rumors that it's haunted! Sure enough, ghostly goings-on begin almost immediately, but everyone believes that Kevin is the one behind the "haunting." He confides in Paige that he is not. The ghost reveals himself to be Robert Maxwell, a star of stage and screen who vanished under mysterious circumstances in 1926 — right after receiving a singing telegram. A friendly ghost, Maxwell just likes having an audience. But when people start to disappear and the house seals shut, the Charmed Ones realize something evil must also be lurking. It is only with the able assistance of their ghostly ally that they and the rest of the partygoers stand a chance. **APB \$14.95**

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*Steven Savile*

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This is the city rich in history, and full of potential - how will it adapt over the centuries to come? Will it have a glamorous rebirth or wallow in a dystopic nightmare? And what will be the role of the old superstitions in the new world?

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Torchwood. Protecting the Earth against alien threats in the 21st Century – the time when everything changes.

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In this, the first factual book to be published on the series, noted TV historian Stephen James Walker charts the story of Torchwood, complete with character profiles, cast and production team information, behind-the-scenes details and a comprehensive guide to each of the 13 episodes, looking at the key elements and the many links to Doctor Who that permeate the show.

Inside the Hub is every fan's one-stop guide to the secret world of Torchwood. **TP \$46.95**

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## **Star Trek**

### **Vulcan's Soul 03: *Epiphany***

*Susan Shwartz & Josepha Sherman*

Following their bestsellers *Vulcan's Forge* and *Vulcan's Heart*, Josepha Sherman and Susan Shwartz conclude their new trilogy chronicling the latter-day adventures of one of Star Trek's most beloved characters, shedding new light on his world's shocking history. The distant past: The great ships have left war-torn Vulcan behind and, after a most arduous journey, have arrived at their destination. Two worlds become the new home of the exiles: Romulus is a verdant paradise, one much different from their desert home, while Remus is a barren wasteland, albeit one that is laden with natural resources. When Karatek and his family find themselves trapped on Remus with no hope of joining their brothers and sisters on Romulus, it sparks a conflict that leads the exiles into vicious civil war. One year after the Dominion War: The Watraii are determined to destroy the Romulan Star Empire. Ambassador Spock is equally determined to learn their secret. With the aid of his wife Captain Saavik and the U.S.S. Alliance, his old comrades Scotty, Uhura, and Chekov, and Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the U.S.S. Enterprise, Spock executes a daring plan to bring about peace before the Alpha Quadrant is once again plunged into war.... The stunning conclusion to the trilogy that changes everything you thought you knew about the Vulcans and the Romulans! **HC \$49.95**

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The story starts in the Tower of High Sorcery in Palanthus, which is under assault by the forces of the Kingpriest. The wizards, knowing they must surrender, remove as many valuable artifacts as they can. An elven wizard named Feal-Thas takes a dragon orb to the distant land of Ice Wall. That orb is sought by the Dragon Highlord Ariakas, who assigns the task of its recovery to Kitiara Uth-Matar, half-sister of the sickly mage Raistin and his good-natured twin Caramon. Kitiara, who is rising up the ranks of the dark forces, must undertake the journey to the Ice Castle of Feal-Thas, where she will have a dramatic confrontation with Laurana, a leader of the forces of good. **HC \$52.95 MP3 CD \$60**

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*Ree Soesbee*

Wizard-in-training Nearra and her friends seek the Queen of the Sea as they struggle to keep a mystic artifact out of the hands of the group of evil mages known as the Crescent Cabal. **BPB \$12**

## **Eberron**

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*Parker DeWolf*

In the dark and dangerous streets of Sharn, Eberron's City of Towers, a troubleshooter gets more than he had bargained for when he finds himself in possession of a strange relic and is hired by a mysterious woman to find a potent--and deadly--magic weapon. **APB \$14**

## **Forgotten Realms**

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*Jaleigh Johnson*

A brave band of heroes ventures deep beneath the streets of Amn and into the twisted passages of a forgotten lair, haunted by ghosts, filled with lethal traps for the unwary, and enmeshed with the perils of old magic. **APB \$14**

### **Sellswords 03: *Road of the Patriarch***

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As Entreri and Jarlaxle continue their journey through the monster-infested Bloodstone Lands, Jarlaxle's ambitions endanger them both, and Entreri confronts a difficult choice between friendship and survival when they confront a fierce paladin king and the ghosts of his own past. **APB \$16**

