



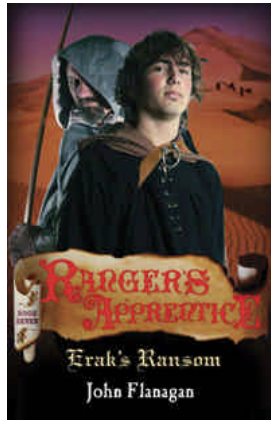
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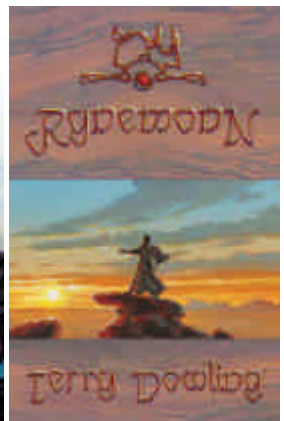
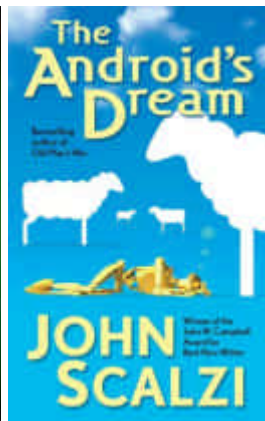
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Featured Books



Forgotten Reams
John Flanagan
Alan Dean Foster
Mike Shepherd
Terry Goodkind
Laurell K Hamilton
John Ringo
John Scalzi
Janny Wurts
Terry Dowling

Grand History of the Realms, large format hardcover.
Erak's Ransom, Ranger's Apprentice 7 in paperback.
Patrimony, Pip & Flinx hardcover.
Kris Longknife Audacious, book 5 in paperback.
Confessor, Sword of Truth 11 in trade and hardcover.
A Lick of Frost, Merry Gentry 6 in hardcover.
Choosers of the Slain, Mike Harmon 3 in paperback.
Andriod's Dream, in paperback.
Stormed Fortress, Alliance of Light 5 in trade paperback.
Rynemonn, Tom Rynosseros 4 in trade paperback.



News

Reward Vouchers will be tallied and printed early November. Ask us what you have earned.

Dumbledore (from Harry Potter) was outed by J K Rowling as gay at a book reading in the US, in answer to a question about his romantic relationships. This was reported widely in the press, inc SMH. For discussion see: <http://www.the-leaky-cauldron.org/2007/10/23/j-k-rowling-on-dumbledore-revelation-i-m-not-kidding>

Saw IV, a new release horror movie may appeal to some of our horror fans. We have limited numbers of movie passes to give away. Ask for one with your next purchase. <http://movies.break.com/saw4/>

Freecon 2007 will be held 3rd November at Bankstown City Library, a day celebrating science fiction and fantasy. Free Entry. Enquiries to: Sydney Freecon 2007, PO Box 2 Bexley North NSW 2207.

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.

***Gap Into Conflict: The Real Story*, by Stephen Donaldson, reviewed by Tim**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780006470199>

I found first The Gap of the series to be very adult in content and somewhat disturbing.

It is a space opera set among a mining belt of small time freelance miners competing poorly with a large mining corporation. The story is of an opportunistic and socially dysfunctional miner turned pirate who captures a pretty young officer in a raid, killing the rest of the victim spaceship crew. The pirate then repeatedly rapes his prisoner, turning her into a sex slave. Later, after retuning to the outposts of civilisation, the local law enforcement try to prove charges against him but find the victim supports the pirate's defence.

The book investigates the psychology of the intimate bond of the pair. For bonded they found themselves, by shared guilt, the physical closeness sex and of living in a small spaceship, and by the interdependencies that survival in space requires. It is very skilfully written and seems to be well researched. Like Donaldson's earlier books, this book focuses on the moral messes humans live in, and must live with, if they are to live with themselves.

This is literary science fiction, written with exquisite style and brave content, not light escapist pleasurable reading. I would almost go as far as saying it is good that it is short, because Donaldson is such a powerful communicator.

***The Lake* by Richard Laymon, reviewed by Stuart Wark**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780747267324>

Richard Laymon was one of the best writers within the horror genre, even if he hadn't established the high profile of authors such as Stephen King or Dean Koontz. Laymon had over 30 books published, as well as many short stories. His books featured significant blood and gore, which is only to be expected with horror novels, however, Laymon always managed to incorporate a good storyline that made the violence less gratuitous. Sadly, Richard Laymon passed away on Valentine's Day five years ago (2001). One of his legacies was a number of books that he had finished drafting, and *The Lake* is one of these novels that has been published posthumously.

The Lake is the story of a mother and daughter, Leigh and Deena. The book commences with a man brutally and callously murdering a prostitute. The story then jumps forward a couple of months to see Deana's boyfriend Allan being deliberately run down by a car, and Deena only just managing to escape from being killed herself. The inference is clear that the same psychopath is responsible for both murders.

The plot jumps back and forth between Leigh's experiences back in the 1960s and Deena's current problems. Leigh herself had to cope with the death of Deana's father before she was born, and this is revealed through a series of flashback sequences. Laymon introduces a series of other characters including the police officers who are attempting to solve Allan's murder case and mysterious neighbours. The plot is overly complicated, although the story does come together at the end. A series of fairly blatant clues throughout the book meant that the ending was a bit predictable, but the overall storyline is undoubtedly more convoluted than most of Laymon's other works.

The Lake is a very good read and classic Laymon, but it also seems evident that there was still some editing and improvements left before he would have been happy for publication. A few elements of the story don't quite fit, and a couple of characters appear under-developed. Sadly, Laymon's premature death at age 54 left the book in this state. Nonetheless, while it is not perfect, it is still essential reading for any Laymon fan or horror aficionado.

***The Good People* by Steve Cockayne, reviewed by Jen Temm**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781904233923>

Like generations of children before them, Kenneth Storey and his brother have discovered the land of Arboria beyond their garden gate. As the world outside plunges into war, the brothers and their friends join the Arborians to wage their own battle against their ancient foe, the Barbarians.

Set in the English countryside during World War II, *The Good People* is aimed at younger readers and explores the role of imagination and fantasy, growing up and the nature of evil, as Arboria becomes more than just make-believe for Kenneth. It's a disturbing read with a chilling undercurrent of violence that is definitely not for the littlies. While the story is interesting and original with its own mythology, it's ultimately unsatisfying: the plot is slow to develop with no resolution and the characters aren't fleshed out, offering little for the reader to relate to, although the author explains: "The question I am asking in this book is, 'How real are out fantasy worlds?' And I've deliberately not provided a firm answer, so that each reader can work out their own."

Cockayne is a media lecturer with the *Legends Of The Land* fantasy series to his credit. *The Good People* is his first work for younger readers, apart from a book he wrote at four, *Peter Rabbit Breaks The Plates*, for which he won a certificate of commendation by the National Book League in England.



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Legend: PB = paperback
HC = hardcover
TP = trade paperback (C format)
Cass = cassette
CD = compact disc
GN = Graphic Novel, usually TP or BPB
APB = mass market paperback (A format paperback)
BPB = B format 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. <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php>
Thursday 1st November: The Lure of the Apocalypse
Thursday 6th December: Christmas in science fiction
No meeting in January 2008.
Thursday 7th February 2008: The Best and Worst of 2007

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. <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReviewGroup.php>
Thursday 15th November:
S L Viehl's *Stardoc* (SF)
Sergei Lukyanenko's *Night Watch* (F/H)
Thursday 13th December: Note meeting is earlier in month.
John Scalzi's *Old Man's War* (SF)
Kurt Vonnegutt's *Slaughterhouse Five* (SF)
Thursday 17th January 2008:
David Kowalski's *The Company of the Dead* (SF)

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

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

Bestsellers for October

General Release

<i>At All Costs</i>	David Weber
<i>Making Money</i>	Terry Pratchett
<i>Princess of Wands</i>	John Ringo
<i>Grave Surprise</i>	Charlaine Harris
<i>Ain't Myth Behaving</i>	Katie MacAlister
<i>The Clan Corporate</i>	Charles Stross
<i>Troy: Fall of Kings</i>	David & Stella Gemmill
<i>Hidden Empire</i>	Kevin J Anderson
<i>Wintersmith</i>	Terry Pratchett
<i>Aerie</i>	Mercedes Lackey

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Inferno</i>	Star Wars
<i>Sick Building</i>	Doctor Who
<i>Wetworld</i>	Doctor Who
<i>Serenity Found</i>	Firefly / Serenity
<i>The Orc King</i>	Forgotten Realms
<i>RuneScape: Official Handbook and Strategy Guide</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Fulgrim</i>	Doctor Who
<i>Forever Autumn</i>	Warhammer
<i>Manslayer</i>	Warhammer
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Jay Amory

Fledging of Az Gabrielson

With a stretch and a beat of their eight foot wings, the Airborn travel effortlessly around and between their cities, perched high above the clouds. It's a life of ease and airy beauty. Only Az has no wings, so in his glorious world of freedom and flight, he is a painful—and isolated—odddity. And then one day he is picked out for a job. A job below the clouds. The system of massive automated elevators which send up everything the Airborn need to survive, a breaking down—and threatening to take the Airborn society with them. Someone has to go down to the Ground to find out what has happened and Az, with his wingless similarity to the prehistoric Groundlings, looks to be perfect for the task of hunting for answers beneath the clouds. But on the Ground, in the vast shadows of the cities, Az finds more questions than answers ... **PB \$22.95**

Pirates of the Relentless Desert

The Groundlings are under attack. Approaching in darkness in huge airships, Airborn pirates are raiding refineries and pillaging Groundling factories—taking by force the supplies which used to be offered as a tribute to the winged 'gods'. Above the clouds, Mr Mordadson is despatched to Redspire, the heart of the piracy, to solve the problems however necessary and put an end to the piracy ... and taking the armed Airship Cerulean—with Az Gabrielson as Captain—with him. But even on the ship there is unrest. Flight Lieutenant Wallimson hates Az, and plots to do whatever he can to undermine the wingless boy. On the ground, Cassie's family business has been destroyed by contact with the Airborn and they scrape a precarious living taking Airborn tourists on tours. But as trouble is stirred up between the Groundlings and Airborn, things go from bad to worse. And then her father goes missing **HC \$45 TP \$29.95**

Piers Anthony

Air Apparent (Xanth 31)

The mysterious disappearance of the Good Magician Humfrey's son Hugo sends a diverse group of characters—Debra, a cursed young girl; Hugo's blind but sensitive wife Wira; Happy and Fray, two storm-spirits; Nimbus, the Demon Xanth's own son; and the Random Factor, an enigmatic outlaw—off on a dangerous and madcap pair of parallel quests. **HC \$49.95**

Clive Barker

Mister B. Gone

The long-awaited return of the great master of horror to the adult book trade, this novel purports to be Barker's shockingly bone-chilling discovery of a never-before-published demonic "memoir" penned in the year 1438, when it was printed -- one copy only -- and then buried until now by an assistant who worked for the inventor of the printing press, Johannes Gutenberg.

The demon, known only as 'Jakabok,' is a major force of evil then and now, who taunts the reader to "Burn this book!" throughout this satanically autobiographical monologue, for he has embedded his very self inside each word on each page... as a long-dormant vehicle for the dark forces to finally conquer all things good and holy in this world.

A one-man (or, rather a one-demon) narrative, in which this medieval devil speaks directly to the reader at hand is sure to become an instant classic for all fans of major "good vs. evil" literary works. This is the first known time that the voice of a major demon has ever been realized in book form, where it speaks directly -- as in a poker game -- to the reader.

Featuring shockingly crafted dialogue and details of the epic hell that the "author" can and promises to unleash if this manuscript is circulated, the storyline of this short work of master fiction has Jakabok explaining his "roots" in this world to the reader -- going back centuries to his childhood traumas at the hands of his own parents, who are themselves, super demons. The story then moves to tell the saga of how Jakabok rose from being a "minor" demon to a "major" demon. It culminates with his insidious plot to "invade" the minds and hearts of all humankind everywhere through the newly invented "vehicle" of the printing press, via this very book, which has now surfaced with the debut publication of MISTER B. GONE, which contains the ancient demon's actual power deep within every word and every page via the ink and paper on which it is printed.

Hence, Jakabok's taunt: For God's sake.... "BURN THIS BOOK!" **HC \$29.99**

Wayne Barlowe

God's Demon

In the wake of the war between Heaven and Hell, Lord Sargatanas, a Demon Major and powerful Brigadier-General of the Beelzebub's minions of hell, who is sickened by what he has become and yearning for his former proximity to God, sets out to rebel against the evil of Hell and once again to seek redemption. **HC \$51.95**

Stephen Baxter

Resplendent (Destiny's Children 04)

RESPLENDENT is a collection of stories that encompasses mankind's epic fight for survival against the Xeelee, a narrative of how man will change and evolve over our epic journey out into the universe. These tales will encompass the rise of sub-molecular empires in the first nanoseconds after the Big Bang to mankind's final transformation. Full of cutting-edge science, descriptions of time and space on a mind-boggling scale and memorable, all-too-human characters. It is both the capstone to one of the most significant series in the history of SF and a remarkable achievement in its own right. This is a mature and uniquely talented writer at the height of his powers. **APB \$19.95**

Evolution

From their beginnings foraging at the feet of the dinosaurs, through the apocalypse of an asteroid strike, through countless years of the day to day life and death dramas of survival of the fittest the primate, to the rise and fall of mankind and the final destruction of earth by the expanding sun, the primates have survived. This is their story. Evolution follows the ebb and flow of the fortunes of one group of creatures as they change and adapt to their world somewhere on the horn of Africa. It turns the story of Darwinian evolution into a constant drama, a daily life and death struggle, a heroic story of life's endurance. It is a story that transcends generations, species, mankind and, in the end, the Earth itself. In the tradition of Olaf Stapledon and HG Wells. **BPB \$22.95**

Elizabeth Bear & Sarah Monette

A Companion to Wolves

A young nobleman chosen to become a wolfgar, a warrior bonded to a fighting wolf, Isolfr is bound to Viradecthis, a queen wolf, as they confront a powerful force of trolls, wyverns, and other supernatural creatures that threatens the complaisant human holdings. **HC \$51.95**

Greg Bear

Blood Music

The award winning tale of the inevitable takeover of our society by a benign, intelligent scientific experiment gone awry. In the tradition of the greatest cyberpunk novels, Blood Music explores the imminent destruction of mankind and the fear of mass destruction by technological advancements. Blood Music follows present-day events in which the fears concerning nuclear annihilation of the world subsided after the Cold War and the fear of chemical warfare spilled over into the empty void of nuclear fear. An amazing breakthrough in genetic engineering made by Vergil Ulam is considered too dangerous for further research, but rather than destroy his work, he injects himself with his creation and walks out of his lab, unaware of just quite how his actions will change the world. Author Greg Bear's treatment of the traditional tale of scientific hubris is both suspenseful and a compelling portrait of a new intelligence emerging amongst us, irrevocably changing our world. **BPB \$22.95**

Marion Zimmer Bradley & Diana L Paxson

Ravens of Avalon

A prequel to Marion Zimmer Bradley's "The Forest House" follows the story of the Roman conquest of Britain, as a Celtic princess becomes her people's defender against brutal conquerors while her priestess mentor becomes a guardian of Druid traditions. **CD (Unabridged) \$78**

Kristen Britain

The High King's Tomb (Green Rider 03)

In this sequel to Green Rider and First Rider's Call, Karigan G'ladheon returns to the Green Riders, the magical messengers of the king, who desperately need her help in defeating an ancient evil, long dormant, that has just reawakened, determined to destroy the world. **HC \$52.95**

Terry Brooks

The Word and the Void Omnibus (Word and the Void)

The spellbinding Word and the Void novels of best-selling author Terry Brooks collected in one volume for the first time. **RUNNING WITH THE DEMON:** One Fourth of July weekend, two men come to Hopewell, Illinois. One is a demon, a dark servant of the Void, who will feed off the anger and frustration of the community to achieve a terrible goal. Whilst families picnic and fireworks explode only John Ross, a Knight of the Word, can change the fate of humanity and save the soul of fourteen-year-old Nest Freemark. **A KNIGHT OF THE WORD:** The years spent saving mankind from the horrors of the Void have taken their toll on John Ross. He's lost his spirit, his belief, and now, it seems his magic. When Nest is once again drawn into the mythic world of the Word and the Void she must warn John to take up his staff of magic once again, or the battle may be lost forever. **ANGEL FIRE EAST:** For twenty five years, Ross has battled against the legion of demons of the Void. But now he learns of a gypsy morph, whose power and wild magics will be an invaluable weapon against the Void - but the Void knows this too and will not rest until the creature has been corrupted - or destroyed. **TP \$35**

S C Butler

Queen Ferris (Stoneways Trilogy 02)

After being rescued from the three wizards by his friends, Reiffen makes the decision to return to the wizards in order to gain their knowledge, find their weaknesses, defeat them with their own weapons, and regain his rightful throne, but the evil of the scheming wizard brothers could destroy his own power for good, in the sequel to Reiffen's Choice. **HC \$56.95**

Orson Scott Card

A War of Gifts (Ender)

In a short novel set during Ender Wiggins's first years at Battle School, where it is forbidden to celebrate religious holidays, chaos erupts when older student Dink Meeker places a gift in another student's shoe on Sinterklaas Day, a small act of rebellion that ignites a struggle between the students and staff and forces everyone to make a choice during the War over Santa Claus. **HC \$26.95 CD \$49.95**

Mike Carey

Dead Man's Boots (Felix Castor 03)

Before he died, Castor's fellow exorcist John Gittings made several calls asking for help and if Castor had answered them, John might still be alive. So when a smooth-talking lawyer comes out of nowhere to claim the remains, Castor owes it to John's unhappy ghost and even more unhappy widow to help out. If only life were that simple. A brutal murder in King's Cross bears all the hallmarks of an American serial killer supposedly forty years dead, and it takes more good sense than Castor possesses not to get involved. He's also fighting a legal battle over the body - if not the soul - of his possessed friend, Rafi, and can't shake the feeling that his three problems are related. With the help of the succubus Juliet, paranoid zombie data-fence Nicky Heath and a little judicious digging, Castor just might have a chance of fitting the pieces together before someone drops him down a lift shaft or rips his throat out. Or not... **PB \$20.95**

Paul Chafe

Genesis

With the human race rapidly running out of space and time on an overcrowded Earth, the experimental Colony ship Ark, a self-contained world launched on a ten-thousand-year voyage into the unknown to carry the seeds of human civilization to the far reaches of space, becomes humankind's last desperate gamble to preserve their lives in the face of a doomed planet. **HC \$49.95**

Josh Conviser

Empyre (Echelon 02)

Five years after the fall of Echelon, former intelligence agent Ryan Laing is forced from his self-imposed isolation when ruthless arms dealer Alfred Krueger uses his former lover, Sarah Peters, now a CIA agent, to flush him out of hiding, in the sequel to Echelon. **TP \$28.95**

Bernard Cornwell

Sword Song (Alfred the Great 04)

Alfred of Wessex has survived the Danish invasions. He now has an uneasy truce with his enemies, but fresh Viking ships are arriving to plunder and enslave the Saxons. Those Vikings must be defeated, and Alfred's first move is to deny them their fortress on the Thames, the decayed Roman city of London. His weapon is Uhtred, a warrior of formidable reputation. But neither Alfred's wisdom, nor Uhtred's prowess might be enough to save Wessex when a Viking lord captures a prize of inestimable value. **TP \$32.99**

Alyssa Day*Atlantis Awakening*

Ven, one of Poseidon's chief warriors, has risen from Atlantis to defend the world from an overwhelming evil, but finds himself distracted from his mission by one human female who captures his heart. **APB \$17.95**

William C Dietz*When All Seems Lost (Legion of the Damned)*

When the Confederacy's Presidential entourage is captured by alien Ramanthians and imprisoned in a brutal slave labor camp, members of the group, led by diplomat Christine Vanderveen, risk everything to keep their identities a secret, while an unauthorized rescue mission, organized by General Bill Booly and led by Christine's ex-lover, Lieutenant Tonio Sanchez, races against time to free the captives. **HC \$51.95**

Terry Dowling Australian Author*Rynemonn (Tom Rynosseros 04)*

Completing the internationally acclaimed saga brought to us in Rynosseros, Blue Tyson and Twilight Beach. At last, in eleven exciting linked stories, four original to the collection, Tom Rynosseros will uncover his origins, discover what truly happened in the Madhouse and learn the meaning of the three signs that have haunted his life.

