



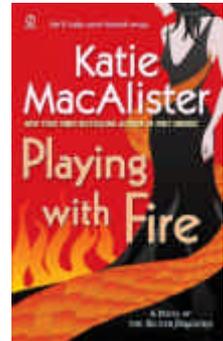
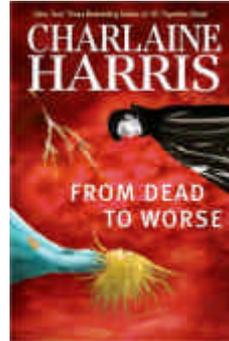
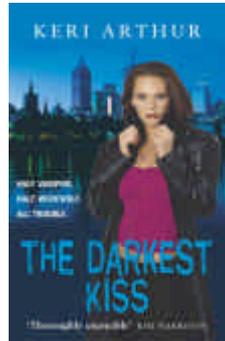
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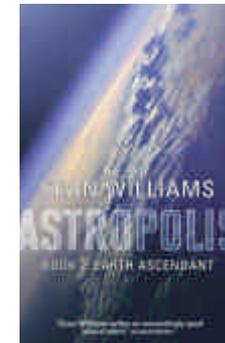
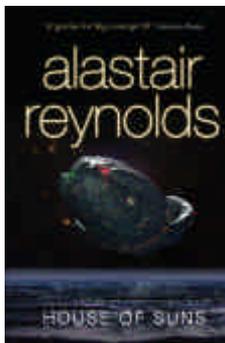
## Featured Books



Joe Abercrombie  
 Keri Arthur  
 Charlaine Harris  
 Katharine Kerr  
 Katie MacAlister  
 Stephenie Meyer  
 Alastair Reynolds  
 R A Salvatore  
 Sean Williams

*Last Argument of Kings* in trade paperback and hardcover.  
*The Darkest Kiss* in paperback.  
*From Dead to Worse* Sookie Stackhouse 8 in hardcover.  
*The Shadow Isle* in trade paperback.  
*Playing with Fire* start of a new series in paperback.  
*The Host* in trade paperback.  
*House of Suns* in trade paperback.  
*The Ancient* Corona Saga in hardcover and trade paperback.  
*Earth Ascendant* Astropolis 2 in paperback.

Anne McCaffrey and Elizabeth Ann Scarborough *Maelstrom* Twins of Petaybee 2 in paperback.



## News

**Nebula Award 2007** for best novel has been awarded to *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* by **Michael Chabon**. The awards were presented 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008 by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America.

Full list of winners at: <http://www.sfwaw.org/>

**Dungeons & Dragons 4<sup>th</sup> Edition** will be released on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Pre-order your copies of the core rulebooks now for pick-up on the day. On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June we will be participating in Worldwide Dungeons & Dragons Day at the shop, with parties of pre-prepared 1<sup>st</sup> level characters entering an introductory module. Many have already booked a place, so let us know if you would like to participate.

**Elizabeth Moon** has signed a 3 book contract for a fantasy series set after *The Deed of Paksenarrion*, being the story of Kieri Phelan. <http://e-moon60.livejournal.com/67683.html>

**Reward Vouchers** have been generated for Infinitas Guild members with at least \$150 worth of purchases in the 6 months to the end of April 08. Ask us if we have voucher(s) aside for you. If you do buy lots but have not joined our reward scheme, do so now - ask us for details or visit: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/GuildInfo.php>

**Arthur C Clarke Award 2008** has been awarded to *Black Man* by **Richard Morgan**. <http://www.clarkeaward.com/>

## 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.

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### ***Temeraire (or His Majesty's Dragon)* by Naomi Novik, reviewed by Andrew Wilson**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007258710>

Naomi Novik has created a world that is both feels real in substance and intriguing to enter. A simple question "How would Napoleonic warfare have looked if both sides had Dragons?" has created an impressive novel. Master and Commander meets Anne McCaffrey.

The initial pages where a British sea captain captures a Dragon's egg, that will become Temeraire, from the French are absolutely first rate. The story moves with great verve and colour.

The Dragon riders area breed apart and joining them involves ostracising yourself from the world. The internal problems of the Captain Will Laurence are finely portrayed. The parts with Captain getting to know the dragon are also good. The dragons themselves are real creatures that come in a variety of breeds. Needless to say Temeraire is exceptional even for these exceptional creatures. Ms Novik's dragons are as good as anything Anne McCaffrey has drawn.

To nitpick; modern attitudes seep into the story. It is best to consider the Dragon riders as a strange sub-set of Regency society and not its core. The dragons and the hard bitten old salt sea Captain, so well drawn generally, occasionally reflect modern sensibilities. The Dragons are at times somewhere between pets, war horses and children. Then you find a dragon actually in a position of authority. A good scene that she shows but hardly indicative of a society that kept slaves (admittedly mostly in the West Indies) and denied women the vote.

Dragons fly because of magic. Getting an unaerodynamic lizard into the air with a crew of what seems to be at least ten is best left unexplained. The writer can't help herself in the time wasting asides on dragon flight. I know some people like this and that it makes it more real for them. However no matter how clever, and this is a clever story, it seems ridiculous to me.

The world is just great and story moves at a very good pace. The writer's vision is strong. The final climatic battle is a great strategic set up for everyone who likes military history, unfortunately, I found its tactical resolution unfulfilling. All that said I couldn't put the book down.

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### ***Soul Eater* by Michelle Paver, reviewed by Josephine Crowley**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781842551141>

Soul eater is book three of this series. The story is of Torak and his pack brother Wolf, and their adventures together with Renn their friend in the cold far north world. It is exciting from the very first page, has action aplenty and will hold the interest of all that read it. Michele Paver has a great gift for story telling. This is written for children and able to be read by anyone of a good reading age. It will hold the interest of anyone with a sense for adventure. As an adult I was enthralled, indeed by the whole series of "chronicles of ancient darkness". I felt friends with wolf and if I were to pat him on the nose he would know and like me. Wolves will never be quite the same to me, and I will look at them differently when I see them next in the zoo.

A great book for kids, I hope you and they enjoy this series.

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### ***The King & The Shadows* by David J A Milne, reviewed by Jonathan Dean**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780595484126>

The galaxy is at war, events are coming to coming to a climax, and the Allied forces are closing in on their over-extended foe. The Allies are desperately trying to understand how the enemy is managing their communications, but the opposition is strong, and effective. Captain Naytan is sent back to his home planet with a combined group of commandos & mercenary elves, but when they arrive, they discover that the Bassarian Empire has overrun all resistance, and is building a superweapon to end the war in their favour. Knowing the planet is about to be bombed to a cinder, Naytan & his troops are working against time & heavy opposition to accomplish their mission, and hopefully, maybe even survive.

Combining a Star Wars style saga with space opera, hi-tech weaponry with bladed combat, killer mystic elves, trolls & a dragon, Milne has written a solid first novel. The combat scenes are well done, and the plot moves along quickly, developing as it goes. In style, reminiscent of Sean McMullen crossed with John Ringo, with a dash of David Weber for seasoning.

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### ***Glasshouse* by Charles Stross, reviewed by John McCallum**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781841493930>

This book begins with a situation similar to that of Corwin in *Nine Princes in Amber* by Roger Zelazny.

He has awakened with most of his memory gone and with a coded note with just enough dark hints to make him paranoid and a bit alarmed as to his own possible past misconduct,

In spite of not knowing who to trust he begins to make some friends when things get even more alarming.

If you enjoy spy novels or the Amber books this is one you will find enjoyable. It is an action mystery in a SciFi setting.

It starts a bit slow but the pace increases after a while.

### *Pardon Me, Coming Through* By Steven Cavanagh Part Two of Five

Previously: In near-future Sydney, death-rower Chris Pearson has been drawn in the Pardon Lot- if he survives a scientific experiment, he is free. Pearson has arrived at the Lucas Heights research facility...

Doctor Elayne Dixon had a wide-eyed appearance. It had given her an air of innocence in childhood times of scribbled walls and cookie jars. As age shifted her looks from sophisticated to just plain old, it hinted at eccentricity. An aunty in a lab coat, thought Pearson as she ushered them in. The stainless steel of her paperless office had a hospital smell.

She shook his cuffed hand and motioned him to a chair. 'Welcome to the team, Mister Pearson! It's taken a lot of time and resources to get you in. I understand you would be feeling some apprehension at this—'

'Shouldn't you be wearing a black hood or something?' said Pearson.

A pause. 'Quite. Mister Pearson, what do you know about string theory?'

'That I'm the puppet on the end of it.'

'It's been around since the 1960's. It was made to describe strong nuclear forces, but its real value was to bridge the gap between general relativity and quantum mechanics. They're not compatible, you know.'

She paused like it was a punchline. Pearson said nothing.

'It proposed that the basic objects in nature are not point-like, but similar to strings. From it evolved superstring theory, then eleven dimension M-theory.'

'We've known since late last century that only a thin membrane, Mister Pearson, separates our dimension from others. They're like bubbles in soap suds. In a few hours, M-theory physics moves from the theoretical to the practical. The membrane is about to be pierced.'

Pearson grunted. 'Sounds like a first time for you.'

The corp-cop's breath caught behind him, indignation or a suppressed snicker. The lack of a nightstick to the kidneys implied the latter.

Dixon smiled like she was checking her teeth. 'This project, Mister Pearson, is the crowning achievement of this facility and the culmination of decades of research. This is quite a gift horse. Not only will you be a free man, you'll be famous worldwide. You should be excited!'

Excited? Two years ago Dean McNulty, the 'dance floor killer', was drawn in the Pardon Lot to test an Ebola cure. Oops, back to the drawing board. Matt McDonagh's cosmetics tests wouldn't have killed him, but his family exploited the euthanasia loophole, collected the insurance and milked the current affairs circuit.

'Tell you what,' Pearson leaned forward. 'How about we put a bullet in his gun, give it a spin, put it to your head and see how friggingly excited you are?'

Her mouth gaped. 'You don't think the system is fair, Mister Pearson? Those before you have been hung, electrocuted and injected with toxins. Today you merely participate in a project, albeit one with some risk, and your debt to society is paid.'

'Then find someone with a debt to society.'

'You murdered a doctor with his own instruments!'

'Right up his arse. He killed my son!'

'-He terminated an unlicensed pregnancy.'

Pearson's nostrils flared. 'Did you ask permission for your life?'

'Spiros...' said the doctor. The magic word conjured a nightstick across his windpipe. Pearson kicked back and twisted to stand, but the corp-cop had danced that dance before. When the music stopped, Pearson found himself back in his seat with his neck bent back, hissing through his teeth.

Dixon stood up, all professionalism gone. 'Pearson, let me put this in terms a — she glanced to her desktop- ' mechanic can understand. In a few hours your body will absorb energy comparable to that of an atomic bomb. Our science is all that can keep you alive.'

Her eyes narrowed. 'I could easily make an error.'

Pearson gasped as the pressure on his neck eased. 'You this nice to all your lab rats?'

'Only the ones that bite.'

She touched a finger to the desktop, and the wall behind her lit up with the image of a squat metallic cylinder.

'One of the variables of this project is the destination environment: we can't see through the twists of space-time. We don't know if you will appear inside a gas giant, in the far future, or a cliché where Hitler won the war.'

'This resonator will pass through the membrane ahead of you. It's idiot proof. Just press the blue button, and it will generate a fluctuation we can detect here. We could have built an automated one, but that wouldn't tell us what we really want to know.'

'Your part in this is twofold, Mister Pearson: one, to see if a human being can survive the piercing process, and two, to determine if the place on the other side is habitable. If you are able, just hit the button and we'll bring you back.'

Pearson opened his mouth, closed it again. Dixon touched her desk and an inset window appeared on the wall. It contained a thin face with baggy eyes and two-day growth. The man gave a start, then snapped his fingers to people off-camera.