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*Richard Lee Byers*

Lady Uskevren, the matriarch of Selgaunt's most powerful family, hides her secret past as a thief behind a mask of elegance and restraint, until she stumbles upon clues to the murder of her niece, clues that point to her niece's former betrothed--and her own husband-Thamalon Uskevren. **APB \$14**

## **Hellgate: London**

### **01: Exodus**

*Mel Odom*

When an interdimensional portal opens up in modern-day London, Earth is decimated by demonic creatures that see humankind only as prey, and the world's only hope lies in the Templars, a top-secret generational society of sentinels whose centuries-long task has been to stand guard against the forces of evil. **APB \$19.95**

## **Second Life**

### ***Second Life: The Official Guide***

Second Life: The Official Guide is the perfect book for anyone interested in Linden Lab's fascinating Second Life metaverse. This book explores in detail every aspect of Second Life's rich and multilayered virtual world, explains how it works, and offers a wealth of information and practical advice for all Second Life residents.

The first part of the book, Getting a Second Life, acquaints potential and new players with the Second Life world. It describes the metaverse's geography as well as its society, explaining the written and unwritten rules.

The second part, Living a Second Life, deals with the practical and economic aspects of Second Life: creating and customizing an avatar, building objects, scripting, and making money.

The third part of the book, Success in Second Life, discusses ways to enjoy Second Life more. This section includes profiles of successful Second Life residents, discusses fascinating in-world events, and examines how some are using Second Life for business, training, and other purposes.

The book closes with a glossary as well as quick-reference and additional-resources appendices.

The accompanying CD-ROM features special animations, character templates, and textures created by Linden Lab exclusively for this book. The disc also guides new users through installation and includes a code that grants a special object their first time entering the metaverse. **TP \$70**

## **Warhammer 40K**

### **Horus Heresy 05: Fulgrim**

*Graham McNeill*

The chart-topping Horus Heresy series continues to deliver high-octane action.

Graham McNeill takes the reader to the 31st millennium, when humanity is at the peak of its powers. As the Great Crusade, led by Warmaster Horus, continues to conquer the galaxy, Fulgrim, the god-like Primarch of the Emperor's Children Space Marine Legion, leads his warriors into battle against a vile alien foe.

From the blood of this campaign the seeds are sown that will lead this proud legion to treachery, taking them down the darkest of paths to corruption.

Leading up to the carnage of the Dropsite Massacre on Istvan V, this is the tale of Fulgrim's tragic fall from grace. **APB \$16**

### **Imperial Guard 03: Rebel Winter**

*Steve Parker*

A scorching tale of impossible odds and savage warfare from the far future!

On the brutal battlefields of the 41st Millennium, the life of an Imperial Guardsman is harsh and short, yet they take their place in the massed ranks of the Emperor's armies and battle against the enemies of the Imperium.

Amid the snowy wastes of Danik's World, a regiment of the Vostroyan Imperial Guard is ordered to hold their ground to protect the retreat of other Imperial forces. But when their own orders come to move back, they discover they have been left stranded behind enemy lines. Cold, hungry and running out of supplies, trapped between rebel forces and hordes of orks, can the guardsmen ever fight their way back to safety?

In the battle for survival, there can be no bystanders. **APB \$16**

## **Warhammer**

### ***Invasion!***

*Marc Gascoigne & Christian Dunn*

superb anthology boasting some of the Black Library's best-loved authors.

Invasion! Is an exciting collection of short stories set in the fantastical Warhammer World: a world where man is beset on all sides by invading monsters and from within by the insidious forces of Chaos. Exploring the theme of invasion, both literally and metaphorically, this collection features a linked pair of special elf tales by Mike Lee (co-author of Darkblade) and Nathan Long (Blackhearts series, Orcslayer). From the shores of Naggaroth, the Land of Chill, to the dark forests that lie at the heart of the Empire, these tales will thrill and entertain.