In Rynemonn, Tom will face his destiny in the strange red deserts of this ancient land. In Rynemonn, the Blue Captain will come home. **TP \$24.95**

Shaun Von Dragen*Moon Age Daydream*

Sexy sci-fi thriller from the point of view of Marlowe, a young male recluse--a neurotic, a hacker, and dabbler in things ancient and arcane. Set so far into the future it resembles our psychedelic past, the world of Moon Age Daydream is entrancing and visceral. A dark and romantic Sci-fi Noir, the novel disguises hidden layers of alchemical interpretation. **HC \$51.95**

Greg Egan Australian Author*Schild's Ladder*

Cass has stumbled on something that might be an entirely different type of physics, and she's travelled 350 light years to Mimosa Station, a remote experimental facility, to test her theory. The novo-vacuum she creates is predicted to begin decaying the instant it's created, but even so short-lived a microscopic speck could shed more light on the origins of the universe. But instead of decaying, Cass' novo-vacuum is wildly successful and begins expanding, slowly but inexorably taking over the universe ... Schild's Ladder is a wild ride through the far future by one of the world's most respected and acclaimed writers. **BPB \$22.95**

David Farland*Sons of the Oak (Runelord 05)*

The first new Runelords novel in four years. The Earth King, Gaborn Val Orden, has roamed to the ends of the known world to preserve his people, but the life-draining powers he has embraced have finally taken their toll. His death leaves his young son Fallion at the mercy of his enemies. But Fallion is no ordinary prince, with no ordinary enemies, but is a reincarnation of an immensely powerful immortal. Known as the torch-bearer, Fallion is fated to engage with an ancient evil across the many ages of his existence. Now, without his father's protection, powerful supernatural forces will seek to prevent him waking to his full powers - and the land of the Runelords will become their battlefield. At stake is not just a single world and Gaborn's hard-won legacy of peace, but the very foundations of creation..... **PB \$22.95**

Christine Feehan*Dark Celebration (Carpathian Reunion)*

'Carpathians are an immortal race of beings with animal instincts and the ability to shape shift. Every Carpathian male is drawn to a life mate: a woman - Carpathian or human - able to provide the light to his darkness. Without her, the beast within slowly consumes the man until turning into a vampire is the only option.' Mikhail Dubrinsky, Prince of the Carpathians, fears he can't protect his people from the extinction of their species - a fate that has become the wicked prayer of his enemies, who plot to slaughter all Carpathian females. Mikhail's lifemate, Raven, and their daughter, Savannah, are both vulnerable to the encroaching evil, but all is not lost. In this desperate season, Carpathians from around the world are gathering to join their strengths, their souls and their powers. But so too are their adversaries uniting - hunters, vampires, demons and betrayers - bringing untold dangers into the fold of the Carpathian people... **APB \$19.95**

Cathy Fenner & Arnie Fenner*Spectrum 14* **HC \$78 TP \$60****Eric Flint Editor***Grantville Gazette II (Ring of Fire)*

A continuation of the saga that began in 1632 describes life for the inhabitants of Grantville, an American town from West Virginia that finds itself hurtled back in time and into the middle of the Thirty Years War, as they struggle to bring their advanced technology to seventeenth-century Germany, in an anthology featuring works by Mike Spehar and Danita Ewing, among others. **APB \$19.95**

Kate Forsyth Australian Author*The Butterfly in Amber (Chain of Charms 06)*

Once there was a gypsy queen who wore on her wrist a chain of six lucky charms. The queen gave each her six children one of the charms as their lucky talisman, but ever since the chain of charms was broken, the gypsies had been dogged with misfortune. Life for the Finch tribe has gone even more horribly wrong. They have been accused of vagrancy and murder, and thrown into gaol with only three weeks to live. The only members of the family to escape are 13-year-old Emilia and her cousin Luka. They have been entrusted to find the six charms and bring them together again. Then, perhaps, the gypsies could once again have some luck... and the Finch tribe could walk free. What Emilia and Luka do not realise is that there is a price to be paid for each lucky charm, and that the cost may prove too high...

28th August-3rd September, 1658:

Luka and Emilia travel to London to find the last of the Graylings tribe, who has married a Puritan lawyer and turned her back on her past. As well as all the perils of the capital city, the children must escape the vengeful Coldham, and still get to Kingston-Upon-Thames in time to rescue their families. But then, on the anniversary of his greatest victory, the Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell is mysteriously stricken down... Will everything change? And can the children save their family in time? The thrilling conclusion to the Chain of Charms series. **HC \$19.95**

Alan Dean Foster

Trouble Magnet (Flinx 12)

Wandering out there in some remote region of the galaxy is a gargantuan sentient Tar-Aiym weapons' system. All Flinx has to do - while his pals look after his injured love Clarity Held - is find the hefty object and persuade it to knock out the monstrous evil that is hurtling through space to waste the entire Commonwealth.

A no-brainer, really, especially for Flinx, who is never without his loyal entourage of official snoops, crazed zealots, assorted goons, and the occasional assassin. Indeed, the boy wonder and his mini-drag, Pip, are eager to commence their heroic task... just as soon as Flinx visits Visaria - a dangerously deprived planet - to convince himself that humans are indeed worth saving.

The chances of stumbling across high moral values and utopian ideals don't look promising - what with Flinx playing a lawless Pied Piper to a gang of lying, thieving juvenile delinquents. But prospects really go south when Flinx runs afoul of the corrupt planet's ruthless crime king.

Still, life is full of surprises, and Flinx is about to get smacked by a passel of them - by turns devastating, heartening, and positively jaw-dropping. For although Flinx came to Visaria to plumb the enigma of humankind, there's another mystery waiting here, a shocking clue about his own shadowy past. **APB \$14.95**

Patrimony (Flinx 13)

In the penultimate volume in the long-running science fiction series featuring the interstellar adventures of Flinx and his mini-drag sidekick Pip, Philip Lynx finally gets the chance to uncover the true identity of his father. **HC \$49.95**

Gary Gibson

Stealing Light

In the 25th century, only the Shoal possess the secret of faster-than-light travel (FTL), giving them absolute control over all trade and exploration throughout the galaxy. Mankind has operated within their influence for two centuries, establishing a dozen human colony worlds scattered along Shoal trade routes.

Dakota Merrick, while serving as a military pilot, has witnessed atrocities for which this alien race is responsible. Now piloting a civilian cargo ship, she is currently ferrying an exploration team to a star system containing a derelict starship. From its wreckage, her passengers hope to salvage a functioning FTL drive of mysteriously non-Shoal origin. But the Shoal are not yet ready to relinquish their monopoly over a technology they acquired through ancient genocide. **HC \$55**

H R Giger

Calendar 2008: H R Giger

A gripping array of some of the finest art produced by H.R. Giger, including work never before published, highlights the powerful, surreal art which has garnered him a world-wide fan base, propelling him to the most popular spot in the world of imaginative art. **\$35.95**

Marc D Giller

Prodigal

In the sequel to Hammerjack, when Cray Alden ascends into the Axis, he leaves behind Lea Prism, a legendary hacker and former revolutionary, and his greatest enemy, Avalon, an Inru operative, who engage in a violent game of cat-and-mouse, until an even more dangerous threat, one that could change all human life, emerges. **APB \$17.95**

Terry Goodkind

Confessor (Sword of Truth 11)

Descending into darkness, about to be overwhelmed by evil, those people still free are powerless to stop the coming dawn of a savage new world, while Richard faces the guilt of knowing that he must let it happen. Alone, he must bear the weight of a sin he dare not confess to the one person he loves...and has lost. Join Richard and Kahlan in the concluding novel of one of the most remarkable and memorable journeys ever written. It started with one rule, and will end with the rule of all rules, the rule unwritten, the rule unspoken since the dawn of history.

When next the sun rises, the world will be forever changed. **HC \$60 TP \$32.99 MP3 CD \$60**

Heather Graham

The Séance **TP \$29.95**

Rob Grant

Fat

Rob Grant's new novel is a revelation. After INCOMPETENCE we would all have expected a killingly funny satire. And in its satire of our obsession with body image, of how the media makes us what we are, FAT is certainly that. But in its depiction of Grenville, a fat man at his wits end with the need to be thin; of Hayleigh, a teenage girl obsessed with her terror of being fat and of Jeremy, the self-absorbed, self-adoring 'conceptualist' employed to promote the government's new 'Fat Farms' Rob Grant has given us, yes a very, very funny book, but also an immensely moving and personal novel about how we all feel about our bodies. As Grenville deals with the humiliation and daily indignity of being fat, as Hayleigh struggles to deal with the dangerous lies at the centre of the government's new health regime FAT takes on a hilarious and thought-provoking journey through our obsession with fat. **APB \$19.95**

Margaret Grebowicz *Editor*

SciFi in the Mind's Eye: Reading Through Science Fiction

What does our favorite science fiction tell us about the culture of science? What do stories of cyborg women and genetic engineering show us about how science and values interact and how science and politics affect each other? In *SciFi in the Mind's Eye*, leading scholars look at the way science fiction informs and inspires contemporary research in science and technology, and how scientific breakthroughs spur authors on to yet more creative science-fiction narratives.

Alongside investigations into the meaning of science fiction, *SciFi in the Mind's Eye* gives us previously unpublished 'interventions' by acclaimed science-fiction authors L. Timmel Duchamp, Nicola Griffith, Nancy Kress, Terry Bisson, and Stanislaw Lem. **TP \$59.95**

Jon Courtenay Grimwood

Arabesk Trilogy

The Arabesk trilogy is a sequence of alternate history novels. Starting with the 2001 novel PASHAZADE and continuing with EEFENDI (2002) and FELAHEEN (2003), the point of divergence is in 1915, with Woodrow Wilson brokering an earlier peace so that World War I never expanded outside of the Balkans. The books are set in a liberal Islamic Ottoman North Africa in the 21st century, mainly centering on Alexandria (referred to as El Iskandriyah). The central character, Raf, is an enigma throughout. Genetically enhanced in dozens of ways, frequently wired on various drugs, occasionally accompanied by the hallucinatory fox Tiriganiaq, and strongly conscientious in everything he does, Raf's past is as much a mystery as his future... **TP \$35**

Jon Courtenay Grimwood

End of the World Blues

Kit Nouveau didn't escape himself when he flew to Japan. He runs a bar in the Roppongi district of Tokyo and is having an affair with the wife of a High Yakusa ganglord. All things considered, being held up at gunpoint isn't a complete shock. The pale girl in the black cloak appearing from nowhere and punching an ivory spike into the man's head on the other hand ... Nijie has stolen fifteen million dollars, she's on the run, she's just killed a man and she has a cat who knows more than it should. It's a lot to deal with when you haven't even left school. But Nijie is really Lady Neku. And suddenly, the girl who became Lady Neku understands she's never really been anyone else. And in a sentient castle at the end of the world Lady Neku, otherwise known as Baroness Nawa-no-ukiyo, Countess High Strange and chatelaine of Schloss Omga realises that a man called Kit has stolen some of her memories. **BPB \$22.95**

Laurell K Hamilton

A Lick of Frost (Merry Gentry 06)

You know me. I am Meredith Gentry, princess and heir apparent to the throne in the realm of Faerie; one-time private investigator in the mortal world. You also know my circumstances: to be crowned queen, I must first continue the royal bloodline, and give birth to an heir of my own. If I fail, then my aunt, Queen Andais, will be free to do what she most desires: install her twisted son, Cel, as monarch . . . and kill me.

My royal guards surround me, and my best loved - my Darkness and my Killing Frost - are always beside me, sworn to protect and make love to me. But still the threat grows greater. For despite my eager carnal efforts, I remain childless and all the while the machinations of my sinister, sadistic Queen and her confederates remain tireless. So my bodyguards and I slipped back into Los Angeles - hoping to outrun the gathering shadows of court intrigue. But even exile wasn't far enough to escape the grasp of those with dark designs upon us.

Now, King Taranis, powerful and vainglorious ruler of Faerie's Seelie court, has accused my noble guards of a heinous crime - and gone so far as to ask the mortal authorities to prosecute them. If he succeeds, my men face extradition to Faerie - and the hideous penalties that await there. But I know Taranis' charges are baseless - his true target is me. He tried to kill me when I was a child. Now, I fear his intentions are far more terrifying.

Between the darkest faerie magic and the deepest desires of the flesh lies the world of Meredith Gentry - princess, private eye and powerful player in a deadly game of supernatural and sexual intrigue... **HC \$49.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Charlaine Harris

Grave Sight (Grave 01)

Harper Connelly had a lucky escape when she was hit by lightning: she didn't die. But sometimes she wishes she had died, because the lightning strike left her with an unusual talent: she can find dead people - and that's not always comfortable. It's almost electric: a buzzing all through her body and the fresher the corpse, the more intense the buzz. Harper and her brother Tolliver make their living from finding the dead, for desperate parents, worried friends...and police departments who have nowhere else to look. They may not believe in her abilities, but sometimes the proof is too much for even the most sceptical of police chiefs to deny. But it's not always easy for someone like Harper, for the dead 'want' to be found - and too often, finding the body doesn't bring closure; it opens a whole new can of worms. **APB \$12.95**

Grave Surprise (Grave 02)

A bolt of lightning struck Harper Connelly when she was fifteen, leaving her with a strange spider web of red on her torso and right leg, episodes of weakness, shakes and headaches - and an ability to find dead people. Harper is summoned to Memphis to demonstrate her unique talent, but there are still plenty of sceptics, even as Harper stands atop a grave and announces there are two bodies buried there. The police are convinced there's something fishy going on when the grave is opened to reveal the centuries-dead remains of a man, which they'd expected (it being his grave, after all) and a dead girl, which no one expected - except Harper of course. And suspicions are raised even further because Harper had failed to find eleven-year-old Tabitha Morgenstern when she was abducted two years before. Now Harper and Tolliver need to find the real killer to prove Harper's innocence... **HC \$45 TP \$29.95**

Christopher Hart

Drawing Dragons and Those Who Hunt Them

resents step-by-step instructions and tips for drawing dragons, focusing on aspects such as the dragon's head and body, movement and anatomy, differing stages of life, exotic species and dragonlike creatures, and dragon hunters. **PB \$45**

Barb Hendee & J C Hendee

Rebel Fey (Dhampir 05)

The next page-turning instalment in this powerful fantasy adventure. Half-elven Leesil burns with the need to rescue his mother, an alleged traitor, now held captive by elven assassins. But his obsession will endanger him and his friends, as they cross the mountains in the dead of winter, to a land known for its eerie beauty and hatred of humanity. For all of them, the journey will raise more questions than answers... Magiere, part-human, part-vampire, is plagued by visions of humanity's ancient enemy. But which side is she destined to serve? And Chap, their canine guardian, faces a new fear. He united Magiere and Leesil for his kin, their goal being creation of an alliance against the forces of dark magics. But now this alliance is under threat, why have the Fay abandoned him? **APB \$19.95**

Joe Hill

20th Century Ghosts

The winner of the Bram Stoker, British Fantasy, and International Horror Guild Awards, a compilation of imaginative, surreal, and macabre short fiction by the author of Heart-Shaped Box includes the tales of Imogene, the legendary ghost of the Rosebud theater, and Francis, an unhappy, hopeless human turned giant locust seeking revenge on his Nevada hometown. **HC \$51.95**

Robert Holdstock

The Mythago Cycle Volume 1 (Mythago Wood)

Ryhope Woods is three square miles of Herefordshire woodland which is, once inside, much much more: a labyrinth which spreads over space and time, wherein live all the creatures and configurations—the mythagos—of ancient legend. This great primal forest is fascinating and terrible, steeped in myth and mystery, and no one who passes into it comes out unchanged—if they come out at all. Ryhope Wood is quite unlike anything anyone could ever have foreseen, beyond reality, beyond imagination. In Mythago Wood, Stephen Huxley has already lost his father to Ryhope Wood; he returns from war to find his brother Christian has followed the family obsession. Lavondyss finds young Tallis Keeton adventuring into the very heart of the realm. **TP \$35**

Emma Holly

Hot Spell

enture into a world beyond the ordinary, where the dark passions and voracious appetites of vampires, werewolves, demons, and a few undaunted mortals combine to unleash a potent spell. **APB \$12.95**

Shaun Hutson

Dying Words

A gripping combination of police thriller and horror from the Master of the Dark ... Can it be true that God demands a terrible price of those He has gifted with great creativity? Giacomo Cassano, little known mentor of Dante, thought so. He held other beliefs too—beliefs that the Church found so abhorrent they had Cassano blinded and his tongue cut out to silence him forever. Bestselling biographer Megan Hunter's new book about Cassano looks set to be as successful as her previous biographies of Caravaggio and Dante. As she embarks on a publicity tour, Megan finds her book attracting attention for the wrong reasons when her editor is found horrifically murdered. It is a classic locked-room mystery. The only pieces of evidence are the destroyed remains of Megan Hunter's Cassano biography and the latest blockbuster by horror writer John Paxton. But there is nothing to link the two authors. Nothing but another murder. And another. And a secret beyond the belief of even Cassano himself ... **APB \$19.95**

Shaun Hutson Omnibus 1

Two tales of suspense and horror from the master of the dark.

Shadows: In Oxford and Paris psychic investigators are attempting to probe forbidden areas of the mind. In New York, writer David Blake is studying the methods of miracle healer Jonathon Mathias. Driven by their own desperate motives, these researchers are about to unlock Pandora's Box—and unleash the horrifying forces of destruction hidden deep within us all ...

Nemesis: Sue and John Hackett are contemplating the ruins of their marriage after the brutal murder of their daughter. To try to salvage their lives, they retreat to the small town of Hinkston, but the town is being torn apart by a series of horrific murders. And it holds an appalling, fifty-year-old secret that was supposed to have died during the war. It didn't ... **TP \$29.95**

Twisted Souls

Two men, two women ... one nightmare ... Imagine your worst fear. A fear that eats away at you—fear of death, of illness, of needles, of fire. Even of feelings. The people who live in Roxton know what it's like to live like that. But they have no choice. Emma Tate had lived with her fear of losing everything for more than two years. Her job is in jeopardy, her parents have been killed in a car crash, her life is collapsing around her. She, her husband and two friends attempt to seek peace in a luxury house in the countryside close to Roxton for two weeks. But the village of Roxton **LIKES** fear - it has a force within it which needs fear to sustain it and help it grow. And Emma and her companions cannot avoid becoming fearful ... For Emma and the others there will be no waking from THIS nightmare ... **PB \$19.95**

J V Jones

A Sword From Red Ice (Sword of Shadows 03)

As Ash March pursues her destiny with the legendary Sull people, Raif Sevrance seeks a place where he belongs, in a tale set in the wake of deadly clan battles and a darker force from an evil city that threatens their world. **HC \$56.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon

The Dark Hunter Companion (Dark Hunter)

Dark-Hunters are immortal warriors who have traded their soul to Artemis for one moment of vengeance on their enemies. In return, they swear to spend eternity protecting mankind from the daimons and vampires that prey on them'. This handbook is essential reading for anyone who has recently made that deal with Artemis, and also a valuable companion to the Dark-Hunter series for us lesser mortals! Packed with insider knowledge and secrets mankind are rarely privy to, the handbook has witty advice on how to survive, how to kill, and even where to go to buy weapons. There is also a Dark-Hunter directory which includes Were-Hunters and Dream Hunters, some conversational Greek and Atlantean, handy tips on dealing with Squires and even a section on how to handle unexpected visits from ancient gods... The handbook also includes a brand new short story from every Dark-Hunter's favourite writer Sherrilyn Kenyon. **TP \$32.95**

Stephen King

Everything's Eventual (1408 Film Tie-In)

Reissue of the enthralling collection which features the story 1408, soon to be a major motion picture starring John Cusack, Samuel L. Jackson and Mary McCormack. Don't miss these fourteen deliciously dark tales from perhaps the greatest storyteller of our time. In this eerie, enchanting compilation, King takes readers down a road less travelled (for good reason) in the blockbuster e-book 'Riding the Bullet'; terror becomes *deja vu* all over again when you get 'That Feeling, You Can Only Say What It is in French'; and LT has a theory about pets which will make you stop and think before giving one as a present to a loved one - along with eleven more stories that will keep you awake until dawn. Nothing is quite as it seems. Expect the unexpected in this veritable treasure trove of enthralling, witty, dark tales that could only come from the imagination of the greatest storyteller of our time. **PB \$19.95**

Tom Kratman

Califex (02)

In the sequel to *A Desert Called Peace*, Patricio Carrera continues his quest to bring to justice his family's killers, tracking the culprits halfway around the world to Pashtia and breaking every international law to destroy the Salafi Ikhwan who have made him what he is, but his quest may ultimately cost him his humanity. **HC \$47.95**

Richard Laymon

Laymon Collection 14

AMONG THE MISSING It's 2:32am. Behind the wheel of a jaguar sits the beautiful wife of Professor Grant Parkington. She has left Grant behind. The man she wants is waiting for her on the roadside. 'Where to?' she says. He suggests the Bend, where there's a soft, sandy beach - an ideal place for love. But in the morning a naked body will be found - a body missing more than its clothes...