'Elayne. Is that the guy? Is it time to... string him up?'

'Yes,' she said. 'It's time to walk the Planck.' They sniggered at a private joke.

'We'll start prewarming,' he moved offscreen.

Pearson chewed his cheek. 'So what will I see? Psychedelic patterns? Spinning galaxies?'

For just a moment, the aunty persona re-emerged.

'Mister Pearson, this is science in real life. We eliminate or minimise all the variables we can, and one of them is the subject's movement. You probably won't wake up until you're through, so unless we miscalculate you won't see the face of God.'

She was right. All he saw as he kicked and cursed was a mask with a hose, the kind dentists use to give kids laughing gas.

There was gas, and there was laughing. Before the bars of darkness clanged shut, he realised with a spike of fear that he forgot to pray to Jesus.

*Continued in the next issue of Infinitas Newsletter.*  
Steven is online at [stevecav.blogspot.com](http://stevecav.blogspot.com).

# Blokey Stuff

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



Blokey Stuff Newsletter

May 2008

## 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...



### Cut Throat Razor 5/8" Tortoiseshell

High quality straight razor. The handles are made of tortoise shell, which is an old fashioned material used

before the advent of plastics. Made in Solingen, Germany. Rest the blade after use, then stop it just prior to shaving. Some skill required to use. \$195

### Figure 9 Rope Tightener

Tensioning Tool helps you easily achieve high rope tension to secure a load, without complicated knots. Available in 2 sizes, with and without rope. From \$4.95



### Tantrix Solitaire

Set of 14 oversized tantrix tiles in a chromed metal stand. An addictive introduction to the game / puzzle of Tantrix. Tantrix Solitaire comes in four different editions. Combining all four editions together creates a

full large tile set of Tantrix needed to play the multiplayer game. Now \$19.95

### Torch Flex Large

Cool gadgety torch for getting at those hard to get at places. Long bendy metal probe to place the light head where needed. LED for efficiency. For working on the car, computer, etc. The whole torch is 37cm long. \$49.95



### Dome Magnifier

Arylic, unbreakable half dome 75mm diameter to be placed directly onto the reading surface. It collects ambient light to illuminate the subject

for bright and clear viewing thus reducing eye strain. A useful paper weight. Comes with a storage/cleaning pouch. \$19.95

### Deluxe Wooden Chess Set with Drawer

This is a very nice wooden chess set. It has an inlaid board on the box with a built in drawer to hold the chessmen and draughtsmen in their felt lined places. The



chessmen are turned wood and weighted with metal to keep them standing up if bumped. \$125



### Miner's Lamp

The miner's safety lamp was an invention which allowed the safe use of a flame within coal mines. The inventor refused to patent the design allowing it to be manufactured cheaply and so save many miners' lives. This is a working model, made in Wales from tin and brass, just like the original. \$200

### Bonsai: Australian Pepper Tree

Kit to grow a little tree. Instructions, vermiculite, potting mix (with embedded seeds) and clay pot. Various tree species available \$19.95



### Desktop Warning Sign

Miniature bright yellow warning A frame sign: Caution You Won't Like Me When I'm Angry \$6.95

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### Rewards Scheme - Infinitas Guild

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### New Release Information

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

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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

Legend: PB = paperback  
HC = hardcover  
TP = trade paperback (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 5<sup>th</sup> June: Eugenics / Social Darwinism in SF.  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Romans in space.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> May:

*Dies the Fire* by S M Stirling (SF)

*The Circus of Dr Lao* by Charles Finney (F)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June:

*The Blade Itself* by Joe Abercrombie (F)

*Wicked* by Gregory Maguire (F)

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

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

### Bestsellers for April

#### General Release

<i>Undead and Uneasy</i>	MaryJanice Davidson
<i>Hell's Gate</i>	David Weber & Linda Evans
<i>Unto the Breach</i>	John Ringo
<i>Orphan's Journey</i>	Robert Buettner
<i>1635: Cannon Law</i>	Eric Flint & Andrew Dennis
<i>All Together Dead</i>	Charlaine Harris
<i>Fortune's Fool</i>	Mercedes Lackey
<i>Kushiel's Justice</i>	Jacqueline Carey
<i>The Company of the Dead</i>	David Kowalski *
<i>In At The Death</i>	Harry Turtledove

#### Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Legion</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Revelation</i>	Star Wars
<i>Heldenhammer</i>	Warhammer
<i>Rule of Two</i>	Star Wars
<i>Vampire Wars</i>	Warhammer
<i>Relentless</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Wolf's Honour</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Brothers of the Snake</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Something in the Water</i>	Torchwood
<i>Forged In Fire</i>	Star Trek

\* Australian Author

# Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

*Creative Essence- DVD* TPB \$53

*Expose 2* HC \$78

*Expose 3* HC \$78

*Expose 4* HC \$78

## Frank Frazetta

### *Legacy*

Selected Paintings and Drawings by the Grand Master of Fantastic Art Frank Frazetta. TPB \$60

*Testament* TPB \$60

## Shana Abe

### *The Last Mermaid*

A mysterious legend, a locket, and the enchanted Scottish island of Kell become the thread that ties three haunting romance stories that span more than one thousand years. APB \$13.95

## Joe Abercrombie

### *Before They Are Hanged (First Law 02)*

A bitter and merciless war is coming to the frozen north. I is bloody and dangerous and the Union army, split by politics and hamstrung by incompetence, is utterly unprepared for the slaughter that is coming. Lacking experience, training, and in some cases even weapons the army is scarcely equipped to repel Bethod's scouts, let alone the cream of his forces. In the heat-ravaged south the Gurkish are massing to assault the city of Dagoska, defended by Inquisitor Glokta. The city is braced for the inevitable defeat and massacre to come, but a plot is festering to hand the city to its besiegers without a fight. Threatened from within and without the city, Glokta needs answers, and he needs them soon. And to the east a small band of malefactors travel to the edge of the world to reclaim a device from history - a Seed, hidden for generations - with tremendous destructive potential. A device which could put a end to war, but only if it can be found and only if its power can be controlled. BPB \$22.99

### *Last Argument of Kings (First Law 03)*

The end is coming. Battles will be fought, kings will be made, love will be won and lost and cities will be destroyed. While the King of the Union lies on his deathbed, peasants revolt and nobles scramble to steal his crown. No-one believes that the shadow of war is falling across the very heart of the Union. Magic is going to be unleashed, heroes will fall and the First Law will be broken once again. This is the stunning conclusion to the First Law trilogy. HC \$55 TPB \$32.99

## Elizabeth Amber

### *Raine (Lords of Satyr)*

Born into wealth, power, and privilege, Raine, known for his legendary skills in the bedroom, is forced to marry King Feydon's second daughter, Jordin, and, hiding his true satyr sexuality, discovers that his new bride has an insatiable hunger for carnal delights that rivals his own. TPB \$17.95

## V C Andrews

### *Secrets in the Shadows (Secrets 02)*

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. HC \$51.95

## Alex Archer

### *Soul Eater (Rogue Angel 12)*

When she joins a fellow archaeologist on a quest to find an ancient relic in northern Siberia, Annja Creed comes to the aid of the superstitious residents of Yakutsk who claim they are being hunted by the ghost of a fallen goddess who feeds off the souls of the dead. APB \$17.95

## Kelley Armstrong

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

Stars necromancer Jaime Vegas. She's on a television shoot in Brentwood, Los Angeles when weird things start to happen. Invisible hands brush her arms, she sees movements out of the corner of her eye, unintelligible fragments of words are whispered in her ear. Jaime's used to seeing the dead and hearing them clearly. But now, for the first time in her life, she knows what humans mean when they say they're being haunted. Jaime is determined to get to the bottom of this, but she doesn't realize how low her investigation will take her, or what human-based horror she will uncover. As Jamie delves through the dark underside of Los Angeles she'll need as much Otherworld help as she can get to survive unscathed. But Jeremy, the alpha-werewolf is there by her side to offer his protection. And maybe more than that... APB \$19.99

## Keri Arthur Australian Author

### *The Darkest Kiss*

Dark secrets. Dangerous seduction. It all begins with a kiss... With a werewolf's uncanny instinct for danger - and vampire blood coursing through her veins - Riley Johnson is an officer for the Directorate of Other Races, an organisation created to police supernatural beings. Now she's hunting for a killer who is targeting the rich and the powerful of Melbourne's society... But for Riley the case takes a chilling turn when a second killer - a crazed young vamp - starts leaving a trail of mutilated bodies of his own. Riley knows she's got the skill and cunning to catch two serial killers at once, until one of them strikes inside her own tight-knit clan - and a sexy beast of a vampire re-enters her life to aid the hunt His name is Quinn. He's lived forever, shed blood and shared pleasure - and he's the only man over whom Riley has absolutely no control... APB \$19.99

**Neal Asher***The Line War (Agent Cormac 05)*

High-octane action in outer space – the fifth novel in his increasingly popular Agent Cormac series.

The Polity is under attack from a "melded" AI entity with control of the lethal Jain technology, yet the attack seems to have no coherence. When one of Erebus' wormships kills millions on the world of Klurhammon, a high-tech agricultural world of no real tactical significance, agent Ian Cormac is sent to investigate, though he is secretly struggling to control a new ability no human being should possess... And beginning to question the motives of his AI masters. Further attacks and seemingly indiscriminate slaughter ensues, but only serve to bring some of the most dangerous individuals in the Polity into the war. Mr Crane, the indefatigable brass killing machine sets out for vengeance, while Orlandine, a vastly-augmented haiman who herself controls Jain technology, seeks a weapon of appalling power and finds allies from an ancient war. Meanwhile Mika, scientist and Dragon expert, is again kidnapped by that unfathomable alien entity and dragged into the heart of things: to wake the makers of Jain technology from their five-million-year slumber. But Erebus' attacks are not so indiscriminate, after all, and could very well herald the end of the Polity itself... **HC \$59.95**

**James Axler***Ghostwalk (Outlanders 45)*

The Cerberus warriors must forge a truce with a devious enemy to stop a madman, who has gathered together an army of unspeakable, alien evil, from unleashing the power of Area 51 to destroy humanity. **APB \$17.95**

**Kage Baker***Dark Mondays*

Kage Baker, celebrated creator of the Company novels and the standout collection Mother Aegypt now brings together pirates, primates, eldritch horrors, maritime ghosts, and much more in Dark Mondays. This captivating new collection of fantastic short fiction is sure to cement her reputation as one of the most original storytellers working in the fantasy and speculative fiction genres today.

Whether spinning tales of the mysterious young woman and the dreadful pirate captain Henry Morgan in the original novella "The Maid on the Shore," the tiny California beach community assaulted by Lovecraftian terrors in "Calamari Curls," or the girl menaced by a haunting photograph and a trio of aspiring vampires at the heart of "Portrait, With Flames," Kage Baker distinguishes herself throughout Dark Mondays as a storyteller extraordinaire, crafting intricately-woven plots, compelling characters, and captivating settings filled with convincing detail.

