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Author Visit: Ken MacLeod



Ken MacLeod visited Infinitas Monday 31st March promoting his latest novel *The Execution Channel*. We now have signed copies of his novels. We also have a limited number of anthologies containing his work that he has also signed. We learned he has planned an intriguing new novel. It will be a police procedural story set approximately a century into the future. Society has been radically secularised in reaction to the long 'faith wars', after the 'oil war'. Religion is the new heresy. It sounded like a fantastic concept. We were honoured that Ken interrupted his holiday to visit Infinitas. We will have images up on our photo gallery section of our website soon. Ken answered many questions from our customers. The two we thought you'd most like to know the answers to were:



Q: Which of your novels is your favourite? A: Stone Canal.

Q: In which of your novels or worlds would you most like to live? A: Sky Road, and definitely not Execution Channel.

For his book list see: <http://infinitas.com.au/ProductsByAuthor.php?autid=22912>

Featured Books



Graham McNeill

Jim Butcher

MaryJancie Davidson

Eric Flint & Andrew Dennis

Charlaine Harris

Mercedes Lackey

K E Mills

Harry Turtledove

Warhammer: Heldenhammer in paperback.

Small Favor Dresden Files 10 in hardcover.

Undead and Uneasy, book 6 in paperback.

1635: The Canon Law in paperback.

All Together Dead, Sookie Stackhouse 7 in paperback.

Fortune's Fool, Five Hundred Kingdoms 3 in paperback.

The Accidental Sorcerer trade paperback.

Beyond the Gap in paperback.

News

Dungeons & Dragons 4th Edition will be released on Friday 6th June. On Saturday 7th June we will be holding a gaming day at the shop. We will have several copies of an introductory 4th edition module/game kit for use on the day. We are looking for players and DMs to participate, so if interested contact the shop ASAP as places are already filling.

Arthur C Clark died 18th March 2008 in Sri Lanka. Born 1917 in England, Arthur Charles Clarke was perhaps the world's best known science fiction writer, with his fame extending to those who do not read much science fiction. He was a prolific writer of short stories and novels as well as being a scientist.

Wiki has a lot of information on him and his work: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_C._Clarke

Ditmar Awards 2008 were announced at SwanCon held in Perth over Easter. Best novel went to *Saturn Returns* by **Sean Williams** and best novella went to *A Lady of Adestan* by **Cat Sparks**. There are many award categories. For the full list visit: <http://ozhorrorscope.blogspot.com/2008/03/news-2008-ditmar-and-tin-duck-winners.html>

SydCon 2008 is a roleplaying convention held over the October long weekend at St Scholastica's High School, Glebe. For details see: <http://www.sydcon.info/>

BSFA Awards were announced over Easter by the British Science Fiction Association.

Best novel went to *Brasyl* by **Ian McDonald** <http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575080508>

Best short fiction went to *Lighting Out* by **Ken MacLeod**. Further details are available at:

<http://www.bsfa.co.uk/bsfa/website/news.aspx?newsid=96>

Mercedes Lackey has a new Valdemar novel *Foundation* due for release in hardcover in October 2008.

April Fool's Day bogus news stories thanks to Locus Online well worth a read: <http://www.locusmag.com/>

ANZAC day long weekend. Infinitas will be closed on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th April. We will be back on the Monday.

Book 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.

The Road by **Cormac McCarthy**, reviewed by **Monika Griffiths**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780330447546>

I just finished reading *The Road*. It was a very humbling read. I found that the relationship between the father and son was very sad, yet motivating, in a time of hopelessness. It was endearing that the father sacrificed so much for the son so that he could live. That some aspects of man's behaviours prayed on the weak (our history already has too many instances from our past). One can only hope that the world does not go through such devastation in our future.

The Riven Kingdom by **Karen Miller**, reviewed by **Josephine Crowley**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732284527>

This is book two of the "Godspeaker" series. It is the story Rhian and her battles to claim her inheritance and become queen of Ethrea. Book one, which I also reviewed, I found very bloody and cruel and at times quite evil, but it is important to read book one, *Empress of Mijik*, first. Of course these two books are connected but that connection does not become apparent until well into the story.

I really, REALLY, enjoyed the *Riven Kingdom*. It is not as bloody, gory and cruel as book one. Princess Rhian is a loveable and kind girl, and with her chief off-siders, Jones, Ursa and Zandaka adventure ensues. This book at times makes an exciting and very tense read.

Once again Karen Miller has written a well constructed story. She has the ability to pull you right into the story as if one were really present and part of the story. Congratulations Karen, readers will enjoy this series.

Airman by **Eoin Colfer**, reviewed by **Liam**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780141383361>

Airman is set at the end of the 1800's (1878 - 1894) in the period of when the race for flight was a joke (for the public) and a great scientific discovery era (for the knowledgeable population). The author, Eoin Colfer has taken the idea of the Saltee islands which he saw as a kid and turned them into a diamond mining, monarchy based, little kingdom with a few little eccentrics mixed in for fun.

The story-line goes as follows: boy born in balloon, boy meets princess, boy saves princess's life, boy embarrasses himself in front of princess, boy discovers great treachery, boy gets blamed (and deceived), boy gets sent to really, really bad diamond mining prison, boy makes flying designs, boy escapes in balloon, boy gets rich, boy discovers murder plan, boy saves the day and get princess while he's at it. A simple story, really.

The story line is similar to a medieval adventure story, but in the time of discovery with normal Eoin surprises. The hero, Conor, faces great treachery and finally defeats the villain. The storyline also has a slight romance side to it. The story goes quickly at the beginning, then slower and then speeding up near the end.

The book is quite obviously a single novel with not many follow-up leads that could lead to a sequel, though there are a few loose ends but they are mostly small ones. I have read many other books by Eoin Colfer and this book is similar in style to the *Supernaturalist*. It is suitable for young adult readers.

Eoin Colfer was born in Ireland in 1965 and lives there now with his wife and two children. His first book "Benny and Omar" was published in 1998. He was able to write fulltime after the success of the first *Artemis Fowl* book in 2001. *Airman* was released for publication in February 2008.

Exit Strategy by **Kelley Armstrong**, reviewed by **Lynn**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780751538120>

'Exit Strategy' is the first book in a new series by Kelley Armstrong.

An assassin hitting targets 'just because' is always bad for business. To preserve their interests, five assassins will track him down and stop him. Nadia Stafford is invited by her mentor to join this hunt; an ex-cop turned assassin, her chosen targets are those whose departures will only benefit society.

The plot flows well and follows the pace of the hunt; slow in the beginning and faster towards the end as they identify the Helter Skelter killer and set their trap.

If you like Jeffrey Archer's 'Honour Among Thieves', then this may interest you as it has similar themes running through it.

Pardon Me, Coming Through By Steven Cavanagh Part One of Five

When the screech-clang of metal boomed from the far end of the corridor, Pearson knew they were coming for him. The icy footsteps marched the length of death row and stopped at his cell.

It was Darcy, the new transfer. He was a rare breed of guard. Not the cop couldn't-make-it or the sadist seeking a paid power trip, he was an older man with more shine on his shoes and hair in his nose. He could have been Pearson's father, with the same thin build and gray-blond hair that had once been red.

The corners of his eyes crinkled. 'You've got the green light, mate.'

Pearson ignored the whoops and cries from the other cells.

'When?'

'Now. You're on a timetable, and they don't muck around.'

Pearson dog-eared a yellowed page of the mystery novel in his hands and set it down. He paused for a moment, then opened the book again and unfolded the corner. He stood up.

'All right,' he said.

Darcy nodded to someone back the way he had come, and the cell door squeaked aside. It seemed as if the doorway beckoned to the whole world beyond, and a twinge of agoraphobia struck Pearson as he stepped into the corridor.

Freame's face appeared at the bars of the adjacent cell. He waved a nail-chewed hand. 'See ya, Bugs!'

Kotz's gesture from his cell involved four less fingers. 'Tell the devil I'm comin', Bugsy.'

Darcy raised an eyebrow. 'Bugs? Something to do with what you did?'

A nod. 'As in "What's up doc".'

'Ah, of course.'

'Hey Bugs,' Galea grasped the bars of number three. 'Don't forget what I said. Jesus can wipe your slate clean! But you gotta ask him, and you gotta *mean* it!'

A rebuttal stuck in Pearson's mouth. He usually enjoyed the verbal jousting they shared, but now final reality loomed and Galea was one of the few who had shown him any civility over the years.

'Maybe I will. You blokes have fun, okay?'

More noise came to him, jeers and catcalls. Pearson walked past the cells dreamlike as the possibilities of the day began to sink in.

They read his implant three times on the way out. The last time they paused before a bespectacled official who gave him his Pardon Lot certificate and a contemptible sneer.

Though the morning was overcast, glare whitewashed the world as they stepped outside to the paddy wagon. Pearson involuntarily raised his cuffed

hands, and couldn't help but wince as Darcy helped him into the vehicle and climbed in.

'What's the job?' said Pearson as the driver started them toward the gate. Darcy turned and shook his head with a bemused smile in his eyes, like a Dad that didn't want to spoil Christmas.

Protestors clustered at the gate, and were manhandled back as they drove through. They screamed in a violent cacophony and waved impotent placards ranging from 'DON'T DICE WITH DEATH' to 'JUST KILL THEM.' Pearson gave them a royal wave and they reacted as one, surging through the guards like sheep broken from the mob. One almost reached the paddy wagon, plastic peace symbols flailing, and clicked off a photo before being clubbed to the ground.

Once through Parramatta the driver took the three-tier expressway's top onramp, reserved for government vehicles and VIPs. Though the speed didn't lend itself much to viewing scenery, Pearson could at least tell that they were headed southeast through Sydney.

His eyes dropped to the rolled paper in his hands, authenticity chipped and sealed with the wax emblem of the UNA. He levered it open with a thumb and unrolled it, willing himself to accept that it was happening, that his number had come up.

By the statutes and laws of the United Nations of America,

Christopher Ian Pearson

Has consented to scientific assignment subject to the conditions and laws specified in the Pardon Act, 2014, and will upon completion of this assignment, on proviso of being of sound mind, receive full pardon of his crimes against the state prior to the 23rd of September, 2045.

Paul McFarlane

Corrective Services Minister

Joanne Titterton

President- UNA (Aus.)

Sydney Division

Ref.# KL04888GL81

In a little less than twenty minutes they coasted down the exit leading to the Lucas Heights secure research facility, narrowing Pearson's speculation. Boom gates saluted, and they pulled up beside a lunchbox shaped building labelled 4E.

Darcy helped him out of the vehicle and turned him over to a stocky corp-cop with a handlebar moustache. Darcy then thumb-signed a delivery document and clapped a hand to Pearson's shoulder.

'Good luck, mate.'

He climbed into the paddy wagon, and drove off without a backward glance.

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Blokey Stuff

For the men in your life, or the boy within.



Blokey Stuff Newsletter

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Recently Arrived Stuff

There is always more stuff flowing through our shop. As deliveries arrive we consider it a perk of the job to open the parcels and see what has come. Check out our stuff...



Puzzle: Don't Break the Bottle

An ingenious gift idea. Wrap a wine bottle in the wooden 3 piece puzzle enclosure, lock it in place with the corkscrew puzzle piece, then place in the enclosed gift bag. Enjoy watching them struggle to get the wine free. \$59.95

Money Clip and Card Wallet

Folding leather holder for your credit cards with a stainless steel money clip for cash. Black leather and green leather. Very trendy. \$19.95



Guilty/Not Guilty Cufflinks

Very popular as gifts for lawyers, especially judges and magistrates. \$39.95

Somme Mud

Tells of the devastating experiences of Edward Lynch, a young Australian private during WWI. The original edition was written in pencil in twenty school exercise books in 1921. Finally published to the great excitement of historians at the War Memorial, Somme Mud is a precious find, a discovered treasure that vividly captures the magnitude of war through the day-to-day experiences of an ordinary infantryman. Paperback \$24.95

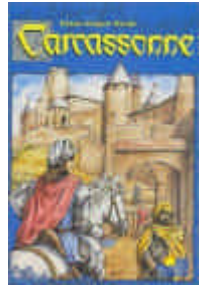


Safety Razor Set

Old fashioned razor using the double edged razor blades. Twist the bottom of the handle to open the razor head. Comes with 5 blades, cleaning brush and case with mirror. \$24.95

Carcassonne

A clever tile-laying board game set in the southern French city of Carcassonne, famous for its unique Roman and Medieval fortifications. The players develop the area around Carcassonne and deploy their followers on the roads, in the cities, in the cloisters, and in the fields. The skill of the players to develop the area will determine who is victorious. \$40



Tinplate Robot: Roxy

Definitely a girl robot with skirt, curly wire spring hair style, breasts and lots of pink, she is even holding a spatula to go with her painted-on apron. Very domestic. She has a switch for stop and go and comes with a key to wind her up. If you are going to wind her up, it is good she has a stop switch. Approximately 14cm tall. \$24.95

Two Up

The traditional Australian game of Two Up includes paddle, two real pennies and printed rules. Made in Australia. \$9.95



Trick Padlock

Brass and steel padlock. Comes with 2 keys. The puzzle is how to open it. Quite an effective but simple trick. \$24.95

Balloon Powered Boat

Pine toy boat with funnel which holds a balloon, feeding the air to the little wooden jet at the rear. \$9.95



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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. For current detailed information on these groups, visit our forums.

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. Newcomers welcome. See our website for more info: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php> and <http://www.infinitas.com.au/forums/viewforum.php?f=3>
Thursday 1st May topic: Philosophy and Science Fiction.

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books (usually one science fiction, one fantasy) are chosen by group members for each meeting with participants encouraged to have read at least one prior to the meeting and bring their review/s along for discussion. The discussion is generally serious and insightful. All welcome. <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReviewGroup.php>
Thursday 17th or 24th April - postponement under discussion:

Forty Signs of Rain by Kim Stanley Robinson (SF)
Cross Stitch by Diana Gabaldon (F)

Thursday 15th May:

Dies the Fire by S M Stirling (SF)
The Circus of Dr Lao by Charles Finney (F)

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

General Release

<i>Wrath of a Mad God</i>	Raymond E Feist
<i>White Night</i>	Jim Butcher
<i>Von Neumann's War</i>	John Ringo & Travis S Taylor
<i>Dead Over Heels</i>	MaryJanice Davidson
<i>Undead and Uneasy</i>	MaryJanice Davidson
<i>Matter</i>	Iain M Banks
<i>The Elysium Commission</i>	L E Modesitt Jr
<i>The Palace of Impossible Dreams</i>	Jennifer Fallon *
<i>The Execution Channel</i>	Ken MacLeod
<i>Unto the Breach</i>	John Ringo

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Legion</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Revelation</i>	Star Wars
<i>Wolf's Honour</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Hammer of Daemons</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Master of Deception</i>	Star Wars
<i>False Gods</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Barque of Heaven</i>	Stargate SG-1
<i>Ancient Blood</i>	Warhammer
<i>Rule of Two</i>	Star Wars
<i>Scourge the Heretic</i>	Warhammer 40,000

* Australian Author

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Spider: Robot Titans of Gotham

Two complete novels chronicle the exploits and adventures of a mysterious crime fighter known as "The Spider," as he battles an army of giant robots menacing New York and a criminal mastermind threatening the Northeast with thousands of poisonous vampire bats, in a volume that also features a novel about the diabolical villain and would-be world dictator called the Octopus. **APB \$17.95**

Lara Adrian

Midnight Rising (Midnight Breed 04)

Angered over a shattering betrayal, Rio will let nothing stand in his way in his war against the Rogues, including journalist Dylan Alexander, a mortal journalist with the power to reveal the existence of the vampire race, who suddenly is at the center of an age-old storm of dark desire and ancient evil. **APB \$17.95**

Iiona Andrews

Magic Burns

When mercenary Kate Daniels, who cleans up after magic gone wrong, is hired to retrieve a set of stolen maps for the Pack, Atlanta's paramilitary clan of shapeshifters, she is plunged into the middle of an epic battle between two gods hoping for rebirth. **APB \$17.95**

V C Andrews

Secrets in the Shadows

In the sequel to *Secrets in the Attic*, Alice, whose mother is a murderer confined to a mental institution, is sent to live with her aunt Zipporah following a tragic accident on prom night, but when she visits the asylum where her mother lives, her own mysterious past begins to unfold in terrifying detail. **APB \$19.95**

Piers Anthony

Fractal Mode (Mode 02)

Four people with special qualities are brought across parallel universes to help their fifth member, Nona, the ninth child of a ninth child, overthrow the despots of her home universe and deliver power over to women. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Jennifer Armintrout

Ashes to Ashes (03)

Being a vampire is a life-or-death situation. When I was first turned, I had only my survival to worry about. Now I'm locked in a battle for the existence of the entire human race-and the cards are definitely stacked against me.

The Voluntary Vampire Extinction Movement headquarters are destroyed, and their pet horror, the Oracle, is on the loose. She'll stop at nothing to turn the world into a vampire's paradise, even if it means helping the Soul Eater become a god and harnessing his power for her own evil ends.