COME OUT TONIGHT It's the hottest night of the year so far, and it's also young couple Sherry and Duane's first time. Discovering they have no condoms, Duane throws on his clothes and makes his way down to the twenty-four hour Speed-D-Mart. Not a place anyone would want to visit at night. Suddenly Sherry hears a noise from down the street. It sounds like a gunshot... **BPB \$22.95**

John A Lindqvist

Let Me In

In the aftermath of the bizarre murder of a local bully, twelve-year-old Oskar theorizes that the killing was an act of revenge and wonders about the nighttime activities of a new next-door neighbor. **HC \$52.95**

Katie MacAlister

Holy Smokes (Aisling Grey)

When her fiancé, Drake Vireo, wyvern of the green dragons, disappears before their wedding, bride-to-be Aisling Grey, along with her doggie demon Jim, must deal with warring dragons, angry demon lords, and eternal damnation while trying to find her beloved. **APB \$19.95**

Jeff Mariotte*Witch's Canyon (Supernatural)*

Paranormal hunters Sam and Dean Winchester head for a stretch of deserted ranchland not far from the Grand Canyon to investigate a series of mysterious murder sprees that have occurred every forty years and find themselves taking on a vicious gang of vindictive--and dead--killers that are terrorizing the region. **APB \$19.95**

George R R Martin, Gardner Dozois & Daniel Abraham*Hunter's Run*

A fight in an alley behind a bar: a visiting European is knifed by local thug Ramon Espejo and all hell breaks loose.

The dead man was a diplomat on an important mission to São Paulo, and next day Ramon is on the run heading north in his van toward land that no one has ever explored, or even thought of exploring, land so far only glimpsed from orbit during the first colony surveys.

There are women still alive on São Paulo who can recall the initial descent onto an untouched world. All the cities of the south have bloomed since then, like mould on a Petri dish.

Ramon was among the second wave of colonists. He's gone from being nothing in the hills of Mexico to being nothing on this strange alien world.

His only friend Griego tells Ramon God meant him to be poor, or he wouldn't have made him so mean. Ramon's rage has never deserted him. It was there in the alley behind the bar, but he can't actually remember why he killed the European.

Leaving all the hell and shit and sorrow of Diegotown behind, Ramon's plan is to look for minerals in the unmapped lands while the heat dies down. He's made a bare living prospecting so far, expecting each trip to be the big one that'll make him rich, and this one is no different. The first samples he blows out of the mountain, however, bring down the mountain upon him as well and a whole undiscovered alien race. Ramon is tethered to one of them and set to 'perform his function'. Whatever that means, he'll find out. And he'll remember why he killed the European. **CD \$35.99 HC \$59.99**

David Marusek*Counting Heads*

On a twenty-second-century Earth where life expectancy has increased to span centuries and robots perform most of society's work, a ragtag ensemble of unlikely heroes joins forces to save the frozen living head of an assassinated leading citizen's daughter, who represents humanity's only protection against a genocide plot by wealthy immortals. **TP \$30.95**

Paul McAuley*Cowboy Angels*

America, 1984 - Not our version of America, but an America that calls itself the Real, an America in which the invention of Turing Gates has allowed it access to sheaves of alternate histories. For ten years, in the name of democracy, the Real has been waging clandestine wars and fomenting revolution, freeing versions of America from communist or fascist rule and extending its influence across a wide variety of alternate realities. Adam Stone is called out of retirement when his former comrade, Tom Waverly, begins to murder different versions of the same person, mathematician Eileen Barrie. Aided by Waverley's daughter, Linda, Adam hunts for his old friend across different sheaves, but when they finally catch up with Waverley, they discover they have stumbled into the middle of an audacious conspiracy that plans to exploit a new property of the Turing Gates: it will change not only the history of the Real, but that of every other sheaf, including our own. **TP \$32.95**

Fairyland

The 21st century. Europe is divided between the First World bourgeoisie, made rich by nanotechnology and the cheap versatile slave labour of genetically engineered Dolls and the Fourth World of refugees and homeless displaced by war and economic upheaval. In London, Alex Sharkey is trying to make his mark as a designer of psychoactive viruses, whilst staying one step ahead of the police and the Triad gangs. At the cost of three hours of his life, he finds an unlikely ally in a scary, super-smart girl called Milena, but his troubles really start when he helps Milena quicken intelligence in a Doll, turning it into the first of the fairies. Milena isn't sure if she's mad or if she's the only sane person left in the world; she only knows that she wants to escape to her own private Fairyland and live forever. Although Milena has created the fairies for her own ends, some of the Folk, as fey and dangerous as any in legend, have other ideas about her destiny ... **BPB \$22.95**

Jack McDevitt*Odyssey (Priscilla Hutchins 05)*

To overcome humankind's waning interest in interstellar travel, a special deep space mission is sent to uncover the truth about "moonriders," strange lights witnessed in nearby systems, but the team soon discovers that their mission has become far more dangerous when they stumble upon the perilous truth about the moonriders. **APB \$19.95**

Cauldron (Priscilla Hutchins 06)

When a young physicist comes up with an efficient star drive capable of reaching the core of the galaxy, retired star pilot Priscilla "Hutch" Hutchins once again embarks on a perilous mission into the far reaches of outer space to uncover the origins of the deadly Omega clouds, in the follow-up to Odyssey. **HC \$51.95**

Dennis L McKiernan*Once Upon a Dreadful Time*

When the evil witch Hradian launches a scheme to free her master from his prison in the Castle of Shadows, she unleashes deadly forces that could have unforeseen consequences, unless the heroes of Winterwood, Summerwood, Springwood, and Autumnwood can join forces to stop her. **HC \$49.95**

R M Meluch*The Sagittarius Command (Tour of the Merrimack 03)*

As former enemies Earth and Palatine join forces to battle the Hive, an alien life-form that is wreaking deadly havoc through the galaxy, Captain John Farragut searches for the one man who can stop the destruction and is the only hope for humankind's survival. **HC \$49.95**

Karen Marie Moning*Bloodfever (Darkfever 02)*

In the sequel to Darkfever, MacKayla Lane, a fledgling sidhe-seer, confronts a terrifying new challenge as she struggles to outwit the Unseelie minions of the Lord Master, as well as a vengeful, inhuman enemy determined to destroy the last living O'Connor Null. **HC \$45.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Elizabeth Moon

The Serrano Connection (Serrano 04, 05)

Two explosive space adventures in one volume - and both ONCE A HERO and RULES OF ENGAGEMENT are set in the politically-complex world of the Serrano dynasty. Esmay Suiza had surprised everyone by becoming the youngest and lowest-ranking member of Fleet ever to win a major battle. Finding herself the senior surviving officer in a mutiny against a treacherous captain, she'd had no choice - it was do or die. And she'd risen to the challenge, saving Heris Serrano and her crew in the process. But instead of congratulations, her actions lead to a court martial for treason... Esmay's boldness continues to reap her as much trouble as reward, when a very public argument makes her an enemy at Fleet School. When her classmate is abducted by a fanatical sect, Esmay is suspected of collusion. She feels she can formulate a rescue plan - but will anyone in Fleet listen to her now? **BPB \$24.95**

Christopher Moore

Fluke

Just why do humpback whales sing? That's the question that has marine biologist Nate Quinn and his crew poking, charting, recording and photographing very big, wet, gray marine mammals. That is, until the extraordinary day when a whale lifts its tail into the air to display a cryptic message spelled out in foot-high letters: BITE ME. Trouble is, Nate's beginning to wonder if he hasn't spent just a little too much time in the sun. 'Cause no one else saw a thing- not his longtime partner, Clay Demodocus; not their saucy young research assistant; not even the spliff-puffing white-boy Rastaman Kona (ne Preston Applebaum). But later, when a roll of film returns from the lab missing the crucial tail shot- and his research facility is trashed - Nate realizes something very fishy indeed is going on. **BPB \$22.95**

Richard Morgan

Altered Carbon

Four hundred years from now mankind is strung out across a region of interstellar space inherited from an ancient civilisation discovered on Mars. The colonies are linked together by the occasional sublight colony ship voyages and hyperspatial data-casting. Human consciousness is digitally freighted between the stars and downloaded into bodies as a matter of course. But some things never change. So when ex-envoy, now-convict Takeshi Kovacs has his consciousness and skills downloaded into the body of a nicotine-addicted ex-thug and presented with a catch-22 offer, he really shouldn't be surprised. Contracted by a billionaire to discover who murdered his last body, Kovacs is drawn into a terrifying conspiracy that stretches across known space and to the very top of society. **BPB \$22.95**

Andre Norton

Star Flight

A collection of two tales features "The Stars Are Ours," in which Dard Nordis desperately searches for a group of outlawed scientists building a spaceship to escape to the stars, and its sequel, "Star Born," in which humankind once again reaches for the stars, unaware they have stumbled upon a long-lost human colony **HC \$49.95**

Naomi Novik

Empire of Ivory (Temeraire 04)

Laurence and Temeraire made a daring journey across vast and inhospitable continents to bring home a rare Turkish dragon from the treacherous Ottoman Empire. Kazilik dragons are firebreathers, and Britain is in greater need of protection than ever, for while Laurence and Temeraire were away, an epidemic struck British shores and is killing off her greatest defence- her dragon air force is slowly dying. The dreadful truth must be kept from Napoleon at all costs. Allied with the white Chinese dragon, Lien, he would not hesitate to take advantage of Britain's weakness and launch a devastating invasion. Hope lies with the only remaining healthy dragon- Temeraire cannot stay at home, but must once again venture into the unknown to help his friends and seek out a cure in darkest Africa. **HC \$35**

K J Parker

Evil For Evil (Engineer 02)

The follow-up to Devices and Desires continues to push the boundaries of fantasy fiction in a fast-moving mix of politics, action and intelligent world-building. The engineer Ziani Vaatzes designed and built a war. Thousands died as a consequence of his elaborate plan. The civil servant Manuo Psellus took the decision that started the war. The very foundations of his world are now threatened. The ruler Duke Valens brought the war on himself. Now he must decide whether to sacrifice his country to save his people. They embarked on the war for their own reasons, but as it takes on a life of its own they find they've become components in their own machine. And the machine, it seems, has one purpose: to render evil for evil. **PB \$21.95**

Terry Pratchett

The Last Hero (Discworld)

A short but perfectly formed complete Discworld novel, fully illustrated in lavish colour throughout, THE LAST HERO is an essential part of any Discworld collection. It stars the legendary Cohen the Barbarian, a legend in his own lifetime. Cohen can remember when a hero didn't have to worry about fences and lawyers and civilisation and when people didn't tell you off for killing dragons. But he can't always remember, these days, where he put his teeth... So now, with his ancient sword and his new walking stick and his old friends - and they're very old friends - Cohen the Barbarian is going on one final quest. He's going to climb the highest mountain in the Discworld and meet his gods. The last hero in the world is going to return what the first hero stole. With a vengeance. That'll mean the end of the world, if no one stops him in time... **PB \$22.95**

Calendar 2008: Discworld Collector's Edition (Discworld Calendar 2008)

The annual full-colour "Discworld Calendar" features scenes from the Discworld novels by award-winning artists. This year's fantastic illustrators include Pratchett favourites Paul Kidby (the "Discworld Diaries", "The Last Hero", "The Art Of Discworld" and numerous book covers), David Wyatt ("Discworld Stamps", book covers) and Stephen Player ("The Illustrated Wee Free Men", conceptual art for Sky One's blockbuster two-parter "The Hogfather"). Other superstars in the fantasy art firmament featured in the 2008 calendar are Les Edwards, Edward Miller, Jackie Morris, Sandy Nightingale, Jon Sullivan, David Frankland, Mel Grant and Dominic Harman. **\$29.95**

Diary 2008: Discworld: Lu-Tze's Yearbook of Enlightenment (Discworld Diary)

Lu-Tze is a senior History Monk, also known as a Sweeper. Although thought to be 800 years old, there are some who claim he is older still. 5 200 years older, in fact, because for the History Monks, time is a resource to manipulate - and they do. Lu-Tze, a bald, yellow-toothed little man with a wispy beard, has a faintly amiable grin, as if constantly waiting for something amusing to happen, and a handy epithet for every occasion. In his life, Lu-Tze has done everything and his past deeds are legend amongst the History Monks. He is a follower of The Way of Mrs Marietta Cosmopilite. He also grows Bonsai mountains. LU-TZE'S YEARBOOK OF ENLIGHTENMENT (including The Way of Mrs Marietta Cosmopilite) is the ideal companion for those seeking truth and harmony and, well, the meaning to life - though he doesn't guarantee it will be the right meaning... **PB \$29.95**

Christopher Priest

Seperation

The Separation is the story of twin brothers, rowers in the 1936 Olympics (where they met Hess, Hitler's deputy): one joins the RAF, and captains a Wellington; he is shot down after a bombing raid on Hamburg and becomes Churchill's aide-de-camp; his twin brother, a pacifist, works with the Red Cross, rescuing bombing victims in London. But this is not a straightforward story of the Second World War: this is an alternative history of the two brothers—both called J.L. Sawyer—who live their lives in alternate versions of reality. In one, the Second World War ends as we imagine it did; in the other, thanks to the efforts of an eminent team of negotiators headed by Hess, the war ends in 1941. The Separation is an emotionally riveting story of how the small man can make a difference; it's a savage critique of Winston Churchill, the man credited as the saviour of Britain and the Western World, and it's a story of how one perceives and shapes the past. **BPB \$22.95**

John Ratcliffe

Hisory of The Hobbit: Collector's Edition

The two-volume collector's boxed set presents for the first time the complete text of the original manuscript of 'The Hobbit'. It was first published on 21 September 1937 and has gone on to be one of the most treasured stories of all time, often dismissed as a children's book but enjoyed as much by adults as children.

Like its successor, 'The Lord of the Rings', this is a story that "grew in the telling", and many characters and story threads present in the published text were completely different when Tolkien first read his story aloud to his young sons as part of their "fireside reads".

As well as recording the many changes made to the story both before and after publication, it examines - chapter-by-chapter-why those changes were made and how they reflect Tolkien's eve-growing concept of Middle-earth. The original account of where Bilbo meets Gollum and steals the ring from him is reprinted here in its proper context for the first time in over fifty years, as are many little-known illustrations and previously unpublished maps for the story by Tolkien himself. Finally, this edition makes available for the first time the text of Tolkien's attempt to recast 'The Hobbit' into the style of 'The Lord of the Rings'. **HC \$120**

Matthew Reilly Australian Author

Six Sacred Stones (Jack West 02)

The end of the world is here... Unlocking the secret of the Seven Ancient Wonders was only the beginning.

The world is in mortal danger. For Jack West Jr and his loyal team of heroes, the challenge now is to set six legendary diamonds known as the Pillars in place at six ancient sites around the world before the deadline for global destruction arrives. The locations of these sites, however, can only be revealed by the fabled Six Sacred Stones.

Their quest will involve the death-defying hijack of a mountaintop railway in China... A midnight expedition to Stonehenge... A headlong chase across the deserts of Egypt... And a trek into the dark realm of an African tribe forgotten by time...

With only the riddles of ancient writers to guide them, and time rapidly running out, Jack and his team must fight their way past traps, labyrinths and a host of deadly enemies - knowing that this time they cannot, will not, must not fail.

The mission is incredible. The consequence of failure is unimaginable. The ending is unthinkable. **HC \$49.95**

Andy Remic

War Machine (Combat K)

In a time of post-Singularity and FTL travel, the Helix War has raged across galaxies. Ex-soldier Keenan is now working as a private investigator on a planet at the peaceful fringes of the Tri-Gal. Following the death of his family he's run up debts and become a heavy drinker, but he cannot refuse business. Especially when a prince from the Jervai Province offers him a case on a dangerous colony world in exchange for clues that may lead him to his family's murderer. However, to have any chance of success he must gather together his old military unit, a group who swore they'd never work together again...

Full of hardcore military SF action, Andy Remic returns with an explosive new novel. **APB \$30**

Alastair Reynolds

Revelation Space (Revelation Space)

Nine hundred thousand years ago, something wiped out the Amarantin. For the human colonists now settling the Amarantin homeworld Resurgam, it's a little more than academic interest, even after the discovery of a long-hidden, almost perfect Amarantin city and a colossal statue of a winged Amarantin. For brilliant but ruthless scientist Dan Sylveste, it's more than merely intellectual curiosity—and he will stop at nothing to get at the truth. Even if the truth costs him everything. But the Amarantin were wiped out for a reason, and that danger is closer and greater than even Sylveste imagines ... Revelation Space is a huge, magnificent space opera that ranges across the known and unknown universe towards the most terrifying of destinations. **BPB \$22.95**

John Ringo

Choosers of the Slain (Mike Harmon 03)

Settling down in the former Soviet country of Georgia, where he has built a powerful commando-quality militia from his local retainers, former SEAL Michael Harmon is called out of retirement to rescue a U.S. senator's daughter, who has been kidnapped and has vanished into the depths of the Balkans sex-slave trade. **APB \$19.95**

J D Robb

Creation in Death (Eve Dallas 25)

Lieutenant Eve Dallas keeps the streets of New York City safe in this extraordinary series. But even she makes mistakes, and is haunted by those she couldn't save and the killers she couldn't capture. When the body of a young brunette is found in East River Park, artfully positioned and marked by signs of prolonged and painful torture, Eve is catapulted back to nine years ago. A man the media tagged 'The Groom' - because he put silver rings on the fingers of his victims - had the city on edge with a killing spree that took the lives of four women in fifteen days. But now, The Groom has returned - and Eve's determined to finish him. Familiar with his methods, Eve knows that he has already grabbed his next victim. Time is running out on another woman's life. When it turns out that the dead woman was employed by Eve's billionaire husband, Roarke, she brings him onto the case a move that proves fitting when it becomes chillingly clear that the killer has made it personal. And chances are that he's working up to the biggest challenge of his illustrious career abducting a woman who will test his skills at every level...Eve. **HC \$52.95TP \$32.95**

Kim Stanley Robinson

Sixty Days and Counting (Washington 03)

Science warned us, politics betrayed us, now nature's wrath is upon us.

In the conclusion of a trilogy that began with Forty Signs of Rain and Fifty Degrees Below, humankind races against time to prevent or control the repercussions of a series of international disasters, including global warming and environmental instability, before it is too late. **APB \$19.95**

Patrick Rothfuss*The Name of the Wild*

'I have stolen princesses back from sleeping barrow kings. I burned down the town of Trebon. I have spent the night with Felurian and left with both my sanity and my life. I was expelled from the University at a younger age than most people are allowed in. I tread paths by moonlight that others fear to speak of during the day. I have talked to Gods, loved women and written songs that made the mistrels weep.' 'My name is Kvothe. You may have heard of me.' So begins the tale of Kvothe - currently known as Kote, the unassuming innkeeper - from his childhood in a troupe of travelling players, through his years spent as a near-feral orphan in a crime-riddled city, to his daringly brazen yet successful bid to enter a difficult and dangerous school of magic. In these pages you will come to know Kvothe the notorious magician, the accomplished thief, the masterful magician, the dragon-slayer, the legend-hunter, the lover and the famous assassin. **TP \$35**

Rudy Rucker*Postsingular*

After a bizarre scheme on the part of a ruthless computer billionaire and a wacky U.S. president to radically alter the world through sentient nanotechnology goes awry thanks to an autistic boy, mysterious giant humanoids from another quantum universe arrive on Earth with plans to tidy up humankind's mess. **HC \$52.95**

Brian Ruckley*Winterbirth (Godless World 01)*

A spectacular epic fantasy debut from a new British author destined to become a major new name in the field. An uneasy truce exists between the thanes of the True Bloods. Now, as another winter approaches, the armies of the Black Road march south, from their exile beyond the Vale of Stones. For some, war will bring a swift and violent death. Others will not hear the clash of swords or see the corpses strewn over the fields. They instead will see an opportunity to advance their own ambitions. But all, soon, will fall under the shadow that is descending. For, while the storm of battle rages, one man is following a path that will awaken a terrible power in him—and his legacy will be written in blood. **PB \$22.95**

John Scalzi*The Android's Dream*

A human diplomat kills his alien counterpart. Earth is on the verge of war with a vastly superior alien race. A lone man races against time and a host of enemies to find the one object that can save our planet and our people from alien enslavement... A sheep. That's right, a sheep.