As likely to shock and surprise as it is to fill you with a sense of weird wonder and delight, Dark Mondays will entrance you with its inventive prose, astound you with its action, and seduce you with its style. **HC \$52.95**

**Tony Ballantyne***Divergence*

The robot Constantine notices an Artificial Intelligence spontaneously coming into being on a distant planet... and watches helplessly as it is destroyed. In deep space, far from Earth, Judy senses a change of mood aboard the passenger ship she travels on... and a quick investigation reveals that the craft is succumbing to a mysterious alien infestation. Just as hope seems lost, a group of combat drones appears to rescue all the passengers, except Judy – who is told she is the property of a forgotten mega-corporation based on Earth. Returned against her wishes to an Earth under constant assault from the same alien infestation, Judy begins to learn her place in a conspiracy billions of years old. But is she ready to take on the benign, omnipotent, all-seeing Watcher who guides human destiny? And destroy it? **APB \$21.95**

**Iain Banks***The Steep Approach to Garbadale*

Dark family secrets and a passionate love affair, full of his trademark warmth, humanity and ingenuity, this is Iain Banks' best novel since THE CROW ROAD. Dark family secrets, a long-lost love affair and a multi-million pound gaming business lie at the heart of Iain Banks's fabulous new novel. The Wopuld family built its fortune on a board game called Empire! - now a hugely successful computer game. So successful, the American Spraint Corp wants to buy the firm out. Young renegade Alban, who has been evading the family clutches for years, is run to ground and persuaded to attend the forthcoming family gathering - part birthday party, part Extraordinary General Meeting - convened by Win, Wopuld matriarch and most powerful member of the board, at Garbadale, the family's highland castle. Being drawn back into the bosom of the clan brings an inevitable and disconcerting confrontation with Alban's past. What drove his mother to take her own life? And is he yet ready to see Sophie, his beautiful, enchanting cousin and teenage love, at the EGM? Grandmother Win's revelations will radically alter Alban's perspective for ever. **BPB \$24.99**

**Michele Bardsley***Because Your Vampire Said So*

Single mom, hair salon owner, and vampire Patsy Donahue, still getting acclimated to her new, undead lifestyle, tries to reign in her wild teenage son, who is up to his neck in danger, while trying to deny her attraction to a rogue shape-shifter. **APB \$17.95**

**Clive Barker***Mister B. Gone*

**HC \$49.99**

**Peter S Beagle***The Last Unicorn*

A unicorn, a haphazard wizard, and a spunky scullery woman journey to the dreaded kingdom of Haggaard, where an evil ruler, with the help of a bull-shaped demon, imprisons all the unicorns of the world, in a fortieth anniversary edition of the fantasy classic, which is accompanied by its Hugo and Nebula Award-winning novella sequel, "Two Hearts". **TPB \$32.95**

**David Bilborough***The Wanderer's Tale (Annals of Lindormyn 01)*

Many generations ago, the arctic stronghold of Drauglir was destroyed. Five hundred years later, rumours spread of the evil demigod's second coming, with terrible consequences for the world of Lindormyn. In the remote northern town of Nordwas a ramshackle group is assembled by the ambitious warrior Nibulus, under the guidance of a mage-priest, to set off on the long and perilous journey back to Melhus to ensure that Drauglir is properly dispatched this time round. This quest includes two foreign mercenaries, three bickering priests, a young esquire... And, last but not least, Bolland the unsociable "wanderer". Their eventful progress through a desolate terrain embroils them regularly with a wide array of races, creatures, giants and sorcerers – and with terrifying adventures which will affect each of them differently. **BPB \$22.95**

**Jenna Black***Hungers of the Heart*

A Guardian of the Night who feeds on humans whom he feels deserves to die, vampire Drake suddenly finds himself alone when his fellow Guardian, Gabriel, is taken hostage by an old enemy, and the only hope of rescue lies in his enemy's concubine, an unwilling vampire fledgling and her teenage human sister. **APB \$17.95**

**Annette Blair***Gone with the Witch*

In order to save a helpless child, beautiful bad girl and psychic siren Storm Cartwright sets a seductive trap for Aiden McCloud, a gorgeous antiques restorer who is the only one who can help her, that backfires when the magic of love interferes with her plans. **APB \$17.95**

**Cat Bordhi***Treasure Forest (Forest Inside 01)*

Accompanied by a wheelchair-bound private eye, a three-legged bloodhound, a Zen master-like woman, and an acorn flute, Ben and Sara venture into the forest to solve Grandma Daphne's last riddle: How can you retrieve a treasure from the bottom of a pond without disturbing the water?

**APB \$19.95**

**Patricia Briggs***When Demons Walk*

When Shamera, a wizard, sets out to avenge the crippling of her master, Kerim, the Cybellian ruler discovers her plan and saves her from a false arrest in exchange for her assistance in finding a murderer **APB \$17.95**

**Eric Brown***Kethani*

It takes an alien race to show us what humanity truly is. This is the irony faced by a group of friends whose lives are changed forever when the mysterious alien race known as the Kethani come to Earth bearing a dubious but amazing gift: immortality. This superbly crafted novel deals with real human emotions in the face of the vast consequences of the alien arrival, and show how people across the world react to this benign invasion - how ultimately we must evolve as we gain the stars. **TPB \$30**

**Lois McMaster Bujold***Legacy (Sharing Knife 02)*

A conclusion to the tale that began with *Beguilement* finds the newly married Fawn and Dag arriving at his Lakewalker home only to be met with prejudice and suspicion, a challenge that threatens the couple with exile before Dag is called upon to investigate a magical attack on a farming community. **APB \$19.95**

*Passage (Sharing Knife 03)*

Unable to overcome the bigotry of their own families in spite of the numerous hardships they have shared, Fawn and Dag set out to find alternative solutions to the perilous rift between their races, during which they acquire such motley companions as a pair of novice Lakewalker patrollers, a magically beguiled farmer boy, and a young riverboat captain. **HC \$52.95**

**Rhyannon Byrd***Last Wolf Watching (Bloodrunners 03)*

There was nothing simple about what Brody Carter had to do...

With any other woman, it would be. But not with Michaela Doucet. He barely knew the provocative Cajun, but already her beautiful face haunted his dreams. True, women like Michaela never took an interest in guys like him—ones who were scared and bitter enough not to care what the world thought about them. But that had no bearing now that he had to protect Michaela from the Lycans who wanted her dead. Even if this decision would change his entire life. Even if it was pure madness.

Brody had no other choice. He never had.... **APB \$14.95**

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

Imriel de la Courcel's blood parents are history's most reviled traitors, while his adoptive parents, Phedre and Joscelin, are Terre d'Ange's greatest champions. Stolen, tortured, and enslaved as a young boy, Imriel is now a Prince of the Blood, third in line for the throne in a land that revels in beauty, art, and desire.

After a year abroad to study at university, Imriel returns from his adventures a little older and somewhat wiser. But perhaps not wise enough. What was once a mere spark of interest between himself and his cousin Sidonie now ignites into a white-hot blaze. But from commoner to peer, the whole realm would recoil from any alliance between Sidonie, heir to the throne, and Imriel, who bears the stigma of his mother's misdeeds and betrayals.

Praying that their passion will peak and fade, Imriel and Sidonie embark on an intense, secret affair. Blessed Elua founded Terre d'Ange and bestowed one simple precept to guide his people, love as thou wilt. When duty calls, Imriel honors his role as a member of the royal family by leaving to marry a lovely, if merely sweet, Alban princess.

By choosing duty over love, Imriel and Sidonie may have unwittingly trespassed against Elua's law. But when dark powers in Alba, who fear an invasion by Terre d'Ange, seek to use the lovers' passion to bind Imriel, the gods themselves take notice. Before the end, Kushiel's justice will be felt in heaven and on earth. **APB \$19.95**

**P C Cast***Warrior Rising*

Tired of the devastation wrought by the Trojan War and determined to put a stop to it, the goddesses decide to distract handsome Greek warrior Achilles by transforming Kat, a thoroughly modern girl from Tulsa, Oklahoma, into a Trojan princess in order to catch his eye. **TPB \$28.95**

**Michael Chabon***The Yiddish Policemen's Union*

2008 Nebula Award Winner: Best Novel.

What if, as Franklin Roosevelt once proposed, Alaska – and not Israel – had become the homeland for the Jews after World War II? In Michael Chabon's Yiddish-speaking 'Alyeska', Orthodox gangs in side-curls and knee breeches roam the streets of Sitka, where Detective Meyer Landsman discovers the corpse of a heroin-addled chess prodigy in the flophouse Meyer calls home. Marionette strings stretch back to the hands of charismatic Rebbe Gold, leader of a sect that seems to have drawn its mission statement from the Cosa Nostra – but behind Rebbe looms an even larger shadow. Despite sensible protests from Berko, his half-Tlingit, half-Jewish partner, Meyer is determined to unspool the meaning behind the murder. Even if that means surrendering his badge and his dignity to the chief of Sitka's homicide unit – also known as his fearsome ex-wife, Bina. 'The Yiddish Policemen's Union' interweaves a homage to the stylish menace of 1940s film noir with a bittersweet fable of identity, home and faith. It is a novel of colossal ambition and heart from one of the most important and beloved writers working today. **PB \$24.95**

**Kresley Cole***If You Dare (Dark Heart 01)*

Angered over the betrayal of the ruthless General Reynaldo Pascal, Scottish mercenary Courtland MacCarrick escapes an ambush and kidnaps the general's lovely Castilian fiancée, Lady Annalía Tristán Llorente, who finds herself attracted to her captor despite her determination to return to Pascal, the man who holds her brother's life in his hands. **PB \$14.95**

*If You Desire (Dark Heart 02)*

Now a wealthy man working as an assassin in Her Majesty's Service, Highlander Hugh MacCarrick is reunited with the beautiful Jane Weyland, the daughter of his superior and a woman who has always been unattainable, after he receives a message that her life is in danger and that is asked to serve as her protector, in the sequel to *If You Dare*. **PB \$14.95**

*If You Deceive (Dark Heart 03)*

Still seeking revenge on the powerful aristocrat that had him brutally beaten and scarred for a crime he did not commit, unrepentant rake Ethan MacCarrick abducts his enemy's daughter, Madeleine van Rowen, plotting to seduce her and make her his mistress, but he never expects to fall for his beautiful hostage. **APB \$14.95**

**Glen Cook***Cruel Zinc Melodies (Garrett PI)*

When the father of his main squeeze's best friend needs his help in discovering who is trying to sabotage the building of TunFaire's biggest theater, P.I. Garrett, getting free beer from his new employer, takes the case and finds himself dealing with all sorts of creepy things. **APB \$19.95**

**Jim Crace***The Pesthouse*

In a futuristic American wasteland in which families are fleeing to Europe, an injured Franklin Lopez joins forces with Margaret, a woman suffering from a deadly infection and confined to the Pesthouse to either recover or die alone, as the two discover that their dreams of a safe and secure future mean following an unexpected path. **TPB \$28.95**

**Alison Croggon Australian author***The Gift (Pellinor 01)*

This first book in the Pellinor series introduces the reader to Maerad, a young girl just coming into adulthood, rescued from slavery by Cadvan, an ancient and powerful Bard. When Maerad is drawn to find her long-lost brother, Hem, who she has thought dead, and on to Norloch to be initiated into the White Flame, their journey takes them through a rich and complex landscape and culture. Maerad, Cadvan and Hem must confront the unknown and survive the terrifying opposing forces that threaten to overwhelm them. Along the way they will come to realise that Maerad is, in fact, the prophesised 'Fated One' who will save their world from the Nameless - the greatest of evils. All seems hopeless when with few clues and the agents of Darkness on their tail they are forced to separate and flee Norloch. **BPB \$22.95**

*The Riddle (Pellinor 02)*

In this second book of the Pellinor series, Maerad must confront new and powerful forces in Annar as she continues her journey, desperate to find her brother Hem once more and to confront the conflicting forces that seem to be competing for her powers. This critically acclaimed sequel takes readers out of Annar and into the Seven Kingdoms and shows us more of Maerad and her world than we had ever imagined. The Maerad of this volume is a vastly troubled figure, amazed at her own devastating powers. The landscape through which she travels is now one of bitter cold and tempestuous seas, a world where stormdogs and frost creatures reign. And the plot twists and turns with startling suddenness. Heartbroken, terrified, and lost, Maerad journeys on, but this time forever overshadowed by a new threat - the threat of war... **APB \$22.95**

*The Crow (Pellinor 03)*

The Crow follows Hem, Maerad's brother, into the heart of civil war as the forces of the Black Army gather to launch their attack on Annar. It is clear that once Annar falls, the Seven Kingdoms will soon follow, and Hem and his friends, Saliman and Zelica, become involved with a militant resistant group. When Zelica is captured, Hem finds himself heading into the very heart of the violence and horror to rescue her. Can he survive long enough to save Zelica? And can he uncover the key to destroying the Nameless One and find his sister before time runs out for them all?