Add an ancient vampire, a blood-sucking near deity and my presently human former sire into the mix. I say bring it on. May the best monster win **APB \$16.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Personal Demon (Women of the Otherworld 08)

Hope Adams, a gorgeous half-demon determined to use her powerful gifts only for good, undertakes a dangerous mission on behalf of the Cortez Cabal to infiltrate a Miami gang of bored, wealthy, and troublemaking supernaturals, but when she becomes entangled in their plots, she is forced to turn to her crooked werewolf ex-boyfriend and the heir to the Cortez Cabal for assistance. **HC \$40.95**

Catherine Asaro

The Last Hawk (Skolian Empire 03)

When Kelric, heir to the Skolian empire, crashlands his space craft on a proscribed world, he is taken prisoner and detained by the two women who rule the planet in an effort to prevent their planet's incorporation into the empire, but the years it takes Kelric to escape cause severe consequences. **APB \$19.95**

Robert Asprin

Dragons Wild (01)

Con artist, poker player, and recent college graduate Griffen "Grifter" McCandles is stunned to discover that he and his sister Valerie are actually dragons and heads for New Orleans with Valerie to make a living in the city's dangerous criminal underworld. **TP \$28.95**

Kage Baker

Or Else My Lady Keeps the Keys

Subterranean Press is proud to present an exclusive pirate novel by the author of the acclaimed "Company" series.

His name is John James--at least, that's the name he gives to anyone asking. He's a former pirate just back in Port Royal from the sack of Panama, and he has every intention of settling down and leading a respectable life. First, though, he must honor a promise and deliver a letter to the mistress of one of his dead comrades. But the lady is much more than she seems, and the letter turns out to contain detailed instructions for recovering a hidden fortune. It's one thing to know where treasure may be found; finding it, and keeping it, is quite another. On his quest for a prince's ransom John is joined by two unlikely allies: a black freedman named Sejanus Walker and a humble clerk named Winthrop Tudeley. Pirate attacks, hurricanes, shipwrecks, sharks, unearthly visitations and double-crosses follow. Especially double-crosses... **HC \$70**

L A Banks

Bad Blood (Crimson Moon)

Returning from a solo mission only to discover that the other members of her team, all highly trained Special OPs soldiers and survivors of werewolf attacks, have vanished, Sasha Trudeau launches a personal quest to uncover the truth, revealing shocking government conspiracies, deceitful vampires, and dark secrets about her own existence in the process. **APB \$17.95**

Jonathan Barnes

The Domino Men

With a gallery of vividly grotesque characters, a richly evoked setting and a playful and highly literate style, this is an amazingly readable literary fantasy and a brilliant novel. Jonathan Barnes is one of the most talented writers of Victoriana around and juggles invention, reality, grotesquerie and curiosities together into a sparkling and wonderfully quirky story. 'A cabinet crammed with curiosities' - The Observer - which picks up the tale of THE DOMINO MEN as they embark on an all-new adventure. **TP \$29.99**

Gerry Bartlett

Real Vampires Live Large (Real Vampires 02)

Full-figured vampire Glory St. Clair finds that being one of the immortal undead is not what it is cracked up to be when a frustrated vampire hunter firebombs her vintage clothing boutique, her angry long-time lover wreaks romantic havoc, and Energy Vampires have targeted her as their next victim. **APB \$19.95**

David Bilborough

A Fire in the North (Annals of Lindormyn 02)

Continuing the Annals of Lindormyn, a colourful Tolkien-esque fantasy epic full of weird and wonderful adventures.

This second volume picks up the ongoing story in a tunnel leading out of enchanted mountain realm of Eotunlandt. Fighting their way through subterranean dangers, Nibulus and his diminished retinue of "questers" finally reach the open again, only to discover that their rivals the Thieves have mysteriously disappeared. The rest of the original questers also turn up for a scary sojourn in Wrythe, before heading on to Melhus island with Scathur's deathly henchmen in pursuit. During strange dreams, the wanderer Bolldhe learns he must use a strange sword he has found to kill the evil demigod Drauglir, once and for all. They all venture into Melhus (the Underworld), contesting with the hosts of the dead sent against them. There ensues a colossal battle, with thrills and spills and monumental destruction, before the questers achieve an unexpected victory – and most of them will return to Nordwas sadder but wiser. **TP \$32.95**

Anne Bishop

Tangled Webs (Black Jewels)

The invitation is signed 'Jaenelle Angelline', and it summons her family to an entertainment she had specially prepared. Surreal SaDiablo, former courtesan and assassin, arrives first. But when she enters the house, Surreal finds herself trapped in a living nightmare created by the tangled webs of Black Widow witches...and if she uses Craft to defend herself, she risks being sealed in the house forever.

But Jaenelle *did* not send the invitation. And now Jaenelle and her family must rescue Surreal and the others inside without becoming trapped themselves - and then discover who has created such a place, and why... **APB \$20.99**

Annette Blair

The Kitchen Witch

Single dad and television producer Logan Kilgarven finds his life turned upside down when his quirky new neighbor, Melody Seabright, who is rumored to be a witch, gets a job at his TV station, where she wreaks havoc on the set and on his heart. **APB \$17.95**

Ben Bova

The Aftermath (Asteroid Wars 04)

Running a galactic ore carrier with his family in the wake of the Asteroid Wars, Victor Zacharius flies their ship into the middle of a military attack and bravely saves his family, only to find himself in the clutches of the seductive Cheena Madagascar. By the author of Powersat. **APB \$19.95**

Chaz Brenchley

River of the World

His homeland oppressed for more than twenty years after the events of Bridge of Dreams, Issel of the Sudain uses his magical ability to manipulate water as part of a plan to free his people, an endeavor in which he is aided by a Marasai general's daughter who possesses her own vendetta against the regime. **APB \$19.95**

Terry Brooks

Dark Wraith of Shannara (Shannara)

An original manga tale from the master of modern fantasy. 'The past is always with us, but sometimes we fail to recognise it for what it is.' These were Jair Ohmsford's final thoughts as he walked away from the carnage at Dun Fee Aran, having destroyed at last the book of dark magic known as the Ildatch. Following this great event, Jair discovers that he can draw on a form of magic that allows him to transform into other living creatures, both human and non-human. The magic is both powerful and seductive, for Jair can feel himself wanting to remain in each new form that he tries. Jair sets out for the family home of Shady Vale, seeking peace from the temptations of his unwanted gift. But fate has other plans for the heir to the elven magics of Shannara, and the shade of the Druid Allanon sets him, and his sister Brin, on a new path. The way is perilous, but Jair can provide protection with his new magical ability. Of course, that may be the most dangerous path of all... **BPB \$22.99**

Robert Buettner

Orphan's Journey (Orphanage 03)

In the third volume in a five-part military science-fiction series, Jason continues to resist the army's attempts to get him to leave, assisting his godson, Jude, in testing an alien spacecraft for flight, but the mission is more successful than they had ever dreamed possible when they and the remnants of his team crash onto an alien world. **APB \$17.95**

Jim Butcher

Small Favor (Dresden Files 10)

The uneasy calm in Chicago wizard Harry Dresden's life is interrupted when Mab, monarch of the Winter Court of the Sidhe, the Queen of Air and Darkness, decides to call in the favor that Harry owes her, sending him on a quest that leaves him trapped between a deadly foe and untrustworthy ally and that will test his skills and loyalties to the limit. **HC \$49.95 CD \$85**

Captain's Fury (Codex Alera 04)

After years of war with the invading Canim, Tavi of Calderon, now Captain of the First Aleran Legion, uncovers information about an even greater threat, the savage Vord, who had driven the Canim from their homeland, and must risk everything to forge a desperate alliance between the Aleran and Cane to take on their mutual enemy.

16 CDs **CD \$95**

Rhyannon Byrd

Last Wolf Standing (Bloodrunners 01)

Five seconds earlier, Mason Dillinger would have sworn it could never happen...

That a woman who was his perfect match even existed. And that he'd find her in a bustling café. Yet just the scent of sweet, mortal Torrance Watson ignited a driving, explosive need to claim her that he knew his pack would never sanction. Worse, the rogue werewolf he'd been hunting had sensed that attraction and made Torry his prey. Forced to safeguard her from this ruthless assassin, who already posed a threat to his pack, Mason now faced the ultimate challenge. Did he have the courage to cross the line by sealing the blood bond that would make Torry his alone—a disloyalty few of his kind ever survived—or would he live an eternity without love? **APB \$14.95**

Rhyannon Byrd*Last Wolf Hunting (Bloodrunners 02)*

Coming home, Jeremy Burns realized his life had all been an act.

As if sending the next rogue back to hell was his life's mission. But after seeing Jillian Murphy for the first time in a decade, Jeremy knew he could no longer ignore his desire. By rights of nature, the Spirit Walker belonged to him. Yet fate and fear had worked against these two headstrong lovers in their youth—and cast the Bloodrunner from his home.

Now Jeremy and Jillian must join forces to uncover the betrayal that threatens to destroy the pack's stability. And when they're done—well, Jeremy's not about to again deny himself the one thing he wants most in this world.... Jillian belongs to him, and this time his little witch is going to know it! **APB \$14.95**

Alan Campbell*Iron Angel (Deepgate Codes 03)*

In the sequel to *Scar Night*, the death of the god Ulcis has left open the gates of Hell, leaving the city of Deepgate teetering on the edge of the abyss, while Rachel Hael struggles to restore the soul of her friend, the young angel warrior Dill, whose body has been possessed by an evil spirit.

HC \$51.95

Trudi Canavan Australian Author*Priestess of the White*

Trudi Canavan, author of the bestselling Black Magician trilogy, embarks up on a wonderful new fantasy series set in a classical world of magic, heroes, gods and forbidden love. When Auraya was chosen to become a priestess, it meant leaving behind her village, her family and the friendship she had formed with Leiard, the local Dreamweaver. Masters of herb lore and healing, Dreamweavers were despised for their heathen beliefs, and Auraya knew that she must hide her respect for the goddess healers if she was to succeed in her new role. Now, ten years later she is a Priestess of the White, gifted with exceptional powers by the gods. Auraya still needs time to fully adapt to her new abilities but time is the one thing she does not have. Mysterious black-clad sorcerers plague the land, raising fears that these powerful strangers may even be stronger than the gods' chosen five. As hostile forces gather momentum, the White work to seal alliances wherever they can. If the land is to be drawn back from the brink of war, Auraya will need to master her Gifts and call upon all of the courage and wisdom at her disposal... **CD \$45**

Orson Scott Card*Keeper of Dreams*

A definitive compilation of short fiction by the best-selling science fiction master and author of *Ender's Game* features twenty-two stories, including two from the Alvin Maker Universe and others that have never before been published in book form, all with new introductions and commentaries from the author on his life and work. **HC \$56.95**

Karen Chance*Embrace the Night (Cassandra Palmer 03)*

When she discovers a way to break the spell that binds her to master vampire Mircea, clairvoyant Cassandra Palmer journeys to the past to find the Codex Merlini, containing the incantation she needs, but also contains a vast array of dangerous spells that could endanger the world. **APB \$19.95**

Arthur C Clarke*Garden of Rama (Rama 03)*

Tensions mount as, twelve years into their journey, three cosmonauts trapped aboard a mysterious Raman spacecraft hurtle toward an uncertain destination, preyed upon by octospiders **APB \$19.95**

Kresley Cole*Dark Needs At Night's Edge*

Transformed into a spectre on the night of her murder and forced to relive her harrowing death every night at the full moon, once famous ballerina Néomi Renate discovers that her only chance of escaping her dark fate lies in the hands of Conrad Wroth, a half-mad vampire warlord determined to bring her back to life. **APB \$14.95**

MaryJanice Davidson*Undead and Uneasy (Undead 06)*

As Vampire Queen Betsy Taylor prepares for her marriage to her fiance, Vampire King Eric Sinclair, she finds herself dealing with complex wedding arrangements, unexpected house guests, and the sudden disappearance of her fiance and most of her friends and loved ones. **APB \$17.95**

Sylvia Day*Don't Tempt Me*

While trying to reclaim the sister who, trapped in a dark underworld, does not remember her, Lysette Rousseau, a deadly beauty who can seduce or betray with equal skill, traps Simon Quinn, a rake known for both his skills in the bedroom and as a mercenary, in her web of passion and deceit.

TP \$28.95

Sara Douglass Australian Author*The Serpent Bride (Darkglass Mountain 01)*

Special price edition!

Many Icarii survive in the courts abroad, while StarDrifter SunSoar, father to Axis, lives within the corrupt Palace of the First in Coroleas. Not even the Star Dance is as dead as the Icarii Enchanters had believed, for a strange race living in the frozen northern wastes can still hear, and use, the music of the heavens. Other ghosts from the past wait in the shadows. The Skraelings once again gather in the north. Far across the Widowmaker Sea a pyramid broods and plots revenge on those who had once thought to destroy it. To the east, at the edge of the world, an ancient serpent god uncoils, sending an unwilling woman to be the bride of the enigmatic Lord of Elcho Falling.

As men, Icarii, ice wraiths and ancient gods gather for war, a legend rises from the dead – Axis SunSoar, come to rega in his heritage and the Star Dance, and to battle new dangers across a vast, mysterious land. **APB \$9.99**

David Drake

Balefires

Balefires is the long-awaited collection of David Drake's weird and fantastic fiction. Before Drake was a best-selling author of military science fiction, he was a prolific writer of horror and fantasy short fiction. Balefires collects some of his earliest professional sales (including his first sale to Arkham House.) In addition, Balefires brings together many stories set in the worlds of his fantasy novels (Ranks of Bronze, Lord of the Isles, etc.) and contains original fiction. More than just a collection of stories, Balefires features extensive story notes that chronicle the development of the writing career of one of the science fiction's most popular writers, and provides detailed snapshots of the larger than life editors, publishers and writers that Drake has worked with throughout his career. **APB \$19.95**

Glen Duncan

I, Lucifer

The End is nigh, and the Prince of Darkness has been given one last shot at redemption, if he can manage to live out a reasonably blameless life on earth. The Old Dealmaker negotiates a trial run - a month with all the delights of the flesh. (The flesh: slightly worn, one previous owner; a writer.) But the experience of walking amongst us has more pratfalls and detours than Luce foresaw: instead of teaching us what it's like to be him, Lucifer finds himself beginning to understand what it's like being human. **BPB \$19.95**

Greg Egan *Australian Author*

Dark Integers

Greg Egan's first new collection in a decade contains five stories, set in three worlds.

In "Luminous," two mathematicians searching for a flaw in the structure of arithmetic find themselves pitted against a ruthless arms manufacturer. In "Dark Integers," their discovery has become even more dangerous, as they struggle to prevent a war between two worlds capable of mutual annihilation.

"Riding the Crocodile" chronicles a couple's epic endeavor a million years from now to bridge the divide between the meta-civilization known as the Amalgam and the reclusive Aloof. "Glory," set in the same future, tells of two archaeologists striving to decipher the artifacts of an ancient civilization.

