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Featured Books



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Steven Erikson

Terry Goodkind

Laurell K Hamilton

Katherine Kerr

Sean McMullen

Karen Miller

L E Modesitt Jr

Alastair Reynolds

Apex, a magazine of dark science fiction and horror.

Brothers of the Snake, a WH40K Space Marines hardcover.

New Space Opera Anthology, in trade paperback.

Undead and Uneasy, book 6 in paperback.

Dark Space, start of a space opera series in paperback.

Dark Alchemy, trade paperback collection of young adult stories.

Bonehunters & Reaper's Gale, 2 Malzan novels.

Phantom, Sword of Truth book 10 in paperback.

The Harlequin, Anita Blake in trade, hardcover and MP3 CD.

Spirit Stone, Dragonmage book 5 in trade paperback.

Voidfarer, Moonworlds Saga book 3 in paperback.

Empress of Mijak, starting a new series in paperback.

Cadmian's Choice, Corean Chronicles book 5 in paperback

The Prefect, a new Revelation space novel in trade paperback



News

Nebula Award winners have been announced. Jack McDevitt won best novel for *Seeker*, Justine Larbalestier (Australian author) won the Andre Norton award for *Magic or Madness*.

For a full award list and some photos go to <http://www.sfga.org/news/2007/06nebwinner.htm>

Lloyd Alexander, author of the *Chronicles of Prydain* series and dozens of other books died 17th May.

<http://www.sfga.org/news/2007/lalexander.htm>

Raymond E Feist has agreed to write another 6 books for HarperCollins, most to be set in the Riftwar world.

<http://www.crydee.com/?q=node/28>

LE Modesitt' Jr has new Recluse novels coming titled *Natural Ordermage* expected in Sept 2007 and *Mage-Guard of Hamor* expected in 2008.

Dr Who will be back on TV by the end of June. We have action figures, inflatable Tardises, novels, etc...

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.

***Empress of Mijak* by Karen Miller, Godspeaker book 1, reviewed by Josephine Crowley.**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732284510>

This new fantasy novel begins in a remote and barren land when traders arrive in a village and a little girl is sold into slavery. So begins a new life for Hekat who grows in importance as the magic within her becomes apparent and she is transported to the land of Mijak, a country of warlords and Godspeakers and much magic. This novel has an intriguing start and one that whets the appetite to want to read more. However, as I delved deeper into the lives of these peoples, I grew to dislike intensely the central character Hekat who is a cruel and obsessed woman. The emphasis on sacrifice and bloodshed is gory and quite extreme. Some of the repetition in this novel becomes irritating especially the terms "tcha" and "aiee" and the central section is drawn out and too long.

The Empress of Mijak is obviously the beginning of quite a saga and as I read the last few pages I began to look forward to Book Two in the Godspeaker series. This novel is not suitable for younger readers as the gory details of bloodletting and murder are too graphic.

I read and enjoyed Karen Miller's first saga Kingmaker, Kingbreaker and the Empress of Mijak is in many ways similar and if you read and enjoyed the former then this new saga is for you.

***Idlewild* by Nick Sagan, reviewed by Adam Bales**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553815979>

When I started reading Nick Sagan's Idlewild, a sense of familiarity struck me. "I'm reading a rewrite of Zelazny's Amber novels," I thought. After another burst of reading, I felt like I was reading the Matrix novelisation.

Despite these feelings of Déjà vu, the book was well written and pulled me in and seduced me into continuing to read it. I'm glad. Idlewild may at times show signs of being influenced by other books and movies but it develops well beyond this.

It tells the story of a young man who wakes up to find that he has lost his memory. Facts return to his mind slowly but, suspecting that someone is out to kill him, the man must uncover his past and struggle to understand the world he is in at a faster pace. As memories return, he is forced to look deeper as the answers become less and less self evident.

The book is short and, while I feel that the world is interesting enough to justify a greater length, this makes it fast paced and means that Sagan has avoided much of the unnecessary baggage that often haunts a first novel. It's hard to write a plot description of a book which gains much of its tension from mystery without giving away too much. Instead of doing so, I will recommend that those who enjoy the works of authors like Roger Zelazny and Neil Gaiman check this book out. Even for those who don't, if you enjoy any science fiction it's worth the read.

***Carpe Demon* by Julie Kenner, reviewed by Lynn**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780515142211>

If you like Buffy and are a fan of Desperate Housewives, then this gives you the best of both worlds. A mum trying to juggle a family life which includes a teenager, and a young child suddenly realises that her demon hunting youth has reared its fangy face. The adventures are just beginning for her with bodies in the pantry...



Sydney Winterfest 2007, is a festival of Medieval fun, including archery and full contact jousting, held over the weekend of 30th June and 1st July at the Castle Hill Showground. This is expected to be well attended by many re-enactment clubs, and the public are welcome to join in.

For details visit: <http://www.winterfest.com.au/>





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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 7th June: Sequels and Prequels by different authors.
Thursday 5th July: 'Jumping the Shark' in science fiction or fantasy.

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 21st June:

Jim Butcher *Storm Front*
Neil Gaiman *Neverwhere*

Thursday 19th July:

Kylie Chan *White Tiger*
Linnea Sinclair *An Accidental Goddess*

Writers' Group: The group is for people who are currently writing (or even trying to write) science fiction, fantasy and horror related stories and pieces. If you think this might describe you, and you'd like to get involved in a group with others who understand what the genre is about, why not come along. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check out the website for more details.

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

Bestsellers for May

General Release

Siege of Macindaw	<i>John Flanagan *</i>
Ghost Brigades	John Scalzi
Undead and Unpopular	MaryJanice Davidson
Sharing Knife: Beguilement	Lois McMaster Bujold
Kushiel's Scion	Jacqueline Carey
The Way to Glory	David Drake
The Children of Hurin	J R R Tolkien
Kildar	John Ringo
Saturn Returns	<i>Sean Williams *</i>
Glasshouse	Charles Stross

* Australian Authors

Media and Games Related Titles

Duty Calls	Warhammer 40,000
Exile	Star Wars
Flight of the Eisenstein	Warhammer 40,000
The Good That Men Do	Star Trek Enterprise
Ciaphas Cain Hero of the Imperium	Warhammer 40,000
Chapter War	Warhammer 40,000
Firefly: The Official Companion Volume 2	
The Last Dodo	Doctor Who
Sting of the Zygons	Doctor Who
Wooden Heart	Doctor Who

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Apex Volume 1 Issue 9

This is a US based small press magazine of hard science fiction short stories.

"The Sum of His Parts" – Kevin J. Anderson

"The End of Crazy" – Katherine Sparrow

"The Gunslinger of Chelem" – Lavie Tidhar

"Locked In" – Mary Robinette Kowal

"Projector" – Daniel LeMoal

"At the 24-Hour" – William F. Nolan

"Pyramus and Thisbe" – Jeremy Adam Smith

"Sufficiently Advanced" – Bev Vincent

"Don't Show Your Teeth" – Rob D. Smith

"Cain XP11: The Voice of Thy Brother's Blood (Part 1)" – Geoffrey Girard

"Poppet's Left Impression" – Brandy Schwan

Parting Shot: "Sonorous" – Paul Abbamondi

Nonfiction: "Unspeakable Horrors: The Legacy of Darkness in the Visual Arts of Western Culture" – Deb Taber, "Kill Me Then" – Alethea Kontis

Interviews: Kevin J. Anderson, Liz Williams. All art in this issue was created by Paul and Mike Bielaczyc of Aradani Studios. **Magazine \$9.95**

Lynn Abbey

Rifkind's Challenge

Raised to hone a sword rather than perform the traditional duties of women in her male-dominated desert world, chieftain's daughter Rifkind finds a new home where she practices healing arts and raises a child, only to find herself called upon to fulfill her destiny as a sorceress. **APB \$17.95**

C T Adams & Cathy Clamp

Touch of Madness

As if dealing with the members of her werewolf boyfriend Tom's pack--who are trying to break them up--is not enough, Kate Reilly finds herself targeted by a serial killer who plans to make her his next victim, accused of a series of murders she did not commit, and pursued by the parasitic Thrall vampires, who want her to investigate the killings of their young. **APB \$17.95**

Lara Adrian

Kiss of Crimson

Coming to the aid of a wounded stranger, veterinarian Tess Culver is unaware that the mysterious Dante is actually one of the Breed, vampire warriors engaged in a desperate battle against bands of Rogue vampires, or that by helping him, she has become enmeshed in his dangerous underworld realm. **APB \$17.95**

Brian Aldiss

HARM

In a paranoid, near-future world, Paul Ali, a young writer of Muslim heritage, finds himself imprisoned and held for questioning because of his comic novel, which contains a scene in which two characters joke about the murder of a British prime minister, and his only escape is to an alien planet that he invents within his own mind. **HC \$45.95**

Roger MacBride Allen

Death Sentence (BSI Starside)

When a young agent dies mysteriously of old age during a seemingly routine courier job, BSI agents Jamie Mendez and Hannah Wolfson embark on a race against time to find the key needed to unlock an encrypted datafile filled with sensitive information that may hold the key to a dangerous secret that could lead to an interstellar war. **APB \$17.95**

Keri Arthur Australian Author

Tempting Evil (Riley Jenson Guardian 03)

Half werewolf and half vampire Riley Jenson is now an agent with the DOR - the Directorate of Other Races. However, trusting her superiors and lovers barely more than she trusts her worst enemies, Riley plays by her own set of rules. Her latest mission: to enter the heavily guarded pleasure palace of a criminal named Deshon Starr - a madman-scientist who's been messing around in the gene pool for decades. With two sexy men - a cool, seductive vampire and an irresistibly hot wolf - vying for her attention, Riley must keep focused. Because saving the world from Deshon Starr will mean saving herself from the trap that's closing in around her... **APB \$19.95**

James Axler

Sky Raider (Deathlands 78)

Ryan Cawdor and his team of survivalist warriors take on an all new enemy in a post-apocalyptic world--ruthless and tyrannical baron Sandra Tregart, who plans to use a restored biplane to unleash death on all those who defy her power. **APB \$16.95**

Tony Ballantyne

Capacity

Society in the twenty-third century runs smoothly and peacefully with the aid of Social Care operatives such as Judy 3. Benevolent AIs, under the control of the near mythical Watcher, seem to have solved all mankind's problems, and with their aid humans have begun to explore the surrounding universe. But why does every AI that visits the planet Gateway commit suicide within just hours of arriving there? Justinian Sibelius has now arrived on the planet to try and find a reason, yet how can someone with merely human intelligence solve a puzzle that has defeated minds far greater than his own - even that of the Watcher itself? What if it should turn out that the Watcher is not so benevolent as people once believed? **APB \$19.95**

Divergence

The robot Constantine notices an Artificial Intelligence spontaneously coming into being on a distant planet... and watches helplessly as it is destroyed. In deep space, far from Earth, Judy senses a change of mood aboard the passenger ship she travels on... and a quick investigation reveals that the craft is succumbing to a mysterious alien infestation. Just as hope seems lost, a group of combat drones appears to rescue all the passengers, except Judy - who is told she is the property of a forgotten mega-corporation based on Earth. Returned against her wishes to an Earth under constant assault from the same alien infestation, Judy begins to learn her place in a conspiracy billions of years old.

But is she ready to take on the benign, omnipotent, all-seeing Watcher who guides human destiny? And destroy it? **TP \$32.95**

Anya Bast*Witch Fire*

When Jack McAllister, the head of security for The Coven, a national organization that governs witches, is assigned to watch over Mira Hoskins, who is unaware of her abilities, and protect her from a group of renegade witches, his assignment takes a passionate turn. **APB \$19.95**

Marion Zimmer Bradley & Deborah J Ross*The Alton Gift (Darkover)*

In this anticipated sequel to *Traitor's Sun*, Lew Alton's daughter Marguerida, a psychic, must decipher visions of impending doom, while her son searches for his place in a world of shifting loyalites, and the rulers of Darkover face a new threat, an ancient enemy that has risen again. **HC \$52.95**

Meljean Brook*Demon Moon*

When lethal creatures from the realm of Chaos herald the return of an imprisoned nosferatu horde, vampire Colin Ames-Beaumont and his lover Savitri Murray discover that their powerful bond is the key to their survival and the fate of the world. **APB \$19.95**

Simon Brown Australian Author*Daughter of Independence (Chronicles of Kydan 03)*

In the new land, original inhabitants and their colonisers work together to turn Kydan from city state into trading empire, and bring it the wealth and strength it needs to survive the inevitable confrontation with the old world. Strategos Galys Valera knows Kydan must find a counter to the might of the Hamilayan empire, and believes the answer is in the papers left behind by her dead lover, Kitayra Albyn... But can it be found in time?

Across the Deepening Sea, Empress Lerena Kevleren is forging a new power base made from human sacrifice, fear and her overwhelming control of the Sefid, the source of all magic. But soon her gaze will fall on Kydan.

In the concluding volume of *The Chronicles of Kydan*, the final confrontation between old and new, magic and freedom, and between empire and a growing nation state, will determine the fate of millions – not least the brave band of colonists who set out from Hamilay to settle Kydan with courage and hope in their hearts. **APB \$19.95**

Tobias S Buckell*Crystal Rain*

Twenty-seven years after washing up on the shores with no memory of his past, John deBrun discovers that he retains an understanding about a mythical artifact and becomes the world of Nanagada's only chance for survival against an attack by the fearsome Azteca. A first novel. **APB \$19.95**

Jim Butcher*Proven Guilty (Dresden Files 08)*

The eighth case file from Harry Dresden, a modern-day wizard who gets into some seriously challenging situations. Harry Dresden is the only wizard in the Chicago phone book and consults for the police department on those so-called 'unusual' cases. But there's no love lost between Harry and the White Council of Wizards, who find him brash and undisciplined. Yet now the vampire wars have thinned the ranks of wizards, the White Council needs Harry, like it or not. He's drafted as a Warden, and assigned to look into rumours of black magic in the Windy City. And, if that isn't enough, another problem arrives for Harry in the form of the tattooed and pierced daughter of an old friend, all grown-up and already in trouble. Her boyfriend was the only one in the room when an old man was attacked, but in spite of this, he insists he didn't do it. What looks like a supernatural assault straight out of a horror film turns out to be - well, something quite close to that, as Harry discovers that malevolent entities that feed on fear are loose in Chicago. All in a day's work for a wizard, his faithful dog, and a talking skull named Bob. **APB \$19.95**

Ramsey Campbell*Secret Story*

Hired to revise a film script that too closely resembles the murder case on which it is based, aspiring writer Dudley Smith hides from his director the sordid truth about his inability to write about heinous acts unless he actually commits them. By the author of *The Overnight*. **APB \$19.95**

Trudi Canavan Australian Author

The Novice (CD) (Black Magician 02) **CD \$39.95**

The High Lord (CD) (Black Magician 03)

The final volume in a fabulous trilogy of magic, intrigue and breathtaking epic adventure from the author of *THE MAGICIANS' GUILD* and *THE NOVICE*. In the city of Imardin, where those who wield magic wield power, a young street-girl, adopted by the Magician's Guild, finds herself at the centre of a terrible plot that may destroy the entire world... Sonea has learned much at the magicians' guild and the other novices now treat her with a grudging respect. But she cannot forget what she witnessed in the High Lord's underground room - or his warning that the realm's ancient enemy is growing in power once more. As Sonea learns more, she begins to doubt her guildmaster's word. Could the truth really be as terrifying as Akkarin claims, or is he trying to trick her into assisting in some unspeakably dark scheme? **CD \$39.95**

Jacqueline Carey*Kushiel's Justice (Kushiel 05)*

A second volume in a fantasy trilogy that began with *Kushiel's Avatar* follows the forbidden love affair between Prince Imriel of Terre d'Ange and his cousin, Sidonie, whom he is forced to leave behind in order to join the princess he must marry, an arrangement that places his throne in jeopardy. **HC \$54.95**