**APB \$22.95**

**Kathleen Dante***Dreamwalker*

When a national security crisis threatens the country, Damon, an incubus Dreamwalker trained to assassinate enemies in their sleep, joins forces with Rory, a shapeshifter and master thief, to use their unique talents in a race against time to stop disaster--if they can overcome their passionate attraction to each other. **TPB \$28.95**

**Maurice G Dantec***Cosmos Incorporated*

In a world decimated by disease and war, Sergei Diego Plotkin, an assassin whose memory has been wiped clean in order to get through UniWorld's checkpoints to kill a man in the city of Grand Junction, an outpost that serves as a private launching pad, finds his mission threatened by the unexpected return of old memories and the discovery of his true destiny. **TPB \$30.95**

**Charles de Lint***Woods and Waters Wild* **HC \$78****Silvana de Mari***The Last Elf*

In a world shrouded in darkness and continually lashed by rain, a naive young elf discovers he is part of a powerful prophecy: when the dragon and the last elf break the circle, the past and the future will meet, and the sun of a new summer will shine in the sky.

On his journey, Yorsh will discover that humans are mysterious and flawed creatures, dogs are truly faithful, and dragons are not always easy to get along with! Heart-warming and truly original, this wonderful novel brings to readers an utterly charming character whose innocence and style are irresistible. **PB \$15.95**

## **Kimberly Dean**

### *What She wants At Midnight*

The man of Devon Bradshaw's dreams is exactly that -- in her dreams. For the past seven months, he has watched her with dark, haunting eyes while she sleeps. Though she yearns to caress those powerful muscles and feel the intense heat radiating from his body, she can't even see his face.

Cael Oneiros is a Dream Wrecker, descended from Greek gods, and ever since his first night at Devon's bedside, he's wanted to fill the luscious redhead's sweet dreams with steamy satisfaction. It tortures him not to touch her, not to stay by her side until dawn -- but without his help, none of his other mortal charges can sleep. Desperate to touch her dream man, Devon casts a love spell...and is stunned when it works. With a little mandrake, some mugwort, and a few rose petals, she finally has her legs wrapped around Cael's muscular body -- and the sex is a mind-blowing pleasure ride she could never have dreamed up. But her magic didn't come with a warning label, and while she's burning up the sheets every night with her sexy sandman, her love spell has consequences she didn't expect.... **TPB \$19.95**

## **Delilah Devlin**

### *Seduced By Darkness*

For eight hundred years Nicolas Montfaucon has dedicated his life to preventing the rebirth of an immortal evil. But now a terrible storm has assaulted unsuspecting New Orleans - and the beast walks the earth once more. "The Devourer" has been awakened, and there is only one in the besieged city who can help Nicolas defeat the foul creature - a mysterious and beautiful enigma who haunts the handsome Revenant's erotic waking dreams and enflames his passionate obsessions. Chessa Tomas is not an ordinary policewoman. A vampire, she works only at night, patrolling a seamy and unseen underworld of roiling chaos. Though Nicolas is sensuality incarnate, Chessa wants no part of him or his kind -but she cannot close her eyes to the unholy malevolence that would consume their world. And Nicolas has uncovered the secret lust that rules he - a steaming, uncontrollable desire he intends to unleash, bending Chessa to his will by making her most forbidden fantasies real. **TPB \$19.99**

## **R R Draude & J A Wilkins**

### *Tyranny's Alliance*

Tyranny Alliance, the third book in the Tyranny Series, finds Elise on Bountiful, the gangster planet, reformed into a viable part of the colonies. With everyone relieved over the cessation of attacks by Callin's Privateers, she wonders, is Callin gone? On Bountiful, in search of Russ, she asks herself how the mysterious Daniel Smith reformed the planet so quickly. Did he have help? Finding the solutions to her questions will send Elise back to Earth itself. **TPB \$34.95**

## **William H Drinkard**

### *Elom*

Fire from the Goddess and the meat and furs of the mammoth are all that the People need to live. It is a harsh life but a good one and it is one that all cherish. Young Geerna knows that the time has come for her to become a woman and take up the tasks to keep her people safe. She waits in the Awakening Place, fearful and hopeful as her ordeals come to an end. Then, on the eve of her Womanhood, a shining light descends upon her and her world is torn asunder. She embarks on a journey that none of her people could have envisioned...

Eons have passed. Cycle upon cycle, the Way of the People have remain unchanged: women are artists, men are hunters. Geerna's Law is the covenant by which humans live in harmony and peace. But all is about to change. A call has come for the People to choose their champions, and a summons to meet the mysterious creatures who selected Geerna so long ago.

All is unknown. As the brave souls who are chosen venture forth, they will come to discover just how much that pact that Geerna made so long ago has cost them. And they will have to confront the choices that might help them to finally know true freedom. **HC \$45**

## **David Anthony Durham**

### *Acacia*

Ruling from his palace on the idyllic island of Acacia, the emperor of the Known World, has inherited generations of apparent peace and prosperity established ages ago by his ancestors. He's an intelligent man, a widower who dotes on his four children and it is this devotion that obliges him to hide a terrible secret from them: that their prosperity rests on the dark realities of trafficking in drugs and human lives. A man of integrity, he hopes that he might bring an end to this vile trade, but powerful forces stand in his way. And then an assassin strikes, a lone killer sent by the Mén, an ancient enemy of the Acacians, long ago exiled to the frozen north. Now they have returned to take revenge on their old enemy and they begin a series of surprise assaults on Acacia. Mortally wounded, the emperor puts into play a plan that will allow his children to escape, to fulfil his or her own destiny. And so they begin their quest to avenge their father's death and restore the Acacian empire - this time on the basis of universal freedom... **HC \$74.95**

## **Cynthia Eden**

### *Hotter After Midnight*

When therapist Dr. Emily Drake, whose clients include vampires and other creatures, is forced to work with Detective Colin Gyth on the Night Butcher murder investigation, she unwittingly unleashes a wild desire within him that takes them both over the edge. **TPB \$28.95**

## **Steven Erikson**

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

The vast Malazan Empire simmers with discontent, its subject states bled dry by interminable warfare, purges, internecine strife and clashes with Anomander Rake, Lord of Moon's Spawn, and the mysterious Tiste Andii. Even the imperial legions, long inured to the bloodshed, yearn for some respite. Yet the Empress' rule remains absolute, enforced by her dread Claw assassins.

For Sergeant Whiskeyjack and his cynical squad of Bridgeburners, and for Tattersail, sole surviving sorceress of the Second Legion, the aftermath of the siege of Pale should have been a time to heal the still living and mourn the many dead. The Empress has other ideas. Darujhistan, last of the Free Cities of Genabackis, still holds out against her and it is to this ancient and noble bastion of independence that she turns her predatory gaze.

However, it would appear the Empire is not the only player in this great game. A more sinister, shadowbound force is poised to make its first move, as Captain Ganoes Paran, aide to the Empress' Adjunct is about to discover. For he has been chosen for an altogether higher purpose - as harbinger of the gods themselves...

Conceived and written on an epic scale, Gardens of the Moon is a breathtaking achievement, - a novel in which grand design, a dark and complex mythology, wild and wayward magic and a host of enduring characters combine with thrilling, powerful storytelling. **APB \$12.95**

## **John Farris**

### *Avenging Fury*

When the followers of Mordaunt vow to resurrect the human body of their dead master and exact vengeance on his enemies, psychic Avatar fighter Eden Waring becomes separated from her doppelganger, Gwen, who pursues a battle against Mordaunt in another dimension and time. **HC \$52.95**

**Eric Flint & Marilyn Kosmatka***Time Spike*

Captain Mark Stephens and the other men and women of the prison staff become trapped in the middle when the Illinois maximum security prison is suddenly transported back in time into a bizarre world populated by dinosaurs, in which all signs of civilization and even the Mississippi River do not exist. **HC \$49.95**

**Jeaniene Frost***One Foot in the Grave (Night Huntress 02)*

Now working for the government as a Special Agent to eliminate the rogue undead, half-vampire Cat Crawfield reluctantly teams up with Bones, her vampire former lover and mentor, when she is targeted for assassination by a dangerous and evil adversary. **APB \$17.95**

**David & Stella Gemmell***The Fall of Kings (Troy 03)*

Darkness falls on the Great Green, and the Ancient World is fiercely divided.

On the killing fields outside the golden city of Troy, forces loyal to the Mykene Kingmass. Among them is Odysseus fabled storyteller and reluctant ally to the Mykene, who knows that he must soon face his former friends in deadly combat.

Within the city, the Trojan king waits. Ailing and bitter, his hope is pinned on two heroes: his favourite son Hektor, and the dread Helikaon who will wreak terrible vengeance for the death of his wife at Mykene hands.

War has been declared.

As enemies, who are also kinsmen, are filled with bloodlust, they know that many of them will die, and that some will become heroes: heroes who will live for ever in a story that will echo down the centuries. **APB \$21.95**

**Mark David Gerson***The MoonQuest*

In a land where fear rules and storytelling spells death, only one bard's imagination can end the tyranny. Here, as black-clad armies terrorize the countryside, Toshar and his three companions must follow a trail of stories to the source of the moon's dimmed light. A gripping and epic adventure rich with universal truth. **TPB \$32.95**

**Laura Anne Gilman***Free Fall (Retrievers 05)*

While taking on a seemingly simple job to keep herself occupied, Wren Valere, a Retriever, decides to take action and stop the war that has left the Cosa Nostradamus in disarray - and has taken her partner/lover away from her. **TPB \$30.95**

**Christopher Golden & Tim Lebbon***Mind the Gap (Hidden Cities)*

Driven into hiding by her mother's brutal murder, Jazz journeys deep beneath the modern city of London into underground tunnels that conceal a hidden world and finds herself caught in the middle of an ancient conspiracy, in the first volume in a new fantasy series exploring the unexplained mystery behind some of the world's great cities. **TPB \$24.95**

**Talia Gryphon***Key to Conspiracy*

Gillian Key, a Paramortal psychologist and a Marine Special Forces operative, and her team arrive in Northern Russia to break up a ring of child traffickers preying on newly orphaned children, a deadly mission that leaves her vulnerable to Dracula. **APB \$19.95**

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

When Vampire Hunter Anita Blake confronts her ultimate challenge in The Harlequin, terrifying, powerful creatures feared even by the centuries-old vampires, rivals Jean-Claude, Master Vampire of the City, and Richard, the alpha werewolf, must become allies, while shapeshifters Nathaniel and Micah, and Edward, the man who has always been there for her, must also join in the fight. **APB \$19.95**

**Warren Hammond***KOP*

Growing up on a colony world that had been thrust into poverty by an opportunistic company, corrupt cop Juno takes bribes from a powerful organized crime syndicate, until a secret cabal plots to enslave the planet for its own profit. **APB \$17.95**