For Harry Creek, it's quickly becoming a nightmare. All he wants is to do his uncomplicated mid-level diplomatic job with Earth's State Department. But his past training and skills get him tapped to save the planet – and to protect pet store owner Robin Baker, whose own past holds the key to the whereabouts of that lost sheep. Doing both will take him from lava-strewn battlefields to alien halls of power. All in a day's work. Maybe it's time for a raise.

Throw in two-timing freelance mercenaries, political lobbyists with megalomaniac tendencies, aliens on a religious quest, and an artificial intelligence with an unusual back story, and you've got more than just your usual science-fiction adventure story. **APB \$17.95**

Robert Scott & Jay Gordon*The Larion Senators (Eldarn 03)*

Rejoin the adventures of Steven Taylor and Mark Jenkins in the third installment of this classic portal fantasy. **TP \$32.95 HC \$59.95**

Mike Shepherd*Kris Longknife: Audacious (Kris Longknife 05)*

Vacationing on the world of New Eden, naval officer Kris Longknife finds business mixing with pleasure when she, due to her military status, must attend a social function, where she once again finds herself the target of unknown enemies who have a personal vendetta against her. **APB \$19.95**

Sharon Shinn*Reader and Raelynx (Twelve Houses)*

A magic wielder and mystic, Cammon must put aside his growing feelings for Princess Amalie to offer readings of the souls of her prospective suitors for any potential threats and begins to suspect that Amalie herself may possess magical powers, a revelation that could endanger her life and plunge the entire kingdom into chaos. By the author of Dark Moon Defender. **HC \$51.95**

Eve Silver*Dark Prince*

Along the barren, rocky coast of Pentreath in Cornwall, a woman's battered body washes ashore, and the whispers begin: Nowhere is safe. For evil has come to Pentreath... and to the uneasy shadows of Trevisham House... Fate has brought Jane Heatherington to work at Trevisham House. She knows what they say about the estate's brooding new master, Aidan Warrick: a man of mystery, a pirate, a smuggler, and worse. He may look like a fallen angel, but everything about him suggests he is in league with the devil himself... and Jane has seen nothing to suggest otherwise... Cut off from family and friends, Jane's only companion is a man she dare not trust, who disappears into the night, whose secrets are many, and who looks at her with a hunger she both fears and desires. Now, as danger haunts the coast and a terrible retribution is unleashed, Jane wonders if she is falling for the dark prince of her dreams... or a heartless madman who preys on the innocent... **APB \$15.95**

Dan Simmons*Hyperion*

It is the 29th century and the universe of the Human Hegemony is under threat. Invasion by the warlike Ousters looms, and the mysterious schemes of the secessionist AI TechnoCore bring chaos ever closer. On the eve of disaster, the entire galaxy at war, seven pilgrims set forth on a final voyage to the legendary Time Tombs on Hyperion, home to the Shrike, a lethal creature, part god and part killing machine, whose powers transcend the limits of time and space. The pilgrims have resolved to die before discovering anything less than the secrets of the universe itself. **BPB \$22.95**

Jeri Smith-Ready*Voice of Crow (Crow 02)*

Rhia is gifted with the ability to hear the voices of the dead, a gift bestowed upon her by the ancient and mysterious Crow. Rhia will sacrifice anything for her family and her people. She must search the world of the departed to find her newborn son, who has been stolen. **BPB \$19.95**

Jeff Somers

The Electric Church

Welcome to the future, where everlasting life is just an upload away. The story of the wily Avery Cates, being chased by the sinister Monks and the System Police is non-stop and action packed with lots of rollicking twists and turns. In the bleak and poverty stricken near-future, the population walks around lost and purpose-less. Everyone either seems to be a thief or a gunner. The fastest growing religion is The Electric Church, and their army of Monks and assassins slowly convert the populus. Unknown to them, this is actually a death sentence. When hit man Avery Cates is tapped for 'conversion' he must find a way to slip under the Church's all-encompassing radar. The characterisations and unexpected personalities are not to be missed. Whether they are machines with human qualities and flaws, or humans who consider technology their God, Somers is a master at upping the ante through his compelling characters. **TP \$32.95**

Wen Spencer

Wolf Who Rules (Tinker 02)

In the sequel to Tinker, Tinker, living in a near-future Pittsburgh near an interdimensional border with the land of the elves, and her elven noble lover, Wolf Who Rules, are confronted by an oni invasion as well as efforts to keep the peace between the humans and the supernatural beings, while Tinker deals with inexplicable nightmares that hold the key to Pittsburgh's future. **APB \$19.95**

Valerie Stivers

Blood is the New Black

The Devil may wear Prada, but real fashion taste is in the blood . . . When Kate gets offered an internship at top New York fashion mag Tasty, everyone tells her she's the luckiest girl alive. But it's not long before the office politics get to her. Her fellow interns are bitchy, her superiors are backstabbing, and she's constantly getting it in the neck from her chilly boss Lillian. But when people start to go missing, Kate starts to realise that there's something funny going on at Tasty. Why is everyone uniformly condescending, black-clad and emaciated? Doesn't anyone sleep? How come they all have such sharp teeth? Are they . . . vampires? Armed with a stake, a crucifix, and James the cute photo assistant, Kate sets off for a showdown - only to realise that she's more out of her depth than a homeless person in Herms. Starting your first job may be difficult, but working at Tasty is draining. Literally . . . **TP \$32.95**

Bram Stoker

The Illustrated Dracula

One of today's hottest comic book artists illustrates the original tale of blood lust, fear, and desire

In 1897, Bram Stoker wrote Dracula, launching a literary sensation. In this new illustrated edition, Jae Lee, one of the most talked-about artists for Marvel comics, reawakens Count Dracula. Critics and fans alike praise Lee for his mastery of complex emotion and, in this book, forty illustrations present Dracula as never seen before. Jae Lee's legions of fans will flock to this horror classic, and The Illustrated Dracula will also bring a new generation of young readers to the book. **TP \$29.95**

Charles Stross

The Jennifer Morgue (Laundry 02)

When he's not trying to save the world from unearthly horrors, Bob Howard - an agent for the British supersecret organization known simply as The Laundry - has time sheets to complete and field liaison meetings to attend. (And don't get Bob started on how much he despises corporate PowerPoint presentations!)

In The Jennifer Morgue, Lovecraft meets Ian Fleming in this highly anticipated new "Bob Howard" adventure from Charles Stross, author of the 2005 Hugo Award-winning novella "The Concrete Jungle."

In 1975, the CIA made an ill-fated attempt to raise a sunken Soviet ballistic missile submarine from the depths of the Pacific Ocean. At least, "ill-fated" was the information leaked to the press. In reality, the team salvaged a device, codenamed "Gravedust," that permitted communication with the dead - the very long dead. Enter Ellis Billington, glamorous software billionaire, who has acquired Gravedust by devious means. Billington plans to raise an eldritch horror, codenamed "Jennifer Morgue," from the vasty deeps, and communicate with this dead warrior for the purpose of ruling the world. Worse still, he's prepared occult defenses that can only be penetrated by one agent walking a perilous path.

But James Bond doesn't work for the Laundry. Instead, they send Bob Howard, geekish demonology hacker extraordinaire. Bob must inveigle his way aboard Billington's yacht, figure out what the villain is up to, and stop him. But there's a fly in Bob's ointment by the name of Ramona Random — a lethal but beautiful agent for the Black Chamber, the U.S. counterpart to The Laundry. Billington's yacht is docked in the Caribbean, and Her Majesty's Government is not allowed to operate in this area without an American minder. The Black Chamber has sent Ramona to ride shotgun on Bob, but Ramona has her own agenda that conflicts with her employer's . . .

Bob and Ramona become entangled (literally), and are then captured by Billington and used to further his insidious plot. But let's not forget Bob's significant other, Dr. Dominique "Mo" O'Brien, also an agent of The Laundry, who has been trained especially for this mission. Can these intrepid agents stop Billington from raising the dead horror and thus save the world from total domination? The Jennifer Morgue takes the reader on a wild adventure through the worlds of Lovecraft and Ian Fleming, non-Euclidian mathematics and computer hackerdom — sort of like Austin Powers, only more squamous and rugose — with fast cars and faster women.

In addition to the novel-length The Jennifer Morgue, this volume also includes an added bonus story, "Pimpf," featuring agent Bob Howard in the world of virtual gaming, along with a thought-provoking Afterword entitled "The Golden Age of Spying." **APB \$19.95**

The Merchants' War (Merchant Princes 04)

In the sequel to The Clan Corporate, Miriam seeks refuge from the machinations of both the Clan and their opponents by escaping to yet another world, only to discover that there is a nasty war going on in the Gruinmarkt world of the Clan and that unexpected perils await her. **HC \$51.95**

Halting State

Sergeant Sue Smith is called in to investigate a daring Edinburgh robbery at a dot-com startup company, a crime perpetrated by a band of marauding orcs with a dragon in tow in the virtual reality land of Avalon Four, but she soon discovers that events in the virtual world could have a devastating impact on the real one, especially when an unknown enemy launches attacks on both. **HC \$51.95**

Travis S Taylor

One Day on Mars

Critical events on Mars threaten to engulf the entire planet in violent revolution as the underclass of Martian colonists plots to free the Martian citizens from the control of the powerful Sol System government. By the author of Warp Speed **HC \$47.95**

Miles Teewe

The Vampire Hunter's Handbook

In *The Demon Hunter's Handbook*, Abelard Van Helsing gave readers an insight into the foul fiends and desperate creatures he had battled all his life. Closer inspection of the manuscript, written at the end of his life, revealed that within the text were seeded clues about a series of volumes he had been compiling throughout his years of demon pursuit. Van Helsing distributed these volumes far across the globe to prevent them falling into evil hands. His followers have interpreted the clues and unearthed the first of these specialist volumes - *The Vampire Hunter's Handbook* - in which he goes into excruciating detail about how to destroy this cursed race, the evil that first set him on the road to hunting demons. **HC \$39.99**

J R R Tolkien

The Children of Hurin (CD)

here are tales of Middle-earth from times long before *The Lord of the Rings*, and the story told in this book is set in the great country that lay beyond the Grey Havens in the West: lands where Treebeard once walked, but which were drowned in the great cataclysm that ended the First Age of the World.

In that remote time Morgoth, the first Dark Lord, dwelt in the vast fortress of Angband, the Hells of Iron, in the North; and the tragedy of Túrin and his sister Nienor unfolded within the shadow of the fear of Angband and the war waged by Morgoth against the lands and secret cities of the Elves.

Their brief and passionate lives were dominated by the elemental hatred that Morgoth bore them as the children of Húrin, the man who had dared to defy and to scorn him to his face. Against them he sent his most formidable servant, Glaurung, a powerful spirit in the form of a huge wingless dragon of fire. Into this story of brutal conquest and flight, of forest hiding-places and pursuit, of resistance with lessening hope, the Dark Lord and the Dragon enter in direly articulate form. Sardonic and mocking, Glaurung manipulated the fates of Túrin and Nienor by lies of diabolic cunning and guile, and the curse of Morgoth was fulfilled.

The earliest versions of this story by J.R.R. Tolkien go back to the end of the First World War and the years that followed; but long afterwards, when *The Lord of the Rings* was finished, he wrote it anew and greatly enlarged it in complexities of motive and character: it became the dominant story in his later work on Middle-earth. But he could not bring it to a final and finished form. In this book Christopher Tolkien has constructed, after long study of the manuscripts, a coherent narrative without any editorial invention. **CD \$59.99**

The Hobbit (70th Anniversary edition)

Bilbo Baggins enjoys a quiet and contented life, with no desire to travel far from the comforts of home; then one day the wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves arrive unexpectedly and enlist his services - as a burglar - on a dangerous expedition to raid the treasure-hoard of Smaug the dragon. Bilbo's life is never to be the same again.

The Hobbit became an instant success when it was first published in 1937, and more than 60 years later Tolkien's epic tale of elves, dwarves, trolls, goblins, myth, magic and adventure, with its reluctant hero Bilbo Baggins, has lost none of its appeal. Now, the classic hardback edition is available once again. Featuring the distinctive cover illustration painted by Tolkien himself, it has been redesigned to match the popular hardback editions of the three volumes of *The Lord of the Rings*, which also feature Tolkien's cover illustrations. **HC \$39.95**

The Silmarillion (30th Anniversary Edition)

The Silmarillion is an account of the Elder Days, of the First Age of Tolkien's world. It is the ancient drama to which the characters in *The Lord of the Rings* look back, and in whose events some of them such as Elrond and Galadriel took part. The tales of *The Silmarillion* are set in an age when Morgoth, the first Dark Lord, dwelt in Middle-Earth, and the High Elves made war upon him for the recovery of the Silmarils, the jewels containing the pure light of Valinor.

Included in the book are several shorter works. *The Ainulindale* is a myth of the Creation and in the *Valaquenta* the nature and powers of each of the gods is described. *The Akallabeth* recounts the downfall of the great island kingdom of Númenor at the end of the Second Age and *Of the Rings of Power* tells of the great events at the end of the Third Age, as narrated in *The Lord of the Rings*.

For the first time, we are publishing a deluxe edition of this pivotal work, featuring the revised, corrected text and including, by way of an introduction, a fascinating letter written by Tolkien in 1951 in which he gives a full explanation of how he conceived the early Ages of Middle-earth. Bound in cloth and leather, and set in a cloth-bound slipcase, this attractive edition will prove a fine addition to any Tolkien collection. **HC \$150**

Harry Turtledove

The Tale of Krispos (Videssos Krispos 01, 02, 03)

A trio of fantasy novels chronicling the adventures of an orphaned farmboy follows Krispos as he leaves the family farm to seek his fortune in the imperial city, only to find himself facing down implacable foes as he rises to the throne of Videssos, in an omnibus volume containing *Krispos Rising*, *Krispos of Videssos*, and *Krispos the Emperor*. **TP \$40.95**

Catherynne Valente

In the Cities of Coin and Spice (Orphan's Tales)

A second collection of interconnected fairy tales for adults journeys into a fantastical world populated by heron kings, fox-faced women who command living ships, and goose girls who can really fly, in the second of the two-volume set by the author of *In the Night Garden*. **TP \$28.95**

Boris Vallejo & Julie Bell

Imaginistrix

Collects fan favorites by the popular fantasy artists as created throughout the past three decades, offering insight into Vallejo's unique characterizations and Bell's applications of color and dramatic composition. **HC \$60**

Elizabeth Vaughan

Warprize

Xylara is a Daughter of Xy, brought up to do her duty to her country, her king, her people. Her father, the Warrior King Xyron, is dead and her incompetent half-brother Xymund is on the throne. She has chosen to serve her people as a healer until she is needed to make a marriage of alliance. But the once-great kingdom of Xy is threatened by the Warlord and his barbarian Firelanders and her brother Xymund is forced to surrender. The terms are fair: the kingdom will remain under Xymund's control and the taxes and tithes are reasonable. All prisoners and wounded are to be exchanged unharmed. There is just one thing more: to ensure a true peace - no pillaging, no looting, no rapine - the Warlord has claimed tribute. He claims Xylara, Daughter of Xy, to be his Warprize... **PB \$19.95**

Kurt Vonnegutt

Slaughterhouse Five

Billy Pilgrim, a chaplain's assistant during the Second World War, returns home only to be kidnapped by aliens from the planet Tralfamadore, who teach him that time is an eternal present. **CD \$49.95 APB \$19.95**

Jo Walton

Ha'penny

Set in an alternate post-World War II London in which an upper-crust political group has overthrown Churchill and negotiated peace with Hitler, Inspector Carmichael of Scotland Yard is sent to investigate a bomb that exploded in a London suburb and uncovers a conspiracy against the country's fascist dictatorship, in the sequel to *Farthing*. **HC \$52.95**

J R Ward

Lover Awakened (Black Dagger Brotherhood)

In the shadows of the night in Caldwell, New York, there's a deadly war raging between vampires and their slayers. And there exists a secret band of brothers like no other - six vampire warriors, defenders of their race. Of these, Zsadist is the most terrifying member of the Black Dagger Brotherhood. A former blood slave, the vampire Zsadist still bears the scars from a past filled with suffering and humiliation. Renowned for his unquenchable fury and sinister deeds, he is a savage feared by humans and vampires alike. Anger is his only companion, and terror is his only passion - until he rescues a beautiful aristocrat from the evil Lessening Society. Bella is instantly entranced by the seething power Zsadist possesses. But even as their desire for one another begins to overtake them both, Zsadist's thirst for vengeance against Bella's tormentors drives him to the brink of madness. Now, Bella must help her lover overcome the wounds of his tortured past, and find a future with her... **APB \$19.95**

Lover Unbound (Black Dagger Brotherhood 05)

Dr Jane Whitcomb leader of a cardiac trauma team, is about to leave the medical centre for the night when an emergency is brought in - a man with a gunshot wound to the heart. As she examines him, however, she begins to suspect that her dangerously sexy new patient is not entirely human. One night, while he's still in recovery, this tattooed stranger reaches out to her. He seems soothed by her presence. And she is oddly captivated by his. She will soon learn that he is Vishous - V for short - the smartest vampire in the Black Dagger Brotherhood. But his tortured past has left him avoiding intimacy. It is against V's nature to let anyone see his vulnerable side. Except Jane. He has the oddest sense that she understands... **APB \$19.95**

Michael Z Williamson

Better to Beg Forgiveness

When word comes that President Bishwanath, the local honest leader of Celadon, is dead, every corrupt politician and ruthless megacorp in the universe set out to seize control of the planet, unaware that Bishwanath is not dead, his mercenary bodyguards are loyal to a fault, and every rule in the book is about to be broken. **HC \$49.95**

F Paul Wilson

Bloodline (Repairman Jack)

Asked to look into the reasons why a private detective hired by Christy Pickering to investigate Jerry Bethlehem, the much older man dating her teenage daughter, is not returning her calls, Repairman Jack discovers that the PI is dead, the victim of a bizarre water-torture murder, and that the enigmatic Bethlehem is not who he says he is. **HC \$52.95**

Gene Wolfe

Pirate Freedom

A young parish priest fresh out of seminary, Father Christopher finds himself inexplicably swept back in time to the Golden Age of Piracy, where he finds himself caught up in the life of a buccaneer, wooing a beautiful and enigmatic woman, at the helm of his own--possibly cursed--ship, and trolling the waters of the Caribbean in search of Spanish gold. **HC \$51.95**

Janny Wurts

Stormed Fortress (Alliance of Light 05)

Half brothers Arithon and Lysaer were laid under a curse of lifelong enmity when they defeated the Mistwraith and freed the world of Athera. As 'Stormed Fortress' opens, Arithon is recovering from an assault by necromancers and more determined than ever to keep his vow to avoid killing. But Lysaer and his troops lay siege to the citadel at Alestron, trapping those closest to Arithon's heart. The only way he can help them is by using his mage talent to invoke ancient magics, at great risk to himself. **TP \$32.99**

Timothy Zahn

The Third Lynx (02)

After saving the galaxy in *Night Train to Rigel*, former government agent Frank Compton races against time to stop the Modhri, an ancient, telepathically linked intelligence that has possessed unwitting hosts, and its secret war against galactic civilizations linked by the Quadrail, but his quest is threatened by a secret agent who suspects him of murder. **HC \$51.95**

Dragon and Thief (Dragonback Adventure 01)

Framed for a crime he did not commit, Jack Morgan seeks refuge on a distant planet, accompanied by the virtual presence of his late Uncle Virge, a con man, until a battle forces Jack into a symbiotic relationship with the sole survivor, the dragon-like K'da, and the two must track down those responsible for Jack's frame-up and the threatened destruction of the K'da. **APB \$17.95**

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Find the answer in 11 original speculative fiction stories.