C J Cherryh*Chanur's Endgame (Chanur)*

In Chanur's Homecoming, Pyanfar Chanur and her crew must take a final desperate gamble that threatens the very fabric of the galaxy as the races of the Compact alliance mobilize for interplanetary war, and in Chanur's Legacy, Hilfy, niece of Pyanfar Chanur, is offered a million credits to transport a small religious object to Urtur Station. **APB \$19.95**

Maureen Child*More Than Fiends*

A suburban single mother with a teenage daughter, Cassidy Burke suddenly finds herself gaining new fighting instincts and new powers as she takes on the family business of demon slayer, but her job is complicated by the return of her former lover--and father of her daughter--who never knew about his child. **TP \$28.95**

Shirley Damsgaard

Witch Hunt (Ophelia and Abby Mystery)

Small-town librarian, psychic, and witch Ophelia Jensen, along with her magically gifted grandmother Abby and her adopted teenage daughter, must conjure up the real killer when her best friend's cousin is wrongly accused of brutally murdering a biker. **APB \$17.95**

Peter David

Fall of Knight (Knight 03)

When Gwen De Vere Queen miraculously survives an assassination attempt, Arthur Penn is forced to reveal his true identity as King Arthur and the existence of the Holy Grail, but when he is flooded by desperate requests for healing, he bottles the water from the Grail, unknowingly tainting the purpose of this holy cup's existence. **APB \$19.95**

Darkness of the Light

On the Damned World—a planet once known as "Earth"—twelve different races of beings, including Vampires, Mermen, Cyclopes, and a nearly extinct humankind, have battled for control and survival for eons, until those sick of war, fear, and death band together to seek a legendary Orb of Light that they hope can bring peace to their world. **HC \$51.95**

MaryJanice Davidson

Undead and Uneasy (Undead 06)

Betsy Taylor, undead vampire queen, has been given a new nickname by her nearest and dearest: Bridezilla. Because whether you're alive or undead, planning weddings is a bitch. Especially when your groom thinks the whole thing is a waste of time. Betsy's also dealing with a full house: she lives with a ghost (Cathy), a werewolf (Antonia), a gay physician/human (Marc), her fiance and vampire king (Eric Sinclair), her best friend (Jessica), a recovering Fiend (Garrett). But when Sinclair disappears, Betsy begins to get seriously unnerved... **HC \$49.95 TP \$32.95**

Marianne de Pierres Australian Author

Dark Space (Sentients of Orion 01)

While drifting in space, lost, due to navigational failure, a mineral scout discovers God. When word gets out, academics from the studiums across Orion scramble to gain the Entity's favour. However, not all the sentients of Orion hold this 'god' in awe—some, like the philosophers of Scholar and the Transhuman's of Extropy are deeply suspicious. Onto the grand stage of inter-planetary academic politics, intellectual conceit and dubious theology walks Baronessa Mira Fedor. Her planet has been torn apart by the invasion of a race of giant tardigrades. Only the Orion League of Sentient Species can lend aid, but OLOSS are preoccupied with communicating with god. Mira, together with the larrikin, misogynist Jo-Jo Rasterovich, is left to her own resources to find help. In doing so she unmasks a galaxy-size intrigue. But will she live long enough to tell anyone? **APB \$19.95**

Delilah Devlin

Into the Darkness

After arriving in New Orleans—escaping from a tragic past—the virginal beauty falls victim to a series of strange, unearthly attacks. For the first time in her life, she aches with sexual desire. Now Natalie is confused, frightened, out of control—desperately struggling to understand a world that is transforming around her. But soon she will be powerful and magnificent in ways she could never have imagined. Detective Rene Broussard knows the hot young woman in despair is trouble. But something about Natalie intrigues and intoxicates the ruggedly handsome Cajun policeman who has come to her rescue in her time of greatest need. And when he inexplicably wakes in bed beside her—both burning with a lust impossible to deny—he doesn't care that a dark and vengeful enemy has brought them to this moment. All that matters is the irresistible curve of her body, the heat of her passion, and the forbidden pleasures the night promises. With one sharp, sensuous, biting kiss, he will be hers for life, and beyond. **B+ PB \$19.99**

Philip K Dick

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?

World War Terminus has left the earth devastated. Through its ruins, bounty hunter Rick Deckard stalks, in search of the renegade replicants who are his prey. When he isn't 'retiring' them with his laser weapon, he dreams of owning a live animal—the ultimate status symbol in a world all but bereft of animal life. Then Rick gets his chance: the assignment to kill six Nexus-6 targets, for a huge reward. But in Deckard's world things are never that simple, and his assignment quickly turns into a nightmare kaleidoscope of subterfuge and deceit—and the threat of death for the hunter rather than the hunted ... **BPB \$22.95**

Dr Bloodmoney

Seven years after the day of the bombs, Point Reyes is luckier than most places. Its people are reasonably normal - except for the girl with her twin brother growing inside her, and talking to her. Their barter system is working. Their resident genius can fix almost anything that breaks down. But they don't know they are harbouring the one man who almost everyone left alive wants to kill. **BPB \$22.95**

Flow, My Tears, The Policeman Said

Jason Taverner is a Six, the result of top secret government experiments forty years before which produced a handful of unnaturally bright and beautiful people—and he's the prime-time idol of millions until, inexplicably, all record of him is wiped from the data banks of Earth. Suddenly he's a nobody in a police state where nobody is allowed to be a nobody. Will he ever be rich and famous again? Was he, in fact, ever rich and famous? **BPB \$22.95**

Human Is?

Drawn from the five volumes of his complete short stories (also published by Gollancz) this volume represents the very cream of Philip K. Dick's output. It serves both as a celebration of his work, in the 25th year since his death, and as the ideal introduction to his unique take on the world for new readers. As our culture becomes ever more fluid, as fact is fictionalised, as documentary gives way to reality-TV, as our identities are digitised, as globalism runs wild, as drugs become ever more ubiquitous the world is finally catching up with even the most bizarre of Philip K. Dick's imaginings. Twenty five years after his death we are living in Philip K. Dick's world, this new authoritative collection of his best short fiction shows us why. **BPB \$22.95**

Martian Time-Slip

Mars is a desolate world. Largely forgotten by Earth, the planet remains helpless in the stranglehold of Arnie Kott, who as boss of the plumber's union has a monopoly over the vital water supply. Arnie Kott is obsessed by the past; the native Bleekmen, poverty-stricken wanderers, can see into the future; while to Manfred, an autistic boy, time apparently stops. When one of the colonists, Norbert Steiner, commits suicide, the repercussions are startling and bizarre. **BPB \$22.95**

Philip K Dick

Philip K Dick: Four Novels of the 1960s

Published to coincide with the twenty-fifth anniversary re-release of the film *Blade Runner*, a collection of four signature works by the visionary science fiction writer includes the titles, *The Man in the High Castle*, *The Three Stigmata of Palmer Eldritch*, *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*, and *Ubik*. **HC \$70**

The Three Stigmata of Palmer Eldritch

In the overcrowded world and cramped space colonies of the late 21st century, tedium can be endured through the use of the drug Can-D, which enables the user to inhabit a shared illusory world. When industrialist Palmer Eldritch returns from an interstellar trip, he brings with him a new drug, Chew-Z, which is far more potent than Can-D, but threatens to plunge the world into a permanent state of drugged illusion controlled by the mysterious Eldritch. **BPB \$22.95**

Chris Dolley

Resonance

Office messenger Graham Smith, an obsessive-compulsive mute with a unique talent for seeing things that others cannot in the world around him, meets Analise Mercado, a young woman who hears voices warning her about the men out to kill Graham, in the story of two people whose lives are fragmented across alternate realities and who hold the key to the future of a billion planets. **APB \$19.95**

David Anthony Durham

Acacia (War with the Mein 01)

Leondan Arkan, the powerful ruler of an idyllic empire, hides the dark realities of their prosperity from his four children, until an assassin from the Mein, a race exiled to an ice-locked stronghold in the north, strikes him down and frees his children to pursue their own destinies, avenge his death, and rebuild Acacia on a foundation of universal freedom. **HC \$54.95**

Steven Erikson

Bonehunters (Malazan Book of the Fallen 06)

The Seven Cities Rebellion is over, Sha'ik is dead, but a last rebel force remains, holed up in the city of Y'Ghatan under the fanatical command of Leoman of the Flails. The prospect of laying siege to this ancient fortress makes the battle-weary Malaz 14th Army uneasy - for it was here that the Empire's greatest champion Dassem Ultor was slain and a tide of Malazan blood spilled... But agents of a far greater conflict have made their opening moves. The Crippled God has been granted a place in the pantheon, a schism threatens, sides must be chosen but whatever each god decides, the rules have changed - and the first blood spilled will be in the mortal world: a world in which a host of characters, familiar and new, search for a fate that they might fashion by their own will. If only the gods would leave them alone. But gods are disinclined to be kind. There shall be war, war in the heavens. And the prize? Nothing less than existence itself. **APB \$24.95**

Reaper's Gale (Malazan Book of the Fallen 07)

All is not well in the Letherii Empire. Rhulad Sengar, the Emperor of a Thousand Deaths, spirals into madness, surrounded by sycophants and agents of his Machiavellian chancellor, while the Letherii secret police conduct a campaign of terror against its own people. The Errant, once a farseeing god, is suddenly blind to the future. Conspiracies seethe throughout the palace, as the empire - driven by the corrupt and self-interested - edges ever closer to all-out war with the neighbouring kingdoms. And the great Edur fleet - its warriors selected from countless peoples - draws ever closer. Amongst them are Karsa Orlong and Icarium Lifestealer - each destined to cross blades with the emperor himself. That yet more blood is to be spilled is inevitable... Against this backdrop, a band of fugitives seek a way out of the empire, but one of them, Fear Sengar must find the soul of Scabandari Bloodeye. It is his hope that it might help halt the Tiste Edur, and so save his brother, the emperor. Yet, travelling with them is Scabandari's most ancient foe: Silchas Ruin, brother of Anomander Rake. And his motives are anything but certain - for the wounds he carries on his back, made by the blades of Scabandari, are still fresh. Fate decrees that there is to be a reckoning, for such bloodshed cannot go unanswered - and it will be a reckoning on an unimaginable scale...

A brutal, harrowing novel of war, intrigue and dark, uncontrollable magic, this is epic fantasy at its most imaginative, storytelling at its most thrilling. **TP \$39.95**

Blood Follows (Malazan Tale of Bauchelain & Korbal Broach 01)

All is not well in Lamentable Moll.

A sinister, diabolical killer stalks the port city's narrow, barrow-humped streets, and panic grips the citizens like a fever.

Emancipor Reese is no exception, and indeed, with his legendary ill luck, it's worse for him than for most. Not only was his previous employer the unknown killer's latest victim, but Emancipor is out of work. And, with his dearest wife terminally comfortable with the manner of life to which she asserts she has become accustomed (or at least to which she aspires) -- for her and their two whelps -- all other terrors grow limp and pale for poor Emancipor.

But perhaps his luck has finally changed, for two strangers have come to Lamentable Moll... and they have nailed to the centre post in Fishmonger's Round a note requesting the services of a manservant.

This is surely a remarkable opportunity for the hapless Emancipor Reese... no matter that the note reeks with death-warded magic; no matter that the barrow ghosts themselves howl with fear every night; and certainly no matter that Lamentable Moll itself is about to erupt in a frenzy of terror-inspired anarchy.... After all, it's work... and working is better than not working.

Isn't it?

First in a series of novellas taking place in the Malazan Empire. **HC \$51.95**

The Healthy Dead (Malazan Tale of Bauchelain & Korbal Broach 02)

Things are going all too well in the city of Quaint. So well, in fact, that something has to be done. The zeal for goodness can be catastrophic, and no-one knows this better than Bauchelain and Korbal Broach, two stalwart champions of all things bad.

For the innumerable citizens of Quaint, driven to neurotic distraction and overwhelmed with good living, desperation breeds nefarious bed-mates, and before long the two homicidal necromancers -- and their beleaguered and substance-addled manservant, Emancipor Reese -- find themselves ensnared in a scheme to bring goodness into disrepute, if not utter ruination.

To Reese's bemusement, laudable motivations are, in a bizarre twist, uncharacteristically relevant to Master Bauchelain, although, of course, the payment of a chest filled with gold helps.

Even so, sometimes, it turns out, one must bring down civilisation... in the name of civilisation. **HC \$51.95**

Ian Cameron Esslemont

Night Of Knives: A Novel of the Malazan Empire (Malazan)

It gave the Empire its name, but the tiny island and city of Malaz is a sleepy, seedy back-water port. This night, its residents are bustling about, barring doors and shuttering windows. Because this night a once-in-a-generation Shadow Moon is due and threatens the good citizens of Malaz with demon hounds and other, darker, beings. And it was also prophesied that on this night the Emperor Kellanved, missing for all these years, will return. As factions within the greater Empire battle over the imperial throne, the Shadow Moon summons a far more alien and ancient presence for an all-out assault upon the island. Indeed the cataclysmic events that happen this night will determine the fate of the Malaz and of the world. **HC \$52.95**

Christine Feehan

Dark Magic (Carpathian 04)

Savannah Dubrinsky is a mistress of illusion, a world-famous magician capable of mesmerising millions. But there is one man she fears: Gregori, the Dark One. With a dark magic all his own, Gregori - the most powerful of Carpathian males - whispers in Savannah's mind that he is her destiny. That she was born to save his immortal soul. And now, here in New Orleans, the hour has finally come to claim her. To make her completely his. In a ritual as old as time... and as inescapable as eternity. **APB \$17.95**

Dark Challenge (Carpathian 05)

Carpathian vampire hunter Julian Savage is powerful but tormented. But he has one last duty to fulfill before he gives himself over to the dawn and certain death. He has to warn the famous singer, Desari, that she is being targeted by vicious human vampire hunters who will stop at nothing to hurt those they believe are vampires. But when Julian hears Desari sing he realises she is the woman he has always sought - his lifemate. Desari is most definitely Julian's match but she has great powers of her own. And she is not happy when a mysterious stranger enters her mind and begins giving her orders! **APB \$17.95**

Dark Fire (Carpathian 06)

When Darius, the leader of a small band of Carpathian musicians, first sees the new mechanic hired to work on the band's touring vehicles, he is astonished to see the red colour of her hair. It has been centuries since he last saw colours or even felt emotions. Although mechanic Tempest Trine needs the job, she quickly realises she's bitten off more than she can chew. Tempest has always felt different, apart from others. But from the moment his arms close around her, enveloping her in a sorcerer's spell, Darius seems to understand her unique gifts. But does his kiss offer the love and belonging she seeks, or a danger more potent than anything she has ever known? **APB \$17.95**

William R Forstchen & Newt Gingrich

Never Call Retreat (Gettysburg 03)

After his great victories at Gettysburg and Union Mills, General Robert E Lee's attempt to bring the war to an end by attacking Washington, DC, fails. However, in securing Washington, the remnants of the valiant Union Army of the Potomac are trapped and destroyed. For Lincoln, there is only one hope left, that General Ulysses S Grant can save the Union cause.