**Wayne G Hammond & Christina Scull***Lord of the Rings Reader's Companion (Lord of the Rings)*

Since its first publication fifty years ago, The Lord of the Rings has generated an almost unparalleled interest from both fans and critics alike. Every detail of its 500,000+ words has been examined and discussed, making it the most widely studied and enjoyed work of fiction of the 20th century. In The Lord of the Rings: A Reader's Companion, Wayne G. Hammond and Christina Scull unravel the story of how an epic battle has been fought for decades, first by Professor Tolkien, then by his son, Christopher, to maintain the integrity of this huge story. They examine the work chapter by chapter, providing details of: Notes on significant author changes, when they entered, and any background history Notes on changes made by Christopher Tolkien, and differences between the earliest manuscripts and the printed text References to people, places and events that appear in other Tolkien books Explanations of unusual words Appearing for the first time, Tolkien's own "Guide to the Names in The Lord of the Rings", with fascinating notes by him about many of the names he invented The Lord of the Rings: A Reader's Companion will provide a unique insight into the creative process of a true genius, and will offer a detailed and informative account of how the Book of the Century has evolved from one generation to the next. **BPB \$27.99**

**Charlaine Harris***Dead As A Doornail (Sookie Stackhouse 05)*

Sookie Stackhouse is a cocktail waitress in a little bar in a small town deep in Louisiana. She's funny and pretty and well-mannered, but she doesn't have that many close friends - mind you, that's not so surprising when you consider how few people can appreciate her abilities as a mind-reader. It's not a quality that has the guys beating down her door - well, unless they're vampires or werewolves or the like...but they're not just supernatural freaks, some of them are friends, even family. And much as Sookie might want a quiet life, when she's around, things just seem to happen...like her brother, who appears to be changing into a were-panther. He's not that bothered, but someone doesn't like it - someone's trying to wipe him out, as well as the rest of the shape-changing population and that mean's Sookie's got just a month, before the next full moon, to find out who wants her brother dead - and stop the fiend. **PB \$19.99**

**Charlaine Harris**

*From Dead to Worse (Sookie Stackhouse 08)*

In the wake of hurricane Katrina and the explosion at the vampire summit, Louisiana cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse confronts the disappearance of her boyfriend Quinn, dramatic changes in the paranormal world of the vampires and weres, danger, and betrayal. By the author of All Together Dead. **HC \$51.95**

**Kim Harrison**

*Dead Witch Walking (Rachel Morgan 01)* **HC \$40.95**

**Raven Hart**

*The Vampire's Betrayal (04)*

In the fourth novel featuring suave, southern aristocrat and vampire William Cuyler Thorne, the centuries-old blood drinker finds his job of protecting the human population of Savannah from real evil challenged by an apocalyptic prophecy destined to resurrect a powerful Mayan goddess fated to destroy all vampires. **APB \$17.95**

**Robert A Heinlein**

*Farmer in the Sky*

Teenager Bill Lermer and his family emigrate from the mechanical and organized world on an overpopulated Earth to become frontier colonists on Ganymede, the third moon of Jupiter, a dangerous quest that will bring them face to face with unexpected danger, hardship, tragedy, and challenge. **TPB \$28.95**

*Requiem: Collected Works and Tributes to the Grand Master*

An anthology of short works by the four-time winner of the Hugo Award for Best Novel contains a selection of rare and previously uncollected pieces, including the novellas Destination Moon and Tenderfoot in Space, in a volume that also features tributes by such figures as Arthur C. Clarke, Robert Silverberg, and Larry Niven. **TPB \$32.95**

**Brian Herbert**

*Sidney's Comet* **APB \$14.95**

**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. **MP3 CD \$39.95**

**Sarah A Hoyt**

*Draw One in the Dark*

A shape-shifter capable of transforming into a savage black panther, sometimes without her control, Kyrie wanders from town to town, searching for a way to become truly human again, until she encounters a shape-shifting co-worker who changes into a ferocious dragon, a meeting that draws her into the dangerous world of the shifters and a quest for the Pearl of Heaven. **APB \$19.95**

**Susan Hubbard**

*The Year of Disappearance (Society 02)*

A follow-up to The Society of S finds the teenage vampire Ari following the presidential campaign from within her journalism class and forming suspicions about a lead candidate. **HC \$47.95**

**Tanya Huff**

*Blood Bank (Blood)*

All of the best-selling author's short stories about Vicki Nelson, a homicide cop turned P.I., her former partner Mike Celluci, and vampire Henry Fitzroy, the illegitimate son of Henry VIII who makes his living writing romance novels, are collected in one volume. **APB \$19.95**

**Alexandra Ivy**

*Darkness Everlasting (Guardians of Eternity)*

Trapped in the middle of a war between the vampires and the weres, Darcy Smith, possessing a power that could destroy an entire race of demons, is torn between two men--Anasso, her vampire protector, and Salvatore, the ruthless leader of the weres who will stop at nothing to make her his queen. **APB \$17.95**

**Stacia Kane**

*Personal Demons* **APB \$17.95**

**Nate Kenyon**

*Bloodstone*

In the town of White Falls, an ancient evil is awakened, spreading madness from neighbor to neighbor as the dead watch, hidden by the growing darkness. **APB \$19.95**

**Sherrilyn Kenyon**

*Devil May Cry (Dark Hunter)*

The latest novel in Sherrilyn Kenyon's popular Dark-Hunter series Ever since that moment his status as a god was revoked by Artemis, Sin has done nothing but plot his revenge. He kidnaps a woman he believes to be the goddess, but she's Artemis' servant, Katra. And instead of imprisoning her, Katra captures him and refuses to release him until he promises not to seek vengeance on her mistress. Despite himself, Sin finds himself intrigued by Katra, who is nothing like the goddess she serves. She's fierce, true, but she's also compassionate and loyal. However, Sin is not the only enemy Artemis has and it quickly becomes apparent that he must help Katra save her mistress or the world as we know it will end. What's a wannabe god to do? **APB \$19.99**

**Katharine Kerr***The Shadow Isle (Dragon Mage 06)*

As the tale of Deverry and her people draws to a close, questions will be answered and mysteries uncovered... The wild Northlands hold many secrets, among them the mysterious dweomer island of Haen Marn, the mountain settlements of Dwarvholt, and the fortified city of Cerr Cawnen, built long ago by escaping bondmen from Deverry itself. And just who or what are the mysterious Dwgi folk? Thanks to the Horsekin, who continue to push their religious crusade south toward the borders of the kingdom, the human beings of Deverry and their elven allies realize that the fate of the Northlands lies tangled with their own. Although the dwarven race holds strong, the island of Haen Marn has fled and Cerr Cawnen seems doomed. Only the magic of Dallandra and Valandario and the might of the powerful dragons, Arzosah and Rori, can reveal the secrets and save the Northlands from conquest. **TPB \$32.99 HC \$51.95**

**Dean Koontz***Odd Hours (Odd Thomas)*

Haunted by dreams of a powerful red tide, Odd Thomas, accompanied by two otherworldly sidekicks--his dog Boo and the Chairman of the Board--is drawn to a small California coastal town, where nothing is at it appears and where he confronts overwhelming and sinister forces out to stop his quest. **HC \$56.95**

**Henry Kuttner***Elak of Atlantis PB \$26.95***Jay Lake***Mainspring (01)*

A first installment of a series in which the planets are run by a sophisticated clockwork solar system that connects everyday people to the Creator, a young clockmaker's apprentice is appointed by the Archangel Gabriel to rewind the Earth's Mainspring to prevent a disaster. **APB \$19.95**

**Richard Laymon***Richard Laymon Collection Volume 17*

AMARA The Princess of Egypt, the once beautiful wife of Mentuhotep the first, lies in a museum. She has been dead for 4000 years. Or has she? Barney the night-watchman is the first to discover that the mummy's coffin has been broken open. But Barney won't be able to tell the authorities. The dead can't testify to anything. Now Amara is free again and nothing can stop her... THE LAKE Leigh yearns for a summer of excitement by the lake. But instead she stumbles into a legacy of terror which will shatter her life... Eighteen years on, Deana has no knowledge of her mother's troubled past. But when the horrors of the past meet the perils of the present, both mother and daughter are plunged into a nightmare of blood and terror from which there is no escape. **BPB \$22.99**

**Ursula K Le Guin***The Lathe of Heaven*

George Orr discovers that his dreams possess the remarkable ability to change the world, and when he falls into the hands of a power-mad psychiatrist, he counters by dreaming up a perfect world that can overcome his nightmares. A new edition of the classic novel. **TPB \$30.95**

**Marjorie M Liu***Last Twilight*

When doctor Rikki Kinn is threatened while investigating a deadly new plague in the Congo, the only one who can protect her is the native Amiri, a member of the Dirk & Steele detective agency, whose special talents endanger her heart. **APB \$14.95**

**Jonathan Maberry***Bad Moon Rising*

During the Halloween Festival, a delightfully creepy frightfest, the residents of Pine Deep desperately fight for their survival when the King of the Dead and a red wave of destruction attack the town. **APB \$17.95**

**Katie MacAlister***Playing With Fire (Silver Dragons 01)*

When Gabriel Tauhou, the leader of the silver dragons, marks May, who is bound to a demon and hiding from the Otherworld law, as his mate, he must choose between love and honor when he discovers that she is trying to steal one of his greatest treasures. **APB \$19.95**

**Scott Mackay***Omega Sol*

Dr. Cameron Conrad, a physicist and mathematician, becomes humanity's ambassador for the world's first contact with an extraterrestrial species, a meeting that leads to the possible destruction of the human race, unless Cameron can convince the aliens that humanity is worth saving. **APB \$17.95**

**Paul Magrs***Something Borrowed*

Brenda must face her demons, but first she needs to get to the bottom of the sinister goings-on that threaten to overcome an all-too-quiet seaside town. When poison pen letters start flying around the quiet lanes of Whitby, trouble is in store for Brenda and Effie. And with Jessie the Zombie Womanzee, trips down memory lane and amorous ghouling, literary minded and strangely youthful professors of Icelandic history, as well as a terrifying encounter with bamboo wickerwork gods from the dawn of time, even Brenda's ample cup is running over. But her most challenging battle is the one she must fight with herself - or, at least, parts of herself... **PB \$22.99**

**George R R Martin***Dreamsongs 1: A Retrospective*

A RRETROSPECTIVE is a massive collection of the best of George R.R. Martin's short fiction, containing 32 short stories and novellas, including the Hugo-winning 'A Song for Lya', the Bram Stoker-winning 'The Pear-Shaped Man' and 'The Skin Trade', which won the World Fantasy Award and is generally acclaimed as the finest werewolf story of our time. As well as the stories themselves, which span Martin's multi-faceted career, there are two television scripts, voluminous author commentary, an introduction by award-winning editor and writer Gardner Dozois and a comprehensive bibliography. This must-have volume by one of the brightest stars in the field of imaginative fiction. **BPB \$24.99**

**Paul McAuley***Players*

Crime story about role playing games and a prospective serial killer pursued by a rookie detective investigating mutilated corpses, with action within a computer game **APB \$19.95**

## **Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough**

### *Maelstrom (Twins of Petaybee 02)*

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

Back on Petaybee the twins, in their seal form, escort the Honu to their new home in the middle of the ocean. They also want to warn the otters and seals about the sharks. It is a long journey and Murel falls asleep and gets separated from the rest. She is surrounded by a pod of Orcas who, thinking she is a normal seal, try to eat her. Before they can do so she is caught up in a whirlpool caused by the volcanic activity in the area, as is Ronan, who had swum back to try to rescue her. They are rescued from the whirlpool by the mysterious deep sea otters and taken into their shielded city on the ocean floor. While their leader, Kushtaka, is talking to them her son Jeel sees the sharks and goes to inspect them, Murel races after him but is too late and Jeel is killed. Meanwhile Marmie and her crew are arrested on trumped up charges of kidnapping Ke-ola's family and taken to Gwinnett Incarceration Colony, along with most of the survivors they rescued.