In the Hugo-winning "Oceanic," a boy is inducted into a religion that becomes the center of his life, but as an adult he must face evidence that casts a new light on his faith. **HC \$51.95**

Axiomatic

AXIOMATIC is a collection of eighteen short stories including; THE HUNDRED LIGHT YEAR DIARY - Scientists can bounce messages from the future back to the present, but there's no guarantee they'll tell the truth... LEARNING TO BE ME - Crystalline minds may take the place of human brains, but where does the self really lie? CLOSER - Lovers exchange bodies and minds, but their experiments go just that little bit too far, proving that you can have too much of a good thing... **PB \$22.99**

Diaspora

By the end of the second millennium, the human race has evolved into three distinct groups: conscious software programs known as citizens, sentient robots called gleisners and unaltered humans or fleshers. When a cosmic accident forces the evacuation of Earth, these three groups form a tentative alliance to explore the known universe in search of unknown and perhaps unknowable possibilities. Egan's remarkable gift for infusing theoretical physics with vibrant immediacy, creating sympathetic characters that stretch the definition of humanity, results in an exhilarating galactic adventure that echoes the best efforts of Greg Bear, Larry Niven and other masters of hard SF. **PB \$22.99**

Distress

On a utopian, man-made island called Stateless, Nobel Prize-winner Violet Mosala is close to solving the greatest problem of her career - the quest for the ultimate Theory of Everything (TOE) is almost over. Burned out by recording the abuses of biotech for his TV news syndicate, Andrew Worth grabs the chance to follow Violet's story. In contrast the world of theoretical physics seems like an anaesthetised mathematical heaven, where everything is cool and abstract. He could not have been more wrong. One by one Mosala's rival quantum physicists are disappearing from the scientific summit at Stateless. But why? Is it something to do with Violet herself, or is there some other, more esoteric, force at work undermining the Theory of Everything Conference? **PB \$22.99**

Luminous

LUMINOUS collects together one original story plus nine stories previously only available in various SF magazines. Greg Egan's short fiction is at the cutting edge of the genre. His stories range from near future predictions to far future, far space improvisations. His grasp of the latest scientific breakthroughs is unparalleled in science fiction. The stories include 'Transition Dreams', 'Cocoon', 'Our Lady of Chernobyl', the title story 'Luminous' and 'The Planck Drive'. Egan's particular interests range from the farther shores of chaos theory and black hole science to bio-technology and cloning. **PB \$22.99**

Permutation City

PERMUTATION CITY is the tale of a man with a vision - how to create immortality - and how that vision becomes something way beyond his control. Encompassing the lives and struggles of an artificial life junkie desperate to save her dying mother, a billionaire banker scarred by a terrible crime, the lovers for whom, in their timeless virtual world, love is not enough - and much more. PERMUTATION CITY is filled with the sense of wonder. **PB \$22.99**

Quarantine

It's late in the 21st century and bioengineering is now so common that people are able to modify their minds in any way they wish. It is an era which has been shaped by information systems so vast that security, in any form, is easily breached. Now, you can be whatever you want to be and do whatever you want to do. On Earth anyway. One night, thirty three years ago, the stars went out. 'The Bubble' - a perfect sphere centred on the sun - appeared in the sky, isolating the solar system from the rest of the universe. For thirty-three years, humanity has lived with the religious cults and terrorism which spawned in the wake of the darkness. We are now alone. Humanity has been cut off... Quarantined. **PB \$22.99**

Schild's Ladder

Cass has stumbled on something that might be an entirely different type of physics and she's travelled three hundred and fifty 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 new light on the origins of the universe. But instead of decaying, Cass's 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. **PB \$22.99**

Greg Egan Australian Author

Teranesia

As a young boy, Prabir Suresh lives with his parents and sister on an otherwise uninhabited island in a remote part of the Indonesian peninsula. Prabir names it Teranesia, populating it with imaginary creatures even stranger than the evolutionarily-puzzling butterflies that his parents are studying. Civil war strikes, orphaning Prabir and his sister. Eighteen years later, rumours of bizarre new species of plants and animals being discovered in the peninsula that was their childhood home draw Prabir's sister back to the island - Prabir cannot bear for her to have gone out alone and he follows, to discover birds and orchids even stranger than the butterflies: mutants that are evidence of frightfully sped-up evolutionary changes with no discernable cause. Prabir is forced to confront his past and to face the painful realities that have shaped his life. **PB \$22.99**

Kate Elliott

Shadow Gate (Crossroads 02)

The second volume of Kate Elliott's spectacular fantasy epic chronicling a violent struggle for land and power in a world of fabled cities, great dangers and mysterious gods. Marit was pretty sure she had been murdered. She recalled the assassin's dagger, thrust up to pierce her heart. A certain path to a swift death, as any reeve would know. Her dying vision had shown her the next world but her spirit had not made the journey. She woke alone, sprawled on a Guardian altar with only a cloak for a covering. Her eagle was dead. The Guardians had ruled the Hundred, but they had long disappeared from the world, leaving the reeves to administer justice in their stead. But this peace has been shattered by a desperate army, slaughtering all in its path. And its leaders are shadowy undead, wearing the cloaks of lost Guardians... **PB \$32.99**

Madelynne Ellis, Mathilde Madden & Anne Tourney

Possession

Three otherworldly short novels of shape-shifters and possession

Falling Dancer: Kelda has two jobs: full-time bartender, part-time exorcist. She meets vengeful spirits and misguided demons wherever she goes. She wishes the spirit world would leave her alone so she could have a relationship that lasted longer than twenty-four hours, but when she's contacted by a sexy musician who wants her to solve the mystery of his girlfriend's disappearance, she can't help getting involved ..

The Silver Chains: Alfie Friday is a werewolf. For 7 years he has controlled his curse carefully by locking himself in a cage every full moon. But now he's changing when it isn't full moon. His girlfriend Misty travels to South America to try and find a way of controlling Alfie's changes, but discovers the key to the problem lies in Oxford. The place it all began for Alfie and the place he has vowed never to return to.

Broken Angel: After a stealing a copy of an ancient manuscript, Blaze Makaresh finds himself being hunted down by a gang of youkai - demons who infiltrate human society in order to satisfy their hunger for sex and flesh. When Talon, an elitist society of demon-hunters, come to his aid, he's soon enmeshed with the beautiful Asha, and the dawning of an age-old prophecy **PB \$24.95**

Eric Flint & Andrew Dennis

1635: The Cannon Law (Ring of Fire)

In Rome in 1635, Grantville's diplomatic team, headed by Sharon Nichols, has come to a standstill in their negotiations with Pope Urban VIII, while an ambitious Cardinal Borja launches his sinister schemes, mysterious agitators are stirring up trouble, Spain's armies prepare for an attack on the Kingdom of Naples, and Frank Stone finds himself in the middle of the trouble. **APB \$19.95**

Celia Friedman

Feast of Souls (Magister 01)

Now in B format. The first volume in a compelling new fantasy series from the acclaimed author of The Coldfire Trilogy. In the High Kingdom of Danton Aurelius, magisters from across the known world are gathering for an unusual meeting. The High King's son is dying of an apparently incurable wasting disease, and he has charged them with providing an explanation and a cure. There is a mystery here, but not the one the High King thinks: the magisters know the cause of the prince's illness but they dare not reveal it for fear that it will expose the secret at the heart of their order. No, the mystery is not what is responsible, but who... Now the magisters must embark upon a manhunt, racing against time, before the High King learns the truth. But they have not counted on the young prince's determination to control his own fate, nor on the existence of Kamala, a young woman schooled in their own arts, who will soon shake the world to its very roots. **PB \$22.99**

David D Friedman

Harald

Once again, Harald, the most powerful general of his people, is called upon to leave his peaceful family life to defend his land from the encroachment of the Empire, which has sent its finest legions against Kaerlia's land, and only a return to an alliance of the Kingdom, Vales, and Ladies of the Order can stop the marauders. **APB \$19.95**

Ray Garton

Ravenous

When the residents of the coastal California town of Big Rock are plagued by a curse that is spread through sex, Sheriff Arlin Hurley and his men must stop the growing terror and discover that many of the old werewolf legends are just myths--the reality is far worse. **APB \$19.95**

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. **TP \$32.95**

Laura Anne Gilman

Curse the Dark (Retrievers 02)

Once more Wren Valere's game plan has taken an unexpected direction. She'd agreed to a bargain with one secret magic-watching outfit to protect her and her partner on their last job. But now the Silence is trying to wedge them apart.

On the one hand, ever since she and Sergei began to talk about their 'relationship,' things have been tricky. On the other, though... Well, no one better try to stand between Wren and Sergei when danger is near!

So now they are off to Italy in search of a missing artefact, without any information other than the fact it's very old, very dangerous and everyone who gets too close disappears. Still, when compared with what's going on at home maybe disappearing wouldn't be so bad... **BPB \$19.95**

Christopher Golden*The Lost Ones (Veil 03)*

With war raging in the lands beyond the Veil, one powerful faction wants nothing more than to seal forever the lands beyond the Veil from the human world, and only Oliver Bascombe and his sister, siblings born of a union between a legendary woman and a mortal man, stand in the way.

TP \$24.95

David Gunn*Maximum Deniability (Death's Head 02)*

The sequel to Death's Head continues the perilous adventures and exploits of Sven Tveskoeg, an antisocial antihero with a nasty attitude and an intelligent handgun. **HC \$51.95**

Nancy Haddock*La Vida Vampire*

Trapped underground for more than two hundred years, vampire Francesca Marinelli gets a new lease on life when she is rediscovered during the renovation of a Victorian mansion in St. Augustine and takes a job as an Old Ghost Town Tour guide, only to find herself the prime suspect in a series of murders. **TP \$28.95**

Sarah Hall*Daughters of the North*

A dark fable set in an unrecognizable, near future Britain in which much of the country is now underwater and all assets and weapons have been seized by the sinister "Authority" chronicles the story of the narrator, Sister, and her efforts to escape the repression and the decree that all women be fitted with contraception to join a commune of women at Carhullan, a remote farm. **TP \$28.95**

Frank Hampson*Operation Saturn Part 2 (Dan Dare)*

It's chocks away and tally-ho once again as Dan Dare, Pilot of the Future, returns! First published in classic British comic "The Eagle", these are the original adventures of one of the best known and loved of British comic characters. In the thrilling second instalment of this epic tale, the battle for Saturn is raging as Dan and his crew attempt to escape the clutches of the nefarious Dr Blasco and his Saturnian cohorts, while the friendly pirates of Phoebe mount a full-scale assault! This exciting volume also contains two extremely rare Annual stories "Operation Triceratops" and "The Planulid", plus a Frank Hampson sketchbook, and "The Way to Space" interviews with "Eagle's" "backroom boys", Dare artist Frank Hampson, centrespread artist Leslie Ashwell Wood, and scientific advisor James Hemming. **HC \$24.95**

Nina Harper*Succubus in the City*

Despite the fabulous fashions, being able to eat as much as she craves, and hanging out with her three demon girlfriends, working for the Devil is really becoming tiresome for Lily, a succubus who has been sending bad boys to the fiery pits of Hell, as she yearns for a man who will stick around, and gets her chance when she meets P.I. Nathan Coleman. **APB \$17.95**

Charlaine Harris*All Together Dead (Sookie Stackhouse 07)*

Betrayed by her longtime vampire lover, cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse has her hands full dealing with every kind of undead and paranormal creature, as well as the new man in her life, the shapeshifter Quinn, and the upcoming vampire summit. **APB \$19.95**

Harry Harrison*Make Room! Make Room!*

Sometime in a dark future of urban jungles, vast overpopulation, riots, food shortages, and senseless violence, Andy Rusch, a cynical New York City detective, embarks on a desperate hunt for the truth about a killer whom everyone else has forgotten, in a new edition of a classic novel, first published in 1966. **TP \$30.95**

Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson*Sandworms of Dune (Dune 08)*

As the no-ship Ithaca flees through space, the heroes of HUNTERS OF DUNE finally meet the Enemy who followed the violent fanatics, the Honored Matres, back to their universe. The thinking machines vanquished by Serena Butler's jihad were not destroyed, only driven into exile - and now, tens of thousands of years later, they are back. Can the resurrected heroes on board the Ithaca save our race from annihilation? **APB \$19.99**

Frank Herbert*The Dragon the Sea*

As a conflict erupts between East and West in which oil becomes the ultimate prize, crews aboard nuclear-powered subtrugs brave enemy waters to tap into the hidden oil reserves beneath the East's continental shelf, but with the disappearance of the last twenty missions, psychologist John Ramsay is sent in undercover to find the truth, in a new edition of a long out-of-print novel. **TP \$30.95**

Colby Hodge*Star Shadows*

When Boone, the man she believes is responsible for her brother's death, is shot down over a faraway planet, Elle is determined to forget him, until a vision reveals that both her brother and Boone are alive and being held captive by Circe witches, forcing her to take action. **APB \$14.95**

James P Hogan*Moon Flower*

When the planet Cyrene, which is in the early stages of being developed by the mammoth Interworld Restructuring Corporation, is rocked by the mysterious disappearance of Terrans from the local base, ruthless Facilitator Myles Callen leads a mission to investigate the situation, but it is idealistic quantum physicist Marc Shearer hold could the answer. **HC \$47.95**

Jen Holling*My Immortal Protector*

A fiery witch able to communicate with animals, Deidra MacKay longs to relinquish her powers -- they bring her nothing but misfortune and danger. So when she learns that years ago, her ancestors signed a blood pact with a vampire, cursing the MacKay clan with witchcraft, she presumes that a member of the undead can also take her magic away. So she embarks on a quest to find the one who can hopefully ease her misery.

An embittered and crippled Scotsman, Stephen Ross lives as a recluse -- hiding from the world in a dreary castle. But when the intriguing and adorable Deidra arrives at his door hoping he is a vampire, he is intoxicated and aroused by her company. He joins her on her journey, hoping a vampire's magic might also heal his wounds -- and soon finds himself enraptured in the heat of passion with Deidra, an affair that could put both their lives at stake. **APB \$14.95**

Emma Holly*Demon's Fire*

Fleeing her family's routine life, Beth joins an archaeological expedition led by her cousin Charles into the desert city of Bhamjran, but their adventure is interrupted when Charles falls for a Yama demon, and another Yama demon finds Beth irresistible, in an erotic new romance by the author of Fairyville. **TP \$28.95**

Tom Holt*Barking*

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

BPB \$19.99

Hannah Howell, Jackie Kessler, Richelle Mead & Lynsay Sands*Eternal Lover*

Four passionate stories take readers to a world of ancient desires and forbidden pleasures, and include Hannah Howell's "The Yearning," in which Alpin finally finds the only woman who can quench his centuries-old thirst for lust and everlasting love, as well as works by Lynsay Sands, Jackie Kessler, and Richelle Mead. **TP \$28.95**

Susan Hubbard*The Society of S*

Thirteen-year-old, half-vampire Ariella Montero struggles with the daily realities of her condition while harboring an unflinching desire to unravel the darkest secrets of vampire nature, a longing that leads her to learn about the gentle, wise, and even vegetarian lifestyles of vampires. A first novel. **TP \$28.95**

Charlie Huston*Half the Blood of Brooklyn (Joe Pitt 03)*

There's a bad vibe in the air. Every Vampyre in Manhattan feels it in their bones...and in their blood. The mother of all gang rumbles is brewing between the divided Clans of the city's undead. A battle royal for more turf that will tear the island from stem to stern. And just his luck, Joe Pitt is smack in the middle of it. A rogue Vampyre who shunned Clan life, Joe's his own man. Kind of. Thing is, there's certain people have a claim on his talents. When they need someone who's ... expendable, they call on Joe Pitt. They're calling now. With war drums beating from the Hudson to the Harlem River, Joe's been dispatched into the uncharted territory of Brooklyn to seal an alliance with the Freaks - a Clan who more than live up to their name. But across the bridge, things go south with savage swiftness, as Joe gets swept into a murderous family feud between crazed Clans that will paint the borough scarlet from Gravesend to Coney Island. **PB \$22.99**

Lisa Renee Jones*Beast of Desire (Knights of White)*

As leader of the Knights of White in the war between Good and Evil, the demon warrior known only as Des walks a fine line between beast and man. Sent into battle to reclaim the ancient Journal of Solomon—which contains a list of angelic bloodlines—before the Darkland Beasts find it, Des feels an overwhelming connection to its guardian, Jessica Montgomery. Vibrant, alive, seductive...only she has the power to draw out the beast, soothe the man...and endanger them both.

Des can't resist her touch, and craves it like an addiction. Jessica might be his salvation. Or he might destroy them both... **APB \$14.95**

Susan Kearney*Solar Heat*

Rescuing Azsla from her emergency sleeping pod, Intersolar Mining entrepreneur Derrek Archer falls for his beautiful guest, unaware that she is a spy, but the two must overcome their mutual enmity and conflicting loyalties when a cataclysm of interstellar proportions threatens. **APB \$17.95**

Julie Kenner, Jade Lee & Mari Mancusi*These Boots Were Made For Stomping*

When three very different woman place orders at the same online shoe store, they discover that their magical new purchases not only look fabulous, but give them the power to find true love and take charge of their lives. **APB \$17.95**

Kay Kenyon

Bright of the Sky (Entire and the Rose 01)

Kay Kenyon, noted for her science fiction world-building, has in this new series created her most vivid and compelling society, the Universe Entire. In a land-locked galaxy that tunnels through our own, the Entire is a bizarre and seductive mix of long-lived quasi-human and alien beings gathered under a sky of fire, called the bright. A land of wonders, the Entire is sustained by monumental storm walls and an exotic, never-ending river. Over all, the elegant and cruel Tarig rule supreme.

Into this rich milieu is thrust Titus Quinn, former star pilot, bereft of his beloved wife and daughter who are assumed dead by everyone on earth except Quinn. Believing them trapped in a parallel universe—one where he himself may have been imprisoned—he returns to the Entire without resources, language, or his memories of that former life. He is assisted by Anzi, a woman of the Chalin people, a Chinese culture copied from our own universe and transformed by the kingdom of the bright. Learning of his daughter's dreadful slavery, Quinn swears to free her. To do so, he must cross the unimaginable distances of the Entire in disguise, for the Tarig are lying in wait for him. As Quinn's memories return, he discovers why. Quinn's goal is to penetrate the exotic culture of the Entire—to the heart of Tarig power, the fabulous city of the Ascendancy, to steal the key to his family's redemption.

But will his daughter and wife welcome rescue? Ten years of brutality have forced compromises on everyone. What Quinn will learn to his dismay is what his own choices were, long ago, in the Universe Entire. He will also discover why a fearful multiverse destiny is converging on him and what he must sacrifice to oppose the coming storm. **TP \$29.95**

A World Too Near (Entire and the Rose 02)

In *Bright of the Sky*, Kay Kenyon introduced a milieu unique in science fiction and fantasy: The Entire, a five-armed radial universe that exists in a dimension without stars and planets and is parallel to our own universe. Stretched over The Entire is a lid of plasma, called the bright, which ebbs and flows, bringing day and twilight. Under the vast canopy of the bright live many galactic species, copied from our own universe.