It is August 22, 1863. Pursuing the Union troops up to the banks of the Susquehanna, Lee is caught off balance when news arrives that Grant, in command of over seventy thousand men, has crossed that same river. The two armies finally collide in Central Maryland and a bloody week-long battle ensues along the banks of Monocacy Creek. This must be the "final" battle for both sides. **APB \$16.95**

Jacquelyn Frank

Gideon

When necromancers threaten to destroy his people, Gideon, a Demon healer, must fulfill his destiny in the arms of a woman who despises him--Magdalegna, the Demon King's sister--in order to save his race from evil forces. **APB \$17.95**

Celia Friedman

Feast of Souls (Magister 01)

In the High Kingdom of Danton Aurelius, magisters from across the known world are gathering for an unusual meeting. The High King's son is dying of an apparently incurable wasting disease, and he has charged them with providing an explanation and a cure. There is a mystery here, but not the one the High King thinks: the magisters know the cause of the prince's illness but they dare not reveal it for fear that it will expose the secret at the heart of their order. No, the mystery is not what is responsible, but who ... Now the magisters must embark upon a manhunt, racing against time, before the High King learns the truth. But they have not counted on the young prince's determination to control his own fate, nor on the existence of Kamala, a young woman schooled in their own arts, who will soon shake the world to its very roots. **TP \$32.95**

Neil Gaiman

Fragile Things

A dazzling book of short stories from one of modern fiction's greatest and most imaginative writers. The distinctive genius of Neil Gaiman has been championed by writers as diverse as Norman Mailer and Stephen King. With THE SANDMAN Neil Gaiman created one of the most sophisticated, intelligent and influential graphic novel series of our time. Now after the recent success of his latest novel ANANSI BOYS, Gaiman has produced FRAGILE THINGS, his second collection of short fiction. These stories will dazzle your senses, haunt your imagination and move you to the very depths of your soul. This extraordinary book reveals one of the world's most gifted storytellers at the height of his powers. **PB \$22.95**

Yasmine Galenorn

Changeling

Delilah, a half-human, half-Faerie operative for the Otherworld Intelligence Agency, is hired by Zachary Lyonesse to investigate the brutal murders of the Weres of the Rainier Puma Pride. She discovers a link to an evil demon called Shadow Wing, putting them all in mortal danger. **APB \$17.95**

Jon George

Zootsuit Black

The world is panicking as, in seven days time, millions will "disappear" when our universe causes changes to reality. Dr Jake Crux has proof that we must reacquire ourselves with old powers - his experiment demonstrates extrasensory perception is possible; but his superiors intend to pervert the result.

Scott Anderson is convinced the Far Right is jeopardising our chances of survival - his participation in a cult reality show exposes him directly to their mortal threats. Meanwhile both men are periodically thrust into dealing with adversity in temporary dimensions: one battles mythical dragons; the other fights Nazis in World War II. And they call this evolution? **APB \$21.95**

Laura Anne Gilman*Burning Bridges (Retrievers)*

With hate crimes escalating against magic users--human and non-human alike--and the Mage Council undermined by internal power struggles, Wren Valere is called in to act as spokesperson for the Fatae and Lonejack communities, all the while dealing with her growing relationship with her partner and lover, Sergei. **TP \$30.95**

Colleen Gleason*Rises the Night (Gardella Vampire Chronicles)*

As a powerful vampire learns how to control the souls of the dead, Lady Victoria, a vampire slayer and Venator, must race against time to save humanity with the help of an untrustworthy man named Sebastian after she is betrayed by her allies. **APB \$17.95**

Terry Goodkind*Phantom (Sword of Truth 10)*

The tenth book in the Sword of Truth series from bestselling author Terry Goodkind. Fantasy adventure on a grand scale featuring the popular wizard-hero Richard Cypher.

As her husband, Richard, desperately searches for his beloved, who only he remembers, he knows that if she doesn't soon discover who she really is, she will unwittingly become the instrument that will unleash annihilation. But Kahlan learns that if she ever were to unlock the truth of her lost identity, the evil itself would finally possess her, body and soul.

If she is to survive in a murky world of deception and betrayal, where life is not cheap but fleeting, Kahlan must find out why she is such a central figure in the war-torn world swirling around her. What she uncovers are secrets darker than she could ever have imagined. **APB \$20.99**

Simon R Green*The Man with the Golden Torc*

With his own family convinced that he has become a menace and that humanity needs to be protected from him, Eddie Drood is on the run, forced to use every magical trick in the book to avoid capture and hoping he lives long enough to prove his innocence. **HC \$49.95**

Austin Grossman*Soon I Will Be Invincible*

When Doctor Impossible, an evil genius, mad scientist, time-traveler, and ambitious wannabe world dominator, escapes from prison and launches a new plot to seize control of the world, Fatale, a woman built by the NSA to be the next generation of weaponry, joins a group of misfit superheroes in their quest to destroy Doctor Impossible. A first novel. **HC \$47.95 CD \$78**

Talia Gryphon*Key to Conflict*

In Romania to counsel a master vampire, Gillian Key, a paramortal psychologist and a secret operative, uses the opportunity to infiltrate local vampire factions, becoming caught in between those who favor a peaceful co-existence with humans and those who see them as food. **APB \$19.95**

Laurell K Hamilton*The Harlequin (Anita Blake 14)*

The 14th book in the New York Times bestselling Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter series: sharp, sassy, sexy and bloody good fun. Anita's ties to the community of the undead and the non-human are growing ever stronger. As she juggles a (very) complicated love life, a busy career raising zombies and a sideline as a US Marshall can she still remember how to set her own agenda (and how to stay alive). **HC \$52.95 TP \$32.95 MP3 CD \$60**

Strange Candy

A collection of fantastical short fiction by the best-selling author of Danse Macabre features "The Girl Who Was Infatuated with Death," an Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter story, as well as "House of Wizards," "Stealing Souls," "Winterkill," "The Curse-maker," and "Those Who Seek Forgiveness," a never-before-published Anita Blake tale. **TP \$28.95**

Kim Harrison*Dead Witch Walking (Rachel Morgan 01)*

The first book in a new urban fantasy--thriller series with the perfect amount of wry humour and a sassy female lead, which will delight all fans of thrillers and fantasy alike. Rachel Morgan is a white witch and runner working for Inderland Security, in an alternate world where a bioengineered virus wiped out a great deal of the world's human population -- exposing the existence of the supernatural communities that had long lived alongside humanity. For the last five years Rachel has been tracking down law-breaking Inderlanders in modern-day Cincinnati, but now she wants to leave and start her own agency. Her only problem is that no one quits the I.S. Marked for death, Rachel will have to fend off fairy assassins and homicidal weres armed with an assortment of nasty curses. She's a dead witch walking unless she can appease her former employers by exposing the city's most prominent citizen as a drug lord. But making an enemy of the ambiguous Trent Kalamack is just as deadly as leaving the I.S. **APB \$20.99**

The Good, the Bad and the Undead (Rachel Morgan 02)

The second book in the urban fantasy--thriller series starring sexy bounty hunter and witch, Rachel Morgan. During the last few months, former bounty-hunter Rachel Morgan has been rather busy. Having escaped relatively unscathed from her corrupt former employers, she's not only acquired a vampiric room-mate called Ivy, faced werewolf assassins and battled shape-shifting demons, but has also found the time to pick up a boyfriend (even if he is only human) and open her very own runner agency. But cohabiting with a vampire, however reformed, has its dangers. Ivy's evil vampire ex-boyfriend has decided that he wants her back, and views Rachel as a tasty side-dish. To make matters worse, Rachel's demon mark is the ultimate vamp--aphrodisiac; one that works both ways. The stakes are high, and if Rachel is to save herself and her room mate she must challenge the master vampire and confront the dark secrets she's kept hidden even from herself. **APB \$20.99**

Sparkle Hayter*Naked Brunch* **APB \$19.95****James Herbert***Haunted*

Three nights of terror at the house called Edbrook.

Three nights in which David Ash, there to investigate a haunting, will be a victim of horrifying and maleficent games.

Three nights in which he will face the blood-chilling enigma of his own past.

Three nights before Edbrook's dreadful secret will be revealed... and the true nightmare will begin.

Remember with fear! **BPB \$22.95**

Tom Holt*Barking*

Tom Holt's latest comic novel is a rollercoaster ride of supernatural silliness and biting satire. Of course, some monsters are scarier than others: Unicorns? No bother. Vampires? Big deal. Werewolves? Ho hum. Lawyers? - Aaargh! Duncan's boss doesn't think that he's cut out to be a lawyer. He isn't a pack animal. He lacks the killer instinct. When his best friend from school barges his way back into Duncan's life, with a full supporting cast of lawyers, ex-wives, zombies and snow-white unicorns, it's not long before things become distinctly unsettling. Hairy, even. **HC \$45**

Tanya Huff*The Heart of Valor (Confederation)*

Jumping at the chance to go to Crucible, the Marine Corps training planet, to work with Major Svensson, Gunnery Sergeant Torin Kerr finds herself caught in a desperate fight for survival when someone begins attacking the training scenarios. **HC \$51.95**

Smoke and Ashes (Smoke 03)

TV producer and fledgling wizard Tony finds it difficult to concentrate on his job when the Demonic Convergence allows lowly demons to enter the mortal world, threatening the life of Leah, a sexy stuntwoman whose death would unleash mass destruction. **APB \$19.95**

Anthony Izzo*Evil Harvest*

As some of the residents of Lincoln, New York embrace the growing and hungry Evil in their midst, Matt Crowe comes to town, determined to exact revenge on the monsters that destroyed his family, and joins forces with several residents who are desperate to stop the coming Harvest. **APB \$17.95**

Gwyneth Jones*Rainbow Bridge*

It's the final curtain call for Fiorinda, the flame-haired rock princess, Guinevere to Ax Preston's King Arthur and Sage Pender's Sir Lancelot. Together, the Triumvirate have fought to save their Britain, and America—indeed, the whole world—from the deprivations of a collapsed economy and environmental meltdown. Together they have fought the evil magic of Fiorinda's wizard father; they have explored the depths and heights of ultimate consciousness, the fusion between mind and the world. And they have discovered a love that goes back centuries, and lives. But is all this enough to save a world that has fallen apart at the seams, a world that has given itself over to the dark side? **PB \$19.95**

Linda Winstead Jones*Haunted (Raintree 02)***APB \$15.95****William H Keith Jr***Retief's Peace*

Drummed out of the Corps Diplomatique Terretienne for his insubordinate attitude, Retief nevertheless must come to the rescue when the imperialistic Krll come up with a scheme to use the Peace Movement as a means to force the Terrans to abandon the planet, leaving it ripe for conquest, in a novel based on the series by the late Keith Laumer. **APB \$19.95**

Katharine Kerr*The Spirit Stone (Dragon Mage 05)*

The penultimate instalment in Katharine Kerr's bestselling fantasy series. "A dagger laid against our throat." So Prince Dar of the Westlands calls Zakh Gral, a new fortress built by the Horsekin, the ancient enemies of his people. To help him destroy this threat, the elven prince has called upon his allies: the dwarven folk of the northern mountains and the human men of Deverry to the east. Their leaders know that if the Westlands fall to the Horsekin, their own throats will feel that dagger next. Joining them are two powerful dragons, who have their own bitter reasons to hate the Horsekin. But the fanatical Horsekin believe that they have the most powerful ally of all: a new goddess. Alshandra's priestesses have announced that she has given the Horsekin the lands belonging to the prince – and that his people must be utterly destroyed. **TP \$32.99**

Jack Ketchum*Offspring*

Confident that the inbred family of cannibals who ravaged the town of Dead River, Maine, ten years before are gone for good, the town's residents are ill-prepared for the return of the flesh-eating monsters. **APB \$19.95**

Gregory J Keyes*Blood Knight*

The intoxicating third volume of The Kingdoms of Thorn and Bone – an ambitiously imagined and vividly rendered work of epic fantasy.

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

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

Meanwhile, Princess Anne awakes from a deep, trancelike sleep after a bloodthirsty battle with the monsters the Briar King has unleashed. Her guardian Sir Neil MeqVren and their escort are nowhere to be seen and Anne embarks on a perilous journey desperate to track down her travel companions... **APB \$19.95**

Stephen King*Blaze (written by Richard Bachman)*

Originally written thirty-five years ago but never published, an evocative crime novel chronicles the life and times of Clayton Blaisdell, Jr.--the crimes committed against him and the crimes he himself commits, including a kidnapping he is doomed to attempt. **HC \$52.95**

Everything's Eventual: 14 Dark Tales

A new collection of short fiction features "L.T.'s Theory of Pets," "Lunch at the Gotham Café," "Riding the Bullet," and "In the Deathroom," as well as "1408," about a successful writer whose overnight stay in Room 1408 at the Dolphin Hotel turns his life upside down.

(Tie-in to the new Dimension Films presentation of 1408) **TP \$28.95**

Angela Knight*Master of Dragons*

When her body is invaded by a powerful spirit, Nineva Morrow, a magically gifted fairy princess, becomes ensnared in a web of courtly intrigue where a renegade known as the Dragon Knight holds the key to her fate and her heart. **APB \$19.95**

Jay Lake*Mainspring*

A first installment of a series in which the planets are run by a sophisticated clockwork solar system that connects everyday people to the Creator, a young clockmaker's apprentice is appointed by the Archangel Gabriel to rewind the Earth's Mainspring to prevent a disaster. **HC \$51.95**

Rachel Lee*Shadows of Destiny*

A battle is won... a blood feud continues...

They have liberated Anahar, but for Tess Birdsong and Archer Blackcloak, the war has only begun. Anari slaves are rebelling in Bozandar, and the streets of that sparkling city are wet with blood. Tess and Archer must forge a peace between the warring races, for only together will their combined armies have the strength to move against the dark forces.

As the scars of old wounds are ripped open, pitting brother against brother and the Ilduin sisterhood against itself, Tess and Archer march into a battle that will determine the world's fate. Guided by snow wolves, moving under the dark cloud of a bitter prophecy, they ready themselves to strike at the enemy's seat of power, a mountain fortress that has never been taken.

But their greatest danger comes from within, for Archer carries a dark secret that may doom them all... **BPB \$19.95**

Scott Mackay*Phytosphere*

When negotiations between the alien Tarsalans and Earth's rulers go horribly wrong, a strange green sphere begins enveloping the planet, causing major devastation, and two brilliant scientists must find a way to destroy this alien phytosphere before it is too late. **APB \$17.95**

Ken MacLeod*The Execution Channel*

The war on terror is over. Terror won. For decades, the ideological aims of terrorists and the political motivation of those who have battled them have been inextricably tied to oil. For all the fine words about peace and prosperity proclaimed by the West, the fear of losing access to the world's greatest supply of oil has been of paramount importance. Now a technological breakthrough may render the competition for oil redundant - and change the military balance into the bargain. It is not a prospect that appeals to everybody. As the European bloc and the United States play games of brinkmanship which bring them closer and closer to war, the United Kingdom finds itself on the political fence. Recent policy binds it to the US but history and geography tend it towards Europe. A decision one way or another is becoming imperative; unfortunately for Britain, not everyone is prepared to wait... **HC \$59.95**

Paul Magrs*Never the Bride*

Brenda has had a long and eventful life and she has come to Whitby to run a BandB in search of some peace and quiet. She and her best friend Effie like nothing better than going out for tea and keeping their eyes open for any of the mysterious goings on in town. And what with satanic beauty salons, roving psychic investigators and the frankly terrifying owner of the Christmas Hotel there's plenty to watch. But the oddest thing in Whitby may well be Brenda herself. With her terrible scars, or the fact that she takes two different shoe sizes ... **PB \$22.95**

Jeff Mariotte*Missing White Girl*

When a young girl is kidnapped and her family is brutally murdered, Patrol Lieutenant Buck Shelton is called in to investigate and becomes trapped in a bloody battle between good and evil. **APB \$17.95**

John Marks*Fang Land*

Robert, my love, there isn't much time. This will be my last communication, unless by some chance I survive... I have tried to report everything as it happened, so there can be no doubt about my veracity. I have to hurry or the sun will go down, and I will have to deal with this menace in the dark. He has some plan in New York, that's clear. He is a form of terrorist; but his terror is strange. It's like a virus, and I have it. He has put something terrible inside of me.

Evangeline Harker, Associate Producer on television news magazine The Hour, is sent to Transylvania to scout out a possible story on a notorious Eastern European crime boss named Ion Torgu. But she finds the true nature of Torgu's activities to be far more monstrous than she could have imagined. In the New York office that once stood in the shadow of the Twin Towers, Evangeline's disappearance causes uproar and a wave of guilt and recrimination. Then suddenly, months after her disappearance, she's found convalescing in a Transylvanian monastery, her memory seemingly scrubbed. But then who was sending e-mails in her name? And what do those crates delivered to the office contain? And why does the show's sound system appear to be infected with some strange aural virus? As a very dark Old-World atmosphere deepens in the halls of one of America's most trusted television programmes, its employees are forced to confront a threat beyond their wildest imaginings.