When Murel and Ronan return to their family and discover that Marmie has been arrested and the Piaf impounded they realize they need to get off the planet and go to her rescue. While staying with Kushtaka they were told that the deep sea otters were not just otters but beings from outer space who had hidden in the depths of Petaybee's oceans for years. Now that they have been discovered they plan to leave, the twins persuade Kushtaka to take them with her and to help them rescue Marmie. **APB \$21.95**

## **Erin McCarthy**

### *Fallen*

While trying to solve the centuries-old murder of her great-great-grandmother, forensic scientist Sara Michaels meets the ageless, tormented Gabriel who offers to help her find the truth—a dangerous alliance that leads to a powerful attraction between them that could either be their salvation - or destruction. **APB \$19.95**

## **Cheyenne McCray**

### *Shadow Magic*

Socialite Hannah Wentworth leaves San Francisco to join her fellow D'Anu witches in the Otherworld to battle an evil force intent on the destruction of the entire human realm, entering into an uneasy alliance with Garran, a man she considers a traitor but to whom she is dangerously attracted.

**APB \$17.95**

## **John Meaney**

### *Dark Blood (01)*

Police officer Donal Riordan, killed and brought back to life with the heart of his undead lover beating in his chest, is getting used to a bizarre and frightening new existence. As one of the undead the living citizens of Tristopolis distrust and fear him. But death has its advantages. He can sense the presence, the thoughts the feelings of his fellow zombies, he is tireless, he can see better, hear more acutely. But none of this will necessarily save him as he begins to investigate who is behind a plot to ensorcel the entire population of Tristopolis. The plot goes right to the top and anyone who gets in the way will be killed again. And all the time the members of the Unity party are stoking the fires of hatred towards the undead. John Meaney's new series is a superb melding of the science fiction and horror genres and is perfectly timed for the resurgence of horror in the market.

**TPB \$32.99**

## **Stephenie Meyer**

### *The Host (01)*

The bestselling author of the TWILIGHT series comes to adult list with a gripping novel of love and betrayal, set in a future when the fate of humanity is at stake. Melanie Stryder refuses to fade away. The earth has been invaded by a species that takes over the minds of their human hosts while leaving their bodies intact, and most of humanity has succumbed. Wanderer, the invading 'soul' who has been given Melanie's body, knew about the challenges of living inside a human: the overwhelming emotions, the too-vivid memories. But there was one difficulty Wanderer didn't expect: the former tenant of her body refusing to relinquish possession of her mind. Melanie fills Wanderer's thoughts with visions of the man Melanie loves - Jared, a human who still lives in hiding. Unable to separate herself from her body's desires, Wanderer yearns for a man she's never met. As outside forces make Wanderer and Melanie unwilling allies, they set off to search for the man they both love. **HC \$45 TPB \$32.99**

## **Patrice Michelle**

### *Insurrection (Scions 02)*

When Detective Kaitlyn McKinney responds to a call about a strange, burned body, she discovers something far more complicated—and dangerous.

Landon Rourke is a werewolf, exiled from his pack and dedicated to keeping a protective watch over Kaitlyn.

A prophecy has said that his kind and vampires would one day come to a truce. But that day has yet to come.

Landon has his own past to deal with, too, involving Kaitie herself. A dark truth that has kept them apart for years. When Kaitlyn gets caught up in the battle between vampires and werewolves, the long-simmering attraction she shares with Landon ignites. And in that attraction they find the secret that will bring them together. **APB \$14.95**

## **David J A Milne Australian author**

### *The King & The Shadows*

An age of dying magic

A galaxy torn apart by war

A nation hidden in darkness

A fight that will change everything

After five years of ceaseless fighting, the Attrition War continues to divide and ravage the galaxy.

Having spent two years in forced exile, all Naytan desired was to assist in the liberation of his violently occupied home-world. But when a coded transmission begins to issue across the vacuum of space, unexpectedly threatening to turn the tide of battle, the very survival of his people is called into question.

Faced with seemingly insurmountable odds, Naytan must now travel to the code's source and discover the truth before all is lost.

With time quickly running out, he soon discovers that it is not just the fate of his home-world that hangs in the balance, but that of the entire galaxy as well. For within the darkest reaches of space, a long hidden nation stirs restlessly, preparing to join the conflict — a nation comprised of terrifying supernatural warriors. **TPB \$79.95**

**L E Modesitt Jr***The Natural Ordernage (Recluce 14)*

When Rahl, a young apprentice scrivener on Recluce, begins using order magic for his own benefit, his abilities attract the attention of the Council magisters, and he finds himself banished to Hamor, where his magical training continues under perilous circumstances and his talent for getting into trouble escalates. **APB \$19.95**

**C E Murphy***Coyote Dreams (Walker 03)***BPB \$18.95***The Queen's Bastard*

Hard-pressed by enemies all around her, Lorraine defends her right to sit on the Aulunian throne by enlisting her most valuable weapon, Belinda, the daughter she has never acknowledged and who has been trained since childhood as an assassin, but as Belinda infiltrates the inner circles of her mother's enemies, she discovers her own secret magical powers. **TPB \$28.95**

**Jacy Nova & Nick Nova***The Vampress Girls (City of Lost Souls 01)*

Protectors of The Vampress Code, Passion, Raven, Sweet, and Page, ordinary college students by day, members of a rock'n roll band called The Vampress Girls by night, must stop their arch-enemies from allowing demons to freely roam the earth. **TPB \$22.95**

**Bernadette Raymond O'Connor Australian author***Woman of Clay* **TPB \$24.95****Robin D Owens***Heart Dance*

A scientist who is secretly experimenting with the mysteries of time, DuFleur Thyme refuses to allow anything to distract her from her work, including her destined HeartMate Saille T'Willow, especially when she discovers that Saille's grandmother had ruined her father. **APB \$19.95**

**Paul Park***The Hidden World (Roumania)*

The Hidden World is the concluding volume in Paul Park's remarkable tale of Roumania, a world that is both more real and yet also more mysterious and magical than our own.

After finding out that she is the lost princess of Roumania and the mythical White Tyger, Miranda's fate is still uncertain. The ghosts of her enemies cluster about her, the insane spirit of the Baroness takes possession of her body for a time, and demons released by her mother are abroad.

And through it all her heart calls out to Peter, away with the army, whom she has come to love, and her best friend Andromeda, sworn to help her and protect her. There are no easy answers; it all looks impossible. Any hope may lie in the hidden world of spirits, where death is but an inconvenience. **HC \$45**

**Nicholas Pekearo***The Wolfman* **HC \$49.95****Terry Pratchett***Carpe Jugulum (Discworld 23 CD)*

Mightily Oats has not picked a good time to be priest.

He thought he'd come to the mountain kingdom of Lancre for a simple little religious ceremony. Now he's caught up in a war between vampires and witches, and he's not sure there is a right side.

There's the witches young Agnes who is really in two minds about everything, Magrat, who is trying to combine witchcraft and nappies, Nanny Ogg who is far too knowing... and Granny Weatherwax, who is big trouble.

And the vampires are intelligent not easily got rid of with a garlic enema or going to the window, grasping the curtains and saying 'I don't know about you, but isn't it a bit stuffy in here?' They've got style and fancy waistcoats. They're out of the casket and want a bite of the future.

Mightily Oats knows he has a prayer, but he wishes he had an axe. **CD \$49.95**

*Fifth Elephant (Discworld 24 CD)*

Sam Vimes is a man on the run.

Yesterday he was a duke, a chief of police and the ambassador to the mysterious, fatrich country of Uberwald.

Now he has nothing but his native wit and the gloomy trousers of Uncle Vanya (don't ask). It's snowing. It's freezing. And if he can't make it through the forest to civilization there's going to be a terrible war.

But there are monsters on his trail. They're bright. They're fast. They're werewolves and they're catching up. Sam Vimes is out of time, out of luck and already out of breath... **CD \$49.95**

**Amanda Quick***The Third Circle (Arcane Society)*

Attempting to claim a crystal of mysterious power that has been stolen from her family, gifted crystal worker Leona Hewitt unknowingly captures the heart of psychic Thaddeus Ware, an Arcane Society member who is out to protect Leona from the murderous Lord Delbridge, his dangerous associates, and a preternatural hunter. **HC \$51.95**

**John Rateliffe***History of the Hobbit: Volume One Mr Baggins (Lord of the Rings)*

The History of the Hobbit presents for the first time, in two volumes, the complete unpublished text of the original manuscript of J.R.R.Tolkien's The Hobbit, accompanied by John Rateliff's lively and informative account of how the book came to be written and published. As well as recording the numerous changes made to the story both before and after publication, it examines - chapter-by-chapter - why those changes were made and how they reflect Tolkien's ever-growing concept of Middle-earth. The Hobbit was first published on 21 September 1937. Like its successor, The Lord of the Rings, it is a story that "grew in the telling", and many characters and story threads in the published text are completely different from what Tolkien first wrote to read aloud to his young sons as part of their "fireside reads". As well as reproducing the original version of one of literature's most famous stories, both on its own merits and as the foundation for The Lord of the Rings, this new book includes many little-known illustrations and previously unpublished maps for The Hobbit by Tolkien himself. Also featured are extensive annotations and commentaries on the date of composition, how Tolkien's professional and early mythological writings influenced the story, the imaginary geography he created, and how Tolkien came to revise the book years after publication to accommodate events in The Lord of the Rings. Like Christopher Tolkien's The History of The Lord of the Rings before it, **BPB \$24.99**

**John Rateliffe***History of the Hobbit: Volume Two Return to Bag-End (Lord of the Rings)*

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**Robert Redick***The Red Wolf Conspiracy (Chathrand Voyage 01)*

The Chathrand is the last of her kind: built 600 years ago, she dwarves all the ships around her. The secrets of her construction are long lost. She was the pride of the empire, the natural choice for the great diplomatic voyage to seal the peace with the last of the Emperor's last enemies. Seven hundred souls boarded her, but there is treachery afoot. Behind the plans for peace, lies the shadow of war and the fear that a dead king might live again. Now The Chathrand, having survived countless battles and centuries of typhoons has gone missing. This is her story. **TPB \$35**

**Alastair Reynolds***House of Suns*

Six million years ago, at the very dawn of the starfaring era, Abigail Gention 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 Gention line. **TPB \$35**

**Adam Roberts***Land of The Headless*

THE LAND OF THE HEADLESS is set in a far future where mankind has taken his religious dogma and the divisions that result from it out into space. On a planet where society is shaped by a strict adherence to the word of God as laid out in the Old Testament and Quran a poet is accused of the rape of a woman. Found guilty he must face the punishment laid down in the Good Book; beheading. Beheaded, he is fitted with a neck valve, ordinator and basic sensory equipment and sent out into the world. But he bears a terrible and very visible stigma. The only way he can make a living is to join the army and serve in the war against the neighbouring planet. And plan his revenge against the man he believes is really guilty. **PB \$22.99**

*Swiftly*

It is 1848 and the British Empire has grown rich exploiting Lilliputian slaves - the finesse of their working allowing unheard of feats of miniature engineering; even Babbage's computing device has been made to work. But now the French have formed a regiment of previously peaceful Brobdingnagian giants and invasion looms. In a world where humanity is both smaller and larger than it once was, love and hate loom large. Mankind discovers itself at the centre of scale. Lilliputians are twelve times smaller than us but there are those twelve times smaller than them and twelve times smaller again and so on. And the scale of being goes up from Swift's giants also... Adam Roberts has written both a rip roaring 19th century adventure, a love story and a thought-provoking pre-atomic SF novel about our place in the universe. **TPB \$32.99**

**Nora Roberts***The Hollow (Sign of Seven 02)*

As the madness, which happens for seven days every seven years, prepares to descend upon the town of Hawkins Hollow, three men bound by blood and three woman bound by ancestry to a demon join forces to stop the terror from beginning again. **APB \$19.95**

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**R A Salvatore***The Ancient (Corona)*

Searching for his long-lost father, Bransen Garibond is tricked into journeying across the Gulf of Corona to the wild lands of Vanguard, where he is pressed into service in a desperate war against the brutal Samhaist, Ancient Badden.