Battle rages across the Old World. Take up your arms. It is time for war. **APB \$16**

## **X-Men**

### ***X-Men: The Return***

*Chris Roberson*

Feared and mistrusted by the very people they have sworn to protect, the X-Men are a band of mutant heroes dedicated to defending humanity from those who would use their powers to harm and destroy. The X-Men are often Earth's last defense against villains and mad-men...and the future's only hope. An alien race calling themselves the Kh'thon descend upon the planet, announcing that they are the former occupants and rightful owners of Earth. The evidence they present is startling: Their ships are manned by Homo sapiens, supposedly descendants of human beings who served the Kh'thon on Earth countless millennia ago. And their will is enforced by the Exemplar, humans augmented with a dizzying array of powers, each the match of any one of the X-Men. The Kh'thon claim that they are responsible for the creation of the x-gene, devised so that they could breed whatever traits or abilities they required of their servants. And now they've returned to take back what they believe is rightfully theirs: the planet Earth, and everyone living on it. It is up to Wolverine, Kitty Pryde, Nightcrawler, and the rest of the X-Men -- working in conjunction with Scott Summers, currently a member of X-Force -- to find a way to repel the Kh'thon before humans and mutants alike are enslaved by alien masters.... **APB \$14.95**

# Roleplaying Games

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Castlemourn is a post-apocalyptic fantasy setting where kingdoms fight for power through political intrigue and outright warfare; where the brave seek their fortunes in dangerous ruins, and where everyone fears the unspeakable evil that shadows their land. **\$81**

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**MAG \$16**

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### *Societates*

The third and final volume in the Houses of Hermes series, Societates covers Houses Flambeau, Jerbiton, Tytalus, and Ex Miscellanea. These houses are formed of wizards who have come together out of shared interests and philosophies. **\$54**

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This book details the Mystery Cults, including full details of their Inner Mysteries. House Bjornaer venerates animal ancestors, and strives to perfect the form. **\$54**

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This book contains descriptions of nine forms of ancient magic, and rules for integrating their secrets into Hermetic theory. **\$54**

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### *Battlefield Evolution Advanced Rulebook*

This advanced rulebook contains chapters on air units and combat, structures and advanced rules as well as sections on each of the four major army factions along with eleven scenarios and a complete campaign setting. **\$45**

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### *Dragon: Monster Ecologies*

This special issue of Dragon magazine contains 128 advertising-free pages of the best ecology articles from the past three years. Drawing from the ongoing and popular "Monster Ecologies" series, this giant collection features new rules, art, details, and encounters for some of the most fearsome and fantastic monsters in the history of Dungeons & Dragons. **MAG \$36**

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New monsters ideal for any Dungeons & Dragons game.

Monster Manual V is the most recent volume in the best-selling Monster Manual line. This 224-page D&D supplement presents a fully illustrated horde of new monsters, as well as ready-to-play variations of previously existing monsters. In addition, this supplement features maps of monster lairs, sample encounters, and tactics sections to help Dungeon Masters run the more complex creatures. Additionally, many entries contain information about where monsters are likely to appear in the Forgotten Realms and Eberron campaign settings. **HC \$60**

### *Miniatures: Night Below*

This latest D&D Miniatures Game release includes several infamous D&D characters and popular D&D monsters. Dungeon-dwelling horrors figure prominently in the set. Various figures are drawn from key D&D titles, including the various Monster Manual supplements, as well the Eberron, Forgotten Realms, and Dragonlance campaign settings. Four miniatures—one per faction—also have a second stat card that features epic-level statistics specifically for high-level versions of those figures.

Booster Pack Components: Eight randomized, pre-painted, plastic miniatures, Stat cards for each miniature, including a second epic-level stat card with certain figures, A Night Below set checklist **Figurine \$20**

### *Eberron: The Forge of War*

Secrets of the Last War revealed, plus new character options for war-torn heroes!

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### *Forgotten Realms: Shadowdale: The Scouring of the Land*

Elminster's tower lies in ruins, and the town of Shadowdale has been conquered by evil Sharrans and the nefarious forces of Zhentil Keep. To drive the villains out of Shadowdale, the heroes must organize and lead a desperate revolt of Dalesfolk against their conquerors, as well as thwart the sinister designs of Shar's servants and the Zhent garrison.