Former star pilot Titus Quinn loves The Entire, but now he must risk annihilating it by destroying the fortress of Ahnenhoon. To sustain a faltering Entire, Ahnenhoon's great engine will soon reach through the brane separating the universes and consume our own universe in a concentrated ball of fire. Quinn sets off on a journey across The Entire armed with the nan, a small ankle bracelet containing nanoscale military technology that can reduce Ahnenhoon and its deadly engine to chaos. He must pursue his mission even though his wife is held prisoner in Ahnenhoon and his own daughter has sent the assassin MoTi to hunt him down.

As he traverses the galactic distances of The Entire, he learns more of the secrets of its geography, its fragile storm walls, its eons-long history, and the factions that contend for dominance. One of these factions is led by his daughter, who though young and a slave, has at her command a transforming and revolutionary power.

As Quinn wrestles with looming disaster and approaches the fabled concentric rings of Ahnenhoon's defenses, he learns that in the Entire, nothing is what it appears. Its denizens are all harboring secrets, and the greatest of these is the nature of the Entire itself. **HC \$51.95**

Katharine Kerr

The Spirit Stone (Deverry 05)

'A dagger laid against our throat.'

So Prince Dar of the Westlands calls Zakh Gral, a new fortress built by the Horsekin, the ancient enemies of his people. To help him destroy this threat, the elven prince has called upon his allies: the dwarven folk of the northern mountains and the human men of Deverry to the east. Their leaders know that if the Westlands fall to the Horsekin, their own throats will feel that dagger next. Joining them are two powerful dragons, who have their own bitter reasons to hate the Horsekin.

But the fanatical Horsekin believe that they have the most powerful ally of all: a new goddess. Alshandra's priestesses have announced that she has given the Horsekin the lands belonging to the prince – and that his people must be utterly destroyed.

Rooted in Celtic mythology and intricately interweaving human and elven history over several hundred years, Katharine Kerr's dazzling saga tells of ancient enmities and undying friendships experienced through many lives. Epic fantasy on a truly grand scale. **APB \$20.99**

Caitlin Kiernan

Murder of Angels

Ten years after witnessing something unspeakable in an old Birmingham, Alabama, house, Daria Parker, a successful musician, and Niki Ky, trapped in a world of schizophrenia, are drawn back together to stop the opening of a portal between worlds. **APB \$19.95**

Stephen King

Cycle of the Werewolf

The isolated Maine village of Tarker Mills is terrorized by the horrifying bloodthirsty creature stalking its inhabitants at the time of the full moon **TP \$32.95**

Tom Kratman

Caliphate

In a twenty-second-century Europe ruled by Islam, a world in which Christians are second class citizens, Petra, a young German girl sold into prostitution as a slave to pay her family's taxes, dreams of escape and, inspired by her grandmother's diary, makes plans to flee to the refuge of America. **HC \$51.95**

Mercedes Lackey

Fortune's Fool (Five Hundred Kingdoms 03)

When Ekaterina, the seventh daughter of the Sea King, uses her special ability to move around on land to serve as her father's spy, she is kidnapped, along with other princesses, and held hostage in a castle where her only hope for rescue lies within a man thought to be a fool. **APB \$19.95**

Mercedes Lackey & Roberta Gellis

And Less Than Kind

On the verge of womanhood, Princess Elizabeth faces all new challenges with her brother Edward VI dying, the rise to Mary as queen, the schemes of the evil elf-lord Viada Dhu coming to fruition with the Dark Court's ability to feed on the misery generated by Mary's inquisitorial reign, and Mary's plot to marry off Elizabeth to ensure a Catholic heir. **HC \$49.95**

Tim Lebbon

Fallen

In the land of Noreela, four millennia prior to the time of the novels *Dusk and Dawn*, ambitious explorer Ramus Rheel teams up with Voyager Nomi Hyden to follow clues hidden in an ancient manuscript that could hold the secret of scaling the Great Divide and finding the Sleeping God he believes is hidden by the impassable barrier. **TP \$24.95**

Cait London*A Stranger's Touch*

Gifted with the ability to learn everything about an object or even a person just by the touch of her naked hands, Tempest protects herself by keeping those she loves at a distance, until someone threatens to destroy all that she holds dear, forcing her to turn to a former lover for help. **APB \$17.95**

Merline Lovelace*Mind Games*

For Air Force special agent Taylor Chase, invading a billionaire's island fortress was headache enough. But partnering with Dr. Mark Wolfson forced her to revisit the darkest chapter of her past. As his lab assistant, she'd been his lover—and turned into another one of his telekinetic experiments. He'd influenced her thoughts and dominated her very being, and she'd sworn off him forever.

Yet when the sheer horror of the billionaire's plan was revealed, Taylor and Mark realized only their telepathic bond could save them. But could they handle the deep-rooted extrasensory passion that had blown up in their faces years ago? Their very lives depended on the answer...of just who was controlling whom.... **APB \$14.95**

Mathilde Madden*The Silver Cage*

Iris and Alfie have been driven apart by the strongest forces in the werewolf world - the powerful thrall of the Divine Wolf - the mother of them all. Now Iris needs to win Alfie back, not just for herself, but because the fate of the world could rest upon it.

But the only way to free Alfie from the power of the Divine Wolf is to kill her. Something that could end the lives of all werewolves. Including Alfie himself - Iris' true love. **PB \$24.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough*Deluge (Twins of Petaybee 03)*

In Deluge the selkie twins, Ronan and Murel, leave Petaybee on a mission to help rescue their friend Marmie, who has been falsely arrested on the orders of a corrupt Colonel. However, the Colonel has more power in the Company than they realized and they end up being imprisoned themselves and taken to the Gwinnet Incarceration Colony. There they have to try to evade the clutches of their old adversary Dr Mabou, an unscrupulous scientist who wants to study their unusual shape-changing ability, and doesn't care how much pain her experiments cause them.

Meanwhile, the powerful and avaricious Company is making another attempt to take over the world of Petaybee for its resources, and the twins parents, Yana and Sean, along with the entire planet, must fight for the independence of their sentient world once and for all... **HC \$55**

Sandra McDonald*The Outback Stars*

Lieutenant Jodenny Scott is a hero. She has the medals and the scars to prove it. She's cooling her heels on Kookaburra, recovering from injuries sustained during the fiery loss of her last ship, the Yangtze, and she's bored – so bored, in fact, that she takes a berth on the next ship out. That's a mistake.

The Aral Sea isn't anyone's idea of a get-well tour. Jodenny's handed a division full of misfits, incompetents, and criminals. She's a squared-away officer. She thinks she can handle it all. She's wrong. Aral Sea isn't a happy ship. And it's about to get a lot unhappier. As Aral Sea enters the Alcheringa – the alien-constructed space warp that allows giant settler-ships to travel between worlds, away from all help or hope – Jodenny comes face to face with something powerful enough to dwarf even the unknown force that destroyed her last ship and left her with missing memories and bloody nightmares. Lieutenant Jodenny Scott is about to be introduced to love.

Author Sandra McDonald brings her personal knowledge of the military, and of the subtle interplay between men and women on deployment, to a stirring tale that mixes ancient Australian folklore with the colonisation of the stars. **APB \$16.95**

The Stars Down Under (02)

Chief Terry Myell and Lieutenant Commander Jodenny Scott are in that most precarious of military situations, a mixed marriage. Enlisted and officer. It's unnatural.

Terry and Jodenny have been assigned to duty on the planet Fortune, away from the huge ships that carry colonists from the wreckage of polluted Earth to clean new worlds across the galaxy.

But there's another way besides spaceships to travel from world to world. A group within Team Space is exploring the Wondjina Spheres, a set of ancient alien artefacts that link places and times. Now those spheres have shut down and Team Space thinks that Terry and Jodenny are part of the key to make them work again – no matter how the two of them feel about it. They can volunteer, or be "volunteered".

What the researchers can't anticipate is that the status quo, in which Team Space holds the monopoly on travel between worlds, is about to change. And as a result, Terry and Jodenny will be tested to their limits and beyond... **HC \$50**

John Meaney*Bone Song*

Imagine a world where necromancy is a science, where wraiths are a fact of life, where the dead walk... John Meaney has rewritten the rulebooks for SF and the detective novel alike and created a dark, sharp and intelligent novel. **PB \$22.95**

Martin Millar*Lonely Werewolf Girl*

Teenage werewolf Kalix MacRinnalch is pursued through the streets of London by hunters armed with silver bullets, while her sister, the Werewolf Enchantress, is busy designing clothes for the Fire Queen and, in the Scottish Highlands, a feud is brewing. **TP \$32.95**

Steve Miller*Beasts! How to Draw Fantastic Predators, Creepy Crawlies and Cryptids*

A richly illustrated addition to the popular series of drawing manuals teaches readers how to create a monstrous assortment of sharks, pythons, scorpions, spiders, Komodo dragons, Loch Ness monsters, yetis, piranhas, and other terrifying beasts. **TP \$40.95**

Scared

An in-depth guide to drawing horror comics provides a brief history of the genre, from EC Comics to Vertigo, and offers detailed, step-by-step instructions for drawing werewolves, vampires, swamp creatures, and other popular monsters. **TP \$39.95**

K E Mills Australian Author*The Accidental Sorcerer (Rogue Agent 01)*

His last assignment blew up in his face! Is New Ottosland ready for their new Grade Three Wizard?

For the life of him, Gerald Dunwoody can't seem to keep a job or a roof over his head. When career disaster strikes again it looks like his days of being a wizard are over for good ... until his friend Monk, genius of the government's secret research department, helps him to get appointed as Royal Court Wizard to the King of New Ottosland. His offside, Reg, an ensorcelled bird with a mysterious past, isn't so sure this is a good idea. But Gerald's choices are limited ...

It's New Ottosland, or starve.

But once he arrives it quickly becomes clear that King Lionel isn't the vain, indolent young man he first appeared to be. And with the passing of time, it becomes even clearer that Lionel's plans may not, in fact, be in Gerald's best interests ... **TP \$24.99**

L E Modesitt Jr*Octagonal Raven*

Gifted with great genes and the best cybernetic enhancement money can buy, an independent Daryn Alwyn nevertheless flees the influence of his wealthy family and then finds himself targeted by a murderer. **APB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Moon*The Serrano Succession (Serrano 06, 07)*

The final two explosive space adventures in the Serrano series, CHANGE OF COMMAND and AGAINST THE ODDS, now available in one great value package. CHANGE OF COMMAND: The Speaker of the Grand Council has been assassinated, and battle lines are quickly drawn. Factions include Families keen to control the new political order, and neighbouring states preparing to defend themselves. Even Fleet can no longer be depended on to keep the peace. Young Fleet officers Esmay and Barin want simply to marry. But Barin is a Serrano, the most influential of Fleet families, and Esmay is Landbride of the planet Altiplano. Their elders see only disaster in the match. And as Esmay and Barin struggle to reconcile their families, their very way of life is threatened. AGAINST THE ODDS: The worst has happened and Fleet is tearing itself apart. Some mutineers see injustice in the unequal spread of rejuvenation drugs offering virtual immortality to the rich; others are simply thirsty for power, or for blood. And when Esmay Suiza-Serrano is unceremoniously booted out of Fleet, the apparent victim of Family politics, she has no idea of the whirlwind of conflict that awaits... **TP \$29.99**

Kate Mosse*Sepulchre*

Conducting research in southwest France, American graduate student Meredith Martin finds the grand old hotel where she is staying eerily familiar and experiences strange dreams and visions about a sister and brother whose visit to the same region a century earlier had unexpected otherworldly consequences. By the author of Labyrinth. **HC \$52.95**

Jamil Nasir*The Houses of Time*

Possessing the unique ability to alter the course of his dreams, David Grant learns to control his dreams under the tutelage of Dr. Thotmose in the Trans-Humanist Institute, but his talent begins to take over as he visits dream-places while awake, the waking world and dream world collide, and he becomes the target of those who want to use his talents. **HC \$51.95**

Douglas Niles & Kevin Dockery*Operation Orion (Starstrike 02)*

When Lieutenant Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson and his sixteen-man team of specially trained Navy SEALs respond to a distress call from an allied fleet, they discover that the Pangaea and its diplomatic passengers have vanished, forcing them to follow the trail to an ice moon on the edge of the galaxy and into a perilous confrontation with an unknown enemy. **APB \$19.95**

Jody Lynn Nye*An Unexpected Apprentice*

Her family and farm destroyed by a Thraik attack, halfling Tildi Summerbee rebels against the plans of local leaders to have her enter an arranged marriage and passes herself off as a man in order to pursue an apprenticeship of danger and adventure under a great wizard. **APB \$19.95**

Paul Park*The White Tyger (Roumania)*

Miranda Popescu is at the fulcrum of a deadly political and diplomatic battle between conjurers in a fantasy world where Roumania, now occupied by the German army, is still a leading European power. Her enemies are the mad Baroness Ceausescu, serving as a figurehead-of-state, and the ghost of the sinister Elector of Ratisbon.

A Princess of Roumania brought the teen-aged Miranda and her two best friends into the conflict, from a place of safety in our world. The Tourmaline told how Miranda began to grow into her new sense of self, as she travelled in secret through Roumania, defeated the elector in the spirit world, and lit a fire of resistance against the German occupation and the baroness corrupt regime.

Now reunited with her friends in The White Tyger, she suffers a reversal and is captured by the baroness, along with her true mother, who was held prisoner in Germany since Miranda's birth. Both in the spirit world and in Roumania, the story in The White Tyger moves toward a series of startling climaxes. **PB \$16.95**

H Beam Piper*Space Viking*

After his wife is murdered on their wedding day, Lucas Trask, driven by vengeance, becomes a Space Viking, raiding distant worlds while hunting for his wife's killer. **APB \$17.95**

T A Pratt*Poison Sleep*

The chief sorcerer of Felport, Marla Mason has become the target of a renegade assassin who specializes in killing his victims over a long period of time, a situation that worsens as she and her partner Rondeau deal with a knife-wielding killer and a troubled psychic, capable of reweaving the very fabric of reality, who has escaped from the Blackwing Institute for criminally insane sorcerers. **APB \$17.95**

Carrie Pyykkonen & Linda Washington

Secrets of the Wee-Free Men and Discworld: Myths and Legends of Terry Pratchett's Multiverse (Discworld)

Filled with entertaining trivia, informational sidebars, folklore, fables, and mythology, a companion volume to Terry Pratchett's Discworld series and the novel *The Wee Free Men*, about a young witch-to-be who teams up with a clan of tiny blue men to rescue her baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland, also features a profile of the author and in-depth analyses of his work. **PB \$21.95**

Devyn Quinn

Sins of the Night

Turned into the very thing he despises, former vampire hunter Adrien Roth, searching for justice and redemption, experiences the ultimate sexual awakening in the arms of the only woman who can save his soul. **TP \$26.95**

Jennifer Rardin

Biting the Bullet (Jaz Parks 03)

The third pulsating Jaz Parks adventure: packed with action, tension and vampires Jaz Parks here, though I can't say for how long. This case is a tough one. So tough, it could be my last. The Wizard, a terrorist thorn in the military's side, has finally revealed a chink in his armour. So my vampire boss, Vayl, and I have been asked to join my brother's special ops team to take him down. But nothing on this mission is as it seems. The Wizard has hidden some vicious tricks up his sleeve, including the placement of a mole within the ops team. Add to the mix a pack of reavers bent on revenge, a Seer who'll do anything to share Vayl's power and a small army of parasitic monsters who prey on murderers and their victims. You can see why I'm going to need all my wits and more than my share of luck if I plan to get through this with my job, not to mention my life, intact. Not to mention my life. **APB \$19.99**

Alastair Reynolds

House of Suns

Six million years ago, at the very dawn of the starfaring era, Abigail Gentian fractured herself into a thousand clones and sent them out into the galaxy. These shatterlings watch over countless human empires, charting their rise and fall, meeting every two hundred years to exchange news and memories of their travels with their siblings. But at their latest reunion, there's something very wrong: there's a traitor in their midst, someone who will stop at nothing to exterminate the Gentian line. **HC \$59.99**

J D Robb

Creation in Death (Eve Dallas 25)

The 25th book in the increasingly popular IN DEATH crime series featuring Eve Dallas. 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 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 know that he has already grabbed his next victim. Time is running out on another women'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. **APB \$19.99**

Rob Rogers

Devil's Cape

In Devil's Cape, a neighbor of New Orleans and a city known as "Pirate Town" because of the violence, corruption, and darkness that marked its history, a horrific crime gives rise to a new breed of vigilantes, who set in motion a series of events that will transform Devil's Cape forever--but not necessarily for the better. A first novel. **TP \$30**

Patrick Rothfuss

The Name of the Wind (Kingkiller Chronicle 01)

A hero named Kvothe, now living under an assumed name as the humble proprietor of an inn, recounts his transformation from a magically gifted young man into the most notorious wizard, musician, thief, and assassin in his world. **APB \$19.95**

Lynsay Sands

Love Bites (Argeneau)

After Rachel Garrett, a gorgeous coroner, saves his life, vampire Etienne Argeneau returns the favor by giving her the gift of immortality and his eternal love. **APB \$19.95**

Single White Vampire (Argeneau)

When the biographies of his relatives are mistaken for romances, vampire Lucern finds his life thrown into entertaining chaos as the newest editor of Romance at Roundhouse Publishing makes it her mission to transform him into a bestselling author, and steals his immortal heart in the process. **APB \$17.95**

Tall, Dark & Hungry (Argeneau)

Arriving in New York to help plan her cousin's wedding, Terri, a beautiful Englishwoman, is powerfully drawn to Bastien, a relative of her cousin's fiance, who, unbeknownst to Terri, is a vampire thirsty for love. **APB \$17.95**

Andrzej Sapkowski

The Last Wish (Witcher)

Geralt de Riv is a witcher, a man whose magic powers, enhanced by long training and a mysterious elixir, have made him a brilliant fighter and a merciless assassin. Yet he is no ordinary murderer: his targets are the multifarious monsters and vile fiends that ravage the land and attack the innocent. He roams the country seeking assignments, but gradually comes to realise that while some of his quarry are unremittably vile, vicious grotesques, others are the victims of sin, evil or simple naivety.