Written in the form of diary entries, e-mails and therapy journals, FANG LAND manages both to be a genuinely frightening vampire novel in the grand tradition and a biting commentary on the way we live and work now. **BPB \$24.95**

A Lee Martinez*A Nameless Witch*

Hiding her inherent beauty while hunting for men to consume, an immortal witch enters a reluctant partnership with the pure-hearted White Knight in order to counter the efforts of an insane sorcerer who is threatening their world. **TP \$26.95 HC \$51.95**

Anne McCaffrey*No One Noticed the Cat*

A best-selling fantasist presents the tale of Jamas Tighe, an embattled young king with a foolish heart, and his right-hand cat, Niffy, an extraordinary feline who tries to save Jamas from his circle of enemies. **APB \$15.95**

Lindsay McKenna*Her Healing Touch*

Coming to South America to learn from the legendary healer, Angel Paredes, Special Forces Sergeant Burke Gifford finds an extraordinary woman who had healed many despite her own wounded heart. **APB \$13.95**

Sean McMullen Australian Author*Voidfarer (Moonworlds Saga 03)*

When the world of Alberin is attacked by pitiless sorcerers of seemingly unstoppable power, Wayfarer constable Inspector Danolarian works to organize the world's demoralized protectors, its terrified citizens, and a dinner party with his sweetheart's mother. **APB \$19.95**

Stephenie Meyer*Twilight*

An electrifying debut novel of a young woman's love for a vampire. In spite of her awkward manner and low expectations, she finds that her new classmates are drawn to this pale, dark-haired new girl in town. But not, it seems, the Cullen family. These five adopted brothers and sisters obviously prefer their own company and will make no exception for Bella. Bella is convinced that Edward Cullen in particular hates her, but she feels a strange attraction to him, although his hostility makes her feel almost physically ill. He seems determined to push her away - until, that is, he saves her life from an out of control car. Bella will soon discover that there is a very good reason for Edward's coldness. He, and his family, are vampires - and he knows how dangerous it is for others to get too close. **BPB \$16.95**

New Moon (Twilight 02)

The dramatic sequel to Twilight, following the tale of Bella, a teenage girl whose love for a vampire gets her into trouble. I stuck my finger under the edge of the paper and jerked it under the tape. 'Shoot,' I muttered when the paper sliced my finger. A single drop of blood oozed from the tiny cut. It all happened very quickly then. 'No!' Edward roared... Dazed and disorientated, I looked up from the bright red blood pulsing out of my arm - and into the fevered eyes of the six suddenly ravenous vampires. For Bella Swan, there is one thing more important than life itself: Edward Cullen. But being in love with a vampire is more dangerous than Bella ever could have imagined. Edward has already rescued Bella from the clutches of an evil vampire but now, as their daring relationship threatens all that is near and dear to them, they realise their troubles may just be beginning...

HC \$39.95 TP \$22.95

Karen Miller Australian Author*Empress of Mijak (Godspeaker 01)*

A truly epic fantasy of power and politics, treason and betrayal, and the rise and fall of Empires ... When a scrawny unwanted girl child is sold into slavery, a chain of events is set in motion that will have a profound impact on all the civilized world. Hekat is taken in chains to Mijak's largest city, home of the warlord Rakkion. She is sold into his service and learns all she can about power - its wielding and its uses - as she fetches and carries and cleans and serves. She grows into a beautiful woman and through ambition and manipulation, Hekat becomes a powerful woman eventually taking over the rulership of Mijak ... and then she sets about making it the greatest Empire ever known. **APB \$20.99**

Walter M Miller*Dark Benediction (SF Masterworks 69)*

Walter M. Miller Jr is best remembered as the author of *A Canticle For Leibowitz*, universally recognised as one of the greatest novels of modern SF. But as well as writing that deeply felt and eloquent book, he produced many shorter works of fiction of stunning originality and power. His profound interest in religion and his innate literary gifts combined perfectly in the production of such works as *The Darfstellar*, for which he won a Hugo in 1955, *Conditionally Human*, *I, Dreamer* and *The Big Hunger*, all of which are included in this brilliant and essential collection. **PB \$22.95**

L E Modesitt Jr*Cadmian's Choice (Corean Chronicles 05)*

The world of Corus is threatened by its global leaders' plans to redesign the planet in anticipation of a superior race's arrival, an effort that would reduce the psychic Pteridons to the status of a lesser race and render humans as little more than cattle. **APB \$19.95**

Richard Morgan*Thirteen*

The subject of a failed government experiment to produce a more deadly military warrior, Carl Marsalis is a hit man who has lost his taste for killing, but when he is arrested in Miami, government officials come up with a plan to use his talents to achieve their own ends. **HC \$51.95 MP3 CD \$78**

Natasha Mostert*Season of the Witch*

Gabriel Blackstone is a cool, hip, thoroughly 21st Century Londoner with an unusual talent. A computer hacker by trade, he is - by inclination - a remote viewer; someone whose unique gifts enable him to 'slam rides' through the thought processes of others. But slamming rides is something he only does with the greatest reluctance - until he is contacted by an ex-lover who begs him to use his gift to find her step-son, last seen months earlier in the company of two sisters.

And so Gabriel visits Monk House in Chelsea, a place where time seems to stand still. Its living room is filled with the perfume of roses, African masks line the walls and everywhere - on doors, on walls, on ceilings even - the mysterious coded symbol of cross and circle dominates.

As the dog days of summer turn into a cold and hostile winter, Gabriel becomes increasingly bewitched by the house, and by its owners, the beautiful, enigmatic Monk sisters - one of whom is a deadly killer, and who will stop at nothing to protect a terrifying secret that is as old as time itself.

Season of the Witch is an extraordinary Gothic thriller that takes on big themes - love, death, alchemy, the power of the human mind to transform and transcend reality - and wraps them into a thriller narrative that will beguile and entrance all who turn its pages. **TP \$32.95**

Jason Nahrung Australian Author*The Darkness Within*

Journalist Emily Winters is summoned by a mysterious phone call to an isolated church, only to find herself caught up in a story she could never print in a newspaper. The stranger, Jehail, tells her of a supernatural conspiracy involving her family, which puts her in a position of great power—and great danger. Emily seeks out the various clues to her family's true calling—opposing a sacred order of elemental magicians who seek her family's inherent power. With the cabal closing in on her family, Emily must come to terms with her magical inheritance, and decide if she is prepared to give up love and the life she knows to champion her family's destiny. The outcome will be known when she and her allies storm the cabal's headquarters on a night of magic and blood. **TP \$32.95**

Douglas Niles & Kevin Dockery

Starstrike: Task Force Mars

With an Earth research outpost on Mars ominously silent after sending out a disturbing distress call, the U.S. military sends an elite team of Navy SEALs, led by Lieutenant Thomas Stonewall Jackson, to investigate, but the team finds itself kidnapped by hostile aliens and forced to steal an alien aircraft, battle impossible odds, and take out a high-tech planetary defense system to escape. **APB \$19.95**

Andre Norton & Lyn McConchie

Beast Master's Quest (Beast Master)

An orphan refugee possessing the power to communicate telepathically with animals inherits a spaceship that she hopes will enable her to find the home planet of a cat-like creature with whom she has bonded, a quest that risks the lives of her friends and family. **APB \$17.95**

Jody Lynn Nye

An Unexpected Apprentice

Her family and farm destroyed by a Thraik attack, halfling Tildi Summerbee rebels against the plans of local leaders to have her enter an arranged marriage and passes herself off as a man in order to pursue an apprenticeship of danger and adventure under a great wizard. **HC \$52.95**

Robin D Owens

Protector of Flight

BPB \$19.95

Norvell W Page

The Spider: Robot Titans of Gotham

Two complete novels chronicle the exploits and adventures of a mysterious crime fighter known as "The Spider," as he battles an army of giant robots menacing New York and a criminal mastermind threatening the Northeast with thousands of poisonous vampire bats, in a volume that also features a novel about the diabolical villain and would-be world dictator called the Octopus. **TP \$30.95**

Chuck Palahniuk

Rant

RANT takes the form of an oral history of one Buster 'Rant' Casey, in which an assortment of friends, enemies, admirers, detractors and relations have their say on this (in Chuck Palahniuk's words) 'evil, gender-conflicted Forrest Gump character'.

Buster Casey was every small kid born into a small town, searching for real thrills in a world of video games and action/adventure movies. Anyone who's ever kissed him would do well to seek treatment, for his recreational drug of choice is rabies and he gets bitten by black widow spiders for the priapic effect of their venom. The high school rebel who wins, Rant Casey escapes from his hometown of Middleton for the big city, where he becomes a leader of an urban demolition derby called Party Crashing, where on designated nights, the participants recognise each other by dressing their cars with tin-can tails and 'Just Married' toothpaste graffiti. Or, with 'forgotten' coffee mugs bolted to their car roofs or Christmas trees tied from bumper to bumper. During specific windows of time, in limited areas of the city, Party Crashers look for the designated markings in order to stalk and crash into each other. It's in this violent, late-night hunting game that Casey meets three friends. And after his spectacular death, these friends gather the testimony needed to build an oral history of his short life. Their collected anecdotes explore the charges that his saliva infected hundreds and caused a silent, urban plague of rabies. But it's a plague that liberates his peers from being stuck in only one boring track through history.

Expect hilarity, horror and blazing insight into the desperate and surreal contemporary human condition as only Chuck Palahniuk can deliver it. He's the post-millennial Jonathan Swift, the man to watch to learn what's - uh-oh - coming next. **TP \$32.95**

Sarah Pinborough

The Taken

During a raging thunderstorm, the ghost of a young girl, who met a horrible fate thirty years earlier, returns from the dead to exact revenge on the people responsible, making them pay with their lives. **APB \$17.95**

Robin T Popp

The Darkening (Immortals)

When Lexi, a werewolf bounty hunter, summons an Immortal to help her save the world from an ancient curse, she finds herself unable to deny her attraction to this powerful warrior who sets her body and soul on fire with his touch. **APB \$17.95**

Terry Pratchett

Death's Domain (Discworld)

The house that Death built...and the garden too.

DEATH'S DOMAIN

It's no more than a breath away...

Everyone needs a place to relax after a long day, after all. So here is the place where the Grim Reaper can kick back and take the load off his scythe. Here's the golf course that's not so much crazy as insane, and the useless maze, and the dark gardens - all brought (incongruously) to life. And here, for the first time ever, you will find out the reason why Death can't understand rockeries, and what happened to garden gnomes.

As Death rides Binky into the sunset (of other people's lives), you can at last see what he gets up to when he's not at work. **Map \$34.95**

Terry Pratchett

Tourist Guide To Lancre (Discworld)

Not only an artistic and breathtaking view of Lancre but also an interesting and informative guide to one of the Discworld's more, er, picturesque kingdoms. Granny Weatherwax, Nanny Ogg and Magrat Garlick live there. Lancre could hardly be somewhere ordinary, could it? Magic glues the Discworld together and a lot of it ends up in Lancre, principal Kingdom of the Ramtop Mountains. Between Uberwald and Whale Bay, the Octarine Grass Country and the Widdershins Ocean lies the most exciting and dangerous terrain in all Discworld. The Ramtops supply Discworld with most of its witches and wizards. The leaves on the trees in the Ramtops move even when there is no breeze. Rocks go for a stroll in the evening. Even the land, at times, seems alive. The mapp may only be twodimensional, but watch it very carefully and you might see it jostle about a bit. **Map \$23.95**

Mary Jo Putney

The Marriage Spell

One of Wellington's most respected officers, Jack, Lord Frayne, successfully hides his talent for sorcery from his peers, until a near fatal injury leads him to Abigail Barton, a skilled wizard whose price for saving his life is his hand in marriage. **APB \$17.95**

Alastair Reynolds*The Prefect (Revelation Space)*

Tom Dreyfus is a Prefect, a policeman of sorts, and one of the best. His force is Panoply, and his beat is the multi-faceted utopian society of the Glitter Band, that vast swirl of space habitats orbiting the planet Yellowstone. A murderous attack against a Glitter Band habitat is nasty, but it looks to be an open-and-shut case - until Dreyfus starts looking under stones that some very powerful people would really rather stayed unturned. What he uncovers is far more serious than mere gruesome murder: a covert takeover bid by a shadowy figure, Aurora (who may once have been human but certainly isn't now) who believes the people of the Glitter Band should no longer be in charge of their own destiny.

Before long Dreyfus and his team are fighting against something worse than tyranny... and Dreyfus discovers that to save something precious, you may have to destroy part of it. **TP \$32.95**

John Ringo*Kildar (Mike Harmon 02)*

After making an enemy out of virtually every terrorist on the planet, not to mention at least five governments, former SEAL Mike Harmon, the hero of Ghost, is looking for the perfect place to retire and buy a farm, all the while dealing with Chechen terrorists and other enemies. **APB \$19.95**

Lane Robins*Maledicte*

When her aristocratic lover is reclaimed by his father in order to marry and produce an heir, slum-born Miranda summons Ani, the god of love and vengeance, to retrieve her lover, Janus, and kill his father, the Earl of Last, donning the role of a mysterious male cavalier known as Maledicte to pursue her goal. A first novel. **TP \$30.95**

Greg Rucka*Second Front (Perfect Dark 02)*

With the offices of the Carrington Institute being systematically annihilated by unknown forces, secret agent Joanna Dark is assigned to hunt down and destroy the source of the deadly attacks, a quest that plunges her into a bloody confrontation with hypercorp dataDyne and into a global conspiracy that has been shaping the entire world for decades. **APB \$19.95**

Andrzej Sapkowski*The Last Wish*

Gerald de Riv is a sorcerer, a man whose magic powers, enhanced by long training and a mysterious elixir, have made him a brilliant fighter and a merciless assassin. Yet he is no ordinary murderer: his targets are the multifarious monsters and vile fiends that ravage the land and attack the innocent. He roams the country seeking assignments, but gradually comes to realise that while some of his quarry are unremittingly vile, vicious grotesques, others are the victims of sin, evil or simple naivety. One reviewer said: 'This book is a sheer delight. It is beautifully written, full of vitality and endlessly inventive: its format, with half a dozen episodes and intervening rest periods for both the hero and the reader, allows for a huge range of characters, scenarios and action.' **TP \$32.95**

Tim Scott*Outrageous Fortune*

In a bizarre future world in which appliances talk back and cities are divided into zones based on musical tastes, dream designer and surfer Jonny X awakens to discover that his house has been stolen, he has become the target of a determined encyclopedia saleswoman, and he is being pursued by four crazed bikers called War, Famine, Pestilence, and Jeff. **TP \$24.95**

Lisa Shearin*Magic Lost, Trouble Found*

When Raine, a sorceress of average abilities, takes possession of an amulet stolen from the home of a master necromancer, she becomes the vessel for unimaginable power, which comes with a high price--her soul. **APB \$19.95**

Tony Shillitoe Australian Author*Prisoner of Fate (Dreaming in Amber 03)*

In books one and two we met Meg Farmer, a young woman whose powers as a Seer allowed her to enter Se'Treya, the land of the ancient Andrankian Dragonlords.