Shadowdale: The Weave Unwinding is the second part of a three-part series of 160-page hardcover super-adventures set in the Forgotten Realms campaign setting, although it can be easily played as a stand-alone adventure. In addition to encounters, this book contains detailed source material on the town of Shadowdale and environs. **HC \$50**

### *Expedition to Undermountain*

Expedition to Undermountain is a 224-page super-adventure that revisits the greatest dungeon in the Forgotten Realms campaign setting. Located beneath the city of Waterdeep, Undermountain has lured countless heroes to their doom. Like other adventures in the "Expedition" series, this product takes a classic D&D location, updates it for D&D v.3.5, and features many new surprises. It also includes source material for the players and a new combat encounter format designed to make the Dungeon Master's job easier, as well as information to help Dungeon Masters adapt the adventure to serve their home campaigns. **HC \$60**

## *Discworld RPG*

### *GURPS: Discworld Also*

In GURPS Discworld, gamers visited the strange and wonderful setting of Terry Pratchett's best-selling novels. Everyone had such a good time that we've booked a second trip! Our guide for GURPS Discworld Also will again be Phil Masters; he promises that the Dungeon Dimensions are not on the itinerary, and Mr Dibbler's meat pies are not on the menu.

You will, however, visit the Lost Continent of XXXX (and its Cart Wars), meet the Hermit Elephants and a very big troll, and go on a mission for Unseen University to find out why the Librarian's supply of bananas has dried up . . . **TP \$40**

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### ***Oadenol's Codex***

Oadenol's Codex is the guide to the practical application of sorcerous knowledge in the Second Age. From the creation of artifacts to the raising of manses, and from the subtle workings of thaumaturgy to the various naturally occurring miracles of Creation, this third of Exalted's Books of Sorcery offer's aspiring geomancers, sorcerer-engineers, thaumaturges and preternaturalists the tools they need to ply their arcane trades. **TP \$45**

### ***War of the Throne***

Exalted: War of the Throne is a strategy board game for two to five players set in the world of Exalted®. Players amass legions, coin and essence, and bring all of their allies, will and luck to bear to claim the seat of power and become the new emperor of the Realm. **\$126**

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### ***Players Guide to Glorantha***

This book is a handy guide for both new and seasoned players looking to progress beyond the races, cultures and plot hooks that we unveiled with earlier Glorantha products – introducing several new ways to enjoy both RuneQuest and Gloranthan Second Age setting, including everything you will need to know about Folk Magic. **\$45**

### ***Legendary Heroes***

This book is a guide to how to aspire to be, creating and play as Legendary level heroes in the Runequest game setting. It will explain what it takes to count a character amongst the ranks of the legendary, and what it takes to survive there. **HC \$45**

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The definitive handbook for Vampire players, containing unique new insights into the Requiem. Read what it feels like to use a vampire's supernatural powers and learn how the Kindred think the Blood works. New Disciplines and Devotions for vampires of any clan. Alternative new systems for bloodlines and diablerie plus a whole lot more. **HC \$45**

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#### ***Night's Touch***

Yearning to unleash her wild side, sheltered beauty Cara DeLongpre gets her wish when she encounters a sinfully seductive stranger in a mysterious club who introduces her to a dark world of passion and evil that she never could have imagined. **APB \$17.95**

## **Peter Carey**

### *Illywhacker*

In Australian slang an illywhacker is a country fair con man, an unprincipled seller of fake diamonds and dubious tonics. And Herbert Badgery, the 139-year-old narrator of Peter Carey's uproarious novel, may be the king of them all. Vagabond and charlatan, aviator and car salesman, seducer and patriarch, Badgery is a walking embodiment of the Australian national character - especially of its proclivity for tall stories and barefaced lies. As Carey follows this charming scoundrel across a continent and a century, he creates a crazy quilt of outlandish encounters, with characters that include a genteel dowager who fends off madness with an electric belt and a ravishing young girl with a dangerous fondness for rooftop trysts. Boldly inventive, irresistibly odd, **ILLYWHACKER** is further proof that Peter Carey is one of the most enchanting writers at work in any hemisphere. Winner of the 1986 Ditmar for Best Novel. **BPB \$24.95**

## **Giles Chapman & Richard Porter**

### *Top Gear: My Dad Had One of Those*

Good old Dad and his good old Dad's car. As solid and dependable as the man himself, if a little less balding, Dad's car was almost a member of the family, whisking you to exciting days out, or just to visit boring relatives in distant parts of the country to the chant of 'are we nearly there yet?' Like the man behind the wheel, Dad's car made you feel safe and secure, because it was as reassuring and sensible as he was. Maybe in an idle moment Dad dreamt of driving something rakish and fast, just like in idle moments he dreamt that your Mum was Twiggy, but the demands of family life meant soft tops, hard suspension and anything even remotely sporty were off the cards. Even anything less than four doors would have been wildly hedonistic. But although the family car may not have been the very essence of rock 'n' roll, Dad was proud of it.