Computer game "The Witcher" is based on this series. **PB \$22.99**

Jose Saramago*Death at Intervals*

On the first day of the New Year, no one dies.

This understandably causes great consternation amongst religious leaders - if there's no death, there can be no resurrection and therefore no reason for religion - and what will be the effect on pensions, the social services, hospitals? Funeral directors are reduced to arranging funerals for dogs, cats, hamsters and parrots. Life insurance policies become meaningless. Amid the general public, on the other hand, there is initially celebration: flags are hung out on balconies and people dance in the streets. They have achieved the great goal of humanity - eternal life.

But will death's disappearance benefit the human race, or will this sudden abeyance backfire? How long can families cope with malingering elderly relatives who scratch at death's door while the portal remains firmly shut?

Then, seven months later, death returns, heralded by purple envelopes informing the recipients that their time is up. Death herself is now writing personal notes giving one week's notice. However, when an envelope is unexpectedly returned to her, death begins to experience strange, almost human emotions.

In his new novel *Jos*, Saramago again turns the world on its head - an everyday event is snatched away, and humankind is left to make of it what it will. **TP \$32.95**

Sandra Schwab*Bewitched*

When she is stripped of her magical powers and forced into polite society to find a husband, Miss Amelia Bourne becomes the victim of a love spell that forces her into the arms of Sebastian "Fox" Stapleton and into the middle of a mysterious game involving black magic and pure evil.

APB \$17.95

Scott Sigler*Infected*

As ordinary people across America are transformed into raving, paranoid, murderous monsters by a mysterious bioengineered parasite, Perry Dawsey, a former football star, confronts his own battle with the infection as he discovers that the parasites want something special from him that goes way beyond mere murder. **HC \$51.95**

Bryan Smith*Queen of Blood*

When a few lone survivors of the House of Blood, the entrance to a netherworld of torture and terror, burn it down to the ground, a new house arises and a new mistress, wielding an unholy power, vows to get revenge on those who dared to challenge her and her former master. **APB \$19.95**

Allen Steele*Galaxy Blues*

Accused of grand theft and expelled from the Union Astronautica space fleet, Jules Truffant takes on a job as shuttle pilot for the freighter *Pride of Cucamonga* in exchange for amnesty, only to find himself taking part in a perilous voyage across the galaxy to plant a probe in the path of a black hole that is making its way through an inhabited star system. **HC \$51.95**

Adam Stemple*Steward of Song (Singer 02)*

In the sequel to *Singer of Souls*, Douglas, a usurper sitting on the throne of Faery, uses his powerful magic and his loyal lieutenant, Martes, to hold the Queen and the land hostage, while in Massachusetts, a mysterious infant is abandoned on the doorstep of an ex-Marine who may possess second sight. **HC \$49.95**

J R R Tolkien*Children of Hurin (Middle Earth)*

In a time long before *The Lord of the Rings* 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 Hurin, 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 Turin and Nienor by lies of diabolic cunning and guile, and the curse of Morgoth was fulfilled.

Begun by J.R.R. Tolkien at the end of the First World War, *The Children of Hurin* 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. **BPB \$24.99**

Karen Traviss*Judge (City of Pearl 06)*

Carrying a parasite in her blood that makes her virtually immortal, former police officer Shan Franland, along with her two lifemates, joins the Eqbas as they arrive on Earth to punish the human gethes who caused the near destruction of their race. **APB \$19.95**

Harry Turtledove*Beyond the Gap*

When news arrives of a narrow gap in the seemingly impregnable and endless wall of ice in the great Glacier near the city of Nidaros, Count Hamnet Thyssen and his companions venture deep into a dangerous and unexplored world on a perilous search for an ancient legend about a Golden Shrine and other lands beyond the ice. **APB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Vaughan*Dagger-Star*

Trained in the ways of war and the blade, mercenary Red Gloves, arriving in the land of Palins to find work, discovers that she is part of a great prophecy to save the people of this ravaged kingdom from a ruthless usurper's reign of terror with the help of a lone fighter named Josiah.

APB \$19.95

Elizabeth Vaughan

Warlord

Lara of Xy and her Warlord, Keir of the Cat, have been through much together. Lara left her homeland and her people for him, adopting his tribe as hers and learning their ways. Together they have overcome great trials, faced plague and insurgency and found joy and happiness in each other's arms. But now they face their most arduous trial: Keir must take Lara into the Heart of the Plains, where she will be tested and examined by the warrior-priests. For Lara is the Warprize, but if the elders are to confirm her in her role, she must be accepted by a people who loathe everything she represents. And if she is found wanting, she will lose everything: her new home, her new people - and her Warlord... **PB \$19.99**

Carrie Vaughn

Kitty and the Midnight Hour (Kitty 01)

Kitty Norville is a midnight-shift DJ for a Denver radio station - and she also happens to be a werewolf. One night, sick of the usual lame song requests, she accidentally starts 'The Midnight Hour', a late-night advice show for the supernaturally disadvantaged. Almost immediately she's deluged by calls from desperate vampires, werewolves and witches from all across the country, wanting to share their woes and ask her advice. Kitty's new show is a raging success, but it's Kitty herself who could use some help, not least because her monthly change is a deep and dark secret to all but a very special few. And when she finds one very sexy werewolf-hunter on her tail, not to mention a few homicidal undead, she realises she may just have bitten off more than she can chew... **APB \$19.99**

Rachel Vincent

Rogue

Rejoining the Pride to become the group's only female enforcer, a young werecat is struggling to prove herself to her father, while enjoying her romance with her partner, Marc, but trouble continues to stalk her as murdered toms begin turning up in the Pride's territory, killings that could be linked to a series of disappearances of human women. **APB \$17.95**

Kurt Vonnegutt

Armageddon in Retrospect... And Other New and Unpublished Writings on War and Peace

Twelve previously unpublished writings on war and peace, released to commemorate the first anniversary of the author's death, include such pieces as an essay on the destruction of Dresden, a story about the first-meal fantasies of three army soldiers, and a meditation on the impossibility of shielding children from the temptations of violence. **HC \$51.95**

Lawrence Watt-Evans

With A Single Spell (Ethshar)

With his master dead, apprentice wizard Tobas, knowing only an elementary spell for starting a fire, sets out to seek his fortune in the faraway, magical realm of Old Ethshar. **APB \$17.95**

Liz Williams

Bloodmind

Vali Hallsdottir has returned to her home world of Muspell to discover that her nation is in chaos, preparing to face invasion from the neighbouring country of Darkland. When her friend and mentor Idhunn is brutally murdered and her spine removed and stolen, Vali falls under suspicion and is held by the army of the Morrighanu, but released by a mysterious force.

Having nowhere else to run, she travels across the northern ice field to the hostile glacier territory of Darkland, where she meets an old enemy, Thorn Eld, a member of the elite security force known as the vitki. Eld tells her that Darkland has spawned a rogue assassin, a female vitki killer known as Skinning Knife, and despite their differences, Vali and Eld decide to join forces and track down the vitki's most lethal weapon.

Together they are facing some dangerous questions about the nature of Skinning Knife herself, and her impact on their world... and they are not the only ones who are desperate to discover the assassin's whereabouts... **APB \$21.95**

Walter Jon Williams

Implied Spaces

When mankind's every need is serviced by artificial intelligence, and death itself is only a minor inconvenience, what does it mean to be human? The answer lies hidden, deep within the Implied Spaces.

Aristide, a semi-retired computer scientist turned swordsman, is a scholar of the implied spaces, seeking meaning amid the accidents of architecture in a universe where reality itself has been sculpted and designed by superhuman machine intelligence. While exploring the pre-technological world Midgarth, one of four dozen pocket universes created within a series of vast, orbital matrioshka computer arrays, Aristide uncovers a fiendish plot threatening to set off a nightmare scenario, perhaps even bringing about the ultimate Existential Crisis: the end of civilization itself.

Traveling the pocket universes with his wormhole-edged sword Tecmessa in hand and talking cat Bitsy, avatar of the planet-sized computer Endora, at his side, Aristide must find a way to save the multiverse from subversion, sabotage, and certain destruction. **HC \$51.95**

Linda Wisdom

50 Ways to Hex Your Lover

The three-century, on-and-off-again romance between Jazz, a witch, and Nicholas, a vampire cop, takes an all new turn when Nick enlists Jazz's help to track down a maniacal serial killer with his own supernatural powers. **APB \$17.95**

John Zakour & Lawrence Ganem

Dangerous Games (Zach Johnson)

In *The Plutonium Blonde*, Zachary Nixon Johnson is hired by B. B. Starr, an ex-exotic dancer and the CEO of the largest corporation on the planet, to locate and destroy her replica, and in *The Doomsday Brunette*, Johnson must help the beautiful Thompson Quads discover the truth surrounding the death of their supposedly indestructible sister. **APB \$20.95**

Sarah Zettel

Sword of the Deceiver (Isavalta)

Ordered to bring a neighboring kingdom's princess into the Hastinapura court as a political trophy, Samudra, a younger brother to a corrupt emperor, is distressed by the changes taking place in his homeland and a plot to go to war with the princess's nation. By the author of *The Firebird's Vengeance*. **APB \$19.95**

Anthologies

Ben Bova *Editor*

Nebula Awards Showcase 2008

An anthology of Nebula Award-winning fiction selected by the members of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America includes works by this year's winners--Jack McDevitt, James Patrick Kelly, Elizabeth Hand, Peter S. Beagle, and other notables--accompanied by essays by celebrated authors Orson Scott Card and Mike Resnick on the state of the genre and future trends. **TP \$32.95**

Julie E Czerneda *Editor*

Misspelled

Featuring contributions from Kristine Smith, Marc Mackay, John Zakour, and Shannan Palma, among others, this enthralling collection of original fantasy stories reveals what happens when spell-driven situations get out of hand and wreak magical havoc in the lives of a colorful cast of unsuspecting characters. **APB \$19.95**

Gardner Dozois

Mammoth Book of Best New SF 20

Widely regarded as the benchmark anthology for every science fiction fan, "The Mammoth Book of Best New SF 20" continues to uphold its standard of excellence with over two dozen stories from the previous year. This year's volume includes many bright young talents of science fiction, as well as a host of established masters.

It covers every aspect of the genre - soft, hard, cyberpunk, cyber noir, anthropological, military and adventure. Also included is a thorough summation of the year and a recommended reading list. **TP \$29.95**

James Morrow & Kathryn Morrow *Editor*

SFWA European Hall of Fame

An English-language anthology of science-fiction tales by top European writers includes pieces by such authors as Joanna Sinisalo, Andreas Eschbach, and Jean-Claude Dunyach, in a volume complemented by an introductory essay and informative story notes. **TP \$34.95**

Young Adult

Berard Beckett *New Zealand Author*

Genesis

Winner of the 2007 Esther Glen Award

Winner, Young Adult Fiction Category, NZ Post Book Awards

What is it to be human? What is consciousness? What makes a soul?

2075. Change brought fear and fear brought destruction. The island-state of the Republic had risen up from the destroyed world: isolated, ordered and repressive. Its citizens are alive, but not free. What remains of the outside world is kept at bay. Planes are gunned down; refugees shot on sight. Until a man named Adam Forde rescues a girl from the sea.

Forde is long-dead when Anaximander faces the Examiners. Her aim: to join the philosopher's class at The Academy. Her topic: Forde's challenge to the Republic. Anaximander feels a connection to Forde, one that she can't explain, one that she doesn't yet know is dangerous.

Genesis is an extraordinary book, a philosophical novel that asks all the big questions about who we are, what it means to think and what it is to be human. **BPB \$19.95**

Clare Bell

Ratha's Challenge (Ratha)

An encounter with a group of unusual cats helps bring Ratha, leader of the prehistoric cat clan called the Named, and her estranged daughter, Thistle, to a better understanding of each other. **PB \$22.95**

Clan Ground (Ratha 02)

The stranger Orange-Eyes, recognizing that the one who controls fire can become absolute ruler, challenges Ratha's authority over the Named, a clan of intelligent wild cats living twenty-five million years ago. **APB \$19.95**

Ratha and Thistle-chaser (Ratha 03)

Crippled and tortured by paralyzing nightmares, Newt, a solitary cat, finds a new life for herself with the strange tusked creatures of the seashore until her peaceful existence is disrupted by Ratha's scout, Thakur, who brings welcome companionship but also forces Newt to face her terrifying past. Crippled by nightmares, Newt, a solitary cat, finds a new life for herself with the strange tusked creatures of the seashore until her peaceful existence is disrupted by Ratha's scout, Thakur, who forces Newt to face her terrifying past. **PB \$20.95**

Adam Blade

Vedra and Krimon Twin Beasts of Avantia (Beast Quest 08)

Something strange and wonderful has happened in the land of Avantia - two new Beasts have been created. Twin dragons - Vedra and Krimon - have hatched from a single egg that lay hidden in the sacred Nidrem Caves. The new Beasts must make the journey to the neighbouring kingdom of Rion where they can grow up in safety.

But the evil wizard Malvel is never far away and the young twins need protecting. Accompanied by Ferno the fire dragon and Epos the flame bird, Tom will join the twin Beasts' journey. Only he can fend off enemies, because Ferno and Epos cannot attack.

Like the other Beasts of Avantia, they can only protect. So Tom may be needed to fight fiercely. Can Tom protect the twin beasts of Avantia?

PB \$15.99

Herbie Brennan

Faerie Lord (Faerie Realm)

Two years after leaving the Faerie Realm, Henry Atherton finds a middle-aged Pyrgus and his new wife, Nymph, in Mr Fogarty's garden. They explain that a terrible plague has taken hold of the Faerie Realm, causing faeries to age so rapidly that Pyrgus had to flee in order to save himself. Determined to help his friends, Henry returns to the Realm, hoping to find a cure and perhaps win his way back into the heart of Queen Holly Blue. But the plague isn't what it seems, and when the treacherous villains of the Faerie Realm are involved, anything is possible. **PB \$15.95**

Dean Vincent Carter

The Hunting Season

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

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

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

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

Full moon or not, the hunt is on. **BPB \$17.95**

P C Cast & Kristen Cast

Chosen (House of Night 03)

Dark forces are at work at the House of Night and fledgling vampire Zoey Redbird's adventures at the school take a mysterious turn. Those who appear to be friends are turning out to be enemies. And oddly enough, sworn enemies are also turning into friends.

So begins the gripping third instalment of this "highly addictive series" ("Romantic Times"), in which Zoey's mettle will be tested like never before. Her best friend, Stevie Rae, is undead and struggling to maintain a grip on her humanity. Zoey doesn't have a clue how to help her, but she does know that anything she and Stevie Rae discover must be kept secret from everyone else at the House of Night, where trust has become a rare commodity. Speaking of rare: Zoey finds herself in the very unexpected and rare position of having three boyfriends.

Mix a little bloodlust into the equation and the situation has the potential to spell social disaster. Just when it seems things couldn't get any tougher, vampires start turning up dead. Really dead.

It looks like the People of Faith, and Zoey's horrid step-father in particular, are tired of living side-by-side with vampires. But, as Zoey and her friends so often find out, how things appear rarely reflects the truth... **PB \$20.95**

Philip Caveney

Prince of Fools (Sebastian Darke 01)

Sebastian Darke has the world on his narrow shoulders. The son of a human father and an elvish mother, he is desperately trying to become the family breadwinner and has taken on his late father's job - celebrated jester, Prince of Fools.

Trouble is, Sebastian can't tell a joke to save his life. Dressed in his father's clothes and accompanied by his talking (and endlessly complaining) buffalope, Max, he sets off for the fabled city of Keladon, where he hopes to be appointed court jester to King Septimus. On the way he encounters a tiny but powerful warrior called Cornelius; the beautiful Princess Kerin; blood-thirsty Brigands and enough perils to make him wonder why he ever decided to leave home.

A hilarious and swashbuckling adventure! **BPB \$17.95**

Prince of Pirates (Sebastian Darke 02)

Sebastian, Max and Cornelius are ready for another adventure and heading to the bustling port of Ramalat. Once there they intend to embark on a perilous sea journey in search of the fabled lost treasure of the pirate King, Captain Calinestra.

But first, they must make it through the dark and mysterious forest of Geltane and survive an encounter with Leonora; a powerful enchantress, with a terrifying secret and a magical hold over Sebastian's senses.