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Henry Gee Editor

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A collection of one hundred short stories--each about eight-hundred words long and originally published between 1999 and 2006 in *Nature*--by notable scientists, journalists, and science fiction authors offers speculation about the world of the future, in works by Arthur C. Clarke, Frederik Pohl, Stephen Baxter, Nancy Kress, Kim Stanley Robinson, and others. **HC \$51.95**

Jeff Gelb & Del Howison Editor

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A second anthology of twenty original short tales of horror and suspense features pieces by foremost contemporary authors, including Barbara Hambly, John Farris, and James Sallis. **HC \$54.95**

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4 popular romance authors--Kim Harrison, Lynsay Sands, Marjorie M. Liu, and Vicki Pettersson--explore the seductive and dangerous world of the supernatural in four sensuous tales of the holidays run amok, from Thanksgiving and the Winter Solstice to Christmas and New Year's. **APB \$19.95**

Freaky Nick

Get Spooked! Night Terrors

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A young boy channels the spirit of his dead grandmother in his sleep; a documentary on bedtime habits yields frightening fruit; a runaway finds herself with unexpected company in a lonely motel room; an overnight stay in a hotel attracts unwelcome visitors. Find out what horrors lurk in the dark in Freaky Nick's second collection of tales to send shivers down your spine and keep you wide-eyed in the middle of the night ... **PB \$16.95**

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Featuring four all-new paranormal stories, each filled with suspense, intrigue, and undeniable passion, this collection includes a never-before-published Eve Dallas novella that pits the futuristic lieutenant against a seductive vampire, as well as other works by Mary Blayney, Ruth Ryan Langan, and Mary Kay McComas. **APB \$19.95**

Young Adult

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix: Hogwarts Portfolio (Harry Potter)

A sumptuous collection of memorabilia from Harry's time at Hogwarts including postcards, letters, photographs, posters and other paraphernalia you might happen across in Harry's dorm or a Gryffindor common room. Lavish illustrations and intricate detail make this beautifully bound book a wonderful Christmas gift for Harry Potter fans. **\$19.95**

Rafael Abalos

Grimpow: The Invisible Road

Grimpow had no idea who the dead man was, but hidden in his leather bag was a treasure that would change his life for ever. Ruby and emerald encrusted daggers, silver coins, jewels, and a letter with a golden seal depicting a snake swallowing its own tail. And clutched in the man's firm grip - a stone. A stone that will shape Grimpow's destiny. For when he holds it in his hand strange things begin to happen. Visions of places he's never been fill his mind and he's able to read the strange language in the letter and a message meant for someone else entirely.

So begins his journey with the stone. A centuries' long journey that has driven sane men crazy, turned peaceful men to violence, and made strong men powerless. No man has ever unlocked its secrets. But no boy has ever tried. **BPB \$22.95**

Louise Arnold

A Good Day For Haunting

Tom Golden spends all his time with invisible friends. But then three extraordinary ghosts appear on the scene - ghosts who are visible to everyone. This could mean big trouble for the ghost world if humans suddenly remember that ghosts exist, but how can Tom stop the most powerful poltergeist, thesper and screamer? **BPB \$15.99**

Frank Beddor

The Looking Glass Wars (Looking Glass Wars 01)

Alyss, born in Wonderland, is destined to be a warrior queen. After a bloody coup topples the Heart regime, Alyss is exiled to another world entirely, where she is adopted into a new family, renamed Alice and befriended by Lewis Carroll. At age 20 she returns to Wonderland to battle Redd and lead Wonderland into its next golden age of imagination. **PB \$16.95**

Seeing Redd (Looking Glass Wars 02)

Alyss of Wonderland's rule has only just begun, but the Queendom and her White Imagination are already under threat. Someone has resurrected the brutal Glass Eyes, and they are attacking Wonderland on all sides. Has renegade Redd Heart freed herself and her assassin Cat from the prism of the Heart Crystal? Can Alyss trust Boarderland's King Arch, as he extends a benevolent helping hand? A battle is raging but who is the enemy?

PB \$16.95

Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi

The Chronicles of Spiderwick (Spiderwick)

Take a tour with Thimbletack, resident and caretaker of the Spiderwick mansion, as he guides you through his scrapbook and personal collection of faerie artifacts. Learn the history of the Spiderwick estate and its former occupants; peruse lost letters that uncover long-hidden secrets; browse through personal items from the Grace kids; and read clips of stories from around the world about other encounters with strange and mythical creatures. The Chronicles of Spiderwick comes complete with pullouts, pop-ups, foldouts, and more. **HC \$34.95**

The Nixie's Song (Spiderwick Chronicles)

In this cloth bound edition, The Spiderwick Chronicles leave the old-fashioned charm of New England far behind and head south for some fiendish faerie fun in the hot Florida sun. Eleven-year-old Nicholas Vargas only thinks his life has been turned upside down after his developer father remarries and moves his new wife and daughter into the soon-to-be completed Mangrove Hollow.

But an "expedition" to a nearby lake turns up a little nixie with a giant problem - the huge, lumbering, fire-breathing variety - and it's up to Nick; his stepsister, Laurie; and his big brother, Julian (plus a familiar face from the original Spiderwick Chronicles) to figure out the best way to stop a host of rampaging giants before all of Florida goes up in smoke. **HC \$16.95**

Michael Broad

Jake Crow and the Werewolf Teacher (Jake Cake 01)

This is the first book in a four-book series. Each book has three unbelievable adventures written in Jake's own notebooks and embellished with his gloriously funny comments and illustrations throughout. Here Jake meets a werewolf, a monster and a real-life mummy.

Deliciously funny, the stories are a satisfying blend of comforting real life mixed with magical mayhem. Just right for boys and girls of 7+, and for all fans of Horrid Henry! **BPB \$9.95**

Michael Broad

Jake Cake and the Robot Dinner Lady (Jake Cake 02)

Jake Cake is an ordinary kid who likes writing and illustrating stories about his adventures. He swears they're all true, but no one ever believes him. In this second book of a four-book series, Jake discovers the school dinner lady is a robot (and she can't cook chips!), he has goblins in his garden (they're green and they bite) and he's tricked by a really tricky witch (trouble!).

Just perfect for readers of 7+. **BPB \$9.95**

Jodie Brownlee Australian Author

Ruby Rosemount and the Magic Carpet (Ruby Rosemount 01)

Ruby's mouth was open in a silent scream. She gripped the carpet tightly as it climbed higher and higher. Panic rose like a lump in her throat." Ruby Rosemount is flying! A magic carpet (with attitude) is about to take her on the adventure of her life to a magical oasis. Here genies, wicked villains, sand sprites, spells and dungeons will test all of her powers - including the ones she still doesn't know she has. **PB \$17.99**

Ruby Rosemount and the Travellers Telescope (Ruby Rosemount 02)

Ruby is still trying to learn about magic, and Granny McQuirky is sending her lessons via the mail wind to help her. Ann Rosemount, Ruby's mother, is against Ruby using magic of any kind and forbids her to use it in the house. But Ruby can't obey, and when her house-proud mother decides to give the tarnished old travellers telescope a polish, Mrs Pinkus from next door disappears! Ruby and her friends, Avalon and Jaffa, must go in after her. One minute Ruby is in her lounge room and the next she is in a dark forest with Avalon, Jaffa and the magic carpet. To Ruby's horror, she discovers that they are not alone ... **PB \$17.99**

Linda Buckley-Archer

The Tar Man TP \$19.95

Melvin Burgess

Bloodtide

Set in a future where two rival gangs, the Conors and the Volsons, struggle to control London. The city is surrounded by a desolate area inhabited by Halfmen, the results of genetic experiments to produce living killing machines. A bleak and savage story of conflict, betrayal and passion.

BPB \$14.95

Patrick Carman

Into the Mist (Land of Elyon)

he thrilling prequel to the best-selling Land of Elyon trilogy -with exciting illustrations and a whole new adventure! Before the walls went up . . . there were adventures. Follow young Thomas Warvold and his brother as they journey through Elyon, discovering new mysteries, new challenges and new magical creatures that will alter the history of the land. **HC \$19.99**

Isobelle Carmody Australian Author

Obernewtyn (Obernewtyn 01)

In a world struggling back from the brink of apocalypse, life is harsh. But for Elspeth Gordie, born with enhanced mental abilities that would see her sterilised or burned if discovered, it is also dangerous. **APB \$22.95**

The Farseekers (Obernewtyn 02)

Since their takeover of Obernewtyn, the secret community of Misfits has flourished, protected by their remoteness. Led by Elspeth Gordie, whose extraordinary powers set her apart even among her Misfit friends, an expedition sets out to rescue a powerful Misfit in a distant part of the Land. Only she knows the enormity of their task. But for her is yet another challenge as she must fulfil her vow to find and dismantle the dormant deathweapons left by the Beforetimers. **APB \$22.95**

Ashling (Obernewtyn 03)

The powerful farseeker Elspeth Gordie is sent to Sutrium, seat of the totalitarian council that rules the Land, to seal an alliance between the secret Misfit community at Obernewtyn and rebel forces. The journey takes her far beyond the borders of the Land, across the sea and into the heart of the mysterious desert region of Sador. e will need help to destroy the weaponmachines. But before her dark quest can begin, Elspeth must learn the truth of her dreams: she must understand why the Beforetimers destroyed their world ... **APB \$22.95**

P C Cast & Kristen Cast

Marked (House of Night 01)

"The House of Night" series is set in a world very much like our own, except in sixteen-year-old Zoey Redbird's world, vampires have always existed. In this first book in the series, Zoey enters the House of Night, a school where, after having undergone the Change, she will train to become an adult vampire - that is, if she makes it through the Change. Not all of those who are chosen do.

It's tough to begin a new life, away from her parents and friends, and on top of that, Zoey finds she is no average fledgling. She has been Marked as special by the vampire Goddess, Nyx. But she is not the only fledgling at the House of Night with special powers.

When she discovers that the leader of the Dark Daughters, the school's most elite club, is misusing her Goddess-given gifts, Zoey must look deep within herself for the courage to embrace her destiny - with a little help from her new vampire friends. **PB \$20.95**

Betrayed (House of Night 02)

Fledgling vampire Zoey Redbird has managed to settle in at the House of Night. She's come to terms with the vast powers the vampire goddess, Nyx, has given her, and is getting a handle on being the new Leader of the Dark Daughters. Best of all, Zoey finally feels like she belongs - like she really fits in.

She actually has a boyfriend... or two. Then the unthinkable happens: Human teenagers are being killed, and all the evidence points to the House of Night.

While danger stalks the humans from Zoey's old life, she begins to realize that the very powers that make her so unique might also threaten those she loves. Then, when she needs her new friends the most, death strikes the House of Night, and Zoey must find the courage to face a betrayal that could break her heart, her soul, and jeopardize the very fabric of her world. **PB \$20.95**

Michael Coleman

The Cure

Raul and his sister Arym live in a nuture house. He begins to have doubts about the regime and rebels against the beliefs of those around him. As a result of his rebellion, they are sent away to The Santorium. Will Raul allow himself to be 'cured' of his doubts and become an unthinking believer like his sister, or is there another way to survive? **HC \$27.99**

Eoin Colfer

Arctic Incident (Artemis Fowl)

Someone has been supplying Class A illegal human power sources to the goblins. Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit is sure that her arch-enemy, thirteen-year-old Artemis Fowl, is responsible. But is he? Artemis has his own problems to deal with: his father is being held to ransom and only a miracle will save him. Maybe this time a brilliant plan just won't be enough. Maybe this time Artemis needs help... **BPB \$16.95**

Eternity Code (Artemis Fowl)

Thirteen-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl has constructed a supercomputer from stolen fairy technology. In the wrong hands it could be fatal for humans and fairies alike. But no need to worry, Artemis has a brilliant plan. He's not going to use the computer; he's just going to show it to a ruthless American businessman with Mafia connections. His bodyguard, Butler, will be with him. What could possibly go wrong...? **BPB \$16.95**

Zizou Corder

The Truth (Lionboy)

Charlie Ashanti - lion-rescuer, shipwreck-survivor, circus veteran, son of asthma cure-inventing scientists, and Catspeaker - is safe. Or is he? Charlie finds himself kidnapped once again by his old enemy, Maccomo the Liontrainer, and thrown on to a boat with an unknown destination. But help is on its way in the form of his parents, the lions and all their friends. After an amazing, dangerous voyage through Morocco, Ghana and beyond, they come up with a plan to bring the evil Corporacy and Maccomo- down. The time to run is over. Now is the time to fight. **BPB \$14.95**

Cressida Cowell

How to Twist a Dragon's Tale (Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III)

Someone has stolen the Fire Egg. Now the Volcano on Volcano Island is active and the tremors are hatching the eggs of the Exterminator dragons! Can Hiccup return the Fire Egg to the Volcano, stop the Volcano from erupting, and save the Tribes from being wiped out by the terrible sword-claws of the Exterminators? **BPB \$15.99**

Chris D'Lacey

Icefire (Fire 02)

This is the sequel to 'The Fire Within' which continues the story of student, David Rain, and his life in the Pennykettle household. David begins a research project on the existence of dragons and finds himself drawn down a path from which there is no going back, into a time where dragons did really exist. **PB \$16.99**

The Fire Eternal (Fire 04)

Five years have passed since David Rain disappeared mysteriously in the Arctic. Life in Wayward Crescent has settled to relative normality. But as the weather grows wild and the ice caps melt, all eyes turn north, where bears and the souls of the Inuit dead are combining to produce a spectacular solution...

... a solution with it's focus on David's child, Alexa - if the agents of evil don't reach her first. **PB \$16.99 HC \$28.99**

Anthony Eaton Australian Author

Skyfall (Darklands 02)

The second book of the Darklands Trilogy opens in Port City, a city built in a series of interconnected Skydomes - thousands of metres above the ground and linked to one another by a series of Magnetic lifts or 'maglifts'. This city stands above the ruins of an ancient city, possibly Perth on the West Coast of Australia.

It is home to the race we know from book one as 'nightpeople' - the decedents of the Skypeople of old, who, a millennium earlier when faced with the deterioration of the natural world, built the city (along with several others around the globe) to protect themselves from increasing levels of solar radiation and a rapidly degenerating environment. The 'Skypeople' are an advanced race, something akin to current Western Civilization, who see themselves as the decedents of 'pure' humanity. **BPB \$23.95**

John Flanagan Australian Author

Erak's Ransom (Ranger's Apprentice 07)

When Erak, the Skandian Oberjarl, is taken hostage during a raid on the desert lands to the south of the Constant Sea, his second-in-command, Svengal, is sent to bring back a ransom for Erak's release.

Halt and Will must go with Svengal to deliver the ransom and secure Erak's freedom, but a royal presence is needed too. The Princess Cassandra - or Evanlyn, as Will knows her - persuades her father to let her go with them. Horace and the Ranger Gilan round out the group to make sure that Evanlyn is well protected. But will violent sandstorms, warring tribes and danger at every turn keep them from reaching Erak in time?

The seventh book takes us back to the final year of Will's apprenticeship, before the events related in Books 5 and 6. **BPB \$16.95**

Echo Freer

Mimosa Fortune

Mimosa Fortune and her mother, Wanda, lead life, touring globe and living off Wanda's talents as a clairvoyant and tarot reader. One day Mimosa sees a real apparition. It's a boy called Quill, who centuries ago, and he needs her help. Mimosa has never had a genuine psychic experience before and she's not sure she wants to start now! **BPB \$17.99**

Gus Grenfell

Woodenface

Meg is a Maker, pouring life into the wooden dolls she carves. Accused of witchcraft, she flees to Halifax, only to find her father in jail, facing death by the gibbet. Desperate to save him, she must first learn what being a Maker really means - and confront the demons that stalk her. **BPB \$14.99**

Peadar O Guilin

The Inferior

There is but one law: Eat or be eaten!

Stopmouth and his family know of no other life than the daily battle to survive. To live they must hunt rival species, or negotiate flesh-trade with those who crave meat of the freshest human kind.

It is a savage, desperate existence. And for Stopmouth, considered slow-witted hunt-fodder by his tribe, the future looks especially bleak. But then, on the day he is callously betrayed by his brother, a strange and beautiful woman falls from the sky.

It is a moment that will change his destiny, and that of all humanity, forever.

With echoes of Tarzan, Conan and the Truman Show, Peadar O Guilin's debut is an action and ideas packed blockbuster that will challenge your perceptions of humanity and leave you hungry for more. **HC \$39.95**

Charlie Higson

Young Bond (James Bond)

he explosive new bestseller from the super-selling Young Bond series, this is the highly anticipated third title from Charlie Higson, following SilverFin and Blood Fever. Bond is back! The third brilliant Young Bond adventure by Charlie Higson. **CD \$29.95**

Double or Die (James Bond: Young Bond 03)

Kidnap. Violence. Explosions. Murder. No ordinary weekend. But then, James Bond is no ordinary boy . . . In a North London cemetery a professor is kidnapped at gunpoint. A suspicious letter crammed with cryptic clues arrives at Eton. To decipher the deadly mystery, James Bond must take a series of dangerous gambles. Once the code is cracked, he has just forty-eight hours to save the professor from the dark forces that threaten to destroy them both. And, if the professor can't escape, it's not only his future under threat. It's the rest of the world's . . . **BPB \$16.95**

Odo Hirsch Australian Author

Will Buster and the Crucible Choice (Will Buster 03)

That last split-second was the most intense of Will's life. He felt as if everything about it was familiar, the deafening noise, the pain, the darkness of the tunnel, the terror on the Professor's face as it hurtled towards him. As if he had always known this moment would come, as if he had lived it before. They were only metres apart now. Nothing could stop what was about to happen. Will closed his eyes. For over a year, Will Buster has known that he carries the last remaining design for Professor Gelmet's helmet within his brain. Supposedly he's safe, with two agents to protect him and the Professor locked away in prison. But Will knows the Professor will never give up. If he escaped, it would all begin again - and this time the fight would be to the end. The conclusion to the Will Buster trilogy takes readers on an action-packed ride with a twist around every corner. **BPB \$17.95**

Carla Jablonski

Thicker Than Water

Seventeen-year-old Kia barely survived her parents' divorce several years ago. Now her mom is in the hospital battling cancer and Kia is stuck with her workaholic father, leaving her searching for an escape from the everyday horrors of her life. She finds this escape with a group of people acting out a dark fantasy. These "vampires" spend all night in dark clubs, wearing gothic outfits, and even baring fake fangs. But when Kia meets Damon, she begins to wonder if maybe a true vampire exists among them, one who could be the answer to all of her problems . . . **BPB \$14.95**

Brian Jacques

Angel's Command (Castaways 02)

Standing out in the moonless night, surrounded by an eerie green radiance, there was the accursed ship!

When the legendary Flying Dutchman sank beneath the waves, its evil captain and crew were cursed to sail the seas forever. But two aboard escaped. Stowaways Ben and his dog Ned flee, travelling down the centuries, never growing a day older. And now, once more on the high seas, they face grave danger - always knowing that Captain Vanderdecken and his ghostly ship are waiting for them, never far behind . . . **BPB \$14.95**

Eulalia! (Redwall)

Lord Asheye of Salamandastron, now old and blind, has a prophecy: a new Badger Lord must take his place and reign over the legendary badger fortress. But who is this young warrior who 'shuns both armour and sword'? And how is he to be found? Mad Maudie, a feisty haremaid of the Long Patrol, is just the one to do the job. Meanwhile, the unsuspecting future Badger Lord has been captured by an unscrupulous group of Sea Raiders led by the infamous fox, Vizka Longtooth, intent on conquering Redwall Abbey. It is up to our young badger hero to defend Redwall so that he may fulfill his destiny as leader of Salamandastron. **TP \$22.95**

Tove Jansson

Moomin Book Two: The Complete Tove Jansson Comic Strip (Moomin)

A second volume in a series reprinting the entire strip of the magical world of the author's creation, the Moomins, presents four new stories in which the characters find their plans for hibernation threatened by insomnia, Mymble and Snorkmaiden compete for a new man, Moominmamma hires a new maid, and Mymble's mother arrives on their doorstep with her seventeen children. **HC \$40.95**

Brian Keaney

The Promises of Dr Sigmundus (Gallowglass 02)

Luther is being manipulated to do evil in the name of Dr Sigmundus, and only Dante can stop him. Meanwhile, Dante's best friend Bea, is being held captive in a sinister institution, forced to take the drug Ichor, which represses all individuality and creativity. When Dante sets out to save Bea, he has to make a terrible choice. **HC \$28.99**

P B Kerr

The Day of the Djinn Warrior (Children of the Lamp 04)

The fourth djinncredible adventure for the Gaunt twins! As Philippa and John embark on the search to find their missing mother, they once again find themselves on a whirlwind adventure around the world. This time they land in China, where the mysterious terracotta warriors are being manipulated by a strange and frightening force.