Spanning the 1950s to the '80s, this is a celebration of the heyday of the Dad car. From much loved family workhorses like the Ford Cortina and Vauxhall Viva to the rakish excitement and playground kudos of the Rover 3500 and Citroen CX, all the great Dad cars are here. Reflecting a time before people carriers and lifestyle off roaders, when the nearest thing to an airbag was hiding behind your fat brother, this is a celebration of simple, honest cars that were as flawed and as lovable as your Dad himself. **HC \$27.95**

## **Rick Curtis**

### *Collins Camping and Hiking Manual*

Field tested by one of the most respected outdoor programs in the world, Collins Complete Hiking and Camping manual is the most comprehensive available. It is broad in scope, while still focused on the essential skills and information that you need to travel safely and comfortably in any wilderness. Any backpacker knows that space in your rucksack is limited, but on your next trip pack the only guide that you will need. Use it for: before you start your trip - for deciding on an itinerary, selecting equipment and figuring out what food, clothing and other supplies to pack, depending on whether you are going some where tropical or temperate. once you're out in the wilderness - for choosing a campsite, setting up camp, navigating with map and compass, identifying trees and plants and preparing meals if something unexpected happens - for finding a lost person, seeking shelter in bad weather (like thunderstorms) and first aid for common injuries. Scattered throughout are Tricks of the Trail - additional tips for successful wilderness camping. **PB \$24.99**

## **Christina Dodd**

### *Scent of Darkness*

When the man she loves, Jasha Wilder, turns into a wolf before her very eyes, Ann Smith soon discovers that she has been chosen to break the curse that binds his soul. **APB \$19.95**

## **Francis Duncan**

### *Rickover: The Struggle for Excellence*

As the father of the nuclear powered Navy, Adm. Hyman G. Rickover was a pivotal figure in twentieth-century American history. While many books have been written about various aspects of his career, this is the first biography to have access to private papers, family and close friends. It not only deals with the admiral's controversial naval career but with phases of his personal life that made him what he was, including his youth as a Jewish immigrant who embraced America and the opportunities it offered. The author, Francis Duncan, worked with Rickover from 1969, when he was assigned to write a history of the nuclear propulsion program, until the admiral's death in 1986. Shortly before he died, Rickover turned over his files to Duncan, including letters to his first wife that give a vivid picture of the Navy from 1929 to 1945. Rickover's second wife allowed Duncan access to letters covering important events later in his career.

The author was also granted interviews with the admiral's son and sister and with individuals from the Naval Reactors, an organization headed by Rickover whose members mostly had refused to talk to other biographers. A witness to the admiral's daily activities and the programs he directed, Duncan also drew on his own considerable knowledge to present a portrait of the man that gives new insights into Rickover's genius and shortcomings. The book does not go into technical detail but focuses on the admiral's fights to build and extend the nuclear fleet and the often-difficult relationships that developed in the pursuit of the goal. He shows that Rickover's efforts had a profound effect on the postwar world, that the excellence and responsibility he demanded are qualities that reach beyond the Navy, and that his influence continues to be felt today. **HC \$75**

## **Dion Fortune**

### *The Sea Priestess*

The Sea Priestess is the highly acclaimed novel in which Dion Fortune introduces her most powerful fictional character, Vivien Le Fay Morgan - a practicing initiate of the Hermetic Path. Vivien has the ability to transform herself into magical images, and here she becomes Morgan Le Fay, sea priestess of Atlantis and foster daughter to Merlin.

Desperately in love with Vivien, Wilfred Maxwell works by her side at an isolated seaside retreat, investigating these occult mysteries. They soon find themselves inextricably drawn to an ancient cult through which they learn the esoteric significance of the magnetic ebb and flow of the moontides. **TP \$30.95**

## **W Michael Gear**

### *The Morning River*

During the winter of 1825, Richard Hamilton - a timid Harvard philosophy student - arrives in St Louis on business for his father. Robbed and beaten, desperate to save his life, he reluctantly joins the crew of the Maria, a fur trader's keelboat.