And as if that wasn't bad enough, when they finally reach Ramalat, a feisty female sea captain; an infamous young pirate; ravenous sea creatures, giant lizards; furious sea battles and breathtaking action await them.

Will they discover the lost treasure? Will Sebastian live to tell the tale? Will Cornelius be beaten in armed combat? And will Max EVER stop moaning? **TP \$24.95**

Alex Cliff

The Jaws of Doom (Superpowers 01)

Have you ever thought what it would be like to be the strongest boy in the world? Or the fastest? Or even the noisiest? Two ordinary young boys are about to find out!

When the castle walls of Max and Finlay's den start crumbling away, little do the best mates know that everything is about to change . . . Trapped inside the wall is the ancient god Hercules and he needs the boys' help! The friends must complete a terrifying challenge every day for seven days and can choose only one of Hercules's amazing superpowers at a time to help them.

In this first brilliant Superpowers adventure, Max and Finlay find themselves faced with a snarling sabre-toothed lion. They had better hope they've made the right choice . . . **BPB \$9.95**

The Heads of Horror (Superpowers 02)

In this second exciting Superpowers adventure, Max and Finlay have to deal with a viscous nine headed river monster! Will they choose the right superpower? **BPB \$9.95**

The Deadly Stink (Superpowers 03)

In this third fantastic Superpowers adventure, Max and Finlay have to find a way to move a whole stable full of smelly poo! What superpower can defeat the poo as well as the horrible surprise that awaits them? **BPB \$9.95**

The Tusked-Terror (Superpowers 04)

In this fourth thrilling Superpower adventure, Max and Finlay are forced to do battle with a very angry giant boar (with very giant tusks!). They must choose their power wisely . . . **BPB \$9.95**

The Clash of the Claws (Superpowers 05)

In today's quest, will they outwit the man-eating birds and save Hercules in time? **BPB \$9.95**

The Snarling Beast (Superpowers 06)

7 Days, 7 Powers, 7 Deadly Challenges

In today's quest, will they trick the three-headed dog and save Hercules in time? **BPB \$9.95**

The Raging Bulls (Superpowers 07)

7 Days, 7 Powers, 7 Deadly Challenges

In today's quest, will they defeat the stampeding beasts and save Hercules in time? **BPB \$9.95**

Stephen Cole

The Sun-Snatchers (Astrosaurs 12)

Captain Teggs is no ordinary dinosaur - he's an astrosaur! On the incredible spaceship DSS Sauropod, along with his faithful crew, Gypsy, Arx and Iggy, Teggs rights wrongs, fights evil and eats a lot of grass!

The astrosaurs are on a mission to help the planet of the woolly rhinos, where one of their three suns has gone missing. What on earth could have swallowed up such a huge ball of fire? Teggs and his team must investigate... But soon they discover they are dealing with a rare and enormous creature, a solarwurm, and they have to muster all their strength to sort it out! **PB \$14.95**

Susan Cooper

The Silver Dolphin (Mermaid Curse 01)

Lizzy Baxter is thrilled when her family moves to Cornwall – she's always loved the beach. Lizzy doesn't realise, but she has a special connection with the sea – and the mystical mermaids and silver dolphins who swim there.

But there's much more to the beautiful blue-green world than magic. The evil sea Queen is plotting to steal something precious – something that belongs to Lizzy. **BPB \$10.95**

The Black Pearl (Mermaid Curse 02)

Lizzy has always known she was adopted. But since her family moved to Cornwall her world has turned upside down - and a beautiful shade of blue-green. By chance, she discovered Kes, a brother she never knew existed, and the incredible truth about her birth mother...

Now Lizzy and her new family must battle the evil mermaid Queen and her servant, a terrifying giant conger eels. For Lizzy has a powerful treasure and the Queen will stop at nothing to get it. **BPB \$10.95**

Zizou Corder

Lee Raven, Boy Thief

Lee Raven, boy thief, has stolen something he really didn't mean to. Now he faces a perilous flight through London (and the murky sewers below) as he tries to escape capture - because Lee has stolen the Book of Nebo, a book that has existed for thousands of years and tells every story and legend known to man. It's priceless, but more than that - it's peculiar. Some will even kill to possess it.

The future of Nebo is in Lee's hands - can he prevent the most dangerous ending of them all? **PB \$19.95**

Tony Davis

Brand New Page (Roland Wright 02)

It's really happened! Roland is to join the royal household at Twofold Castle as a brand new page. This is his big chance to impress the king and his knights.

There are a few small problems. The Queen hates mice, and Roland is told his littlest friend, Nudge, won't be allowed to stay. There's an older page who hisses like a snake and always makes sure that poor boys are sent straight home in disgrace. And did we mention that there's an elephant on the rampage? If things don't improve, Roland's dream of being a knight could be over in a day. **PB \$12.95**

Ann Downer

The Dragon of Never-Was (Theodora)

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

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

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

TP \$12.95

Jake T Forbes

Return to Labyrinth part 1 (Labyrinth)

For years, Jareth's goblin minions have kept watch over Toby, preparing him for the day when he will return and take his place as Jareth's heir, but when Toby must navigate the Labyrinth on his own, he is not prepared for the consequences. **PB \$22.95**

Return to Labyrinth part 2 (Labyrinth) **PB \$22.95**

Elizabeth Goudge

Little White Horse

The beautiful valley of Moonacre is shadowed by the memory of the Moon Princess and the mysterious little white horse. When Maria Merryweather comes there on a visit she finds herself involved in an ancient feud. She is determined to restore peace and happiness to the whole of Moonacre Valley. **PB \$14.95**

Kenneth Grahame

The Reluctant Dragon (70th Anniversary)

'Now, dragon,' said the Boy imploringly.

'You've got to fight him some time or other you know, 'cos he's St George and you're the dragon. Better get it over, and then we can go on with the sonnets.'

Everyone knows St George has to do battle with the dragon, but what happens when the dragon simply won't fight St George?

A funny story of bravery, friendship and derring-do – gently retold. **PB \$14.95**

The Wind in the Willows (100th Anniversary)

The Wild Wood seems a terrifying place to Mole, until he finds it's full of friends – kind, sleepy Badger; brave and lively Ratty; and the irresponsible Mr Toad, famous for his wealth and his car smashes. But there are also the sinister weasels and stoats, and they capture Toad Hall when Mr Toad is in jail. How will he escape? And can the friends fight together to save Toad Hall? A very funny story about friendship, silly japes and messing about in boats – with beautiful illustrations. **PB \$14.95**

Tove Jansson

Finn Family Moomintroll (Moomin)

Poor little chap! He had been turned into a very strange animal indeed...

Although they're small, fat and shy creatures, Moomins have the most amazing adventures. It all begins when Moominpappa tries on a magic hat that makes exciting and funny things happen... **BPB \$12.95**

Tales from Moominvalley (Moomin)

If you found a tiny golden dragon with green paws, would you know what to do with it?

Well, Moomintroll thinks he knows what to do. But when he takes his new-found pet home, things don't quite work out as planned! **BPB \$12.95**

Diana Wynne Jones

The Game

Hayley's parents disappeared when she was a baby, so she has been brought up by her grandparents. Then one day she is packed off to Ireland to live with her aunts – and a whole host of cousins she never knew about! Here she is introduced to "the game" which involves adventures in the forbidden "mythosphere". And here also is where Hayley discovers the truth about her family. **PB \$14.99**

Brian Keaney

The Gallow Glass

In The Hollow People, Dante the kitchen boy found that he had the power to manipulate Odylic Force to confront the evil force that was behind Dr Sigmundus. Now, we meet Dante's nemesis: his evil twin Luther. 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. **PB \$15.99**

Garry Kilworth

Jigsaw

A fabulous beast wandered the earth in centuries past, leaving behind a magical, deadly legacy... April 29th: Krantu is a good way off the coast of Sarawak, a Malaysian island. No one lives on Krantu anymore and it'll soon sink into the sea. May 2nd: This is just like when I went on digs. Dad is up to his eyeballs in work. June 4th: He put the edges of the scrolls near to each other. What happened next made me jump backwards, my heart pounding. July 5th: I'm not sure what happened. The bright beam of the torch was shining directly into a huge pair of eyes... Whatever had been caught in my torch beam had crashed through the flimsy wall of the shed and stampeded into the rainforest beyond it. At first, Max's diary seems like any other entry on a teenager's blog but closer reading reveals an incredible adventure story. As the reader absorbs the strange events that unfold, Max and those around him are drawn deeper and deeper into danger. Surrounded by spies and pirates, Max makes a terrible discovery - a secret that could change the world for ever... **PB \$16.99**

Derek Landy

Playing With Fire (Skulduggery Pleasant 02)

With Serpine dead, the world is safe once more. At least, that's what Valkyrie and Skulduggery think, until the notorious Baron Vengeous makes a bloody escape from prison, and dead bodies and vampires start showing up all over Ireland. With Baron Vengeous after the deadly armour of Lord Vile, and pretty much everyone out to kill Valkyrie, the daring detective duo face their biggest challenge yet. But what if the greatest threat to Valkyrie is just a little closer to home...? **PB \$19.99**

Kathryn Lasky

Exile (Guardians of Ga'Hoole 14)

The Striga, former dragon owl from the Middle Kingdom beyond the Unnamed Sea, has come to stay at the great tree. He has earned the trust of all by saving Bell, Soren's owlet, from Nyra, and he grows daily closer to the young king Coryn, with whom he seems to share a strange bond. The Striga senses the power of the ember hidden in Bubo's forge and draws it closer. As his power waxes, he accuses the Band of treason and produces flimsy evidence to support his abominable claim. And so the Band is exiled, strengthening the Striga's hold over Coryn. **PB \$10.99**

Joan Lennon

Ice Road (Wicket Chronicles)

It's the harshest winter anyone can remember, and the vast waterways of the Fens are frozen solid, transformed into an Ice Road. Ideal conditions for a surprise invasion by young King Arnald's banished uncle! Even Wicket Monastery is under threat - a bitter illness has struck down almost all the Brothers and a ghost walks across the snow.

How can the orphan Pip, and Perfect, the stone gargoyle, save the Brothers, their friend the King and their country? **BPB \$14.95**

Linda McNabb New Zealand Author

Dragons' Bane (Dragon's Apprentice)

Toby has been living in Dragon Valley for a year- but things aren't going as expected. When he uses his magic, disastrous things happen. Gates to other worlds are beginning to open on their own and the entire valley is in danger of being destroyed. The sorcerers and dragons blame Toby and he is banished - but still the valley crumbles. The only solution is to find a missing dragonstone that was stolen many years ago. While the dragons search for the stone (and the thief) the valley's magic begins leaking into all the worlds outside.

As the dragons sicken Toby is desperate to find a place to belong, and heartbroken to think he is the cause of the valley's destruction. And when he finds the true identity of his father, things suddenly get much worse.

the long awaited return of Toby, the Dragon's Apprentice, by popular demand, sees Linda McNabb revisit the scene of her first award winning novel, and answer all the fans who have been asking what happened next for the dragon Klel, and Toby, his Apprentice. **BPB \$15.99**

China Mieville

Un Lun Dun

Stumbling through a secret entrance, Zanna and Deeba emerge in the strange wonderland of UnLondon. Here all the lost and broken things of London end up, and some of its people, too – including Brokkenbroll, boss of the broken umbrellas and Hemi the half-ghost boy. UnLondon is a place where Routemaster buses have legs, where Librarians are "bookaneers", intrepid adventurers dedicated to hunting down lost books, and postmen spend years tracking the mobile addresses of the ever-changing Puzzleborough. But the girls have arrived at a dangerous time - UnLondon is under siege by the sinister Smog; it is a city awaiting its hero.

China makes extraordinary use of the ordinary, in this wildly inventive fantasy adventure. **PB \$16.95**

James Patterson*The Final Warning (Maximum Ride)*

Max, Fang, Iggy, Gasman, Nudge and Angel are six extraordinary avian hybrids. The result of a cruel Biotech experiment which manipulated their DNA and turned them into recombinant life forms with wings. This flock has endured a turbulent upbringing and they have been continually faced with evil. Evading capture on a daily basis, they have endured torture and been pushed to the very brink of sanity.

Hunted all their lives, they've had to fight life-threatening and belief-defying battles pitting their strength against the fearsome force of their shadowy enemies. But as their predators evolved, their unique ability to fly is no longer enough to save them. With their genes mutating to astonishing affect, the flock establishes a new set of skills to unleash as they strive for survival. But just as they struggle to get to grips with these physical changes, emotionally they face new challenges too: life on the fringe of society can be a lonely existence.

Driven to the wastelands of Antarctica, each day brings a new threat for the flock. Danger is never far away and while fighting to save their own skin, they have a new mission to undertake - one with devastating global consequences. **TP \$32.95 TP \$27.95**

Christopher Pike*Last Vampire 5 & 6 (Last Vampire)*

Alisa is battling with a heartbreaking dilemma. Her daughter, Kalika, has disappeared. Alisa knows the great danger Kalika poses to the human world - but can she bring herself to destroy her own flesh and blood? And another threat looms large to Alisa.

Someone means to destroy the 5000-year-old vampire, and Alisa's only hope lies in reliving the evil of her monstrous past. Then she can eliminate it. For ever. **BPB \$16.99**

Richard Poole*The Iron Angel (Lowmoor 03)*

Jewel and Thorn's adventures conclude in this thrilling climax to the Lowmoor trilogy.

Desperate to stop the wicked Querne Rasp from collecting the final crystal to complete her collection, they find themselves drawn deep into the inner workings of an old and sinister church, fighting ice spiders and malevolent characters along the way. As always, Racky Jagger is as determined to thwart their plans but when he shares a revelation with Thorn, life changes irrevocably for both of them. **BPB \$14.95**

Michael Pryor Australian Author*The Missing Kin (Chronicles of Krangor 02)*

While Adalon and his friends Targesh and Simangee gather supporters at the Lost Castle, the mad queen and her ruthless general continue to wage war on the Seven Kingdoms of Krangor.

It is only when Simangee finds a legend in an ancient text that the rebels begin to hope once more. Do the Missing Kin of the saur really exist? Can the three friends find the winged saur and convince them to join their cause before it's too late? **PB \$14.95**

Philip Reeve*Here Lies Arthur*

The highly acclaimed novel from the unparalleled Philip Reeve-now in paperback. Gwyna is just a small girl, a mouse, when she is bound in service to Myrddin the bard-a traveller and spinner of tales. But Myrddin transforms her-into a goddess, a boy warrior, and a spy. Without Gwyna, Myrddin will not be able to work the most glorious transformation of all-and turn the leader of a raggle-taggle war-band into King Arthur, the greatest hero of all time. An ancient story and a brilliant allegory of our own times. **PB \$17.99**

Kristopher Reisz*Unleashed*

Daniel Morning seems perfect -- handsome, charismatic, intelligent. But living up to everyone's expectations has cost him the right to make his own decisions. The urge to shatter those expectations is beginning to gnaw at his insides.

Then Daniel meets Misty. She's smoky, rebellious, tender...and much more. She decides to let him into her pack of outcasts -- and in on their little secret: She and her friends have learned to shapeshift, and have been prowling the night as wolves.

Daniel soon falls in love with the primal sensation of shifting, just as he's falling in love with Misty. The freedom to follow his most basic instincts is like nothing he's ever felt. But Daniel will slowly come to realize that such freedom comes at a price.... **PB \$14.95**

Justin Richards*Past Forward (Time Runners)*

The USA in 2021 is not a pleasant place - after the death of President Carlton in 2016, civilisation has broken down. Several states have ceded, the people fear for their lives. There are gun battles on the city streets and barely enough food to go round. Jamie and Anna are with a group of children at a scientific facility on the outskirts of Washington DC - a compound guarded by the army and with rioters and disaffected clamouring to get inside this safe-haven. But Jamie and Anna don't care about that - they're here because someone at the facility is developing time travel, and that shouldn't happen for centuries yet.