Now, years later, her grandchildren are an assassin, a thief and a prostitute -- and know nothing about their grandmother's true identity. When the Seers, allied with Prince Adym, hatch a plot to take power by unleashing the Demon Horsemen, Meg's descendants find themselves entangled in the politics and prophecies of an ancient, dangerous world. **APB \$20.99**

William Mark Simmons*Dead Easy (04)*

Reluctant hero Christopher Cséjth returns to take on a mystical force-five hurricane, a gang of Rasputin's pirates, an undead Captain Nemo, an army of drowned vampire zombies, and other underwater menaces in the city of New Orleans, in the sequel to One Foot in the Grave. **HC \$47.95**

Susan Sizemore*Partners (Laws of the Blood 02)*

Vampire Enforcer Char McCairn and vampire hunter Jebel Haven are forced into an uneasy alliance as together they prowl the streets of Seattle in search of a young renegade vampire and stumble upon a bizarre, evil cult that could threaten the power of vampires and humans alike. **APB \$16.95**

Whitley Streiber*The Grays*

A fictional account of the conspiracy behind alien presence on Earth traces the decades-long manipulation of human bloodlines in a small Kentucky town by a group of aliens, an effort that terrifies nine-year-old Conner when he struggles to understand what he was bred to be, while government officer Michael Wilkes launches a sinister plan to ensure the survival of humanity. **APB \$19.95**

Kim Strickland*Wish Club*

Five women get more than they had bargained for when they delve into the world of witchcraft, spells, and charms and discover that their various wishes have gone badly awry, sending their lives out of control, and are forced to find a real witch who can undo their errant spells, return their lives to normal, and help them figure out how to make wishes come true without the use of magic. **TP \$28.95**

Koji Suzuki*Loop (Ring 03)*

Stunning Japanese novel with a chilling twist from Japan's stylish new literary star, the acclaimed author of Ring and Spiral. Kaoru's father, Hideyuki, lies dying in a Tokyo hospital, his body ravaged by viral cancer. This nightmarish incurable disease has sprung out of nowhere and has begun to affect organisms all over the planet. Twenty years ago Hideyuki worked on a virtual reality project which replicated evolution on earth, called the Loop. The project failed when the organisms within it inexplicably stopped reproducing and started cloning. Nearly all of the other scientists who worked on the Loop are already dead - from cancer. To get to the heart of the mystery, Kaoru must travel to the other side of the planet, to the Mojave desert. The secret he encounters there will overturn everything he thought he knew about the world and his own identity. In this suspense filled follow up to Ring and Spiral, Suzuki masterfully confounds the reader with a stunning new twist on the Ring mythology. **BPB \$22.99**

*The Ring***BPB \$22.99****Sheri S Tepper***Margarets*

On a future Earth from which human slaves are traded for desperately needed water supplies, a lonely Mars settler manifests multiple personalities that develop individual lives and talents that collaborate to protect the world from hostile alien races. By the author of The Companions. **HC \$52.95**

Harry Turtledove*The Gladiator (Crosstime Traffic 05)*

Growing up in an alternate-world Milan in which the Soviet Union won the Cold War and spread communism throughout the planet, teens Gianfranco and Annarita struggle with high pressure and boredom that worsens when their favorite gaming store is abruptly shut down, a situation that reveals to the teens that the store was operated by a time traveler from a democratic world. **HC \$47.95**

Mark L van Name*One Jump Ahead*

A nanotech-enhanced warrior searching for a way back to his home world, Jon Moore, assisted by Lobo, an AI-enhanced Predator-Class Assault Vehicle equipped for any environment, sets out to right a wrong that he had unwittingly committed when he becomes the pawn of two megacorporations battling for control of Macken. **HC \$49.95**

Rachel Vincent*Stray*

After narrowly escaping an attack by a Stray, Faythe, a shape-shifting young werecat and rebellious member of a Pride, discovers that two of her fellow female werescats have disappeared and launches a personal campaign to find her missing friends and stop the kidnappers before it is too late. A first novel. **APB \$17.95**

Phaedra Weldron*Wraith (Zoë Martinique Investigation)*

Using her talent for out-of-body travel as part of her career as a professional snoop, Zoë Martinique gets more than she had bargained for when she becomes an invisible witness to a murder and a soul stealing by a ghostly killer who can actually see and hurt her, and joins forces with a handsome police detective, her psychic mother, and the ghosts who haunt her house to stop her fearsome enemy. **TP \$28.95**

H G Wells*The War of the Worlds*

This BBC original Classic Radio Sci-Fi, is no doubt the 'granddaddy' of all alien invasion stories ever told. Based on the novel by HG Wells When a Martian spacecraft lands on Woking Common, mankind is terrorised by aliens in tall, armoured capsules which stalk the countryside on three legs. The machines wreak havoc on London and the Southern Counties, and survivors are driven underground. Scientist John Nicholson (Paul Daneman) tells how he was plunged into a paralysing nightmare of stark terror, savage madness and utter destruction. Running time: 2 hours and 50 mins **CD \$35**

Gene Wolfe*The Knight*

The Wizard Knight springs from the myths, legends and literature of times past. A teenager passes from Earth to a magical realm of seven worlds, where he is given a hero's adult body and named Able. Though forced to act as a man, inside he is still a boy, even as he sets off to find his destined sword and become a knight. In his quest he battles giants, meets gods, heroes and a sorceress (who repeatedly tries to seduce him), and serves the mercurial dragon king Arnthor in a war that could end everything. **BPB \$22.95**

Sarah Zettel*Camelot's Sword*

Lynet of Cameliard is the youngest child of Lord Kenan, who holds Castle Cnwclas in the name of Queen Guinevere. When Lynet's brother, Colan, murders their father the castle and its people are thrown into disarray. Leaving her elder sister Laurel behind as a hostage, Lynet sets off for Camelot to beg Guinevere to return to Cameliard with her and restore order. Meanwhile at Camelot, Lancelot's squire Gareth, youngest brother of the renowned Sir Gawain, is getting himself into all sorts of trouble, first by dallying too much with the ladies, then by losing a duel against an elderly knight, behaviour which reflects on the reputation of Lancelot himself. When Lynet arrives at court to make her appeal, Gareth sees a way to redeem himself. But the danger is greater than either of them could have realized. For Lynet's fugitive brother, Colan, has allied himself with Arthur's half-sister and sworn enemy, the sorceress Morgaine. Morgaine plans to use the troubles at Cameliard to bring about Guinevere's downfall, fatally weakening Arthur. Can Gareth and Lynet put aside their growing feelings for one another in order to avert catastrophe? **APB \$20.99**

David Zindell*The Diamond Warriors (Ea Cycle 04)*

Ea is a world settled in eons past by the Star People. However, their ancestors floundered, in their purpose to create a great stellar civilisation on the new planet: they fell into moral decay. Now a champion has been born who will lead them back to greatness, by means of a spiritual – and adventurous – quest for Ea's Grail: the Lightstone. His name is Valashu Elahad, and he is destined to become King. Blessed (or cursed?) with an empathy for all living things, he will lead his people into the lands of Morjin, into the heart of darkness, wielding a magical sword called Alkadadur, there to recover the mythical Lightstone and return in triumph with his prize. But Morjin is not to be vanquished so easily... **HC \$59.99**

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Australian Dark Fantasy And Horror **PB \$19.95**

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Dee Davis, Julie Kenner & Kathleen O'Reilly

Hell on Heels

With Satan desperate to retire and searching for an heir, he gives his three beautiful and bewitching daughters--Lucia, the assassin; Jezebel, a half-demon; and Lola, the soul-stealer--a series of tasks to complete, with the winner destined to rule Hell, but the ladies soon discover that love can turn everything upside down, in a trio of novellas. **TP \$28.95**

Gardner Dozois & Jack Dann *Editors*

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Eoin Colfer, Garth Nix, Neil Gaiman and many more bring their genius and unique styles to this exciting and lively collection of stories. Reading the stories in this collection, one is reminded of the amazingly rich and varied imaginations of the greats of fantasy fiction. Includes stories by Neil Gaiman, Garth Nix, Mary Rosenblum, Kage Baker, Eoin Colfer, Jane Yolen, Orsen ScottCard, Patricia A McKillip, Elizabeth Hand, Andy Duncan, Peter S Beagle, Nancy Kress, Tanith Lee, Terry Bilson, Terry Dowling and Gene Wolfe. **TP \$24.95** **HC \$49.95**

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Martin H Greenberg & Brittany A Koren *Editors*

Places to Be, People to Kill

Featuring contributions from Tanya Huff, Jim C. Hines, Jean Rabe, and Ed Gorman, this thrilling collection enters the mysterious and deadly realm of the assassin, exploring how one chooses this line of work and how one becomes a cold-blood killer. **APB \$19.95**

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Year's Best SF 12

This latest selection of outstanding science fiction stories, originally published in magazines during 2006, showcases the talents of such authors as Gregory Benford, Stephen Baxter, Joe Haldeman, Rudy Rucker, Nancy Kress, Alastair Reynolds, and Michael Swanwick. **APB \$19.95**

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Collects the best science fiction stories written in 2006 by some of the genre's greatest authors, including Joe Haldeman, Alastair Reynolds, and Michael Swanwick. **APB \$19.95**

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Summer Chills: Tales of Vacation Horror

A volume of horror tales set in exotic locales, collected to be enjoyed by vacationing readers, includes contributions by such popular writers as Brian Lumley, Ramsey Campbell, and Tanith Lee. **TP \$30.95**

Dean Vincent Carter

The Hand of the Devil

When young magazine journalist Ashley Reeves receives an intriguing letter he leaves his London office in the hope of reporting on an unusual species of insect - the Ganges Red. That evening he arrives on Aries Island and encounters the writer of the letter - Reginald Mather. At first Mather seems no more than an eccentric collector, happy to live in isolation on the island. But when Reeves unearths the horrific truth he finds himself thrown headlong into a macabre nightmare that quickly spirals out of control. His life is in danger... and Mather is not his only enemy... Both gruesome and compelling, chilling and page-turning, this much-anticipated thriller from Dean Vincent Carter will delight older readers. **BPB \$17.95**

The Hunting Season

Eight years ago, the Austrian emergency services were called to the scene of a bizarre car accident.

Eight years ago two mangled bodies were found in the snow not far from the vehicle, clawed and chewed, it seemed, by some ferocious animal.

Eight years ago something unspeakable took Gerontius Moore's parents from him, leaving him orphaned and alone. And now, that something, is back.

Caught up in a hunt he was never meant to be a part of, and finding help from a most unlikely source, Gerontius must once more flee the clutches of an appalling beast, before it learns its business is unfinished.

Full moon or not, the hunt is on. **TP \$32.95**

Kevin Crossley-Holland

Outsiders

Six strange and haunting stories, set in isolated communities inland and by the sea, where insiders stick together, and outsiders - a girl outlawed for her illegitimate child, a wild man who walks out of the sea - are regarded with suspicion.

Kevin Crossley-Holland has a genius for reinventing folk tales in a way that makes the characters real people, whose thoughts and feelings are our own. This little collection brings together some of his finest and most admired retellings, including the three best-known of all, 'The Green Children', 'Sea-Tongue' and 'The Wild Man'. Linked by ideas about exile and displacement, they make a thought-provoking book for our times, beautifully presented with line drawings by a notable artist. **PB \$15.95**

Diane Duane

Wizards at War (Young Wizards 08)

Nita and Kit rejoin forces when a strange darkness of the mind overcomes the older wizards, stealing away their power, and forcing the younger wizards to go to war to save the world. **APB \$17.95**

Clare Dunkle

The Hollow Kingdom (Hollow Kingdom 01)

When Kate and Emily come to live at Hallow Hill, a dark place that, unbeknownst to them, is responsible for the disappearance of many young women, they must escape a vile magician named Marak, who has grand delusions of power and believes them to be intruders in his unholy kingdom. **TP \$17.95**

Close Kin (Hollow Kingdom 02)

When Seylin the elf leaves the kingdom in search of the elves, Emily leaves her happy goblin kingdom to go in search of him, but while out in the world, prejudices and hatreds between the diverse groups surface and Emily and Seylin find themselves in the midst of brewing disaster. **TP \$17.95**

In the Coils of the Snake (Hollow Kingdom 03)

After learning that the new goblin king, her promised groom, plans to marry an elf instead, the human Miranda flees the goblin kingdom and is rescued from despair by a mysterious elf lord. **TP \$17.95**

Luke Edwards *Australian Author*

Ock Van Fiend

Ock Von Fiend lives on the outskirts of town and doesn't have many friends because, well, he's a vampire who tends to want to bite people. Luckily he has his teddy Van Munster (who has lately been possessed by a demon), the neighbourhood werewolf, his part-monkey undead grandfather, and his music to keep him busy. But that isn't to say that he wouldn't like to meet a nice lady vampire - know anyone? This playful and affectionate character study of Ock the lonely vampire is sumptuously illustrated with humorous and original characters by a talented new author. **HC \$16.99**

Patricia Elliott

The Night Walker

BPB \$15.95

Cornelia Funke

Ghosthunters & The Incredibly Revolting Ghost (Ghosthunters 01)

Tom's stuck at home with his horrible sister, Lola. But there's something sicker hiding out in his cellar - a slime-dripping ghost called Hugo! But harmless Hugo is in the goo too, because he's being haunted - by a much bigger, badder incredibly revolting ghost! Lucky for Tom his granny's best friend just happens to be a world-famous ghost hunter **PB \$12.99**

Ghosthunters & The Gruesome Invincible Lightning Ghost (Ghosthunters 02)

No smoke without fiery phantoms! No ghoul has a chance against the new ghost-hunting agency - made up of schoolboy Tom, Hugo (the Averagely Spooky Ghost), and world-famous spook-hunter Hetty Hyssop - or does it? Things hot up when they are called to the Seafront Hotel, where guests have gone missing and smoke and flames fill the fourth floor! Can the team extinguish the Gruesome Invincible Lightning Ghost, or are they toast? **PB \$12.99**

Ghosthunters & The Bloodthirsty Baroness (Ghosthunters 03)

Don't lose your head! Hair-raising things are happening at Gloomburg castle. Not least because the murderous spirit of a brutal baroness has bodynapped the owner! As ever, the ghost hunters rise to the challenge. But the job gets tricky when Hugo (the Averagely Spooky Ghost) falls for the hideous baroness - love stinks! It's down to Tom to fight the hag head-on - or maybe off! **PB \$12.99**

Cornelia Funke

Ghosthunters & The Mud-Dripping Monster (Ghosthunters 04)

Stuck in the mud! Ghoul-hunting is a riot, but exams are not and Tom is taking his Third Ghost-hunting Diploma. When he is sent to Bogpool, a misty, muddy village, it seems that it's bog-standard ghost-catching and his diploma is in the bag. But he has entered a dirty trap, and as the village begins sinking into the mud, a beastly Ghost of Death arises, and the ghost hunters must face their gravest test yet! **PB \$12.99**

Debi Gliori

Deep Fear (Deep)

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

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

A deliciously inventive and hilarious finale to the Pure Dead series **PB \$17.95**

Robin Jarvis

The Dark Portal (Deptford Mice 01)

In the sewers of Deptford there lurks a dark presence which fills the tunnels with fear: Jupiter, an evil being who aims to take over the world. Worshipped by the fearsome rats, Jupiter's dreams could well come true. Can the mice ever survive against such evil? Or have they lost the comfortable world they once knew for ever... This stunning trilogy commences with The Dark Portal, in which Albert Mouse squeezes through the Grill and disappears. Realising that he has been captured by the rats of the sewers, Albert's children, Audrey and Arthur, embark on a treacherous journey to find him. **BPB \$15.95**

Crystal Prison (Deptford Mice 02)

Audrey and Arthur have escaped the horrors of Jupiter's lair and sought refuge in the countryside with their apparently mad friend Madam Akkikuyu. But once again they are faced with terrifying evil as they become embroiled in a series of horrible murders. As the story unfolds, it transpires that Madam Akkikuyu is not, in fact, mad ...she is haunted by the unquiet spirit of Jupiter, evil lord of the rats... **BPB \$15.95**

Final Reckoning (Deptford Mice 03)

The ghostly spirit of Jupiter has returned, more terrifying than before. Bent on revenge, he smothers the world in an eternal winter of snow and ice. The Deptford Mice are worried: the mystical bats have fled from the attic, and a new rat army is gathering strength. With food short and no sign of spring, the mice know there's a desperate struggle ahead. Who knows how many will survive, and at what cost? The Deptford Mices' adventure concludes in the final book of this compelling and original trilogy. **BPB \$15.95**

Jane Johnson

The Shadow World (Secret Country 02)

The Dodman has begun his reign of terror in Eidolon. Amassing an army of trolls and giants, ghost-dogs and goblins, he is determined to lay waste to the magical Secret Country - and destroy its Queen forever. Now Isadora must return to her world, leaving her family behind, and lead her people against the evil Dodman. Horrified at being left behind, Ellie follows her mother to Eidolon - and walks straight into danger. Captured and held hostage by the Dodman, only Ben and Iggy can save her and protect the Secret Country from becoming enslaved once more. **PB \$14.95**

Dragon's Fire (Secret Country 03)

TP \$19.95

Diana Wynne Jones

Charmed Life (Chrestomanci 01)

Welcome to the worlds of Chrestomanci, where magic is as common as mathematics! Everybody says that Gwendolyn Chant is a gifted witch with astonishing powers, so it suits her enormously when she is taken to live in Chrestomanci Castle. Her brother Eric (better known as Cat) is not so keen, for he has no talent for magic at all. However, life with the great enchanter is not what either of them expects and sparks begin to fly! Winner of the Guardian Award. **BPB \$14.99**

Kathryn Lasky

The Golden Tree (Guardians of Ga'hoole 12)

Your group's mission is to combat the Evil Powermaster, who is slowly working to gain control over the entire universe. Your group battles on and often succeeds in stopping the Powermaster's plans. Today, though, most of your team members have disappeared. Have they fallen into the clutches of the Ant People, who are some of the Powermaster's most faithful minions? **PB \$10.99**

Tanith Lee

Queen of Wolves (Wolf Tower 03)

BPB \$15.95

Joan Lennon

The Ely Plot (Wickit Chronicles)

You'd think growing up in a medieval abbey, surrounded by nothing but monks and hundreds of miles of swamp, would be pretty boring. Pip thinks so too, until the day he meets Perfect, a small stone gargoyle with a life of her own. Before long, the two find themselves in the midst of an assassination attempt against the new king, escaping into the cold dark night, being chased across the fens by a man bent on killing them.