Bound for the beautiful, wild, and dangerous Indian country of the Upper Yellowstone River, the native Bostonian begins the education and adventure of a lifetime. On a converging path is Packrat, a Pawnee warrior who captures a beautiful young Shoshone medicine woman named Heals Like a Willow. But slaves with ties to the spirit world can - and do - fight back.

As the Maria struggles deeper into the wilderness, Richard and Willow are cast together: seekers of knowledge and spirit, unwitting adversaries separated by time, space, and birthright. As inevitable as the collision of their two worlds, their love begins to unfold - and with it, the terrible consequences of a forbidden consummation. **APB \$15.95**

**Leah Giarratano** *Australian Author*

*Vodka Doesn't Freeze*

When a middle-aged man is brutally murdered in the dunes overlooking a children's pool, it's immediately clear to Sergeant Jill Jackson that this was no ordinary victim: someone has stopped a dangerous paedophile in his tracks. Knowing first-hand the impact of such men on their prey, Jill is ambivalent about pursuing the killer, but when more men die - all known to police as child sex offenders - she is forced to face the fact that a serial killer is on the loose.

As the investigation deepens, Jill unearths a long-established Sydney paedophile ring - a club of wealthy men who have thought until now that that they are untouchable. Despite the deaths of some of its members, the club is still operating and until Jill can shut it down, children are still in grave danger. As she faces predators and their victims, a psychotherapist losing her mind, and her own nightmares come to life, Jill is forced to decide whether or not she really wants to catch this killer. **TP \$32.95**

**Lian Hearn** *Australian Author*

*Harsh Cry of the Heron (Tales of the Otori 04)*

The world of the Otori has entranced readers since the first book in the Trilogy, *Across the Nightingale Floor*, was published in 2002. Now Lian Hearn again takes us back to a land that might be feudal Japan or may be another place altogether in the stunning sequel, *The Harsh Cry of the Heron*. Find out who lives and dies, who conquers, and who is still loved. The story winds up to an unexpected and moving conclusion that will make you want to start reading the Trilogy all over again. *The Harsh Cry of the Heron* resumes 14 years after Lian Hearn's highly successful trilogy, the *Tales of the Otori*, left off. It is centred on the difficulties of holding power. Here we see Takeo and his consort Kaede ruling the Three Countries in peace and prosperity, with the favour of Heaven everywhere evident. Yet the elements that could disrupt this meticulously structured equilibrium are assembling, forming their shifting alliances. Fate and personality will also have their due as the puzzle unfolds. **BPB \$24.95**

**Susan Kearney**

*Kiss Me Deadly*

After winning the biggest lottery in history with her coworkers, Mandy Newman suddenly finds herself on a killer's hitlist when the ticket is stolen, her fellow winners begin dying one by one, and she escapes an attempted drowning, and is forced to turn for help to Zack Taylor, the sexy DEA agent who had already betrayed her once before. **APB \$17.95**

**Lora Leigh**

*Hidden Agendas*

After rescuing his childhood friend, Emily Stanton, the daughter of a prominent politician, from the compound of ruthless drug lord Diego Fuentes, tough Navy SEAL Kell Kreiger finds it difficult to deny his long-time feelings for Emily, but now he must put everything on the line as he struggles to protect them both from the drug lord's vengeance. **APB \$17.95**

**Donna Leon**

*Quietly in their Sleep (Commisario Guido Brunetti Mystery)*

When Maria Testa, better known to Brunetti as the nun who once had cared for his mother, turns up at the Commissario's door, after leaving her convent following the suspicious deaths of five patients, Brunetti launches a personal investigation into the situation to determine whether or not she has stumbled into a sinister scenario that could threaten her life. **APB \$19.95**

**Marjorie M Liu**

*Soul Song*

Gifted and cursed with the ability to see the future, Kitara Bell must save M'cal, a seductive merman who has risen from the watery depths, from the grasp of an evil witch, a passionate alliance that threatens their lives and their very souls. **APB \$17.95**

**Margo Maguire**

*A Warrior's Taking*

Searching for a magical stone that can protect his clan in the wake of his father's murder, Brogan MacLochlainn finds himself traveling through time nearly nine centuries to 1813, where he encounters the beautiful Sarah Granger, the governess who finds him washed up on a beach. **APB \$15.95**

**Richard Montanari**

*The Rosary Girls*

Only a killer hears their prayers...