With rioters breaking in from outside, and a terrifying monster on the loose inside, our heroes meet the businessman who's funding the research: Darkling Midnight. Can Jamie and Anna stop the monster, escape the rioters, and discover what Midnight's up to? How is it all tied up with the death of the President? And why are the children here - unless they are part of the time experiments themselves? **BPB \$14.95**

Jack Womack*The Other Book*

Over four hundred years ago a book is buried within the grounds of Oldstone Manor. There it lies, shrouded in a brooding curse, until one day the earth stirs and the book is discovered once more by a young boy. Its extraordinary powers do not go unnoticed and it is coveted by many. But the curse of the book runs deep. Those that want the book are not always those that should have the book. And when Edward Pollock begins to turn its pages, little does he know that the wall between man and ghost has become weakened, and all havoc is about to break loose. **PB \$16.95**

Media and Comic Related

Alien Legion: On the Edge

An all-new Titan Books series, created by Carl Potts (The Punisher) and written and drawn by a host of comics' superstars. Meet the Alien Legion - home to every creeping, slithering scumbag the Universe saw fit to dump in a uniform. And the worst of the worst? Force Nomad -hard-bitten warriors loyal only to each other...and certainly not to the Galarchy that sends them to die in unmarked graves, drenched in rainbow-hued shades of blood. In 'On the Edge', Force Nomad finds itself trapped on the event horizon of a black hole and up against a warlike species who see the various Nomads as one huge buffet! Features a new cover by comics greats Alan Davis and Mark Farmer! **TP \$19.95**

Alien Legion: Tenants from Hell

They are the dregs, the lost and the forsaken. They are loyal only to each other. They are the mudslogging mercs of Force Nomad, Alien Legion's worst of the worst, and they are the stars in volume two of this planet-busting new series from Titan! Lost for 15 years in a black hole, Force Nomad returns to combat as little more than the plaything of mega-corporations whose business transactions are paid for in Nomad blood. However, being used as pawns for the idle rich is something they won't stand for - as their paymasters are about to find out! With new cover artwork by Alan Davis and an introduction by Chuck Dioxin, make sure your infrared sights have been calibrated so you're sure not to miss this one! **TP \$19.95**

Iron Man (Novelisation)

Peter David

"Iron Man", starring Robert Downey Jr., Jeff Bridges, and Gwyneth Paltrow, will be one of the biggest films of 2008. "Iron Man" is one of Marvel's most popular comic book characters ever, and the long-awaited blockbuster film version is garnering huge buzz! When billionaire industrialist and genius inventor Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) uncovers a nefarious plot with global implications, he dons his hi-tech suit of armor to become...Iron Man! This official novelisation, full of extra scenes and details, is essential reading for fans who want the full story of this action-packed movie, and is written by fan-favourite comic book author Peter David ("Hulk", "Spider-Man"). **PB \$10.95**

Pitch Black: Fight Evil with Evil

Frank LAURIA

The prequel to the new movie, The Chronicles of Riddick, starring Vin Diesel.

A fantastic futuristic thriller of a deadly new frontier. A rogue comet spears an earth-bound commercial spacecraft, forcing it to plummet to the surface of an unknown planet. With the captain dead, a brave pilot performs a perilous crash landing. A search party discovers that the planet isn't much different from Earth...until they stumble across a ghostly settlement littered with the human remains of geologists who mysteriously perished exactly sixty years ago. And the most horrific discovery of all: below the surface of the soil, where darkness reigns, live hungry predators with a deadly appetite. **APB \$14.95**

CSI Miami

07: Cut and Run

Donn Cortez

By air, sea, and land the members of the Miami-Dade Crime Lab are called out. In a field outside the Everglades a balloon has just set down; the lone man inside the basket is dead -- an apparent suicide. A yacht riddled with bullets limps into the Port of Miami; only a gravely wounded hijacker survives, confessing that there are drugs somewhere on board, but he can't find them. A local journalist, looking to break out of the rat race with a novel based on the people he covers on his beat, is found dead.

In the yacht's galley is a record-setting sunfish that seems to be the key piece of evidence to just what was being smuggled on the ship, yet the lab is stumped when they discover no more than the normal parasites infesting the fish. A raunchy video of a citrus heiress having sex in a public place gives her the motive to kill the journalist-turned-novelist, but she has an alibi. All small pieces of the puzzles that Horatio Caine and the member of his team have to unravel to find out why all these people were killed. Before it is over the members of the Miami-Dade Crime Lab are caught up in an intrigue that reaches to the heart of Castro's Cuba. **APB \$14.95**

Indiana Jones

Indiana Jones and the Secret of the Sphinx

Max McCoy

With a woman searching for her magician husband and a diabolical Japanese spymaster hot on his trail, Indiana Jones embarks on an adventure of peril, magic, and mystery through the war-ravaged Orient to find the Omega Book--an ancient artifact that can change the fate of the world.

APB \$18.95

Indiana Jones Omnibus Volume 1

For three movies and over twenty years, moviegoers worldwide have flocked to see the exploits of Indiana Jones, archaeologist, adventurer and unlikely hero! Now Indy's comics adventures are collected in this all-new omnibus edition, collecting the classic 'Indiana Jones' comics series! Join Indy and former colleague turned stage psychic, Sophia Hapgood, as they race the Nazis around the world to discover the Fate of Atlantis! Plus, Indy gets a new sidekick and takes on the Japanese army in a quest for a powerful relic in "Thunder in the Orient"! Written by William Messner-Loebs ("Wonder Woman") and veteran comics storyteller Dan Barry ("Flash Gordon"), with art by Barry, this is whip-crackingly good! **TP \$29.95**

Modesty Blaise

Inca Trail

Peter O'Donnell

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Poe has been claimed as the forerunner of modern fantasy, and credited with the invention of psychological dramas (long before Freud), science fiction (before H.G. Wells and Jules Verne) and the detective story (before Arthur Conan Doyle). Tennyson described him as 'the most original genius that America has produced'. He influenced European romanticism and was the harbinger of both Symbolism and Surrealism. Peter Ackroyd, who places significance on Poe's childhood (his travelling actor parents were miserably poor, his mother had TB and he was orphaned), claims that Poe found his family among writers - writers not only of his time but of the future generations who were influenced by the power of his imagination. **HC \$39.95**

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Two small towns in Colorado: Hope and Despair. Between them, nothing but twelve miles of empty road. Jack Reacher can't find a ride, so he walks. All he wants is a cup of coffee. What he gets are four redneck deputies who want to run him out of town.

Mistake. They're picking on the wrong guy. Jack Reacher is a big man, and he's in shape. No job, no address, no baggage. Nothing, except bloody-minded curiosity. What is the secret the locals seem so keen to hide?

A hard man is good to find. Ex-military cop Reacher is today's most addictive hero. Now he pulls on a tiny loose thread, to unravel conspiracies that expose the most shocking truths. Because, after all, Jack Reacher has nothing to lose. **CD \$49.95 TP \$32.95**

Kresley Cole, Sherrilyn Kenyon & Gena Showalter

Not That Innocent

A collection of erotic stories includes a new adventure featuring the alluring agents of the Bureau of American Defense, a romance between an immortal man and a Valkyrie ice maiden, and a tale in which a supernatural agent assumes an alien investigator's identity. **TP \$19.95**

Stephen Covey

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

In *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, author Stephen R. Covey presents a holistic, integrated, principle-centered approach for solving personal and professional problems. With penetrating insights and pointed anecdotes, Covey reveals a step-by-step pathway for living with fairness, integrity, service, and human dignity -- principles that give us the security to adapt to change and the wisdom and power to take advantage of the opportunities that change creates. **TP \$29.95**

Peter Ewer *Australian Author*

The Forgotten ANZACs

Every school child in Australia and New Zealand is brought up on the legend of the Anzacs. This, though, is the largely unknown story of another Anzac force which fought not at Gallipoli, but in Greece a generation later.

On 12 April 1941, General Thomas Blamey, commander of the Australian Imperial Force in the Mediterranean, issued an order of the day announcing the formation of a new Anzac Corps. Australian and New Zealand troops were at the time fighting side by side in Greece against an invading German army that had been triumphant everywhere. With the very existence of his force in the balance, Blamey invoked the spirit of Gallipoli to inspire his troops, suggesting: the reunion of the Australian and New Zealand Division gives all ranks the greatest uplift. The task ahead though difficult is not nearly so desperate as that which our fathers faced in April twenty-six years ago. We go to it together with stout hearts and certainty of success.

Those hopes would be quickly dashed. Desperately outnumbered, and fighting in deeply inhospitable conditions, the Anzacs found themselves engaging in a long retreat through Greece, under constant air attack. Most of the Anzac Corps was evacuated by the end of April, but many men got only as far as Crete. Fighting a German paratroop invasion there in May, large numbers were taken captive and spent four long years as prisoners of the Nazis.

The campaign in Greece turned out to have uncanny parallels to the original Gallipoli operation: both were inspired by Winston Churchill, both were badly planned by British military leaders, and both ended in defeat and evacuation. British bungling at Gallipoli was one thing; but in Greece, Churchill authorised his commanders to leave the Anzacs to their fate if their rescue compromised wider British interests.

Just as Gallipoli provided military academies the world over with lessons in how not to conduct a complex feat of arms, Churchill's Greek adventure reinforced fundamental lessons in modern warfare - heavy tanks could not be stopped by men armed with rifles, and Stuka dive-bombers would not be deflected by promises of air support from London that were never honoured.

Until now, there has been no history on the campaign in Greece and Crete written from a truly Anzac perspective. Based on rarely accessed archives and more than 30 interviews with Australian, Greek, and New Zealand veterans, this superb book gives overdue recognition to the brave, forgotten Anzacs of 1941. **HC \$59.95**

Eileen Favorite

The Heroines

'In the padlocked attic she'd hidden all her books on shelves with locked pine doors. One never knew who might show up and in what state. The last thing you wanted was for Anna Karenina to discover accidentally that she was bound to take her own life on the railroad tracks...'

Watergate is breaking news, but at the Prairie Bluff boarding house in rural Illinois, there are more immediate concerns. Emma Bovary has arrived unannounced - and distraught - and Anne-Marie and her daughter Penny have torn themselves away from the television coverage to attend to their new guest.

But if there's one rule at Prairie Bluff, it's never meddle in the lives of the Heroines, however cruel the destinies to which they are bound. There's nothing to be done for poor Emma, immersed in her narrative crisis, save for the provision of tea, a tirelessly sympathetic ear, and clean linens.

Adolescent angst isn't a patch on beautiful and grief-stricken- and Penny, a moody thirteen, knows she's no competition for her mother's attentions against these ethereal creatures. Hurt and excluded, and frustrated by her mother's passivity in the face of Emma's terrible fate, Penny strikes out across the Prairie to cool her hot head.

But when she arrives at the forbidden woods, she's in no mood to obey her mother's second rule, never to enter - and soon finds herself in a world of very real heroes and villains, an unwilling heroine in her very own terrifying story. **TP \$32.95**

Peter Fitzsimons *Australian Author*

Tobruk

In the early days of April 1941, the 14,000 Australian forces garrisoned in the Libyan town of Tobruk were told to expect reinforcement and supplies within eight weeks...

Eight months later, these heroic, gallant, determined 'Rats of Tobruk' were rescued by the British Navy having held the fort against the might of Rommel's never-before-defeated Afrika Corps.

Like Gallipoli and Kokoda, the Siege of Tobruk is an iconic battle in Australia's military history. Under ceaseless attack from Rommel's men, the Australian defense held strong.

In TOBRUK, Peter FitzSimons relates the personal histories and stories not only of the men who defended the garrison against the German onslaught but of The Desert Fox, Erwin Rommel, and the powers back in both Berlin and Britain. **TP \$35**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear & W Michael Gear

People of the Nightland (People)

It has been a thousand years since Wolf Dreamer led his people up through the dark hole in the ice to a rich, untouched continent bursting with game. But the world has changed. Most of the magnificent animals are gone, and the last of the great glaciers is melting, forming a huge freshwater lake in the middle of the world. Over the centuries the People of the Wolf have split into two clans. The People of the Nightland live in the honeycomb of ice caves that skirt the glacier. The People of the Sunpath live inside lodges to the south, hunting the few remaining mammoths, bison, giant sloths, and short-faced bear. When a young orphaned boy named Silvertip receives a vision from Wolf Dreamer that their world is about to end, no one believes him - no one except a jaded war chief and a little girl. Led by Silvertip's dream, the three of them must convince both clans to leave the land of their ancestors and flee eastward as fast as they can before the Ice Giants destroy the world.

This is the sweeping saga of a visionary boy who led his people out of the path of one of the worst catastrophes in the history of the world, and the brave little girl who loved him enough to believe in his dream. **APB \$16.95**

People of the Weeping Eye (People)

Summoned by the mystical Katsinas to return to his home, Old White, the wandering "Seeker," follows a trail that takes him to the headwaters of the Mississippi and to a life-changing encounter with Two Petals, a young soul woman obsessed with Spirit Power who lives life backwards, whose tortured soul he must heal with the help of Trader, a loner with a dark past. **HC \$52.95**

Michael E Gerber

The E-Myth Revisited

In this first new and totally revised edition of the 150,000-copy underground bestseller, The E-Myth, Michael Gerber dispels the myths surrounding starting your own business and shows how commonplace assumptions can get in the way of running a business. He walks you through the steps in the life of a business from entrepreneurial infancy, through adolescent growing pains, to the mature entrepreneurial perspective, the guiding light of all businesses that succeed. He then shows how to apply the lessons of franchising to any business whether or not it is a franchise. Finally, Gerber draws the vital, often overlooked distinction between working on your business and working in your business. After you have read The E-Myth Revisited, you will truly be able to grow your business in a predictable and productive way. **TP \$35**

Tess Gerritsen

In Their Footsteps & Thief Of Hearts

2 novels in one book.

In Their Footsteps:

As she searches for the truth behind the mysterious deaths of her parents, Beth Tavistock finds herself drawn into a world of espionage, where her only hope is ex-CIA agent Richard Wolf. **APB \$19.95**

Andrew M Greeley

Irish Linen (Nuala Anne McGrail)

The perils of wartime add special urgency to the latest mysteries being investigated by Nuala Anne McGrail. More than a little fey, Nuala has a well-deserved reputation for getting to the bottom of the most tangled intrigues, even when they may be taking place on the other side of the world.

Desmond Doolin, an idealistic young man from the McGrail's West Side Chicago neighbourhood, has gone missing in Iraq. The US government denies any knowledge of his whereabouts, and his grieving family has all but written him off as dead. But Nuala is convinced that there's more to the story and she won't stop asking questions until she finds out what has really become of Desmond, one way or another. **APB \$16.95**

Connie Hall

Flashpoint (Athena Force)

Given the opportunity to finally bring down Athena Academy's most ruthless enemy, mercenary Lucy Karmon finds her unconventional methods to destroy Arachne's global network complicated by the follow-the-rules approach of a handsome military officer. **APB \$14.95**

Titania Hardie Australian Author

The Rose Labyrinth

An enthralling novel of mystery, adventure and romance. Before his death in 1609, the brilliant Elizabethan spy, astrologer and mathematician John Dee hid many of his papers, believing that the world was not prepared for the ideas they held. In spring 2003, Dee's many times great granddaughter and final holder of the secret was forced to pass the enigmatic legacy to one of her two sons. Diana chose her passionate, tempestuous younger boy, leaving a tiny silver key with a note: For Will, when he is something, or someone, that he is not now. Summer 2003: While seriously ill Lucy King awaits heart surgery in London, Will travels Europe seeking to decipher the clues in the ancient document, and find a lock to fit the key. It is a search which will leave him and Lucy inextricably linked. But Will is not the only one trying to reach the truth at the heart of the Rose Labyrinth... **HC \$45**

Max Hastings

Nemesis: The Battle for Japan, 1944-45

The battle for Japan that ended many months after the battle for Europe involved enormous naval, military and air operations from the borders of India to the most distant regions of China. There is no finer chronicler of these events than the great military historian Max Hastings, whose gripping account explores not just the global strategic objectives of the USA, Japan and Britain but also the first-hand experiences of the airmen, sailors and soldiers of all the countries who participated in the Far East and the war in the Pacific. The big moments in the story are chosen to reflect a wide variety of human experience: the great naval battle of Leyte Gulf; the under-reported war in China; the re-conquest of Burma by the British Army under General Slim; MacArthur's follies in the Philippines; the Marines on Iwojima and Okinawa; LeMay's fire-raising Super-fortress assaults on Japan; the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki; the kamikaze pilots of Japan; the almost unknown Soviet blitzkrieg in Manchuria in the last days of the war, as Stalin hastened to gather the spoils; and the terrible final acts across Japanese-occupied Asia. This is classic, epic history – both in the content and the manner of telling. **HC \$59.99**

Kay Hooper

Illegal Possession

Caught in the middle of a heist, sexy cat burglar Troy Bennett is captured by straitlaced businessman Dallas Cameron, who is determined to unlock the secrets of this mysterious thief, security expert, art patron, and Washington, D.C., hostess to the rich, famous, and powerful. **APB \$17.95**

William W Johnstone

Blood in the Ashes

After the nuclear devastation of World War III, Ben Raines and a small group of survivors search for a haven free of radiation, but an insidious group known as the Ninth Order is plotting their demise. **APB \$15.95**

Chris Jones

Too Far From Home

On February 1, 2003, ten astronauts were orbiting the planet. Seven headed back to Earth on the space shuttle Columbia. They never made it. And the three men left behind found themselves too far from home.

Chris Jones chronicles the efforts of the beleaguered Mission Control in Houston and Moscow as they work frantically against the clock to bring their men safely back to Earth, ultimately settling on a plan that felt, at best, like a long shot. Yet even amid the danger, the call of space is a siren song, and *Too Far From Home* details beautifully the majesty and mystique of space travel, while reminding us all how perilous it is to soar beyond the sky. **BPB \$27.95**

E P F (Private) Lynch

Somme Mud

'It's the end of the 1916 winter and the conditions are almost unbelievable. We live in a world of Somme mud. We sleep in it, work in it, fight in it, wade in it and many of us die in it. We see it, feel it, eat it and curse it, but we can't escape it, not even by dying.'

SOMME MUD tells of the devastating experiences of Edward Lynch, a young Australian private (18 when he enlisted) during the First World War when he served with the 45th battalion of the Australian Infantry Forces on the Western Front at the Somme, which saw the most bloody and costly fighting of the war. In just eight weeks, there were 23,000 Australian casualties.