Boring? Not so much. **PB \$14.95**

Sophie Masson Australian Author

The Maharaja's Ghost

Anusha and Maya are the 12-year-old twin daughters of the widowed Mrs Penny, who runs the family business - a ghost-hunting detective agency. Since their father's death, the agency has fallen on hard times. The brand new Two-Stars Agency, owned by glamorous Bollywood stars Sweetie Suseela and Sonny Khan, is taking over all the city's ghost-hunting business with their modern, scientific methods and fawning media. But to the twins, and their mother's, amazement, a new client knocks on their door after hearing about them. It is the Maharajah, or High King, of Jadudesh! He has a ghost haunting his palace, and he doesn't want the publicity that the Two-Stars Agency would be sure to create. The Penny family set out to stay at the palace and investigate. Why is this troublesome ghost haunting the Maharajah's palace, and who is controlling the ghost? Their task is made harder when jealous Sweetie Suseela has Mrs Penny arrested under false pretences. It's up to the twins to solve the case! **PB \$16.95**

Sophie Masson *Australian Author*
Thomas Trew and the Horns of Pan

BPB \$15.95

O R Melling

Hunter's Moon

Two teenage cousins, one Irish, the other from the United States, set out to find a magic doorway to the Faraway Country, where humans must bow to the little people. **HC \$34.95**

James Moloney *Australian Author*

Master of the Books (Book 02)

Marcel and Nicola are coming to terms with their new life as Prince and Princess of Elster. Marcel learns what spells and charms he can by reading the books left by Lord Alwyn, but soon realises his limitations in magic-making when he puts the entire kingdom under a spell that could bring devastating consequences.

Nicola is aghast to realise that her future involves marriage to one of a number of suitors for political reasons, and that she will have no say in the matter. Meanwhile, Fergus aims to revenge himself on the villainous Damon, unaware that if he succeeds in his aim, it will be at great personal cost to himself.

All three will be changed by the legacy of the Book of Lies. Fergus will become enslaved and combat witchcraft to discover his true self. Nicola must sacrifice what is dearest to her to gain the powers of judgement she needs to rule wisely. And Marcel finally realises that the knowledge gained through books is the lesser part of his magical potential. **B+ PB \$19.99**

Andre Norton

Dragon Magic (Magic)

Sig, Artie, Kim, and Ras live in the same neighbourhood and go to the same school, but they have nothing in common... until each of them sneaks into the old abandoned house on the corner and discovers the strange puzzle box covered with pictures of four dragons.

Drawn by powerful magic, the boys find themselves bound together by a mystery that will transform them all – and transport them into worlds that are populated by heroes and dragons of lore... **BPB \$9.95**

Lavender-Green Magic (Magic)

Eleven-year-old Holly Wade and her twin siblings, Judy and Crockett, are sent to live with their grandparents in the small town of Dimsdale, Massachusetts when their father is declared missing in action in Vietnam.

Dimsdale is nothing like Boston; there are only two other African-American children in the entire school. While exploring one day, Holly, Judy, and Crockett wander into an overgrown hedge maze – and find themselves transported back in time to Dimsdale's past.

Can they right an ancient wrong and free the town of Dimsdale from a witch's curse? **BPB \$9.95**

Mary Pope Osborne

Dragon of the Red Dawn (Magic Tree House 37)

Merlin the Magician will not eat or sleep or speak to anyone in Camelot. What can be done? The enchantress Morgan knows who to ask for help: young Jack and Annie of Frog Creek, Pennsylvania! The brother-and-sister team quickly head off in the magic tree house on another magical and historical adventure.

Their mission: discover one of the four secrets of happiness.

Their journey: to a land of fierce samurai and great beauty, the capital city of Edo (now the city of Tokyo), in ancient Japan in the 1600s.

Their tools: a research book to guide them and a magic wand with three special rules.

In DRAGON OF THE RED DAWN, Mary Pope Osborne transports readers back to the splendor, rich culture, and magic of traditional Japan. **HC \$27.95**

Magic Tree House Research Guide: Tsunamis and Other Natural Disasters

What are the warning signs that a tsunami is on the way? Can scientists predict earthquakes? How do volcanoes form? Find out the answers to these questions and more in MAGIC TREE HOUSE RESEARCH GUIDE: TSUNAMIS AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS, Jack and Annie's guide to geological disasters. This is the nonfiction companion to HIGH TIDE IN HAWAII (Magic Tree House #28). **PB \$9.95**

Justin Richards

The Chaos Code

Matt's dad has disappeared. An eminent archaeologist, he's left Matt only a coded message with a bizarre set of instructions. Clues that lead Matt to the enigmatic Julius Venture and on to a world-wide treasure hunt. The race is on to find a lost treasure so powerful that it could change the world. Desperate to rescue his father, Matt knows he must get to the treasure first. With the help of Venture's daughter Robin, and the sponsorship of an enthusiastic billionaire, Matt is soon crossing continents, deciphering codes and exploring ancient ruins in an exhausting bid to stay one step ahead of his enemies. But ancient powers are stirring, and all paths seem to lead to the same place - a magnificent pyramid hidden in the Peruvian jungle. The world isn't ready for what Matt's about to discover. An ancient secret that could re-write history books. A secret that could blow open the greatest mystery of all: Atlantis. **HC \$22.95**

E E Richardson

The Intruders

Joel Demetrius is quite looking forward to moving in with his new step-family, but as far as his sister Cassie's concerned, they're nothing but intruders. She doesn't want anything to do with Gerald and his two sons, and to make matters worse their new home is a derelict old house, neglected for decades. Joel thinks it's interesting. Cassie thinks it's a dump. **BPB \$17.95**

The Summoning

Justin hasn't ever really believed in the occult, even though his Grandpa Blake is an expert in it and has a house full of curious objects and old tattered books on magic. But when Daniel Eilersen, the class know-it-all, starts acting all high-and-mighty, Justin thinks he can scare him by performing a magic ritual from the ancient book he's stolen from his granddad's study. His friend Trevor, who always goes along with what Justin says and his little sister, Joy, complete the group. It's all about the atmosphere of course and Justin plans to give Eilersen a proper scare, but nothing will actually happen... Or will it...? On the old tennis court in the park, late one night, the four of them, unaware of the consequences of their actions, summon Dracherion, a malicious and dangerous spirit bent on revenge for being imprisoned in the ancient book by Grandpa Blake, years ago. Things go wrong and Dracherion breaks out of the circle designed to enclose him. The ritual has bound them to Dracherion and Justin, Joy, Trevor and Daniel know that the spirit will try and possess one of them so it can grow in strength and wreak its vengeance.

A terrifying struggle follows as Dracherion grows stronger and stronger. It's a race against time to try and find a way of banishing the spirit out of this world. But how do they do that when one of them can't be trusted...? **HC \$27.95**

Tansy Raynor Roberts Australian Author*Seacastle (Lost Shimmeron 01)*

Long ago, a craft of mystical beings, the Shimmeron, crashed in country Australia. Water filled the crash site forming a mysterious purple lake which the locals called Shimmer. The town of Amethyst was built around the lake. The force of the crash scattered the Shimmeron through time and space. They long to go home but they can't until enough of them return to the lake. Only the children of Amethyst can hear their cries for help. Enter the mysterious world of Shimmeron, as envisioned by Australia's leading authors for children, including: Margo Lanagan (Book 2), Rowena Cory Daniells (Book 3), Trent Jamieson (Book 4), Maxine McArthur (Book 5), Marianne de Pierres (Book 6) and Richard Harland (Book 7). **BPB \$12.95**

Nick Sagan*Everfree (Ever 03)*

A small group of humans has survived the apocalyptic epidemic called Black Ep that ravaged the world. These survivors start to wake others who'd been cryogenically preserved to await a future when the disease might be cured. At first, everyone agrees on the basic principles of this new world - how lucky they are to have survived, how they're all in this together, how they should look out for each other, learn from the past and build a better world...

But inevitably, as more sleepers are roused, there are some who disagree. People who have knowledge of power are waking up to a new world, and they do not intend to wait politely in line. But as this new utopian starts to fracture, one more surprise lies in wait for the survivors. It comes from a very very long way away indeed - and its impact is such that it will transform the future for everyone in this post-plague, perhaps even post-human, world... **BPB \$23.95**

Angie Sage*Flyte (Septimus Heap 02)*

The evil necromancer DomDaniel has been disposed of, but something Darke is stirring. A Shadow pursues ExtraOrdinary Wizard Marcia Overstrand around, following her every move, growing stronger every day. Septimus senses something sinister is afoot, but before he can act, Jenna is snatched - taken by the most unlikely kidnapper. Septimus must rescue his sister but does not, at first, realise what he will be facing. **BPB \$16.95**

Physik (Septimus Heap 03)

When Silas Heap unseals a forgotten room in the Palace, he releases the ghost of a Queen who lived five hundred years earlier. Queen Etheldredda is as awful in death as she was in life, and she's still up to no good. Her diabolical plan to give herself ever-lasting life requires Jenna's compliance, Septimus's disappearance, and the talents of her son, Marcellus Pye, a famous Alchemist and Physician. And if Queen Etheldredda's plot involves Jenna and Septimus, then dark adventure awaits? With heart-stopping action and endless wit, Angie Sage continues the fantastical journey of Septimus Heap. **HC \$24.95**

Michael Scott*The Alchemyst*

He holds the secret that can end the world.

The truth: Nicholas Flamel was born in Paris on 28 September 1330. Nearly seven hundred years later, he is acknowledged as the greatest Alchemyst of his day. It is said that he discovered the secret of eternal life.

The records show that he died in 1418.

But his tomb is empty.

The legend: Nicholas Flamel lives. But only because he has been making the elixir of life for centuries. The secret of eternal life is hidden within the book he protects - the Book of Abraham the Mage. It's the most powerful book that has ever existed. In the wrong hands, it will destroy the world.

That's exactly what Dr. John Dee plans to do when he steals it. Humankind won't know what's happening until it's too late. And if the prophecy is right, Sophie and Josh Newman are the only ones with the power to save the world as we know it.

Sometimes legends are true.

And Sophie and Josh Newman are about to find themselves in the middle of the greatest legend of all time. **PB \$27.95**

Nick Shadow*Voices (Midnight Library 01)***PB \$14.95***Blood and Sand (Midnight Library 02)***PB \$14.95***End Game (Midnight Library 03)***PB \$14.95***I Can See You (Midnight Library 07)***PB \$14.95***The Catch (Midnight Library 08)***PB \$14.95***The Whisperer (Midnight Library 09)***PB \$14.95***No Escape (Midnight Library 10)***PB \$14.95****Darren Shan***Blood Beast (Demonata 05)*

The master of horror returns with a new spine-tingling adventure in the fifth title of the Demonata... 'Locked inside Dervish's study. Breath coming quickly, raggedly. Trembling wildly. I still feel sick and dizzy, but maybe that's fear. I force myself to breathe normally, evenly. When I'm in control, I study my reflection, looking for telltale signs. Am I turning into a werewolf? I don't know...' Grubbs Grady has so far escaped the family curse, but when he begins to experience alarming symptoms at the onset of the full moon, he is scared that the jaws of fate are opening and about to swallow him whole. He has cheated death, defeated demons, moved on with his life. But Grubbs is torn between the world of magic and his wolfen genes. Can he fight the beast inside or will he fall victim to his tainted blood? **HC \$29.99**

Sarah Singleton*Sacrifice (Heretic 03)*

Jacinth, Miranda and Jack live in different lands, yet are all connected. Only by combining forces can they turn around the curse that has befallen their families for generations. A group of knights violently wrested a revered relic from an African tribe long ago. Our three protagonists are each descended from a knight — and each of them has a duty to return the stolen lily which gave the knights amazing powers. Powers that have warped and darkened over the centuries, leaving only instability and death in their wake. But a renegade ancestor is determined to retain the lily's power and influence — whatever the cost — and all three children are in terrible danger... **BPB \$16.95**

Lemony Snicket*Horseradish: Bitter Truths You Can't Avoid (Series of Unfortunate Events)***HC \$19.99***The Reptile Room (Series of Unfortunate Events 02)***BPB \$14.99**

Jenna Solitaire

Keeper of the Flames (Daughter of Destiny 03)

"My name is Jenna Solitaire, and I am the Keeper of the Boards. With the elements of Air and Water at my command, I now go in search for the most dangerous Board I have sought so far – the Board of Fire."

From the searing desert of the Middle East, Jenna and Simon travel to the ancient city of Pompeii, following the clues to the hiding place of the Board of Fire – also known as the Board of the Flames. But Peraud is hot on their trail, and is more determined than ever to claim the two Boards the Keeper already possesses. Jenna must also contend with her growing attraction to Simon, who is torn by his desire for her – and his sacred duty to the Church. **APB \$12.95**

Keeper of the Earth (Daughter of Destiny 04)

"The whisper of Air. The power of Water. The heat of Flame. I, Jenna Solitaire, have found three of the four Boards of the Elements, but each has exacted a price. Now, I journey to England to seek the fourth Board, which can control the very Earth itself – and may also hold the key to a prize beyond imagining..."

Having found the Board of Fire, Jenna and Simon hurry to decipher the clues that will lead them to the Board of Earth – and mastery over the very land itself. But on their way to locate the tomb of a mythical English hero, while fending off shadowy new attackers who want the Boards for themselves, an offer of help comes from a surprising source. Can Jenna and Simon trust this offer – or are they walking straight into a trap set by the one who has coveted the Boards for millennia? **APB \$12.95**

Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

Hugo Pepper (Far Flung Adventures 03)

A brilliantly inventive, fabulously illustrated addition to the Far-Flung Adventure series from the award-winning, bestselling author and illustrator team, Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell. Set in the same world as Fergus Crane and Corby Flood's stories, this is the tale of a small boy, Hugo Pepper, and his amazing exploits. Raised in the Frozen North by reindeer herders, his parents eaten by polar bears when he was just a baby, Hugo discovers that the sled they arrived in has a very special compass - one that can be set to 'Home'. And so Hugo arrives in Firefly Square - to discover a group of very special friends, and a dastardly enemy... With three-toed snowmen, a secret buried treasure and a host of fabulous stories, this is a fantastic new tale in this series. **PB \$14.95**

Rosemary Sutcliffe

King Arthur Trilogy

King Arthur Stories:

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The legends of King Arthur and his knights of the Round table have passed down through the generations since medieval times. In this spellbinding trilogy, Rosemary Sutcliffe recreates all the mystique and mystery of the golden age of Camelot for a new generation. **BPB \$21.95**

Kate Thompson

The Last of the High Kings

JJ has grown-up and has a family of his own: he's married to Aisling and has four children - Hazel, Jenny, Donal and little Aidan. All his children are special in their own way but Jenny has always lived by her own rules. She forgets to go to school a lot, doesn't like wearing shoes and spends a lot of time on the stone beacon on the mountainside, talking to the ghost who guards it and the puca - the big, white goat who is also something else entirely . . .