On an Alpinadoran lake, just below Ancient Badden's magical ice castle, several societies, caught in the web of their own conflicts, are oblivious to Ancient Badden's devastating plans to destroy them.

Bransen becomes the link between the wars, and if he fails, all who live on the lake will perish, and all of northern Honce will fall under the shadow of the merciless and vengeful Samhaists.

The Ancient is part of the Saga of the First King, a four-book series that chronicles the early days of Corona, the same world as Salvatore's bestselling DemonWars saga. **HC \$50 TPB \$32.95**

**D B Shan***Procession of the Dead*

Quick-witted and cocksure, young upstart Capac Raimi arrives in the City determined to make his mark. As he learns the tricks of his new trade from his Uncle Theo - extortion, racketeering, threatening behaviour - he's soon well on his way to becoming a promising new gangster. Then he crosses paths with The Cardinal, and his life changes forever. The Cardinal is the City and the City is The Cardinal. They are joined at the soul. Nothing moves on the streets, or below them, without the Cardinal's knowledge. His rule is absolute. As Capac begins to discover more about the extent of the Cardinal's influence on his own life he is faced with hard choices. And as his ambition soars ever higher he will learn all there is to know about loss, and the true cost of ultimate power... **TPB \$29.99**

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A band of futuristic survivors from the cataclysmic decimation of the Chrysler Building sets out to establish an outpost in southern Virginia with an intention of finding oil and exploiting the region's Native American controllers, an effort aided by text-messaging technology and telepathic plots. By the author of *The Sleeping Father*. **TPB \$28.95**

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While fighting alongside Jack Heart, the infuriatingly gorgeous con-artist who betrayed her, to take down Gregor's gang of rogue bloodsuckers, privileged princess Topaz searches for the truth surrounding the death of her movie-star mother. **APB \$19.95**

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Arriving on the Isle of Mid to rid herself of an ancient stone and the power it possesses, Raine Banares, a seeker, must deal with power-hungry mages who want her dead and goblins who see her as a thief, while trying to find out why Mid's best student spell-singers are disappearing. **APB \$19.95**

**David Sherman & Dan Cragg***Firestorm (Starfist)*

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**Beatrice Small***The Sorceress of Belmair (Hetar 04)*

When Belmair's magical guardian forces her to marry Dillon, the heir to the throne and the son of the Domina of Hetar, Cinnia, a sorceress, finds the union sealed with greatness and power that allows her to use her magical gift to uncover the truth surrounding the disappearance of young women. **TPB \$28.95**

**Jeri Smith-Ready***Wicked Game*

Determined to leave her con-artist days behind her, Ciara Griffin takes a menial internship at a struggling radio station only to discover that its eccentric disc jockeys are actually vampires who have been locked musically and psychologically in the pop-culture eras of their transformations. **TPB \$28.95**

**Thomas E Sniegowski***A Kiss Before the Apocalypse*

An angel who has chosen to renounce Heaven to live on Earth, Boston private detective Remy Chandler must put his unique talents to work--the ability to speak and understand any language and to hear others' thoughts--when his angelic former colleagues enlist his assistance to help find a missing Angel of Death, and he uncovers a conspiracy aimed at destroying the entire human race. **TPB \$28.95**

**Melinda Snodgrass***The Edge of Reason*

Recruited by a secret ancient order dedicated to the liberation of the human spirit, Albuquerque police officer Richard Oort is targeted by the order's dark enemies, who feed on human suffering and would use their influence to bring about a new dark age. **HC \$51.95**

**Jeff Somers***The Digital Plague (Electric Church 02)*

A sequel to *The Electric Church* finds New York City criminal kingpin Avery Cates shifting his focus from a personal vendetta against the System Police to the source of a pandemic that threatens the entire human race, a virus in which he appears to be a carrier. **TPB \$26.95**

**Kerrelyn Sparks***The Undead Next Door*

Three signs that something is very different with your new man:

1. He sleeps all day . . . which would be annoying except he's so attentive at night.
2. He's attacked by sword-wielding assailants, yet insists he can handle it on his own.
3. He never seems to age.

Heather Westfield has always lived a quiet life, but that all changes when she helps a very handsome, very mysterious stranger. There's something not quite right about Jean-Luc, but still, she's never been with a man so charming, so attractive . . . so wonderful. Now if only a murderous villain wasn't after them, they might get their happily-ever-after. **APB \$14.99**

**Jennifer Stevenson***The Brass Bed (01)*

In the first volume of a back-to-back paranormal romance trilogy, three unlikely sleuths--a sex demon, a con artist, and a female fraud investigator--find themselves united in a seductive and dangerous case. **APB \$17.95**

**Shanna Swendson***Don't Hex with Texas*

Leaving her job in New York at Magic, Spells and Illusions, Inc. for the safety of Cobb, Texas, Katie Chandler hopes that she is finally off the magical grid, but she soon discovers a group of amateur wizards experimenting with the dark arts and her one-time love, wizard Owen Palmer, arrives to investigate. **TPB \$28.95**

**Tawny Taylor***Dark Master*

Regan Roslund, stuck selling bondage gear to a kinky clientele, has no interest in her wares until she meets Shadow Sorenson, the newly crowned king of the undead who, wanting her for his wife, vows to make her lose control for thirty nights in a row. **TPB \$26.95**

**Travis S Taylor***The Tau Ceti Agenda*

In the sequel to *One Day on Mars*, a CIA agent uncovers a high-level plot to overthrow America by forces that have gotten their hands on an advanced technology that allows them to transport themselves almost instantaneously across star systems, while forces of the U.S. Space Navy are sent to gain control of the technology and stop a plot to kill the president. **HC \$47.95**

**Dawn Thompson***Ravens*

Milosh, on his way to warn the Hyde-Whites about the growing power of the vampire Sebastian, instead discovers their house in ruins around a terrified woman who has been infected by a vampire and who threatens Milosh's own loyalties. **APB \$14.95**

**Lawrence Watt-Evans***The Ninth Talisman (Annals of the Chosen 02)*

Working as a check-and-balance team at the side of the Wizard Lord, the magically infused Chosen remember a past time when they were forced to remove a treacherous lord from power and wonder if the current Wizard Lord's plan to modernize will jeopardize the delicate balance of power.

**APB \$19.95**

**David Weber & Linda Evans***Hell's Gate (Multiverse 01)*

The vast Union of Arcana has expanded its wealth and power by laying claim to one uninhabited planet after another through the portals linking parallel universes, until they discover a new portal that leads to another human society, Sharona, which has also been exploring the Multiverse and is dedicated to science rather than to magic. **APB \$19.95**

**David Williams***The Mirrored Heavens*

A terrorist attack on a joint space project threatens to destroy the uneasy U.S./Pan Asian peace accord, an attack in which the South American insurgent group Autumn Rain claims responsibility, sending government hacker Claire Haskell and her partner, mech Jason Marlowe, on a race against time to find a mobile supercomputer before it falls into the wrong hands. A first novel. **TPB \$24.95**

**Sean Williams Australian Author***Earth Ascendant (Astropolis 02)*

The second volume of Sean Williams' widescreen epic of personal redemption and the fall of galactic empires. Imre Bergamasc's life has been nothing if not interesting. Returning from the grave to rule the galaxy, one might be tempted to say that he's taken the worst the universe could throw at him and emerged triumphant. But Imre's problems are only beginning... Caught between saboteurs, spies and assassins, his personal quest remains unchanged: to find the people responsible for the Slow Wave that killed the most advanced minds in the galaxy and bring them to justice. Could it be the Luminous, enigmatic entities who played a role in his own liberation, years ago? Or the shadowy secret organisation calling themselves the Barons? His search for answers will lead him along the darkest, most dangerous byways of human civilisation - shadowed always by the mysterious entity known only as Himself. Could it be that the original Imre Bergamasc still exists and is pursuing the end game of a centuries-long strategy? Only one thing is clear: the decisions he makes now will not only unlock the secrets of his past, but decide the fate of the galaxy... **APB \$19.99**

**Tad Williams***Shadowplay (Shadow 02)*

Darkness has fallen on the lands of the sun as an army of misshapen fey spill out from beyond the Shadowline. At their head is Yasammez, dark creature of nightmare. A furtive bargain was struck at the gates of Southmarch and the castle was spared, but centuries of enmity will not be so easily appeased. Meanwhile Barrick, heir to Southmarch and cursed with madness, has crossed the Shadowline into the realm of his people's ancient enemy. There are stranger things than death here - stranger and older. Much further south, shadow is also falling over the reign of the Autarch, god-king and supreme ruler. Quinntan, junior wife, must flee the royal household or die, her greatest secret as yet hidden even from herself. Ancient blood flows through her veins and she will become a unique weapon in the fight against her greatest terror. And beyond the ken of all but a chosen few, the gods are awakening and the world is changing.. **BPB \$24.99**

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After successfully seizing five hidden Nova-class warships from the Ryqril conquerors and retrieving a secret drug that can break Ryqril loyalty conditioning, Damon Lathe and his Blackcollar team are given the perilous task of infiltrating a Ryqril tactical center to retrieve a sector's worth of sensitive military data, but a Ryqril secret weapon could destroy them all. **APB \$19.95**

**Sarah Zettel***Camelot's Blood*

Laurel Carnbrea, Queen of Cambryn, arrives at Camelot to marry a man she has never met - Sir Agravain, the brother of the renowned Sir Gawain. Laurel has heard that Agravain is a reserved and cold man, but marriage to King Arthur's nephew will give vital protection to her own lands. However, before the marriage can be consummated, Laurel's new husband receives news that his father, King Lot, is dying, and he must return to his homeland of Gododdin in the north. King Lot has been mad for many years - tormented by the sorceress Morgaine, Arthur's half-sister and deadliest enemy. Agravain and Laurel arrived to find the land of Gododdin in disarray and under threat of invasion from the Picts - led by Morgaine. Laurel has powers of her own, inherited from her grandmother, the Sea, and is prepared to use them to save the land of the new husband she is learning to love. By pitting herself against Morgaine she will face the gravest danger; and Agravain risks losing the woman who has finally managed to reach his heart... **APB \$20.99**

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While moored to a new world, Quentaris is approached by another sky-city. The sky-traders on board seem friendly and generous, offering the Quentarians food and gems, but are in fact setting a trap for Quentaris. What are the equens and can they really heal the sick?

Despite losing her special powers, Tab Vidler must find some answers fast, before all is lost. **BPB \$17.95**

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#### *The Bloodline Cipher*

Jonah and the rest of the elite team of teenage thieves have been sent on a mission to retrieve an ancient grimoire. Their boss, Coldhardt, believes it to be a magical book of the law of the dead - something that could fetch a very good price in the right market. But when they go in to get it, they discover another team of thieves has beaten them to it. Even more disturbingly, they are better trained, and better informed. It seems Coldhardt's old mentor, a man he thought was dead, is not only very alive, but has a highly efficient rival organisation, and a devilish plan to wipe out Coldhardt's thieves. **PB \$16.95**

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Trust Me! features contributions by some of Australia's best known children's authors, poets and illustrators. Stories and poems cover all genres: mystery, romance, crime, fantasy, SF, humour and more.