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Justine Larbalestier Australian Author

Magic Child (Magic 03)

A week ago, fifteen-year-old Reason Cansino didn't even know magic existed. Now she's been given more power than she could ever have imagined. Suddenly, Reason can do anything, go anywhere, and live for centuries . . . The only cost? Her humanity. As Reason begins to lose herself in the intoxicating essence of magic, her friends Tom and Jay-Tee must choose between magic and death, or madness. **BPB \$19.95**

Stephen Lawhead

Scarlet (Hood 02)

The gripping second volume of Stephen Lawhead's extraordinary retelling of the Robin Hood legend. From his gaol cell, outlaw Will Scatlocke waits to be hanged. Before he swings, Will - known to his friends as Scarlet - dictates his story to Odo, a duplicitous monk who has been given the job of recording his confession. Odo serves the ambitions of Abbot Hugo, who is gathering evidence that will lead to the capture of the men who have plagued the aristocracy and robbed the church of treasure. Hugo seeks the destruction of the elusive King Raven and his band, the Grellon. Driven from his home in the north of England, Will has trekked to Wales to join his fortunes with that of the man whose reputation is growing throughout Britain. A forester skilled with the longbow, Will is soon part of Bran ap Brychan's inner circle. In a failed attempt to kidnap sheriff Richard de Glanville, Will is captured. With rumours of conspiracy deepening at court, the humble prisoner becomes a vital link to the outlaws who abandoned him - and on whose loyalty their lives depend - and the throne of England. **TP \$22.95**

Ursula K Le Guin

Powers (Chronicles of the Western Shore 03)

Presents the final part in the story that started with "Gifts", the tale of two children with extraordinary powers. They play a part in "Voices" too, the sequel to Gifts, in which Memer, a girl who has grown up in a captured city, is part of the people's fight for freedom. This book concludes the story of the Western Isles. **HC \$28.99**

Tanith Lee

The Family Sea (Piratica 03)

It's been eighteen months since Art's baby was born. Art has no warm feeling for her child. Art can't stand her. The return of Ebad and the Unwelcome Stranger prompts Art to regroup her ragtag crew and sail across the oceans to return to the Treasured Isle and learn the secret behind the treasure and the mystery of why Art can't love her child. **APB \$15.99**

Alan MacDonald

Goat Pie (Troll Trouble 04)

Trolls like: smells and noise, hiding under bridges, and goats (especially in pies). So when a family of trolls move into a quiet suburb called Biddlesdon, it's very likely things are going to get ugly. And very hairy. This is the fourth book in the Troll Trouble series. **BPB \$14.95**

Melissa Marr

Wicked Lovely

Rule #3: Don't stare at invisible faeries.

Aislinn has always seen faeries. Powerful and dangerous, they walk hidden in the mortal world, and would blind her if they knew of her Sight.

Rule #2: Don't speak to invisible faeries.

Now faeries are stalking her. One of them, Keenan, who is equal parts terrifying and alluring, is trying to talk to her, asking questions Aislinn is afraid to answer.

Rule #1: Don't ever attract their attention.

But it's too late. Keenan is the Summer King and has sought his queen for nine centuries. Without her, summer itself will perish. He is determined that Aislinn will become the Summer Queen at any cost...

Suddenly none of the rules that have kept Aislinn safe are working any more, and everything is on the line: her freedom; her best friend, Seth; her life; everything. **HC \$19.99**

John Marsden Australian Author

Circle of Flight (Ellie Chronicles)

"You jam on the brakes and stop the ute right at your front door. You jump out. Not for the first time you run into a house that could be full of guns, with death waiting for you. You don't even think of that until you're crossing the threshold... You already know what you're going to find. Underneath the fear and horror and panic there's a cold realisation that Gavin's body will be somewhere in the house. You can picture what those bullets will have done to his little body." It is a time of profound change for Ellie Linton. Enemies are everywhere. Some come crawling over the hills; others drive in and knock on the front door. Sometimes her friends are there and sometimes they are not. Ellie fights every inch of the way. But when courage and imagination are not enough, when she is trapped and helpless, Ellie must face the end of life as she knows it... standing alone, sustained only by her own strength. **APB \$14.95**

Ed Masessa

Time Traveller's Journal

Lieserl Einstein's travels through time, meticulously researched using real-life figures and events in history as background to fun adventure. The time traveller is Lieserl Einstein (who now refers to herself as Lisa.) Born in 1902, there is no record of her existence. The only mention of her birth came when Albert Einstein's personal papers were released to the public in the 1980s. Lisa was exceptionally brilliant, well beyond her father in theoretical and mechanical ability. She went back in time to remove all records of her existence, leaving the mention of her birth in the private papers as a teaser. **HC \$29.99**

David Melling

Stone Goblins (Goblins)

The land of the goblins is hidden, but not so far away. If you look carefully, you might just find it ! Saggypant and Seepage are Stone Goblins - but they're not much good at collecting stones! So imagine how they cope with a dragon's tail ! **HC \$17.99**

Tree Goblins (Goblins)

The land of the goblins is hidden, but not so far away. If you look carefully, you might just find it ! Mildew is a young Tree Goblin, with only a week to grow up out of his prickly case. He needs to learn as many bad habits as possible before he can make it on his own ! **HC \$17.99**

Kirsten Miller

The Empress's Tomb (Kiki Strike)

Join Kiki and the Irregulars in another underworld - and underground - adventure. With Oona taking the lead this time, the Irregulars band together to protect New York City and its secret subterranean world, doing battle along the way with Manhattan's gangsters, rodents, diamond merchants, society figures, and assorted forces of evil. Some of the Irregulars must come to terms with deadly secrets from their own pasts, and each of the girls finds her unusual skills and her friendships put to the ultimate test. **PB \$16.95**

Kenneth Oppel

Dusk

Born different. Born to survive. Dusk: His unusual abilities have made him the outsider of a colony where being different means being shunned. But with sunset comes massacre. And now homeless, terrified and hunted, can Dusk save the colony from destruction on the journey ahead? Carnassial With his abnormal blood-lust and killer instincts Carnassial is determined that his kind will dominate every living creature - at all costs. Both lives are about to collide. But does power lie in tooth and claw or bravery and cunning? **PB \$15.95**

Michelle Paver

Outcast (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness 04)

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Uncle Montague lives alone in a big house and his regular visits from his nephew give him the opportunity to relive some of the most frightening stories he knows. But as the stories unfold, a newer and more surprising narrative emerges, one that is perhaps the most frightening of all. Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror, it transpires, are not so much works of imagination as dreadful lurking memories of an earlier time in which Uncle Montague lived a very different life to his present solitary existence. **HC \$24.95**

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The fourth book in this witty, spooky, irresistible series. Araminta thinks something horrible might be hiding in the deep, hidden passages of Spook House. She suspects it might be a werewolf. To make matters worse, Uncle Drac's creepy nephew has arrived and is now Wanda's New Best Friend. Araminta finds him (and the situation) very annoying. She has to come up with a cunning plan to reveal what she believes to be true - that there is more to Max than meets the eye - and also figure out what to do about that werewolf. But even the best laid plans don't always work out quite as you'd hoped . . . **HC \$14.95**

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Twins Connor and Grace Tempest are no strangers to adventure and mystery. Since being shipwrecked each has discovered a new world of seafaring friends and foes. For Connor, these are testing times aboard notorious pirate ship, The Diablo — not least when Captain Wrathe's obnoxious nephew Moonshine joins the crew. And, as things reach breaking point, Connor finds himself crossing a line from which there is no return.

Meanwhile Grace and Lorcan journey to Sanctuary, a mountain retreat presided over by vampire guru, Mosh Zu Kamal. If anyone can heal Lorcan's blindness, it's Mosh Zu, but he's more interested in Grace. Combating danger on all sides, Grace realises her fate is inextricably bound up with the vampirates. With a cast of unforgettable characters and a pace that never lets up, the third Vampirates adventure is the most spectacular and thrilling voyage so far... **BPB \$14.95**

Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

The Twig Trilogy (Edge 01, 02, 03)

A fantastic hardback edition of the Twig trilogy of the Edge Chronicles; Beyond the Deepwoods, Stormchaser and Midnight Over Sanctaphrax **BEYOND THE DEEPWOODS:**

Young Twig lives in the Deepwoods, among the woodtrolls, but he isn't one of them. In a brave attempt to find out where he truly belongs, Twig wanders into the mysterious, fascinating and sometimes hazardous world beyond the Deepwoods. In his travels he encounters myriad peculiar creatures, like his wise guardian, the caterbird; the slaughterers, a peaceful race who butcher animals for their livelihood; and the vicious, bile-swilling rotsucker.

Always mindful of the Gloamglozer, whose presence haunts the thoughts of all the inhabitants of the Edge, Twig pursues his quest until he discovers his roots, not among the trees, but in the skies. With his new allies, Twig prepares for his next adventure... **STORMCHASER:**

Since his childhood in the Deepwoods, young Twig has always longed to soar above the forest canopy and explore the sky. Now a lowly crew-member on his father's sky pirate ship, the Stormchaser, his dream seems fulfilled. But a much higher destiny awaits Twig as plots and treacheries from many years ago bring the lofty city of Sanctaphrax - home of the Edgeworld's most learned academics - to the point of disaster.

For the city is built on a giant rock, floating high in the sky, its future balance dependent on stormphrax - a valuable yet extremely volatile substance obtained only from the heart of a Great Storm at the very instant it unleashes its most intense power. And only a ship such as the Stormchaser could risk entering the Storm...

MIDNIGHT OVER SANCTAPHRAX:

Far over the Edge, the Mother Storm is brewing - a storm more terrifying than any seen in the lifetime of any Edgelander. Sweeping in from the open sky, it must strike the source of the Edgewater River to bring new energy to the land. But in its way is Sanctaphrax - a magnificent city built on a floating rock and tethered to the land by a massive chain. Only one person can save the Edgelands from certain disaster: Twig, the young sky pirate captain who had dared to sail over the Edge - but returned with his memory shattered and his crew flung far and wide. But to recover his memory and take action, Twig must first find his lost crew. And this means a journey back into the Deepwoods - and beyond. **HC \$34.95**

Clash of the Sky Galleons (Edge 09)

Quint is travelling with his father, Wind Jackal, on a mission to track down and bring to justice Turbot Smeal, the man who started the fire that killed their family. Having left behind his studies at the Knights Academy, Quint is now eager to learn what it really means to be a sky pirate and to learn from his father. But Wind Jackal is consumed by his desire to capture Smeal - and his judgement is flawed. His actions endanger the lives of his crew - and his son. As they travel from the taverns and backstreets of Undertown and the wonders of the shipbuilders' yards, to the dark dangers of the Deepwoods, where Quint and Maris become separated from the rest of the crew and encounter some terrifying creatures - and finally to the mysterious, ghostly sky-wreck in Open Sky, where they discover the truth about Smeal - and face a new terror... **PB \$17.95**

Paul Stewart

The Lost Barkscrolls (Edge 10)

A fantastic new adventure in the world of THE EDGE CHRONICLES. These exciting new tales are ideal for those new to the Edge, or as an addition to the collection of any fan. They feature tales from each of the Edge trilogies: one from the time of Twig, hero of Beyond the Deepwoods, one from the time of Quint, Twig's father and hero of Clash of the Sky Galleons and one from the time of Rook, Twig's grandson. The tales star well known characters from the Edgeworld and also provide a tantalising glimpse into the book that will follow in 2008, the last Edge novel ever.

Also includes the stories CLOUD WOLF and THE STONE PILOT. These World Book Day tales are real favourites with fans and are asked for repeatedly since they have been unavailable.

Includes a beautiful fold-out timeline of the Edgeworld, linking all three trilogies together. **HC \$34.95**

G P Taylor

Mariah Mundi

Fresh out of school, young Mariah faces a new chapter of his life living in the Prince Regent hotel built into the rockface of a cliffside. His job is to assist the magician in the stage shows held for the guests. Above ground, the guests are offered every form of luxury. Below ground, in the slimy, green-dripping walls of the basements, is where the magic show equipment is kept - and lurking in an Egyptian sarcophagus amongst scuttling sea-creatures is a secret that draws Mariah into the path of villainy, plots, and possible death. **HC \$27.95**

Colin Thompson

Family Ties (Floods)

If you ever find make it through the snarling front gate of 13 Acacia St without being eaten, past Queen Scratchrot's grave in the backyard without having your ankle grabbed, and down into the cellars of the Floods family without being turned into a Belgian geography teacher, here is what you might see. In response to overwhelming bookseller demand, for Christmas 2007 we bring you a large format hardback picture book featuring the Floods family and their hobbies in glorious full colour (ewww!). **PB \$24.95**

Tamara Thorne

Samantha (Sorority 03)

Going undercover as a new Gamma Eta Pi sorority pledge to expose the truth surrounding the disappearance of Merilyn Morris and the supposed suicide of Eve Camlan, Samantha Penrose finds more than she bargained for when she is plunged into a sinister realm of witchcraft and the supernatural. **\$15.95**

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Old Father Tim and his grandson, Tid, have adopted young Sofi Mossel into the magical world of the Guardians. Born into the dirty and cruel underground world of the Wreccas, Sofi wants to forget her past and be a real Guardian. But then a massive quake strikes and Human and Guardian time are ripped apart. **BPB \$14.95**

Steve Voake

The Starlight Conspiracy

Berlin, 1945: A Nazi scientist is captured and forced to work for the Americans. New Mexico, 1947: A renegade FBI agent is hunted down by his former colleagues, but disappears into thin air before he can be arrested. England, 2007: an old man throws himself in front of a bus to save the life of a teenager - and walks away unscathed. Alone and on the run from Social Services, 14-year-old Berry has nowhere to go. Until the old man who saves her life entrusts her with a package containing a mysterious item. Other people also want the item and will stop at nothing to get it.

Pursued by the FBI and a vicious terrorist group, Berry travels from the Glastonbury Festival and across the Atlantic. With fellow outcast, Elle, by her side, they are soon dodging bullets in a desperate race across America. Berry knows that she must stay alive long enough to find the item's rightful owner - whoever, or whatever, they may be. **BPB \$15.99**

Mark Walden

H.I.V.E.: Higher Insitute For Villainous Eductaion (HIVE 01)

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The thrilling and villainous sequel to H.I.V.E., Otto and Wing have special permission to leave H.I.V.E.'s secret island location to attend a funeral (all too common in their line of business). But before they reach their destination they are ambushed. Who would risk assassinating Otto Malpense, star pupil of the Higher Institute of Villainous Education and favourite of Number One, the most powerful villain alive? A new power is rising to challenge Number One's authority, and they need H.I.V.E. and its powerful computer to do so. Otto thought the only thing he wanted was to escape from H.I.V.E., but now he's desperately trying to save it, and himself. **PB \$16.95**

Beth Webb

Fire Dreamer

Tegen's magic flourishes but new enemies come out of the shadows in this thrilling fantasy adventure.

Tegen, headstrong druid-in-training, has struck out alone - but the world beyond her village is a dangerous place. The Roman invaders are tightening their grip on the land and the British tribes are warring instead of uniting. When Tegen meets a sensible young druid he seems the perfect guide. But Owein's dark past is chasing him and he brings Tegen into the orbit of a deadly new enemy. The Shadow Walker and his raven-familiar covet her new found fire-magic - and will stop at nothing to control the young Fire Dreamer's spiralling powers... **TP \$26.95**

Scott Westerfeld Australian Author

Extras (Uglies 04)

It's a few years after rebel Tally Youngblood took down the uglies/pretties/specials regime. Without those strict roles and rules, the world is in a complete cultural renaissance. "Tech-heads" flaunt their latest gadgets, "kickers" spread gossip and trends, and "surge monkeys" are hooked on extreme plastic surgery. And it's all monitored on a bazillion different cameras. The world is like a gigantic game of American Idol. Whoever is getting the most buzz gets the most votes. Popularity rules. As if being fifteen doesn't suck enough, Aya Fuse's rank of 451,369 is so low, she's a total nobody. An extra. But Aya doesn't care; she just wants to lie low with her drone, Moggle. And maybe kick a good story for herself.

Then Aya meets a clique of girls who pull crazy tricks, yet are deeply secretive of it. Aya wants desperately to kick their story, to show everyone how intensely cool the Sly Girls are. But doing so would propel her out of extra-land and into the world of fame, celebrity...and extreme danger. A world she's not prepared for. **BPB \$14.95**

Chris Wormell

George, The Dragon and the Princess

Far, far away over the high, high mountains in an old castle wall, in a tiny, tiny hole there lives a little mouse called George. He's very small and rather timid and he can be a bit clumsy too. In fact, poor George is so hopeless that he can't even make lunch without burning his cheese on toast!

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Graham McCann

Fawlty Towers was only on our screens for 12 half-hour episodes, but it has stayed in our lives ever since. The Major; 'Don't mention the war!'; 'He's from Barcelona'; Basil the Rat - everyone has a favourite line, moment or character. In this, the first biography of the show, Graham McCann holds up to the light each of the unpredictable elements - the demented brilliance of John Cleese, his creative partnership with Prunella Scales -that added up to an immortal sitcom, beloved all over the world, even in Barcelona. **TP \$39.95**

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John Shirley

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Battlestar Galactica

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David Bassom

The 're-imagined' "Battlestar Galactica" is quite simply one of the most acclaimed series on any network. It was voted TV Show of the Year by "Time Magazine", and also received a Peabody Award, an unprecedented achievement for a sci-fi show. With its classy ensemble cast, including Edward James Olmos and Mary McDonnell, its cutting edge special effects, superb production design and gritty, adult-oriented scripts, "Battlestar Galactica" is a stunning piece of television drama.

Compiled with complete access to the production, this third official companion is packed with exclusive interviews, photos, behind-the-scenes secrets, coverage of the online series "Resistance", and a complete season three episode guide. **TP \$18.95**

Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Dark Congress

Christopher Golden

Since the beginning of time, the demonic races have gathered every century to resolve conflicts among them and to determine the course of their future. This centennial event was called the Dark Congress.

In the second century b.c., however, the Dark Congress failed to resolve their conflicts. Instead, the Congress ignited into a war that drove wedges between the various demon races from that time until now. And all of it began as a result of Kandida, the great North African river demon, being nearly killed by forces in the Congress and magically entombed in the riverbank.

But now, Kandida is free, and for the first time in centuries, the Dark Congress is being called again. All demon races and other varieties of supernatural creatures have been called to gather at the Hellmouth in Providence, Rhode Island. Some gather in hopes of resolution, some in favor of war, and Kandida is tasked to broker a treaty and guide the Congress to peace, wherein everyone might simply agree to disagree. And so the demons gather under a banner of a truce. But the demons still harbor many bitter disagreements with one another. The Congress must have an arbiter of these conflicts, and that someone is Buffy Summers. Buffy is horrified and disgusted to be included. After all, she is not a demon...is she? She knows so little about her powers that she cannot say for certain where they truly spring from. How can she spend so much time wallowing in the darkness without becoming part of it? Can she possibly agree to a truce with all the horrors of the world, and allow them to come Providence without any attempt to stop them? And does she have a choice? **TP \$19.95**

Season 8: Long Way Home

Joss Whedon

Since the destruction of the Hellmouth, the Slayers-newly legion-have gotten organized and are kicking some serious undead butt. But not everything's fun and firearms, as an old enemy reappears and Dawn experiences some serious growing pains. Meanwhile, one of the "Buffy" decoy slayers is going through major pain of her own.

Buffy creator Joss Whedon brings Buffy back to Dark Horse in this direct follow-up to season seven of the smash-hit TV series. The bestselling and critically acclaimed issues 1-5 are collected here for the first time, as are their covers by Jo Chen and Georges Jeanty.