The ghost is Jenny's friend. He loves people and the knowledge that he has kept humanity safe by guarding the beacon for thousands of years, makes him proud, even though he knows that people have forgotten about him. But the puca has a plan: he wants Jenny to persuade the ghost that he doesn't need to guard the beacon any more. Because then the pucas will be able to return the world to what it was before humans upset the harmony of things. It looks as though that is what will happen, but old Mikey Cullan, who is also the last of the High Kings of Ireland, has a plan of his own . . .

And JJ and Aisling have something that they must tell Jenny, something that will explain a lot of things and give Jenny a choice to make - a choice between the world of humans, the only world she has known, or the world of Tir na n'Og, the Land of Eternal Youth. And it's only after JJ takes Jenny and Donal to Tir na n'Og that she can decide . . . **HC \$44.95**

Tiffany Trent

Hallowmere

PB \$18

Timothy Zahn

Dragon and Judge (Dragonback Adventure 05)

Just when fourteen-year-old Jack Morgan thinks he and his symbiont, the dragon warrior Draycos, are on the brink of finding information about the destruction of Draycos's race, he is kidnapped by aliens who ask him to serve as a judge, as his parents did before him. **HC \$36.95**

Media and Comic Related

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Steve Niles TP \$24.99

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24 Declassified

Chaos Theory

John Whitman

When a brilliant but psychotic anarchist aims at destabilizing the U.S. by launching an unthinkable assassination in twenty-four hours, only disgraced CTU operative Jack Bauer can stop the madman, but first he must escape the police, who want him for murder, and a high-level CTU traitor, who wants him dead. **APB \$17.95**

Buffy the Vampire Slayer Graphic Novel

Fray: Future Slayer (Graphic Novel)

Joss Whedon

Hundreds of years in the future, Manhattan has become a deadly slum, run by mutant crime-lords and disinterested cops. Stuck in the middle is a young girl who thought she had no future, but learns she has a great destiny. In a world so poisoned that it doesn't notice the monsters on its streets, how can a street kid like Fray unite a fallen city against a demonic plot to consume mankind? Joss Whedon, the celebrated creator of Buffy the Vampire Slayer, brings his vision to the future in this unique tale. As inventive in the comics medium as in that of television or film, Whedon spins a complex tale of a skilled thief coming of age without the help of friends or family, guided only by a demonic Watcher. **TP \$40.95**

Doctor Who

Dalek I Loved You

Nick Griffiths

Nick Griffiths watched his first Doctor Who aged four and a bit. He would have hidden behind the sofa but it was back against the wall and his parents didn't let him move furniture so he hid behind a cushion instead. He's since been told by his mum and dad that they didn't have a sofa only armchairs. So this book should really be called Behind the Armchair, but that didn't sound right. And so began a life long obsession. When Doctor Who started getting rubbish (after Tom Baker basically) he nearly escaped into the world of music and girls until he discovered someone selling tapes of old episodes in the small ads and that was that again. Only in the last few years has an anti-social obsession become something he can earn a living from as a journalist and happily this coincided with Doctor Who getting good again. Plus he has a son now so he can claim he's watching it for him. Oh and his son's called Dylan not Gallifray or Davros. **HC \$29.95**

Creatures and Demons

Justin Richards

Exclusive photographs, concept drawings, diagrams and fx models this is a lavishly illustrated collection of the scariest monsters from Doctor Who. This is the follow up book to the best selling Aliens and Enemies and Monsters and Villains. **TP \$24.95**

Science of Dr Who

Paul Parsons

Since 1963, the journeys of the Time Lord have shown us alien worlds, strange life forms, futuristic technology and mindbending cosmic phenomena. Viewers cowered terrified of Daleks, were amazed with time travel, and travelled through black holes into other universes and new dimensions. The breadth and imagination of Doctor Who have made the show a monumental science fiction success. Paul Parsons explains the scientific reality. Discover:- Why time travel isn't ruled out by the laws of physics- The real K-9: the robot assistant for space travellers built by NASA- How genetic engineering is being used to breed Dalek-like designer life forms- Why before long we could all be regenerating like a Time Lord- The medical truth about the Doctor's two hearts, and the real creature with five. **PB \$24.95**

Audio: The Gunfighters (CD)

The year is 1881 and the Tardis has landed in the Wild West settlement of Tombstone. Doctor Caligari and his friends: Steven Regret, and Miss Dodo Dupont arrive in a 20th Century blue police box, and they're about to wander into a whole heap of trouble. The Doctor is in need of a dentist, but the sort of anaesthetic Doc Holliday uses comes out of a liquor bottle. He's in the middle of a feud with the Clanton family, whilst Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson try to keep the peace. This isn't the place for a relaxing holiday, as the TARDIS crew soon discover Tombstone's not the most happily named of towns, and it seems it may live up to that name any day now. There's a gunfight at the OK Corral brewing and, if the Doctor and his friends aren't careful, they're going to be caught in the crossfire. In a bonus interview, Peter Purves, who also narrates this remastered soundtrack, recalls the making of The Gunfighters for television.

A special 10-minute bonus music segment is also included. You don't need to be in front of the television to get your fix of Dr. Who!

Running time: 2 hours **CD \$29.95**

The Nightmare on Black Island

Anthony Head reads this exciting story of hideous monsters, an eerie light and a long-dormant evil

On a lonely stretch of Welsh coastline a fisherman is killed by a hideous creature from beneath the waves. When the Doctor and Rose arrive, they discover a village where the children are plagued by nightmares, and the nights are ruled by monsters. The villagers suspect that industrialist Nathaniel Morton is to blame, but the Doctor has suspicions of his own.

Who are the ancient figures that sleep in the old priory? What are the monsters that prowl the woods after sunset? What is the light that glows in the disused lighthouse on Black Island?

As the children's nightmares get worse, The Doctor and Rose discover an alien plot to resurrect an ancient evil...

Featuring the Doctor and Rose as played by David Tennant and Billie Piper in the hit series from BBC Television.

Running time: 2 hours and 30 mins **CD \$29.95**

Fantastic Four

Rise of the Silver Surfer

Daniel Josephs

Adventurers. Celebrities. Family. They are the Fantastic Four, the world's greatest Super Hero™ team: scientific genius Reed Richards, with the ability to stretch and contort his body into any shape imaginable; the beautiful Susan Storm, who can render herself invisible and create and project powerful force fields; Sue's brother, Johnny Storm, who can engulf his body in flames and take flight at will; and Ben Grimm, whose freakish transmutation turns him into an orange-colored, rock-like, superhumanly strong creature. Now the Fantastic Four meet their greatest challenge yet, as an enigmatic, intergalactic herald comes to Earth — to prepare it for destruction. As the mysterious alien being races around the globe, wreaking havoc and leaving utter chaos in its wake, Reed, Sue, Johnny, and Ben must find a way to confront this devastating force...even as a new threat looms in the surprising return of their mortal enemy, Victor Von Doom, who harbors his own deadly machinations for them all.... **APB \$14.95**

Hellboy

The Dragon Pool

Christopher Golden

Hellboy, a bloodred, cloven hooped demon raised by the United States government, is a top field agent for the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense. He questions the unknown, then beats it into submission. In the upper reaches of the Himalayas, Hellboy's exgirlfriend, archaeologist Anastasia Bransfield, believes she has found the location of the legendary "Dragon King Pool" - thought to be the ancient dwelling of an evil dragon who inflicted horrific devastation on the land and its people. Every year the villagers would sacrifice a child to placate the beast, until one day an unlikely hero fought the dragon and won, bringing peace and prosperity to the land. But Anastasia's triumph at her discovery is short lived. Soon unearthly creatures are seen lurking around the dig site, someone is sabotaging the excavation with dire results, and the young daughter of one of the dig leaders goes missing. It looks like a job for Hellboy - but his challenge might be putting his past with Anastasia behind him. **APB \$14.95**

Simpsons

The Simpsons Handbook: Secret Tips From the Pros

Matt Groening

From basic lines and circles to vivid character illustrations, The Simpsons Handbook is a tribute to the time-honored tradition of hand-drawn animation. This lavishly detailed artist's manual unveils the complex secrets behind the deceptively simple and universally loved "Simpsons" characters. With creative insights, artist' sketches, helpful insider hints, and step-by-step instructions, enter the imagination of master doodler Matt Groening, creator of "The Simpsons," and receive some professional "how-to" advice from many of the animators and directors who have made the show the comedic standard, as well as the longest running animated show and situation comedy in television history. **HC \$49.99**

Simpsons Masterpiece Gallery: A Big Book of Posters

Matt Groening

TP \$24.99

Star Trek

Mirror Universe 02: Obsidian Alliances

Peter David, Keith R A deCandido & Sarah Shaw

Some say the line between good and evil is narrower than we imagine — a divide as subtle as a mirror, and perhaps just as deep. To peer into its black, reflective glass is to know the dark potential we each possess, and we cross that obsidian boundary at our peril . . . into a world where we no longer recognize who we are or what we believed ourselves capable of. In the late twenty-fourth century, decades after the fall of the once-mighty Terran Empire, the Klingon-Cardassian Alliance dominates the worlds that, in another reality, made up the United Federation of Planets. Humanity and its former subject races are now bound together by their shared oppression, slaves to their cruel and brutal conquerors. But a downtrodden few have found the courage and the strength of will to act. Inspired by visitors from another continuum to fight for their freedom, they have rekindled hope . . . and rediscovered an ancient truth: that every revolution begins with a vision. **TP \$19.95**

Vulcan's Soul 02: Exiles

Susan Shwartz & Josepha Sherman

Tensions remain high as the United Federation of Planets, the Klingon Empire, and the Romulan Star Empire attempt to maintain their fragile post-Dominion War peace in the wake of the brutal attack by the mysterious Watraii, which ended with the loss of Admiral Pavel Chekov. When Admiral Uhura receives intelligence regarding a Watraii base that may contain more than one surprise, she sends Ambassador Spock, Captain Saavik, Ruaneck, Captain Montgomery Scott, and Lieutenant Commander Data on a covert mission to learn its secrets.... But the truth of the Watraii has its basis millennia in the past. In the time of Surak, Vulcans were at a crossroads, on the cusp of either embracing logic or succumbing to their passions and thereby destroying themselves. With Surak's blessing, a group of Vulcans left their turbulent homeworld to find their destiny in the unknown reaches of space. But the stars prove even more unforgiving than the desert sands of Vulcan, as Karatek, the reluctant leader of the exiles, struggles to hold his people together. **APB \$16.95**

Star Wars

Legacy of the Force 01: Betrayal

Aaron Allston

This is the era of Luke Skywalker's legacy: the Jedi Master has unified the order into a cohesive group of powerful Jedi Knights. However, as this era begins, planetary interests threaten to disrupt this time of relative peace and Luke is plagued by visions of an approaching darkness. Melding the galaxy into one cohesive political whole after the savage war with the Yuuzhan Vong is not the easiest task, and already some worlds are chafing under the demands of the new government. Civil war may be brewing, and the Skywalker-Solo clan find that they might not all be on the same side. Meanwhile, evil is rising again - out of the best intentions - and it looks like the legacy of the Skywalkers may come full circle. **APB \$21.95**

Stargate

Atlantis 06: Entanglement

Martha Wells

Leap of faith.

When Dr. Rodney McKay unlocks an Ancient mystery on a distant moon, he discovers a terrifying threat to the Pegasus galaxy.

Determined to disable the device before it's discovered by the Wraith, Colonel John Sheppard and his team navigate the treacherous ruins of an Ancient outpost. But attempts to destroy the technology are complicated by the arrival of a stranger—a stranger who can't be trusted, a stranger who needs the Ancient device to return home. Cut off from backup, under attack from the Wraith, and with the future of the universe hanging in the balance, Sheppard's team must put aside their doubts and step into the unknown.

However, when your mortal enemy is your only ally, betrayal is just a heartbeat away... **APB \$24.95**

Transformers

Transformers

Alan Dean Foster

Movie novelisation. Disguising themselves as ordinary electronic equipment while here on Earth, the peace-loving Autobots from the planet Cybertron become locked in a battle for a powerful energy source hidden on Earth with the Decepticons who will do anything to seize control of the universe. **APB \$19.95**

Games Related

Dragonlance

A Practical Guide to Dragons

Sindri Suncatcher

WARNING: Do not open this book!

It's filled with everything I've learned about dragons in my apprenticeship with the great wizard, Maddoc. And it's the private property of my Aunt Moonbeam.

Everyone else: Keep Out!

How many different kinds of dragons are there? How long do they live? How do I meet a dragon?

This beautifully illustrated new field guide to the habits of dragons brings readers of all ages into a magical and mysterious world where dragons come alive! Young dragon hunters will benefit from the helpful tips, secret maps, and fascinating dragon anatomy, while every reader will be amazed by the gorgeous variety of dragons included. With lavish, full-color art from some of the fantasy genre's most talented illustrators, and lively descriptions of all types of dragons, this book is truly an enchanting read. **PB \$26**

***A Practical Guide to Monsters* TP \$26**

Dragonlance Taladas 03

Shadow of the Flame

Chris Pierson

Disaster has struck at the ruins of Akh-tazi: Maladar, the Faceless Emperor, is reborn, and Barreth Forlo is his prisoner, trapped in his own body.

Forlo's friends must find a way to stop Maladar before his power grows too great -- and the solution may lie with Azar, Forlo's supernatural son . . .

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Marsheila Rockwell

"We are all forged in the fires of our past."

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Ed Greenwood

Florin Falconhand has always dreamed of adventure. When he saves the life of the king of Cormyr, his dream comes true! Unfortunately for Florin, he also manages to earn the enmity of some of Cormyr's most dangerous denizens.

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Legend of Drizzt 05: The Silent Blade

R A Salvatore

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Victor Milan

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Elaine Bergstrom

Raised in a monastery, an orphan seeks to learn of the world outside the walls, a world that does not fear the tapestry that guides the monks in their every thought and deed. But when he discovers his true heritage, can he stop himself from destroying what he treasures? **TP \$26**

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Christie Golden

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Richard Lee Byers

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Magic is very dangerous in the Old World. Wizards are feared and strictly controlled within the Empire, and rightly so as untrained magic users act as conduits for the dark powers of Chaos. If a rogue mage survives the daemons of the warp, they can only expect a merciless death at the hands of the Witch Hunters. The Enemy Within delves into the strange world of magic when an imperial wizard is blackmailed into infiltrating a vile Chaos cult - if doesn't, he will be denounced as a heretic himself. Can he complete his assignment without being corrupted, and can he trust his tormenter to honour his part of the bargain? **APB \$16**

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Dan Abnett

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The second adventure in a three-part series of core Dungeons & Dragons adventures.