In the most brutal killing crusade Philadelphia has seen in years, a series of young Catholic women are found dead, their bodies mutilated and their hands bolted together. Each clutches a rosary in her lifeless grasp.

Veteran cop Kevin Byrne and his rookie partner Jessica Balzano set out to hunt down the elusive killer, who leads them deeper and deeper into the abyss of a madman's depravity. Suspects appear before them like bad dreams - and vanish just as quickly. While the body count rises, Easter is fast approaching: the day of resurrection and of the last rosary to be counted. **APB \$19.95**

**Robin D Owens**

*Heart Dance*

A scientist who is secretly experimenting with the mysteries of time, DuFleur Thyme refuses to allow anything to distract her from her work, including her destined HeartMate Saille T'Willow, especially when she discovers that Saille's grandmother had ruined her father. **TP \$28.95**

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When Guatemalan rebels begin looting rare Mayan artifacts and selling them to fund their campaign of terror, Mack Bolan is sent in to find their secret cache and stop the pillaging—a deadly mission that pits him against an army determined to maintain its control no matter what the cost.

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*War Drums (SuperBolan 115)*

When Iran, armed with stolen U.S. technology and unlimited financial backing from China, prepares to attack America with the help of Russian arms dealers who profit from international terror, Mack Bolan, with the help of Bedouin brothers-in-arms, races against time to extinguish a firestorm.

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## **Roland Perry**

### *Monash: The Outsider Who Won A War*

Australian general Sir John Monash changed the way wars were fought and won. When the British and German high commands of the First World War failed to gain ascendancy after four years of slaughter never before seen in human history, Monash used innovative techniques and modern technology to plan and win major battles, forcing Germany to capitulate.

His obsessional, brilliant planning, coupled with a ruthless streak, caused him to break the German army in a succession of battles that led to the end of the Great War.

Author Roland Perry brings to life the fascinating story of the man whom many have judged as the greatest-ever Australian. **MONASH: THE OUTSIDER WHO WON A WAR** draws on the subject's comprehensive letter and diary archive - one of the largest in Australia's history. The result is a riveting portrait that reaches to the heart of the true Monash character. It weaves together the many strands of his life as a family man, student, engineer, businessman, lawyer, renaissance man, teacher, soldier, leader, romantic and lover of the arts. **TP \$27.95**

## **Amanda Quick**

### *The River Knows*

Inadvertently teaming up with a fellow interloper who suspects a prominent society figure of hiding dangerous secrets, bespectacled Louisa Bryce of late-Victorian London investigates her beliefs about the man's connection to a notorious brothel and learns that her partner's fiancée drowned in the Thames under suspicious circumstances. **HC \$52.95**

## **John Ringo**

### *A Deeper Blue (Mike Harmon 05)*

Grieving over the deaths of so many of his Keldara followers, former Navy SEAL Mike Harmon is determined to sit out the next mission, until his best friend and his intel specialist are seriously wounded in an ambush aimed at him, and the Kildar sets out to take down a boatload of terrorists and Colombian drug dealers in retaliation. **HC \$52.95**

## **Charles Rollings**

### *Prisoners of War*

For you, the war is over.' These famous words marked the end of the Second World War for nearly half a million allied servicemen, and the beginning of a very different battle in captivity. Waged against boredom, brutality, disease, hunger and despair, it was a battle for survival, fought without the aid of weapons against fully armed enemy captors.

Based on interviews and correspondence with ex-POWs and their relatives over the last 25 years, Prisoner of War is a major survey of Allied POWs from all walks of life. Extraordinary stories of extremes - courage, hope and desperation -are revealed in the words of those that were there.

Arranged chronologically, the book follows those involved from capture, through interrogation, imprisonment, escape, to final liberation and homecoming. POWs and, in particular, those who broke free, have become a post-war cultural icon; a symbol of the will to survive against the odds. Rich with incident and emotion, PRISONER OF WAR is a compelling look at the lives of extraordinary individuals behind the wire. **HC \$65**

## **James Rollins**

### *The Judas Strain (Sigma Force)*

The elite scientific military team Sigma Force tackles a dangerous mystery involving a seemingly incurable pandemic with centuries-old ties that seems capable of turning all of nature against humankind, and to stop the threat, they are forced to recruit the assistance of an untrustworthy adversary. By the author of Black Order. **HC \$52.95**

## **Patricia Shaw Australian Author**

### *Where the Willows Weep*

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