The original edition of twenty chapters, was written in pencil in twenty school exercise books in 1921, probably to help exorcise the horrendous experiences Private Lynch had witnessed during his three years at war from mid-1916 until his repatriation home in mid-1919. Lynch had been wounded three times, once seriously and spent over six months in hospital in England.

Published here for the first time, and to the great excitement of historians at the War Memorial SOMME MUD is a precious find, a discovered treasure that vividly captures the magnitude of war through the day-to-day experiences of an ordinary infantryman. From his first day setting sail for France as the band played 'Boys of the Dardanelles' and the crowd proudly waved their fresh-faced boys off, to the harsh reality of the trenches of France and its pale-faced weary men, Lynch captures the essence and contradictions of war.

SOMME MUD is Australia's version of *All Quiet on the Western Front*. Told with dignity, candour and surprising wit, it is a testament to the power of the human spirit, a moving true story of humanity and friendship. It will cause a sensation when it is published. **BPB \$24.95**

Robert Macklin *Australian Author*

Bravest

The Victoria Cross is the highest award for valour that can be won by an Australian; just 96 Australians have been awarded the VC in conflicts from the Boer War to the Vietnam War. And only fourteen Australians have been awarded the George Cross, the ultimate medal for heroism away from active combat, since its inception in 1940.

But what is it that makes these remarkable soldiers risk everything in defence of their country and their mates? Noted biographer Robert Macklin tells the inspirational story of fifteen Australian recipients of the Victoria and George Crosses, from Neville Howse in South Africa in 1900 to the heroes of the Great War such as Albert Jacka, 'Diver' Derrick in the Second World War, and Keith Payne in Vietnam in 1969. **TP \$29.95**

Roy Masters *Australian Author*

Bad Boys

When do the football codes burn brightest? When the fireflies of controversy dance around them. Roy Masters examines the sex scandals, fierce rivalries, gambling excesses, boardroom rants, bar room bust-ups, media headbutting and taxi-hijacking that have taken place across all codes of football in Australia over the last few years. Bringing together historical perspective and contemporary insight, BAD BOYS provides a glimpse into the past when 'to be a fan was an act of faith' and checks the pulse of the new generation of over-indulged players in a media saturated age.

Roy Masters is a legend in the world of sport and an esteemed media commentator, and he offers plenty of stories from his own days coaching, covering, and watching 'bad boys'. Without shying away from the salacious stories and out-of-bounds antics, Roy brings genuine analysis and investigation into the current state of play and what can be done to apportion the blame, improve the behaviour and put footballers' actions into a larger social context.

Chapters include 'Bad Boys and Bad Blood', 'Birds', 'Brawls', 'Betting', 'Bonding and Busted Bodies' and 'the Bench'. Covering stories across league, union, AFL and football - past and present - this book will provoke intra- and inter-code discussions across the country.

Come on, you know you want to hang out with the BAD BOYS... **BPB \$24.95**

Lindsay McKenna

Heart of the Storm

Dana Thunder Eagle is a beautiful woman with a fierce heart and powerful gift. But after the murder of her husband and mother, she ran away from the Rosebud reservation, hoping to leave the past behind her forever. Now, two years later, the killer is still on the loose. And only Dana has the mystical power to stop him.

After six months of daily torture at the hands of South American rebels, Chase knows his latest mission may be his hardest: to whip Dana into fighting shape in just five weeks. Even more challenging will be to ignore his student's graceful beauty.

United in a life-or-death mission, Chase and Dana must learn to lean on each other if there is any chance of stopping a madman who seeks to destroy a people's history... and future. **APB \$14.95**

Fern Michaels

Fast Track (Sisterhood)

Relieved to be settled back in the United States after an enforced exile, the ladies of the Sisterhood must decide if they are prepared to take on a dangerous task, a job which could reward them beyond their wildest dreams or cause them to lose everything. **HC \$56.95**

Hide and Seek (Sisterhood)

The Sisterhood must defend themselves against Mitch Riley, the assistant director of the FBI, who has set up a special task force to hunt them down and is determined to frame their lawyer and the judge who helped them evade prison. **HC \$56.95 APB \$12.95**

Hokus Pokus (Sisterhood)

Forced to disappear, the seven members of the Sisterhood, who have taken vigilante justice to a new level, must sneak back into the U.S. to help Supreme Court Chief Justice Pearl Barnes, who is being blackmailed due to her own special brand of justice. **HC \$56.95 APB \$17.95**

John Stuart Mill

Basic Writings of John Stuart Mill: On Liberty, the Subjection of Women, and Utilitarianism

TP \$22.95

Warren Murphy & Jim Mullaney

Dead Reckoning (New Destroyer)

Remo Williams and his mentor, Chiun, embark on a perilous mission to stop a walking bioweapon, Mustafa Mohammed, a young guinea pig with a special genetic mutation that allows him to carry--but not succumb to--a lethal virus that he plans to unleash on an American city, at the behest of his own master, a second Master of Sinanju. **APB \$17.95**

Martin Pegler

Out of Nowhere: A History of the Military Sniper

From the American War of Independence to World War II, the history of the military combat marksman is one of indifference and cost cutting. Despite the proven effectiveness of the rifleman in battle, for most of the 20th century snipers were regarded as little more than paid assassins. It was not until the Vietnam War that the undeniable effectiveness of the sniper was fully appreciated by the military, and with the advent of the 21st century the sniper has become one of the most vital battlefield specialists. Illustrated throughout with colour and black and white photographs, this chronological study of snipers details their evolution, training, weaponry and tactics. It also includes material from the author's first hand interviews with the veteran snipers whose skills and extraordinary courage have made them the most greatly feared specialists in warfare. **TP \$44.95**

Sniper: A History of the US Marksman

An exploration of snipers and their role in the history of American warfare traces the marksman's evolution from the American Revolution through the twenty-first century. **TP \$49.95**

Richard Pelvin

ANZAC

This beautifully illustrated book is a moving pictorial record of World War I as experienced by the Anzacs, the soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. More than 500 rarely seen photos, historic maps, letters and diaries from the Australian War Memorial archives, as well as detailed captions and illustrated timelines bring to life the Anzac story as experienced by the ordinary soldier. Additional perspectives are gained from official war historian Charles Bean, journalist Keith Murdoch, commanding officer at Gallipoli Lt, General Sir William Birdwood and Prime Minister William Hughes. ANZAC conveys not only the horrors of war and the hardships experienced by the Anzacs, but also the dignity, bravery, valour and humanity they came to embody. **TP \$45**

Don Pendleton

Black Death Executioner (Executioner 353)

Mack Bolan's investigation into the disappearance of a prominent virologist leads to a centuries-old cult that had been responsible for the Black Death that had ravaged medieval Europe and that now plots to unleash a virulent new plague on the world's major cities. **APB \$13.95**

Act of War (Stony Man 94)

When technology capable of exploding cached nuclear arsenals around the world falls into the hands of unknown terrorists, the commandos of Phoenix Force and Able Team, aided by an advanced cybernetics team, are called in to track the enemy to the remote regions of the Balkans, where they take on fifteen organized crime families out to rule the world. **APB \$17.95**

Patriot Play (SuperBolan 119)

When a group of political masterminds called The Brethren begin attacking America from within, aligning themselves with terrorist organizations and operating above the law, Mack Bolan, declaring war on the enemy, launches a relentless search-and-destroy campaign. **APB \$17.95**

Amanda Quick

The River Knows

Teaming up with wealthy and handsome Anthony Stalbridge, who suspects prominent society figure Elwin Hastings of hiding dangerous secrets, Louisa Bryce of late-Victorian London investigates her beliefs about Hastings's criminal activities. **APB \$19.95**

Anne Rice

The Claiming of Sleeping Beauty (Sleeping Beauty 01)

Modern classic of erotic fiction: 'No longer a prisoner of sleep, she is locked in sensual love'. Step beyond the wall of your own imagination to the place where erotic enchantment lies... When Sleeping Beauty awakes at the Prince's kiss it is the beginning of our story, not the end. Once the prisoner of a spell, locked in the sleep of innocence - now she is the prisoner of sensual love, held fast by the magic of desire. Claimed by the Prince as the slave of his passions, Sleeping Beauty learns that tenderness and cruelty, pleasure and pain, longing and fulfilment are all one in the awesome kingdom of love. Beauty she is - but she is sleeping no more... **PB \$22.99**

Beauty's Punishment (Sleeping Beauty 02)

Modern classic of erotic fiction: 'Banished from love, Beauty learns the erotica of discipline'. If she's such a bad girl, perhaps it is time for her to start acting like one... Once the Prince's favourite pleasure - once the passionate plaything of his court - Beauty is being punished with banishment from that kingdom of carnal delights. But though Beauty's enchantment is over, her lessons in loving have only just begun... The further erotic adventures of Sleeping Beauty - in which Beauty discovers that punishment can be its own reward. **PB \$22.99**

Beauty's Release (Sleeping Beauty 03)

Modern classic of erotic fiction: 'once pleasure's plaything, she will soon be love's willing slave'. Beauty has learned her lessons well. There are no pleasures that she hasn't given, no delights she hasn't known - but there can be no freedom for her. It means she must deny her body the joy it expects, the excitement it so desperately craves. Now as our story nears its end, Beauty meets the Prince of her dreams - the one man whose touch can release the torrential passions locked within her. And, as with the best of fairy tales, they are destined to live ecstatically ever after. Beauty's Release: her climactic adventure. **PB \$22.99**

John Ringo

Unto the Breach (Mike Harmon 04)

Wanting nothing more than to kick back and relax, Mike Harmon and his elite Keldara confront their ultimate mission to stop an advanced form of smallpox plague from falling into the hands of terrorists and to prevent a series of WMD attacks on America's heartland, in the sequel to Ghost, Kildar, and Choosers of the Slain. **APB \$19.95**

Nick Rosen

How to Live Off-Grid

Literally, the word 'off-grid' refers to places or people without mains water, power or phone line. Off-grid locations can range from private islands to yurts and tree-houses; the people living there might be back-packers, right wing survivalists, international business travellers or hippies; they may move around in buses or yachts, houseboats or 4-wheel drives. All are outside or inbetween the criss-crossing lines of power, water and phone that delineate the civilised world. Some are trying to save the planet, some live that way because it is all they can afford, some just want the freedom.

This book is about that physical sense of off-grid. But it is also about taking the off-grid attitude into your local park or your own back garden. It is part travelogue as Nick Rosen, his wife and baby take off in a camper van to visit off-gridders representing every aspect of living off-grid - part-time and fulltime, on land and water, metaphorical and actual, rural and city. And it is also a guide to avoiding the pitfalls and finding the best solutions - and the most appealing gadgetry - for going off-grid yourself. **BPB \$29.95**

Lynsay Sands

Always **APB \$19.95**

The Brat

In desperate need of a wife, valiant knight Sir Balan stumbles upon a dastardly marriage plot involving King Edward III's goddaughter, and when he steps in to save this spoiled beauty, he must decide whether or not she is worth his time. **APB \$19.95**

The Chase

Strong-willed and beautiful Scottish warrior Seonaid Dumbar is ordered by King Henry to marry Englishman Blake Sherwell and leads her new husband on a merry chase when she flees to a new stronghold, planning to wage war on his heart. **APB \$17.95**

The Deed

Determined to lose her innocence, Lady Emmalene Eberhart finds herself torn between two men--the honorable knight she is promised to marry and a rival knight who will stop at nothing to possess her. **APB \$19.95**

Peter Smalley *Australian Author*

HMS Expedient

1786: Captain William Rennie is on the beach and on half pay. Things weren't always so bad for him. Four years earlier Admiral Rodney had singled him out for his part in the glorious Battle of the Saints, but since then he has found himself ignored by the Admiralty, and his career has all but gone by the board. So Rennie is amazed when he's given a prime commission: HMS Expedient is a 36 gun frigate; she is to be sent to the South Seas on a scientific expedition. For Lieutenant James Hayter, in Dorsetshire, whose career had barely begun when the peace came, his own commission in Expedient out of the blue is equally surprising and exciting. Leaving his home and his sweetheart for at least a year is a small price to pay for this heaven sent opportunity to get to sea again.

But for these two sea officers there is something odd and disturbing about the nature of their task. They sense that they are not being told the whole truth about the forthcoming expedition, and the shady, powerful figure of Sir Robert Greer is always at their backs. There is trouble at the dockyards - delays and disputes - and vexing difficulty over scientific instruments. There are clashes of personality, and unwelcome additions to the ship's complement just as she is about to leave harbour.

Then a long series of mysterious accidents and setbacks as Expedient sails south. Is someone trying to sabotage their mission? Why is their progress dogged by a mysterious man of war? And what are the secret orders locked in Rennie's cabin which may only be opened once they round the Cape of Good Horn? The answers lies on a beautiful uncharted island, in the remotest corner of the Pacific immensity, to which the storm-battered Expedient limps for desperately needed repairs. Soon the dangers of the voyage will pale in comparison with what they discover there, across the limpid waters of the lagoon... **PB \$23.95**

Port Royal

1788. HMS Expedient has returned from a perilous secret mission to the Pacific Ocean. Her Captain, William Rennie, and First Lieutenant James Hayter should be wealthy men, but their patron, the sinister spymaster Sir Robert Greer, has seen that their rewards and their crews are meager at best. The most they can hope for is a new commission -- no easy matter in the peace: and the only man with influence enough to get them one is Greer.

Everyone knows that the uneasy calm that exists between Britain and pre Revolutionary France cannot last the coming political ferment on the Continent. French spies are already abroad in the British Colonies planning attacks that will take place when war breaks out. One of the places most at risk is the island of Jamaica: a key strategic and economic target of the French.

Soon Expedient is on her way to Port Royal. There they find a society founded on the unimaginable riches of slavery and the plantations; a society threatened by sexual intrigue, scandal and the ever-present threat of fever. But soon murder is added to the mix and it falls to Rennie and Hayter to unravel a complex enemy plot taking place at the Governor's residence at Spanish Town; a plot that will end in a bloody and unexpected sea action. **PB \$27.95**

Paul Strathern

A Brief History of Economic Genius

Strathern (philosophy and mathematics, Kingston University, UK) profiles the lives and ideas of significant figures in the development of economics, from an Italian monk of the Renaissance who brought double-entry bookkeeping to Europe, to John von Neumann, the originator of game theory, and his student John Nash, the developer of cooperative game theory and the subject of the motion picture A Beautiful Mind. In addition to overviewing their ideas in accessible terms, Strathern describes the relationships, ambitions, and scandals that colored their lives.

TP \$36.95

Richard Travers

Diggers in France

Drawing on superb anecdotal accounts from the diggers themselves, Diggers in France describes the life and times - at the front, at rest and on leave - of the soldiers of the Australian Army in France and Belgium from 1916 until 1918.

During the First World War, Australia maintained an army of around 150,000 fit, young men. On the Western Front, they not only fought in some of the toughest battles of the Great War, they also lived for three years on close and intimate terms with the citizens of France and Belgium, and with Allied soldiers from Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, the United States, France, India and many other countries who shared their lot in the front line.

Diggers in France gives an account of the epic battles in which the diggers fought, describing their experience of fighting under impetuous - and imperious - British Generals, who disliked the Australian approach to soldiering, and the gradual development of a truly identifiable Australian Corps which, fighting under the famous Australian General Monash, played a leading role in the decisive battles of 1918. **TP \$35**

Brendan Vaughan

What Would MacGyver Do?

A clever collection of true stories celebrating real-life "MacGyverisms"

For anyone who's ever wished they could channel 1980s action-adventure icon Angus MacGyver - a secret agent known for relying on his brains, scientific prowess, duct tape, and a Swiss Army knife to save the day - this unique collection commemorates the use of improvised genius in everyday life. The "MacGyverisms" recounted range from the concrete (using Chex Mix to provide traction in an icy parking lot) to the intangible (saving a relationship with the perfect turn of phrase). Divided by theme, the book features over forty true accounts in all - some by well-known writers, including Chuck Klosterman and A. J. Jacobs, most by ordinary people.

Edgy, entertaining, and smirk-to-yourself funny, these masterfully told stories reveal that, with a little luck and a lot of ingenuity, you can "MacGyver" yourself out of virtually any predicament. **PB \$14.95**

James Wood

How Fiction Works

In the tradition of E. M. Forster's Aspects of the Novel and Milan Kundera's The Art of the Novel, How Fiction Works is a scintillating and searching study of the main elements of fiction, such as narrative, detail, characterization, dialogue, realism, and style. In his first full-length book of criticism, one of the most prominent critics of our time takes the machinery of story-telling apart to ask a series of fundamental questions: What do we mean when we say we 'know' a fictional character? What constitutes a 'telling' detail? When is a metaphor successful? Is realism realistic? Why do most endings of novels disappoint?

Wood ranges widely, from Homer to Beatrix Potter, from the Bible to John Le Carr, and his book is both a study of the techniques of fiction-making and an alternative history of the novel. Playful and profound, it incisively sums up two decades of bold, often controversial, and now classic critical work, and will be enlightening to writers, readers, and anyone interested in what happens on the page. **\$39.95**