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This new edition of the Star Wars RPG encapsulates all six feature films while presenting a thorough revision of the rules, making the game easier to learn while improving the overall play experience. The new 288 page core rulebook includes new character abilities and options, a streamlined skill system, a revised combat system, new feats and Force powers, a world gazetteer, statistics for key characters from all six Star Wars films and the Expanded Universe, and guidelines on how to use Star Wars miniatures and battle maps in play. **HC \$70**

Rifts

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Sam Falconer is pretty good at taking care of herself. Four times world judo champion, she now runs the Gentle Way investigation agency in London. But when her brother Mark asks her to return to Oxford to investigate the disappearance of a young woman, Sam finds herself confronting a past she hoped she'd left behind. Oxford is full of ghosts and Sam has never quite recovered from finding the body of a murdered 4-year-old girl there. To this day, she has no idea what led her to the scene and she dreads being back in the city. As Sam looks into the woman's disappearance, she finds the trail leads back to the university. But the closed academic world is unwilling to share its secrets with a stranger. Soon it becomes clear that someone is determined to frighten her off the case, and then, out of the blue, Sam receives a letter from a man who's been dead for twenty-eight years - her father... **APB \$12.95**

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When a student is found dead in his rooms at St Barnabas College, Oxford, it looks like nothing more than an unfortunate suicide, but after PI Sam Falconer's brother disappears, Sam begins to see a disturbing connection between the events. Sam begins a desperate search, tracing her brother's last movements, while trying to ignore the nagging fear that it could be connected to her father and the murders he committed in Northern Ireland in the seventies. As the trail leads from Oxford to Iraq and back to the troubles in Ireland, Sam learns just how strong blood ties can be. **TP \$32.95**

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Foul Play (Sophie Metropolis)

Struggling to break into the private investigator scene in Queens, Greek-American Sophie Metropolis searches for a missing New York Mets pitcher whose look-alike brother has also disappeared, a case that is complicated by Sophie's relationship with a handsome new man. **HC \$49.95**

Lee Child

Die Trying (Jack Reacher)

A Chicago street in bright sunshine. Jack Reacher, strolling nowhere, meets an attractive young woman, limping, struggling with her crutches, alone. Naturally he stops to offer her a steadying arm, and then they turn together - to face twin handguns held level and motionless and aimed straight at their stomachs. Chained to the woman, locked in a dark, stifling van racing 2,000 miles across America, Reacher needs to know who he's dealing with. The kidnapers are saying nothing and his companion claims to be Holly Johnson, FBI agent. She's fierce enough and tough enough, but he knows there must be more to her than that. And at their remote, hostile destination, they will need to act as a team and trust each other, pitting raw courage and cunning against insane violence and seemingly hopeless odds, with their own lives and hundreds more at stake. Filled with non-stop action and gritty suspense, *Die Trying* is a tightly plotted thriller from one of the most exciting British talents writing today. **APB \$19.95**

Tripwire (Jack Reacher)

Digging a swimming pool by hand in Key West, former military policeman Jack Reacher is not pleased when Costello, a private detective, comes nosing around asking questions about him. Determined to keep out of trouble, Reacher conceals his identity. But when he finds Costello dead with his fingertips sliced off, he realizes it is time to move on - and move on fast. Yet two questions worry him: who was Costello's employer, the mysterious Mrs Jacobs? And why is she determined to find Reacher? Moreover, who is Hook Hobie, the vicious and amoral manipulator in a Wall Street office who preys on other people's assets?

As Reacher follows the trail, it becomes clear that the stakes are high: the livelihood of a whole community; the fate of the soldiers missing in action in Vietnam; and, not least, the reappearance of a woman from Reacher's own troubled past with a key to his destiny. **APB \$19.95**

The Visitor (Jack Reacher)

Sergeant Amy Callan and Lieutenant Caroline Cook had a lot in common. Both high-flying army women, both victims of sexual harassment, they left the army under dubious circumstances. Both are now dead - their bodies discovered, unmarked and unscarred, in their own homes. Jack Reacher, former US military policeman, loner and drifter, knew them both. Psychological profiling points to a smart guy, solitary, army, someone who knew both of his victims. The perfect psychological match, Reacher is arrested by an ambitious FBI Special Agent, Julia Lamarr.

But when the body of another woman, Sergeant Lorraine Stanley, is discovered, killed with similar precision, Reacher is released. Everyone fears there is a serial killer on the loose. But the FBI have strong persuasive powers, and before long Reacher finds himself heavily involved in the murder investigation. What have these women got in common and why is someone out to do them harm?

In this magnificent, utterly ingenious thriller, Reacher once again saves the day, proving that he is a unique hero, capable of holding his own in any situation! **APB \$19.95**

Killing Floor (Jack Reacher)

Margrave is a no-account little town in the Georgia Sunbelt. The busiest it ever gets is at the end of their schoolday. But there's something strange about Margrave: it's completely perfect. So perfect, it's frightening. The lawns are like velvet and the trees look like they've just had a manicure. And from the laid-back barbershop to Eno's state-of-the-art diner, the local businesses thrive without customers.

When drifter and ex-military policeman Jack Reacher hits town, he plans to be gone by Monday. But before then Margrave has its first recorded homicide in thirty years. As the only stranger in town the murder is pinned on Reacher. And so begins his nightmare .starting with a weekend on the killing floor among the jailhouse lifers.

If long-lost kin and a long-dead guitar hero could tell tales, Reacher would know just what kind of big operation he's walked into. But as the nasty secrets of the lethal conspiracy that keeps the whole town ticking starts to leak out, the body count mounts. And the killing turns into an epidemic.

Action-packed, fast moving and gritty, *Killing Floor* is a tautly plotted thriller by an outstanding British talent. **APB \$19.95**

Beth Ciotta

All About Evie

When she gets hired to play the role of a ditzzy former Vegas showgirl for eight days aboard a cruise ship, actress Evie Parish soon discovers that her "doting older husband" is on an undercover mission to catch a grifter--and is the hottest man she has ever seen under his stage makeup. **APB \$17.95**

Phoenix Connor

Crater

Biogeneticists open Pandora's box by tampering with the genes of several primates, which escape and breed in the California wilderness of Crater. Several years later, Matt Hayden, an expeditionary biologist, is trapped by an earthquake in the remote Californian town during its annual reptile festival. Along with his colleague Clancy Ryan and Dr Lauren Vale, the town's survivors are thrown into conflict with an arriving horde of hybrid apes, whose intelligence and breeding cycles have been genetically enhanced. Fascinated by these creatures, Matt forms a tenuous relationship with the hybrids' leader, Kubla. However, relations between the two trapped species deteriorate, and Crater becomes an apocalyptic battleground in humanity's fight to remain the dominant species on earth. This fantastic new novel blends science, action, suspense, romance, humour and horror into a scientific thriller that will leave you breathless. **TP \$32.95**

Bernard Cornwell

The Lords of the North (Alfred the Great 03)

The year is 878 and Wessex is free from the Vikings. Uhtred, the dispossessed son of a Northumbrian lord, helped Alfred win that victory, but now he is disgusted by Alfred's lack of generosity and repelled by the king's insistent piety. He flees Wessex, going back north to seek revenge for the killing of his foster father and to rescue his stepsister, captured in the same raid. He needs to find his old enemy, Kjartan, a renegade Danish lord who lurks in the formidable stronghold of Dunholm. Uhtred arrives in the north to discover rebellion, chaos and fear. His only ally is Hild, a West Saxon nun fleeing her calling, and his best hope is his sword, with which he has made a formidable reputation as a warrior. He will need the assistance of other warriors if he is to attack Dunholm and he finds Guthred, a slave who believes he is a king. He takes him across the Pennines to where a desperate alliance of fanatical Christians and beleaguered Danes form a new army to confront the terrible Viking lords who rule Northumbria. 'The Lords of the North' is a powerful story of betrayal, romance and struggle, set in an England of turmoil, upheaval and glory. Uhtred, a Northumbrian raised as a Viking, a man without lands, a warrior without a country, has become a splendid heroic figure. **BPB \$22.99**

Graham Edwards & Sue Edwards

Dictionary of Drink

Have you ever wanted to know: What the initials AAA stand for? The appellation and style of Chateau Simone? Which chemical is used to decaffeinate coffee? What Ginseng tea is? Who invented the patent still? What Xynisteri denotes? This is the only book of its kind - over 42,000 A-Z entries on all aspects of drink, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. They include: the wines of all the world's major vineyards; beers and breweries, and an array of associated terminology. There is extensive cross-referencing and useful information on associations and societies. **PB \$39.95**

James Herbert

The Magic Cottage

"We thought we'd found our haven, a cottage deep in the heart of the forest. Charming, maybe a little run down, but so peaceful. That was the first part of the Magic. Midge's painting and my music soared to new heights of creativity. That was another part of the Magic. Our love for each other - well, that became the supreme Magic. But the cottage had an alternative side. The Bad Magic.

What happened to us there was horrendous beyond belief. The healings, the crazy sect who wanted our home for themselves, the hideous creatures that crawled from the nether regions, and the bats - oh God, the bats! Even now those terrible things seem impossible to me. Yet they happened..."

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Once

Remember the faery stories you were told as a child? Tales of tiny, magical, winged beings and elves, wicked witches and goblins. Demons...

What if one day you found out they were true? What if, when you became an adult, you discovered they were all based on fact? What if you met the fantasy and it was all so very real?

That's what happened to Thom Kindred. The wonders were revealed to him. But so were the horrors, for not far behind the Good, there always lurks the Bad. And the Bad had designs on Thom. The Bad would show him real evil. He would see the hellhagges and the demons. He would be touched by perverted passion. And corruption. And he would encounter his own worst nightmare. The Bad would seek to destroy him. And only the magic of the little beings would be able to help him.

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It is the near-future and signs of an impending global disaster are multiplying. Earthquakes, floods and volcanic eruptions sweep the earth. As the storms and tempests rage, a series of ominous events signal the emergence of a new and terrifying force.

While scuba-diving on the Great Barrier Reef, a diver watches, fascinated, as a tiny light floats past him towards the surface. Moments later he is torn to pieces as the reef erupts with colossal power.

On the banks of the Ganges, a young boy pauses from his back-breaking labours, transfixed by the play of a mysterious light amidst the monsoon rains, before a towering geyser of boiling water bursts from beneath the streets, scalding him to death.

In the Chinese city of Kashi travellers bring back reports of a strange light seen shining above the endless dunes of the Taklimakan Desert. And as the city's inhabitants watch for its return, the desert rises up to engulf them in a tidal wave of sand.

All have seen a portent. A sign of unimaginable powers about to be unleashed. A sign that something incredible is about to begin... **BPB \$22.95**

Kay Hooper

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An agent for the FBI's Special Crimes Unit in the middle of an undercover operation, Riley Crane awakens alone, covered in blood, with no memory of the past two weeks of her life, and unable to distinguish friend from foe. By the author of *Chill of Fear*. **APB \$18.95**

Roger Hutchinson

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Patrick Lindsay*Spirit of Gallipoli*

In *The Spirit of Gallipoli*, Patrick Lindsay explores the source of the Anzac legend as he continues his quest to understand what it means to be Australian. His most recent book, *The Essence of Kokoda*, is an accessible, distilled version of the remarkable story of the battles that saved Australia during WWII, full of wonderful images and personal stories.

In *The Spirit of Gallipoli*, Patrick again writes for those who would never wade through a fully-fledged history book but who want to understand the remarkable spirit that emerged from a doomed campaign. He digs deep into the bedrock of the Australian character and examines the spirit that sets Australians apart and enables them to so often fight above their weight on the international stage. He places the Gallipoli campaign in context, telling the story through the eyes of those who were there and he delves into the remarkable spirit which sustained the Anzacs as they clung to the ridges in their baptism of fire, half a world from their homelands.

The Spirit of Gallipoli is a must-read for all those who want to understand what the Anzac spirit is and where it was forged. **HC \$24.95**

The Spirit of Kokoda

The Spirit of Kokoda celebrates the remarkable achievements of the Diggers who fought battles along one of the most difficult pieces of terrain on earth. This revised edition contains a new intro and foreword, a "virtual trek" and more photos.

1942 was the year that Australia lost its innocence. By the time the Australian Diggers faced the Japanese invaders in Papua New Guinea, any impartial observer would surely have concluded the Allies had already lost the war. By mid-1942, the Japanese conquests had far exceeded Hitler's, controlling a part of the world three times the size of Europe and the US combined. They were, literally, at Australia's doorstep.

Most of the Australians on the Kokoda Track were about 18 years old, and most had never held a gun, let alone fired a shot. Outnumbered six to one, they nonetheless managed to force the Japanese to "advance to the rear"- the Japanese do not have a word for "retreat". The Sydney Swans use the Track as part of a mentorship program, and to help lend some structure to their young players lives. The book contains accounts by the Swans who have done the trek. **PB \$24.95**

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Starting her life over after the death of her husband, a New England psychologist takes a job as an animal control warden and slowly heals from her grief through friendships with a young anorexic, an archery instructor, and an injured oversized dog. **TP \$28.95**

Gena Showalter*Catch a Mate*

Working for *Catch a Mate* to test the fidelity of the spouses of the women who hire her, Jillian Greene has become cynical about men, love, and marriage in general, an attitude that is sorely tested by the company's newest employee, Marcus Brody, who has been hired to test women's fidelity toward their husbands. **TP \$28.95**

Willie Simpson Australian Author*Beer Bible 2nd Edition*

In the past six years the number of craft breweries has tripled to 90-plus, with new operators firing up on virtually a monthly basis. The larger, established breweries were once suspicious of these brazen new-comers; lately they have embraced the rising tide of premium and craft beers with open arms. The Australian beer drinker has never enjoyed so much choice! The updated edition of *The Beer Bible* covers even more knowledge than before with a new introduction from Willie Simpson (The Herald's beer writer), and 70 plus new brew reviews. This book has become a must have read for beer lovers as the Good Food Guide has for restaurant lovers. **PB \$29.95**

Rowland White

Vulcan 607

It was to be one of the most ambitious operations since 617 Squadron bounced their revolutionary bombs into the dams of the Ruhr Valley in 1943... When Argentine forces invaded the Falklands in the early hours of 2 April 1982, Britain's military chiefs were faced with a real-life Mission Impossible. Its opening shot, they decided, would be Operation Black Buck: to strike a body blow at the occupying army, and make them realize that nothing was safe - not even Buenos Aires...

The idea was simple: to destroy the vital landing strip at Port Stanley. The reality was more complicated. The only aircraft that could possibly do the job was three months from being scrapped, and the distance it had to travel was four thousand miles beyond its maximum range. It would take fifteen Victor tankers and seventeen separate in-flight refuellings to get one Avro Vulcan B2 over the target, and give its crew any chance of coming back alive.

Yet less than a month later, a formation of elderly British jets was launched from a remote island airbase to carry out the longest-range air attack in history. At the tip of the spear was a single aircraft, six men, and twenty-one thousand-pound bombs, facing a hornet's nest of modern weaponry: the radar-guided guns and missiles of the Argentine defences. There would be no second chances...

It was the end of an era - the last time the RAF flew heavy bombers into combat before they were replaced by their digital, fly-by-wire, laser-guided successors. There were many who believed it couldn't be done.

Drawing on extensive interviews with the combatants, Falklands residents and British High Command, and with unprecedented access to contemporary military records, Rowland White takes us, for the first time, to the beating heart of the legendary raid. *Vulcan 607* is a story of ingenuity, courage and sheer bloody-mindedness that's destined to become a classic. **BPB \$24.95**

Daniel H Wilson

Where's My Jetpack

An hilarious investigation into the fantastical future promised us by our predecessors, from the brilliant author and illustrator of *How to Survive a Robot Uprising*.

It's the twenty-first century and let's be honest - things are a little disappointing. Contrary to every World's Fair prediction, every futuristic ride at Disneyland and the advertisements on the last page of every comic book, we are not living the future we were promised. By now, life was supposed to be a fully automated, atomic-powered, germ-free Utopia, a place where a grown man could wear a velvet spandex unitard and not be laughed at. Where are the ray guns, the flying cars, and the hoverboards that we expected? What happened to our promised moon colonies? Our robot servants? In *Where's My Jetpack?*, roboticist Daniel H. Wilson takes a hilarious look at the future we always imagined for ourselves. He exposes groundbreaking technology, spotlights existing prototypes and reveals drawing-board plans. You will learn which technologies are already available, who made them, and where to find them. If the technology is not public, you will learn how to build, buy, or steal it. If it doesn't yet exist, you will learn what barriers stand in the way of making it real. With thirty entries spanning everything from underwater hotels to self-contained skyscraper cities, and superbly illustrated by Richard Horne (*101 Things to Do Before You Die*), *Where's My Jetpack?* is a fascinating, one-of-a-kind look at the world that we always dreamed of and that we're still waiting for. **BPB \$22.95**