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Leo Rising

Paul Ruditis

The Power of Three has gone underground.

Clues and magic can't be found.

Grown-up sons, come quickly forth.

Help your father find his worth.

While a newly mortal Leo is out for a walk with Wyatt and newborn Chris, demons trap the Charmed Ones in the house and take them to the Underworld, where they are imprisoned by demon scientist Dr. Gnivik, who plans to steal the Power of Three. When Leo returns to find the house empty and in even more disarray than when he had left, he tries to piece together what happened, but can't. Due to his recent fall from grace, the Elders ignore his calls. What is he to do? With no other options and no magic of his own, Leo becomes desperate.

Using a spell from the Book of Shadows, his sons' magic, and a sliver of unicorn horn, he calls the future versions of Wyatt and Chris back to the present. Together, the Halliwell men go in search of The Charmed Ones. With Dr. Gnivik nearing success and the sisters powerless to stop him, it's up to Leo and the boys to save the day.... **APB \$14.95**

Dan Dare

Rogue Planet

Frank Hampson

It's chocks away once again as Dan Dare, Pilot of the Future, returns! First published in classic British comic "Eagle", this is perhaps the most seminal adventure of one of Britain's best-loved characters, presented in a gorgeous library edition. Dan, Lex and Digby - with their alien guide Lero - finally make planetfall on Cryptos, but Flamer is missing. Unfortunately, there's no time to search for him, as the Phant invasion has begun! With a new friend - the alien creature Stripey - in tow, our heroes begin a dangerous quest to stop the Phants...

a quest which will take them to the Phant homeworld, and a showdown with their leader, Orak! Can Dan and his crew fight a desperate battle to save two worlds? **HC \$29.95**

Doctor Who

***Tides of Time* Mick Austen TP \$53.95**

Target Book: A History of the Target Doctor Who Books

David J Howe

From 1973 until 1994, the Target Doctor Who paperbacks were a mainstay of the publishing world. From humble beginnings, they grew into a list running to 156 individual titles and selling over 13 million copies world-wide.

This is the story of Target Books. Noted researcher and historian David J Howe chronicles the origins of the imprint, speaking to all the major players in its development, from editors to art directors, managing directors to artists and authors, and charts the books' critical reception as well as the fortunes and failings of the many publishing houses involved in their production.

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Introduction by writer Terrance Dicks. **TP \$49.95**

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Moray Laing

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Star Trek Next Generation

Resistance

J M Dillard

Captain Jean-Luc Picard, his ship repaired, must now reassemble his crew. With the departure of both William Riker and ship's counsellor Deanna Troi, the captain must replace his two most trusted advisors. He chooses a Vulcan, a logical choice, and for his new first officer, Worf. But the Klingon refuses the promotion and the new ship's counsellor appears to actively dislike Worf. A simple shake-down mission should settle everything. Except that once again, the captain hears the song of the Borg collective. Admiral Janeway is convinced that the Borg have been crushed and are no longer a threat. Picard believes she is wrong, and that if the Enterprise doesn't act the entire Federation will be under the domination of its most oppressive enemy. **APB \$16.95**

Death in Winter

Michael Jan Friedman

Long before Captain Jean-Luc Picard took command of the Starship Enterprise,™ he fell deeply and hopelessly in love with Doctor Beverly Crusher. Picard never acted on his feelings, yet he found a measure of contentment as Beverly's close friend, colleague, and daily breakfast partner.

When Doctor Crusher leaves to become the chief medical officer of Starfleet, the brightest light in Picard's life is taken from him. He has barely resigned himself to his loss when he learns that Beverly has been declared missing in action -- and presumed dead.

Kevratas is a bleak, frozen world on the far side of the Romulan Neutral Zone where the Federation has become the plague-ravaged natives' only real hope. Starfleet has no recourse but to send in another team -- and Picard is the natural choice. Critical to the mission are two colleagues from his former command, the Starship Stargazer: Pug Joseph and Doctor Carter Greyhorse. Joseph is a man with a past to live down, and Greyhorse has served time for attempted murder. They are determined to succeed where the doctor failed.

On the Romulan homeworld, meanwhile, the political vacuum created by the demise of Praetor Shinzon has been filled by Senator Tal'aura. But there are those who oppose her, including Commander Donatra and the warbirds under her command. So begins a desperate struggle -- not only for the freedom of the long-oppressed Kevrata but also for the soul of the Romulan Star Empire. Before it's over, destinies will be forged and shattered, the Empire will be shaken to its ancient foundations, and Jean-Luc Picard's life will be changed...forever. **APB \$16.95**

Star Wars

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George Lucas

An explosive, interactive, pop off the page book about George Lucas's Star Wars movies to celebrate the 30th anniversary! Sabuda and Reinhart Studios have created another spectacular pop-up book for George Lucas's epic Star Wars movies! Bestselling pop-up artist and engineer Matthew Reinhart has designed a thirtieth anniversary commemorative edition that comes packed with a variety of novelty features-pop-ups, working light sabres, pull tabs, and other interactive looks at the exciting and popular movies. This beautiful book will impress all fans of Star Wars and gives a whole new perspective to the films. **HC \$39.99**

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Robert G Barrett Australian Author

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Donna Birdsell

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Fast on the trail of a smuggler shipping weapons to colonial rebels in America, spymaster Ethan Gray, a.k.a. the Wolf, is distracted by a beautiful spy and rival who, unbeknownst to Ethan, has been ordered to protect the very same man he has been hired to capture. **APB \$12.95**

David Borgenicht & Joshua Piven

Complete Worst Case Scenario Handbook

The worst of the worst, all in one place!

This sturdy, hardbound volume collects more than 100 of the best, most popular scenarios from the eleven Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbooks (it does not include material from the History Almanac or Book of Survival Questions) in a new appealing package, and includes the entire contents of all eleven books on a fully searchable CD. The CD also contains newly created extra features: screensavers, e-cards, wallpaper, and more.

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Rita Mae Brown

Tell-tale Horse (Fox Hunt Mystery)

When the body of a murdered woman is discovered naked and bound to an equine statue, Sister Jane discovers a link between the victim and a respected member of the Jefferson Hunt Club, but her investigation is complicated when another beautiful woman turns up dead after a hunt day and her determination to catch a killer finds her suddenly fighting to save her own life. **HC \$51.95**

Les Carlyon Australian Author

The Great War

TP \$39.95

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Goddess of Love (Partholon Goddess)

Desperate to attract the attention of a sexy firefighter, Pea Chamberlain enlists the assistance of Venus, the goddess of Love, to provide the ultimate makeover, but things become complicated when Venus herself loses her heart to the object of Pea's affection. **TP \$28.95**

Linda Castillo*Overkill***APB \$19.95****Michael Caulfield***Voices of War*

Drawn from engagements ranging from World War I through to operations in East Timor and Iraq, the stories are taken from the Australians at War Film Archive, a collection of the memories of over two thousand Australians who have served, both on the front line and at home. Some are unbelievably, unbearably tragic, even after sixty or seventy years, others are the golden memories of happy, albeit unusual, times. And, more often than not, they are stories which have never been shared with others, even family members. There are stories from winners of the Victoria Cross; stories from the POW camps of Asia and Europe; from the patrols of Vietnam, through to those who served as peacekeepers in Rwanda and Somalia. There are stories from nurses, from those who have volunteered to serve with aid agencies. They are stories of ordinary Australians caught up by circumstances and by duty, in wartime. Here are their words. **TP \$35**

Lee Child*Persuader (Jack Reacher)*

Never forgive, never forget. That's Jack Reacher's standard operating procedure. And Francis Xavier Quinn was the worst guy he had ever met. He had done truly unforgivable things. So Reacher was glad to know he was dead. Until the day he saw him, alive and well, riding in a limousine outside Boston's Symphony Hall.

Never apologize. Never explain. When Reacher witnesses a brutal attempt to kidnap a terrified young student on a New England campus, he takes the law into his own hands. That's his way, after all. Only this time, a cop dies, and Reacher doesn't stick around to explain. Has he lost his sense of right and wrong? Just because this time, it's personal? **APB \$19.95**

Chris Cook Editor*Pears Cyclopedia 2007-2008*

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Pears is as British as cricket (there's coverage of the Ashes, World Cup and 40 years of Test results), Shakespeare (a useful precis of all his plays) and, of course, Britpop (an illuminating paragraph on musical style, history and the bands). **HC \$39.95**

Clive Cussler*Chase, The*

In April 1950, the rusting hulk of a steam locomotive rises from the waters of a Montana lake, revealing the remains of three men who died forty-four years before - astonishing all those who look on.

Back to 1906 - the American West has been suffering a two-year crime spree: a string of bank robberies by one man who murders all witnesses, and then vanishes without a trace. The US government brings in the best man they can find - a no-nonsense detective named Isaac Bell who has caught thieves and killers from coast to coast. But he has never had a challenge like this one. From Arizona to Colorado to the streets of San Francisco, he pursues the best criminal mind he has ever encountered. Soon, it will take all of Bell's skills not to prevail . . . but merely to survive. **TP \$32.95**

Michele E Davis & Jon A Phillips*Learning PHP and MySQL Second Edition*

PHP and MySQL are quickly becoming the de facto standard for rapid development of dynamic, database-driven web sites. This book is perfect for newcomers to programming as well as hobbyists who are intimidated by harder-to-follow books. With concepts explained in plain English, the new edition starts with the basics of the PHP language, and explains how to work with MySQL, the popular open source database. You then learn how to put the two together to generate dynamic content. If you come from a web design or graphics design background and know your way around HTML, Learning PHP and MySQL is the book you've been looking for. Learning PHP and MySQL explains everything from fundamental concepts to the nuts and bolts of performing specific tasks. As part of O'Reilly's bestselling Learning series, the book is an easy-to-use resource designed specifically for beginners. It's a launching pad for future learning, providing you with a solid foundation for more advanced development.

Size: 240mm X 190mm **TP \$55****Philip K Dick***Humpty Dumpty in Oakland*

In 1950s San Francisco, as Jim Ferguson, an elderly garage owner with a heart condition prepares to retire and sell his business, he is offered the deal of a lifetime by record-company owner Chris Harman, but Al Miller, a somewhat irresponsible mechanic who works in Jim's Garage, believes that Harman is a crook and sets out to protect his mentor. **HC \$51.95**

Sean Doherty Australian Author*The Pilgrimage: 50 Places to Surf Before you Die*

Surfing is an obsession, and many a surfer has thrown away life-as-he-once-knew-it for a single wave.

In The Pilgrimage some of the world's top surf writers pay tribute to 50 of the world's best waves - the breaks which have become so much part of surfing folklore that they've developed a life force of their own.

This book is sure to become a classic. The text creates a great sense of place, and there's practical information on getting to (nearly) every break, the best time to go, what to take, where to stay, and what to look out for.

The Pilgrimage is the perfect read for anyone who has ever caught, or tried to catch, a wave, from grommets to geriatrics.

Destinations include Australia and New Zealand, Indonesia and southern Asia, the north and south Pacific, Africa and the Indian Ocean, Europe and Great Britain, North and South America. **HC \$49.95**

Sara Donati

Queen of Swords

As creator of the beloved INTO THE WILDERNESS historical series, Sara Donati has won the hearts and minds of readers around the world, but none so passionate and loyal as the fans in Australia and New Zealand who made her a bestselling author. Any whiff of a new book in this series has Sara's fans clamouring to get their latest fix.

And she delivers in spades with another ripping good yarn in QUEEN OF SWORDS. Not only that, the story developed so well that it forced Donati to abandon her plan to make this the last book in the series and start writing another final instalment, JOURNEY'S END.

Shifting from the Caribbean to New Orleans on the brink of war, QUEEN OF SWORDS picks up the story of Hannah Bonner, the beautiful half-Indian daughter of frontiersman Nathaniel Bonner as she embarks on a desperate rescue mission with her half-brother Luke. When Hannah is separated from Luke and falls dangerously ill in New Orleans, she is forced to rely on the help of an enigmatic man she barely knows. Ben Savard, the great grandson of French settlers, slaves and native Indians, is the only man who knows the city well enough to pull off the miracle Hannah needs to reunite her family. With his expert guidance, allies are drawn from every race and every corner of the city, including Andrew Jackson's advancing army, on the brink of will be the last battle of the War of 1812.

Classic Donati, this is a thumping good read that not only brings history to life but makes us think without even realising it. **APB \$22.95**

Suzanne Enoch

A Touch of Minx

Putting her larcenous skills to work as a private security consultant, ex-thief Samantha Jellicoe takes on a new job for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, while coping with a deadly adversary out to beat her at her own game and the matrimonial intentions of her billionaire boyfriend, Richard Addison. **APB \$17.95**

Joanne Fluke, Laura Levine & Leslie Meier

Candy Cane Murder

This delightful collection of holiday whodunits, featuring more than fifteen delectable recipes, includes Joanne Fluke's Candy Cane Murder, in which bakery owner Hannah Swenson, while dressed as an elf, finds murder on the agenda at Lake Eden's annual Christmas gala. **HC \$32.95**

Scott Frost

Run the Risk

A fast-paced, furious read, in Run the Risk Scott Frost delivers an exciting and explosive debut novel featuring Lieutenant Alex Delillo. Lieutenant Alex Delillo is at her wits' end, her teenage daughter is playing up and her workload is backing up. A local shopkeeper is shot to death and an explosion almost kills her partner. When the prime suspect in the homicide dies in an elaborate suicide car bomb, Delillo is led to one man, an elaborate and skilled bomber, eager to play a game with potentially devastating consequences. As Alex tracks her prey, he strikes at Alex's heart and takes the one person that she holds dear, Lacy, her daughter. Alex must use all her skills, training and knowledge to track the killer and find Lacy, but as the clock ticks down, the terror escalates and Alex is led to a fiery showdown where she will be forced to make a choice that will change her life forever. **APB \$19.95**

R G Grant

Warrior

Warrior is the third in a series of illustrated military history books, following the highly successful Battle and Weapon. The focus of this book is the front-line soldiers from around the world who fought the great campaigns of history, from the hoplites of Ancient Greece to the US Marines in action in the Gulf War. For each of the warriors featured there is a vivid account of their daily life, training, and methods of fighting. There are also special features on the kit they carried and the weapons they used. **HC \$69.95**

Mark Haddon

A Spot of Bother

George Hall doesn't understand the modern obsession with talking about everything. 'The secret of contentment, George felt, lay in ignoring many things completely.' Some things in life, however, cannot be ignored. At fifty-seven, George is settling down to a comfortable retirement, building a shed in his garden, reading historical novels, listening to a bit of light jazz. Then Katie, his tempestuous daughter, announces that she is getting remarried, to Ray. Her family is not pleased - as her brother Jamie observes, Ray has 'strangler's hands'. Katie can't decide if she loves Ray, or loves the wonderful way he has with her son Jacob, and her mother Jean is a bit put out by all the planning and arguing the wedding has occasioned, which get in the way of her quite fulfilling late-life affair with one of her husband's former colleagues. And the tidy and pleasant life Jamie has created crumbles when he fails to invite his lover, Tony, to the dreaded nuptials. Unnoticed in the uproar, George discovers a sinister lesion on his hip, and quietly begins to lose his mind. The way these damaged people fall apart - and come together - as a family is the true subject of Mark Haddon's disturbing yet very funny portrait of a dignified man trying to go insane politely. **BPB \$23.95**

Paul Ham Australian Author

Vietnam

'Surely God weeps,' an Australian Vietnam veteran wrote in despair at the memory of the Vietnam War. But no act of God intervened to stop the long years of carnage and devastation in this most controversial of wars.

Thousands of 20-year-old National Servicemen served in the Vietnam War - chosen according to whether their birth dates came up in a raffle dubbed 'the lottery of death'. The 'Nashos' left for Vietnam with the overwhelming support of the Australian people; they returned to a bitterly hostile nation who took out their fury on the soldiers, many of whom were spat on and branded 'babykillers' the day they got home. None has forgotten this act of betrayal by a nation that has not yet come to terms with the impact of the Vietnam War.

Drawing on hundreds of unpublished sources and interviews with soldiers, politicians, anti-war leaders, entertainers and the Vietnamese people, this book also tells the fraught political and social story of an astonishing era, which saw the rise of the Peace Movement, the Moratorium and the fierce reaction against the conservative legacy of Sir Robert Menzies.

But VIETNAM is, at heart, the soldiers' story - in a war fought on an ideological battleground ultimately controlled by the politicians. Vietnam was, in the fullest sense, a politicians' war. In piecing together this epic account, PAUL HAM spent months in Vietnam digging up new material and spoke to many Vietnamese commanders and soldiers. Unlike in a n y previous history of the Vietnam War, PAUL HAM sets the Australian story in the context of the American and Vietnamese experiences: only then can we glimpse the sheer scale of a tragedy that killed 3,000,000

Vietnamese, 60,000 Americans and 520 Australians. A further 3000 Australians were wounded, many in shocking mine explosions. Thousands more suffered permanent, incurable psychological damage in a war that changed the Australian nation forever. **HC \$49.99**

Glyn Harper

Dark Journey: Three Key NZ Battles of the Western Front

This significant volume will see the completion of over seven years' writing and research by esteemed military historian Glyn Harper. The book will include the revision and reissuing of his two earlier detailed histories of the New Zealand Divisions' major Western Front battles of World War One: Massacre at Passchendaele (2000) and Spring offensive (2003) combined with an unpublished account of the third major battle of the Somme, at Bapaume, during which several VCs were awarded to New Zealand troops.

Dark Journey presents the first comprehensive overview of New Zealand's involvement in World War One by one of our most highly regarded historians. It also provides in-depth analysis of the NZ war contribution, with startling revelations about the true scale of casualties, consistently under-reported in the past.

This will be Glyn Harper's master work, bringing together research and resources from his previous books, presenting the full story of New Zealand's Western Front experiences on a deservedly grand scale. **HC \$65**

Hugh Hefner

Playboy Centrefolds

For the first time ever, Playboy has collected together every single Centerfold from every single issue. That's over 600 beauties. In this luxurious volume, we've reproduced these Centerfolds exactly as they appeared in the magazine (one foot by nearly two feet tall). Housed in a handsome linen-covered clamshell art box carrying case, this colossal, chronological collection is the ultimate indulgence for any passionate Playboy aficionado. With an intro from Hugh Hefner and chapter openers from venerable contemporary writers (Robert Coover, Juno Diaz, Jay McInerney, Jane Smiley, Robert Stone, and Paul Theroux), the authoritative selling power behind this book is undeniable. **HC \$650**

James Herbert

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As millions of readers around the world will testify, James Herbert's ability to shock and enthrall is matchless. Now, in '48, he has surpassed his own remarkable achievements to create an electrifying new novel of pure heart-stopping action and invention that will take readers to new levels of terror and excitement.

In 1945, Hitler unleashes the Blood Death on Britain as his final act of vengeance. Hoke, an American pilot and one of a tiny minority with a rare blood group unaffected by the deadly disease, has survived alone among the debris and the dead of London for three years. Now, in 1948, a slow-dying group of Fascist Blackshirts believe their only hope is a transfusion of blood from one of Hoke's kind. Ever more desperate as their deaths approach, they're after his blood. **APB \$19.95**

Michael Jackson

Beer: Eyewitness Companion

Learn all about your favourite beer with expert advice and information from a team of specialists, introduced by the world's best-selling beer writer Michael Jackson. Uncover drinks from every significant brewing region as well as less well-known areas. Find out why beers taste the way they do, how to appreciate flavour, aroma, texture and finish, and identify your own favourite style. Meet the producers and explore their origins, history and particular brewing processes. Plus, get to the bottom of bottles, barrels and breweries and discover how to identify the labels, choose the correct glasses and locate the breweries. An exciting addition to Eyewitness Companions; the visual reference series covering favourite hobbies and pastimes from French Cheeses and Opera to Horse Riding. **\$39.95**

Andrew Johns

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In the Hunter Valley, 'Joey' Johns is lauded as a local folk hero, having won the Newcastle Knights their only two grand finals virtually on the back of his individual genius, including one of league's most enduring moments, when Johns created a try for Darren Albert to secure victory with just six seconds remaining in the 1997 grand final. **HC \$45**

Karen Kay

Red Hawk's Woman

When he was a boy, Red Hawk spent a single afternoon with a beautiful, nymph-like girl. Now, years later, in the quest to free his people, he has tracked her down-and she could very well hold the key to break a centuries-old curse. **APB \$12.95**

The Spirit of the Wolf

In order to release his people from the curse that has enslaved them, Grey Coyote must take something from the enemy and, in an attempt to do so, wins the possessions of a French interpreter, which include a woman named Marietta Welsford. **PB \$12.95**

Jackie Kessler

The Road to Hell

While trying to keep her past from Paul, her super-sexy new boyfriend, Jesse, a former soul-stealing succubus, must deal with bad boy incubus Daunuan, her former associates, supernatural entities, and an enemy from the Underworld who wants Paul's immortal soul. By the author of Hell's Belles. **TP \$30.95**

Dean Koontz

Brother Odd (Odd 03)

Odd Thomas is looking for peace. But in the silence and snow of the mountains, danger and desperation haunt him still ... Odd, a charismatic young man with a sense for the otherworldly and the downright strange, is in self-imposed exile. The tragic events that took the love of his life have led Odd from his sun-bleached desert home of Pico Mundo to a monastery in the High Sierra. It's December and the remote abbey is besieged by icy winds and snow. As ever where Odd Thomas goes strangeness goes too. A white dog named Boo befriends him-as does the ghost of Elvis. And a world-famous physicist is conducting experiments in the catacombs of the abbey. Could this be why Odd can once again see bodachs, shadowy harbingers of violence? They prowl the halls, suggesting terror to come. But what form will it take? And how will Odd defeat an enemy that eclipses any he has met before? The third Odd Thomas novel from Dean Koontz, following 'Odd Thomas' and 'Forever Odd'. **APB \$19.99**

Dr Karl Kruszelniki Australian Author

Please Explain

Please Explain is the latest in Dr Karl's mega-selling science series - which includes the bestsellers Great Mythconceptions, Bum Breath, Botox and Bubbles and Q and A with Dr K. Australia's favourite scientist answers more curly questions on Life, The Universe and Everything. No-one conveys the excitement and wonder of science quite like Dr Karl, and this, his twenty-sixth book, takes us on another thoroughly entertaining exploration of the world around us. If you like your science fun and unpredictable, don't miss this new addition to the Dr Karl library. **TP \$26.99**

Patrick Lindsay

Fromelles

On 19 July 1916, in the northern French village of Fromelles, Australia suffered its worst-ever military defeat when a British officer ordered 15,000 of our best and bravest to go over the top and attack the German lines. Eight hours later, more than 5500 Diggers lay dead or wounded: the equivalent of all Australian casualties from the Boer, Korean and Vietnam wars combined. In addition, some 400 of our boys were taken prisoner, but almost 200 vanished and remain missing to this day.

Running messages and dodging bullets behind German lines was a 27-year-old Austrian corporal named Adolf Hitler. The battle left its mark on him: Fromelles was the first place he returned to in 1940 when the German Army marched back into France.

Fromelles ranks as Australia's worst military disaster, yet it barely rates a mention in our history books and is absent from our war memorials. What happened to the Diggers who mysteriously disappeared? Why did our generals collude with the British government to cover up the catastrophe? And why has it been left to a Melbourne schoolteacher, a French mayor and a cast of amateur sleuths to initiate a search for the missing, while for 90 years officials in Britain and Australia have sat on their hands?

In an enthralling mix of detective story and passionate historical retelling, Patrick Lindsay travels from Canberra to London to the killing fields of northern France in his quest to honour our fallen, and unravel one of the greatest unsolved mysteries of World War I. **HC \$49.95**

Sasha Lord

In My Wild Dream

She is Cassandra, a fey dreamer who is innocent of society's rules and too reckless to follow them anyway. In her nighttime visions she sees a powerful Scottish laird with whom she is destined to share a passionate bond... if she can save him from a hooded murderer. For him, she will travel to the king's court, risking ridicule and confronting treachery in her quest to claim the man of her dreams. **APB \$12.95**

Andrew Lycett

Conan Doyle

Arthur Conan Doyle's name is indelibly linked with the greatest of all fictional detectives, Sherlock Holmes. But while Holmes may have been the epitome of reason, the real life of his creator was very different. Andrew Lycett explores the mysteries surrounding the life of an author, who, as well as being a prolific writer, was a fervent advocate of justice, a political campaigner, and an ardent spiritualist. **HC \$55**

Alison Maloney

The Mums' Books

Have you always longed to be a perfect mother but felt the title just didn't fit? Time-poor, overworked and undervalued mothers of Australia rejoice! In the vein of the bestselling *Dangerous Book for Boys*, *The Mum's Book* contains a wealth of practical, informative and amusing information that will transform you from stressed to super-mum in a matter of moments.

Ever wished you could crack the recipe for that perfect fairy cake or fantastic fish-finger sandwich? Fear not. *The Mums Book* will have you creating culinary masterpieces that would put even Nigella and her band of domestic goddesses to shame. Dying to impart motherly advice but never know quite what to say? A glance through *The Mums Book* and you'll soon be approaching those random people on the street and offering such choice maternal pearls of wisdom as 'Be careful else you'll put your eye out or, better still, if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. Never quite know what to do when spending quality time with your children? Relax. *The Mum's Book* will have you sitting on the sofa with a glass of wine and the little ones happily running around tidying their rooms faster than you can say supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.

And, of course, now that you're the perfect mum, you most definitely won't be needing her... **HC \$19.95**

Jolie Mathis

The Sea King

Sexy, emotional debut: A beautiful Saxon princess must guard her heart against the formidable Viking who is the enemy of her people. **APB \$12.95**

Liz Maverick

Wired

When L. Roxanne Zaborovsky discovers that fate can be manipulated and identities can be changed after being attacked by two mortal enemies, she must decide who and what she wants to be, and which man she should trust with her life. **APB \$14.95**

William McInnes Australian Author

Man's Got to Have a Hobby

A tail-end baby boomer, William recalls summer holidays that seemed to go on forever, when he and his mates would walk down to fish in the bay, a time when the Aussie battler stood as the local Labor candidate and watched out for his mates, and a time when the whole family would rush into the lounge room to watch a new commercial on TV. He writes about his father—a strong character who talks to the furniture, dances with William's mother in the kitchen, and spends his free time fixing up the house and doing the best for his family. In William's writing you can hear his father speaking, listen to his mother singing, and his sisters and brothers talking in the yard. This is a book about people who aren't famous but should be. It's about cane toads and families, love and hope and fear, laughter, death and life. Most of all, it is a realistic, down-to-earth book by a man who had a great time growing up. His warmth and humour come through on every page. This is an Australian memoir that will bring back a time that will be familiar to many readers and a delight for all. **PB \$24.95**

David Michaels

Fallout (Tom Clancy's Splinter cell)

Working outside of the law, Third Echelon special operative Sam Fisher investigates the death of a former Justice Department investigator by radiation poisoning, which leads him to a radical Islamic leader in Kyrgyzstan who will do anything to destroy the technological world. **APB \$22.95**

Hugh Murray & Clive Whichelow

It's Not Rocket Science and Other Irritating Modern Cliches

In the last thirty years new technology, fashion, and social set-ups have spawned new clichés galore. Everything on the Internet is available at the 'click of a mouse', TV presenters ask the audience to 'give it up' when they want them to applaud, call centres tell us 'we value your call' even though 'all our operators are busy'. And if you're 'gobsmacked' by all this you may be told to 'get a life', 'chill out' or 'whatever'. *It's Not Rocket Science* sifts through all aspects of modern life to find the most prevalent, ubiquitous and downright irritating clichés of our age.

This high-octane, caffeine-fuelled, dictionary of clichés highlights the freshly-hackneyed phrases we're being subjected to 24/7. So how good is that? And what's not to like? **HC \$29.95**

Allan M Nixon

Bush Aussies

Bush Aussies takes us on the road with Allan M. Nixon, as he travels down highways and dusty tracks in search of real Aussie larrikins and legends. Whether they're out on the land, running a successful business or just down the local pub, every country town has its unforgettable personalities, and Allan, bestselling author of the Beaut Utes series and The Bushies, has a knack for finding them. He has travelled from rural centres to the back of beyond to introduce us to a wide range of identities - a water diviner, animal trainers, the boomerang maker, a bush poet, a beekeeper and many more. These true stories of ordinary and extraordinary country characters show what the Aussie way of life is really like outside the big cities. Bush Aussies celebrates the colourful, creative and amazing people who make Australia unique. **TP \$29.95**

The Bushies: True Stories of Australian Country Characters

The Bushies offers a rare glimpse of country Australia through stories of real Australians - both ordinary and extraordinary. 'The Uteman', Allan M. Nixon, travelled far and wide to find this dinkum cross-section of bush identities. One of them, a missing person for nearly three decades, was reunited with his family as a result and in 2004 was featured on the ABC's television program Australian Story.

A banjo maker, a modern gold miner, a legendary artist and treehouse-dweller. And many more . . . Individual, irrepressible and usually irreverent, they are The Bushies. **BPB \$24.95**

Mike Oldfield

Changeling

Mike Oldfield's album "Tubular Bells" went on to sell fifteen million copies worldwide and catapulted him into a stardom he was ill equipped to cope with. This book takes Mike from his early years, through his staggering fame, his broken marriages, years as a recluse and to his rebirth experience at a controversial Exegesis seminar. **HC \$49.95**

Michael Palin

Diaries 1969-1979 : The Python Years

Michael Palin has kept a diary since the late 1960s, when he was beginning to make a name for himself as a TV scriptwriter. Monty Python was just around the corner. This first volume of his diaries reveals how Python emerged and triumphed; how he, John Cleese, Graham Chapman, the two Terrys—Jones and Gilliam—and Eric Idle, came together and changed the face of British comedy. But this is but only a part of Palin's story. Here is his growing family, his home in a north London Victorian terrace; here too is his solo work—as an actor, in Three Men in a Boat, his writing endeavours (often in partnership with Terry Jones) that brings Ripping Yarns and even a pantomime. Meanwhile Monty Python refuses to go away: the hugely successful movies that followed, the at times extraordinary goings on of the many powerful personalities who coalesced to form the Python team, and much more—all this makes perceptive, funny and riveting reading. **TP \$35**

Dr Joe Parent

Zen Putting: Mastering the Mental Game of the Greens

The bestselling author of Zen Golf (more than 100,000 copies sold) presents a new book of profound wisdom and proven techniques for achieving the confidence in putting that all golfers know is the key to peak performance on the greens.

Blending Buddhist wisdom, modern psychology, and practical golf instruction, Dr. Joe Parent's 2002 book Zen Golf broke out to become the top instructional book in golf, and continues to be a steady bestseller. Now, in the eagerly awaited follow-up, Dr. Parent provides readers with a new approach to the aspect of golf in which mental skills have the most impact: putting.

Zen Putting takes a thinking-outside-the-box approach based on the idea that by tuning into the process of putting rather than worrying about the result, golfers can get out of their own way and maximize performance. **HC \$29.95**

Matthew Pearl

The Poe Shadow

Baltimore, 1849. The body of Edgar Allan Poe has been buried in an unmarked grave. The public, the press, even Poe's family and friends accept the conclusion that Poe was a second-rate writer who died a drunkard. But none of this deters a young Baltimore lawyer named Quentin Clark, an ardent admirer who risks his own career and reputation in a passionate crusade to salvage Poe's.

Clark discovers that Poe's last days are riddled with vital unanswered questions. The police, it seems, may be concealing things. But just when Poe's death seems destined to remain a mystery Quentin realises he must find the one person who can solve this strange case: the real-life model for Poe's brilliant fictional detective character, C. Auguste Dupin, the hero of ingenious tales of crime and detection.

Clark successfully recruits the man he believes to have inspired Poe's Dupin only to be confronted by another claiming to be the true model and a dangerous race between the two master detectives begins, each seeking to prove he is the real 'Dupin' by solving the mystery of Poe's death. In short order, Clark finds himself enmeshed in sinister machinations involving international political agents, a female assassin, the corrupt Baltimore slave trade and the lost secrets of Poe's final hours. With his own future hanging in the balance, he must turn master investigator himself to unchain his now imperiled fate from that of Poe.

THE POE SHADOW is a beautifully detailed, ingeniously plotted tale of suspense which opens a thrilling new window on the truth behind Poe's demise, literary history's most persistent enigma. **\$42.95**

Anne Perry

A Christmas Beginning

Spending his Christmas holidays on the remote island of Anglesey, off the north coast of Wales, a lonely Superintendent Runcorn is called in to investigate when the sister of the local vicar is found murdered and draped over a gravestone in her brother's churchyard, joining forces with the elegant Melisande to find the killer. **HC \$36.95**

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Wheel of Darkness

Perched like a black crow on a crag in the most hostile depths of the Himalayas stands a monastery. For a thousand years the monks have kept guard. Now their sanctum has been violated, the secret carried off. After a millenium of hiding from the world, the guardians of the treasure will have to turn to an outsider for help. Luckily Special Agent Aloysius Pendergast is no stranger. Having trained body and mind in Tibet, he knows the land well. But neither he nor his ward, Constance, are prepared for the truth about what the monks have been protecting. The pursuit of the stolen artefact takes Pendergast and Constance far from the snowy wastes, to where the largest-ever ocean liner is preparing for her maiden voyage. As Pendergast and Constance board, they know they are joined by a cargo of secrets and murderers. As the ship slides into the night, it becomes a deadly race to recover the secret of the monks. **TP \$32.95**

Patricia Rice

Magic Man

A man of mysterious allure to others, Aidan Dougal is, in fact, isolated in every way - alienated from a family he can never call his own and convinced he brings literal destruction wherever he goes. For such a man, intimacy is impossible and marriage out of the question. Even asking for help is beyond him. . . until a wily enemy forces him to accept assistance from a gentle young woman whose delicate beauty and strange enchantments turn his cool composure into red-hot passion.

Left homeless by the death of her adopted parents, Mora Abbott is not the meek vicar's daughter she appears to be. Inside, she seethes with a desire to live life fully and embrace the magical talents she's only beginning to discover in herself. But Aidan, who stirs her soul in every way, presents a formidable challenge... and unless he is willing to open his heart and explore the potential of their combined magical powers, their attraction can never blossom into the full flower of love. **APB \$12.95**

Heath Robinson

Contraptions

A volume of fantastical illustrations by a late English cartoonist features his trademark "Heath Robinson contraption" depictions of absurd mechanical objects that are comprised of ancient cogs, intricate pulleys, and other bizarre components, in a collection that spans his work as created between and during the first and second World Wars. **HC \$70**

Pamela Robson

Yorkey's Knob

Sick Sheep Gully.

Nightcap.

Tittybong.

Believe it or not, these are all true blue Aussie places. But how did they get such quirky monickers? All is revealed in YORKEY'S KNOB, a light-hearted romp through some of our more bizarre localities and the perfect gift this Christmas.

From the many delightful names derived from indigenous words (Coober Pedy, for example, is said to mean 'white man down hole') to the optimistic (Arcadia), the pessimistic (Mount Despair) and the downright sniggerworthy (Burrumbuttock, anyone?), this book is chock-full of fascinating snippets of Australian history and trivia - and quite a few tall tales.

And the Yorkey's Knob of the title? Well it was rather prosaically named for a local fisherman who hung out at the big end of the beach. But today the locals sell T-shirts that proudly claim: YORKEY'S KNOB: BIGGER THAN MOBY'S DICK! **PB \$14.95**

Matt Roper

World's Weirdest Sports

Extreme Ironing, Chess Boxing, Camel Wrestling . . .

These are just some of the more accessible weird sports that are played in some out-of-the-way and some completely normal parts of the world!

Find out all you didn't really want to know about Tejo (a Columbian mix of beer and gunpowder festivities), Buzkashi (or 'pass the goat carcass' fun from Afghanistan) and Kabaddi (think of the fun you'll have holding your breath and wrestling an opponent in your underwear)

Perfect gift for the man in your life who has everything . . . or thinks he has! **PB \$14.95**

Caitlin Rother

Naked Addiction

When he is transferred to homicide, detective Ken Goode investigates a string of murders that are linked to the same beauty school his sister attends, and he must race against time to catch a killer, while fighting his growing obsession with one of the women he is trying to save. **APB \$19.95**

Steve Shipside

Man Manual

100 Brilliant Ideas For Being a Top Bloke

Everyone has a friend of whom they are, if they are honest, a little bit jealous. You know the type; Women love him, other men like him, small children and animals like him, dammit. His love life is blissful, he looks impeccable, and he's equally and effortlessly successful at work or at play. Naturally he dresses a dream - though when it's time to roll his sleeves up he actually knows where the fuel line is and why it isn't working. He always knows the right thing to do, and the right thing to say. You may not be sure whether to admire or hate him but either way you wish you had his secret - or you wish your boyfriend did. Now every man can become this kind of guy, with the help of The Man Manual, a brilliant new bumper book from Infinite Ideas. **TP \$34.95**

Tom Stevenson

Sotheby's Wine Encyclopedia

Three-time Wine Writer of the Year Tom Stevenson updates and enriches his award-winning visual guide to the wines of the world.

Described as 'a heroic piece of work . . . an indispensable book which should be part of any serious wine lover's library' Sunday Times.

From the Old World to the New, including all the emerging regions, pick up the latest on all the wine-producing areas across the globe; covers every appellation, official and unofficial, and all the best producers. Plus, find practical advice on tasting, storing and serving as well as expert tips on choosing food to accompany wine.

A tantalising read which will appeal to any serious wine drinker's palate. **HC \$79.95**

Wine Report 2008

The essential insider's guide to the world of wine

If you are a connoisseur looking for the inside track on what's going on in the world of wine right now this is essential reading.

Find out all the latest news, from the recent harvest to new vintages, great finds and the rising stars amongst producers. With tips on investing wisely so you can snap up this year's best bargains and save money (or alternatively make it!) - we've sniffed out the best wines to invest in.

Top ten lists, hot tips, wine science and more make this a tantalising and robust read which will appeal to any serious wine drinker's palate.

Winner Best Wine Guide & Wine Book in the world at the Gourmand Awards, 2004 & 2005 and short-listed Best UK Wine Guide 2006. **\$35**

James Strong, James A Swanson & John R III Kohlenberger

Strongest Strong's: Exhaustive Concordance Of The Bible

HC \$39.95

Taronga Foundation Australian Authors

Poems by Young Australians Vol 5 (Poems by Young Australians 05)

A collection of the very best poems for young people, by young people.

Here is a collection to share and enjoy - the very best poems for young people, by young people. This anthology of winning and commended poems from the 2007 Taronga Foundation Poetry Prize is both a delight and a revelation, showcasing the remarkable talent of poets from 8 to 19 years of age.

The brainchild of bestselling author Bradley Trevor Greive, the Taronga Foundation Poetry Prize was launched in 2003 - a chance for young people to get creative, get writing and get published. The competition brings together two themes that have been linked throughout history - poetry and nature. The theme for this year is Endangered Species, a particular passion of author Bradley Trevor Greive. **PB \$16.95**

Julian West

Serpent In Paradise

The moment Eva agreed to return to the island to report on its ferocious civil war, she knew she would have to meet ghosts from her past: the fate of her fey mother, Vivienne; her distant father Armand, who deserted her when she was a child; the once dashing Caspar, dying slowly in his great decaying house; and Navahiru, Eva's sometime lover.

But just as Eva seems set to finally understand her neglected childhood, Carl, an American journalist who has lost his way, enters her life. With the bloodshed on the island escalating into genocide, Eva and Carl begin an intense love affair that gives them comfort, but also threatens to consume them. Eva's precarious situation is tipped into chaos when Navahiru is abducted by the security forces and Carl's friend the Captain seems to be implicated.

Serpent in Paradise is a story of sexual obsession at a time of mounting violence and chaos. It is an unforgettable journey. **TP \$32.95**

Phil Whitaker

Freak of Nature

Meet Mick and John. Twins who share almost everything.

Mick is the man who made it. A TV doctor with a lovely home, married to gorgeous Jules and now with the perfect daughter. There's only one problem. His conjoined twin brother. Joined at the hip doesn't even begin to describe it.

In this rollicking, free-wheeling novel, John - our narrator - vents his frustrations in bravura style. A struggling writer, alcoholic and demonstrative admirer of his sister-in-law, how can things possibly end well?

Funny and thought-provoking, *Freak of Nature* is an ingenious reworking of the classic love triangle. **PB \$22.95**