Contributors include Andy Griffiths, Shaun Tan, Gary Crew, Phillip Gwynne, Catherine Bateson, Steven Herrick, Allan Baillie, Pamela Freeman, Sofie Laguna, Leigh Hobbs, Marc McBride, Mitch Vane, Michael Wagner, David Metzenthén and many others. **BPB \$22.95**

### **Joy Cowley**

#### *Starbright and the Dream Eater*

File note: the advent of sickness is always accompanied by the arrival of a possible cure. There will be born, of human beauty, a child without fear, known as the Bright Star... Dr Jacob Tietz

People all over Claircomb are succumbing to a strange illness, thought to be a deadly new virus. But this is no virus - it is a life form so advanced that its intelligence makes a computer look like counting beads. It knows the prophecy, too, and it is hunting down the Bright Star - to destroy her forever. Can Starbright Connor, the town's tomboy and giggly dare-devil, be the chosen one who will save her beloved family?

A thriller from the award-winning author of The Silent One, the Shadrach trilogy and Ticket to the Sky Dance. **PB \$14.95**

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'Her words got faster, louder, until she could hear herself screaming things about bodies, and kids getting their brains electrocuted.'

Shog and his twin sister, Jancie, are orphans who live on the streets. They know every free food place in the city and how to make the best of looking helpless and cute. Their favourite possessions are hologram players and Zeus boots - they are freedom children of the twenty-first century, using their good looks and cunning to survive. When Class Act, a famous, international modelling agency, welcomes them to its private world of extravagance and luxury, they can't believe their luck. But as the newness of luxury wears off, it is replaced by terrible fears: why were they chosen and what is really happening on the upper floors of the famous, horseshoe-shaped building?

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Will and Evanlyn are bound for Skandia as the captives of the fearsome wolfship captain, Erak. But Halt has sworn to rescue his apprentice, and he is joined by Horace as he travels by land through Gallica towards Skandia. Can Horace's swordfighting skills keep them safe on their journey? Will they be in time to rescue Will from a life of slavery?

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Skandia is being threatened by a massive invasion force of Temujai, the riders from the Eastern Steppes who are renowned for their fierceness in battle. Halt, Will, Horace and Evanlyn must work together with the Skandians if they are to defeat the invaders - but will the Oberjarl accept the help of his sworn enemies from Araluen?

Are Will, Halt, Evanlyn and Horace destined to return home to Araluen? Read the full story of their adventures in Gallica and Skandia in this special edition of the third and fourth Ranger's Apprentice books. **HC \$29.95**

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**Shannon Hale**

*The Book of a Thousand Suns*

When a beautiful princess refuses to marry the prince her father has chosen, her father is furious. So furious he locks her in a tower. She has seven long years of solitude to think about her insolence. But the princess is not entirely alone - she can take her maid, Dashti.

Petulant and spoiled, the princess eats the food in their meagre store as if she were still at court, and Dashti soon realises they must either escape or slowly starve. But Dashti also discovers that there is something far more sinister behind her princess' fears of marrying of the prince, and when, finally, they do break free from the tower, they find a land laid to waste and the kingdom destroyed.

Storytelling at its best. - Dashti is a feisty and thoroughly modern heroine in a wonderfully classic story. **HC \$27.95**

**F E Higgins**

*The Black Book of Secrets*

A deliciously dark and thrilling novel from a devilishly talented debut author.

When Ludlow Fitch's parents cruelly betray him, he steals away on the back of a carriage and leaves behind the stinking City. He arrives in the dead of night at a remote village, where he crosses paths with the tall and limping figure of Joe Zabbidou - a pawnbroker with a difference: Joe trades secrets, not goods, for cash.

Employed as Joe's assistant, Ludlow records the villagers' fiendish confessions in an ancient leather-bound volume: The Black Book of Secrets. There's the gravedigger who has been resurrecting bodies; the butcher who made a mouse-meat pie for his bullying father, with fatal consequences; the wizened bookseller who went to murderous lengths to get her hands on a priceless tome. Ludlow longs to trust his mysterious master, but he senses Joe has much to hide. But then Ludlow Fitch has his own, very dark, secrets... **BPB \$14.95**

*The Bone Magician*

From the devilishly talented author of the The Black Book of Secrets comes another dark and thrilling tale that has enough twists, turns and scares to satisfy any reader.

The Silver Apple Killer preys on the people of Urbs Umida, a rotten and wretched city. Two things connect the victims - they all had a small silver apple in their pocket, and they had all recently visited a notorious inn to see one of two acts: the hideous Gluttonous Beast and the astonishing Bone Magician...

Since his father disappeared under a dark cloud of scandal, Pin Carpue has been alone in the world. His work for the local undertaker keeps him busy, but his life is bleak. Then Pin encounters the Bone Magician, a man who can raise corpses and make the dead speak.

As Pin is drawn into an intoxicating world of mystery and intrigue, he becomes suspicious of Juno, the Bone Magician's young assistant. A strange darkness haunts her just as the Silver Apple Killer stalks the streets at night - and as Pin pieces together the secrets of Bone Magic, his own life becomes fraught with grave danger... **HC \$24.95**

**Susan Hill**

*The Battle For Gullywich*

When his family moves to Gullywith Farm in the Lake District, Olly just can't imagine being happy in his new home. Gullywith is the coldest house in the world and no one has lived there for years. Then Olly meets KK and she tells him locals won't go near the place. It does seem to be jinxed - the roof falls in, walls collapse . . . but even more strangely Olly notices that there are stones at Gullywith that can move around of their own accord - stones with ancient markings on them. He feels sure that they are angry about something.

KK takes Olly to seek advice from the mysterious Nonny Dreever and he tells them they must return the stones to Withern Mere. As they search for the answer to Gullywith's secret, Olly is drawn into a world of myth, magic and midnight adventure deep inside the surrounding hills. What is the ancient power that controls the stones and can anything be done to end their hold over Gullywith? **HC \$27.95**

**Trent Jamieson**

*The City and the Stony Stars (Lost Shimmaron 04)*

**PB \$12.95**

**Tove Jansson**

*Moominland Midwinter (Moomin)*

'This is snow,' Moomintroll whispered to himself.

Moomins always sleep through the winter... or they did until the year Moomintroll woke up and went exploring in the silent, snow-covered valley where the river used to scuttle along and where all his friends were so busy in summer. **BPB \$12.95**

## **Gareth Jones**

### *The Case of the Vanished Sea Dragon (Dragon Detective Agency 03)*

When Detective Dirk Dilly gets a surprise visit from a Sea Dragon in need of his sleuthing skills, at first he dismisses the case. After all, dragons are extremely high risk and they rarely pay well. But soon Dirk is stuck - from his horny head to the tip of his scaly tail - right in the thick of a dramatic new mystery full of unexpected danger. His trusty friend Holly has made some startling discoveries too, and it's not long before Holly and Dirk are together involved in perhaps their slipperiest mystery yet, involving the strange disappearance of a sister, a dodgy billionaire and some very powerful dragons. Not to mention they will make some unlikely friends along the way in this compelling and plot-driven story full of exciting and unusual twists and turns. **PB \$12.95**

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### *Dungeon, Dragon*

No singing - no pets - no toys - no stories. By order of the Sorcerer.

King Tarcorax has outlawed every kind of fun. He throws people into the dungeons just for whistling.

Rab is determined to defeat him. With the help of a witch, a pirate and a pig, he sets about escaping from his dungeon and teaching the sorcerer a lesson. But then the witch's spells start to go very wrong indeed... **BPB \$14.95**

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Step through the wardrobe and experience, in this one magical book, all the major events of Narnia's history. Fantastic new illustrations and a brand new visual interpretation of the classic stories bring fresh excitement to the beloved saga. Part the fur coats yourself to enter Narnia. Turn a wheel to join the children in Aslan's How. Hop from world to world with the Magician's Nephew. Join Reepicheep on the final Voyage of the Dawn Treader. Don't just read the chronicles of Narnia: experience them! **HC \$34.99**

## **Ernie Malik**

### *Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian Official Illustrated Movie Companion (Narnia)*

This book will be the ultimate visual companion to the second movie in the blockbuster Narnia series, *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*. One year after the incredible events of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," the Kings and Queens of Narnia find themselves back in that faraway wondrous realm, only to discover that more than 1300 years have passed in Narnian time. During their absence, the Golden Age of Narnia has become extinct, Narnia has been conquered by the Telmarines and is now under the control of the evil King Miraz, who rules the land without mercy. This behind-the-scenes guide, written by the on-set publicist, includes riveting accounts of how the screenplay adaptors and storyboard artists brought C.S. Lewis's story to graphic life, where the movie was filmed, an update on the four child actors from the first movie and how the overwhelming success of the first movie affected their lives, a look at the new main characters, including Ben Barnes who plays Prince Caspian, details of the special effects, costumes, makeup and more. Four-color throughout, this book also includes still shots from the film, photos of the production, conceptual art and design, anecdotes from cast and crew, and much more. **PB \$29.99**

## **James Owen**

### *The Search for the Red Dragon (Imaginarium Geographica 02)*

It has been nine years since John, Jack, and Charles had their great adventure in the Archipelago of Dreams and became the Caretakers of the Imaginarium Geographica. Now they have been brought together again to solve a mystery: Someone is kidnapping the children of the Archipelago. And their only clue is a mysterious message delivered by a strange girl with artificial wings: "The Crusade has begun." Worse, they discover that all of the legendary Dragonships have disappeared as well.

The only chance they have to save the world from a centuries-old plot is to seek out the last of the Dragonships -- the Red Dragon -- in a spectacular journey that takes them from Sir James Barrie's Kensington Gardens to the Underneath of the Greek Titans of myth. With friends both familiar and new, they will travel through an extraordinary landscape where history, myth, and fable blend together to tell the oldest story in the world. And along the way, the Caretakers of the Geographica will discover that great deeds alone do not make heroes, and that growing up may be unavoidable...but growing old doesn't have to be. **BPB \$16.95**

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The exhilarating third novel in James Patterson's exciting adventure series for 9-15 year olds. You're about to join the adventures of Max, Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gazzy, and Angel, six extraordinary kids who have powers like no other: they can fly, and they're being chased, no, hunted across America and around the world. **THIS IS THE END, MY FRIENDS.** But I promise that you'll fly higher than ever before in this wild adventure, witness battles worthy of multiplex movie screens, and laugh until your sides hurt. Believe it or not, there's even a little romance. But all good things - and even terrible, unspeakable ones - must come to an end. This is that moment in time, I'm afraid. Either we save the world, or we crash and burn. And I mean all of us - even you, faithful reader, because you play a very big part in this story. Max The Flock needs your help. Yes, you. Join us at [www.maximumride.com](http://www.maximumride.com). **BPB \$19.99**

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When Lyra is studying at Oxford University, she comes across the story of Lee Scoresby and Iorek Byrnisson's first meeting, many years ago, along with much evidence of the adventure that brought them together.

When a young Texan balloonist, Lee Scoresby, comes down to earth in the harbour of an Arctic town in the North, little does he realise that he is about to be embroiled in an out-and-out political brawl.

Lee and his daemon, Hester, find themselves the target of political factions trying to take over the running (and oil) of the town. And also resident in the town are huge arctic bears, ignored and patronised by the people and treated like second-class citizens. When Lee and Iorek first meet, they cement a friendship that will continue throughout their lives, as the tensions and pressure in town lead to a deadly conclusion...

Another wonderful tale from a master story-teller, giving us more extraordinary insight into the world of HIS DARK MATERIALS. **HC \$29.95**

## **E E Richardson**

### *The Summoning*

Justin hasn't ever really believed in the occult, even though his Grandpa Blake is an expert in it and has a house full of curious objects and old tattered books on magic. But when Daniel Eilersen, the class know-it-all, starts acting all high-and-mighty, Justin thinks he can scare him by performing a magic ritual from the ancient book he's stolen from his granddad's study. His friend Trevor, who always goes along with what Justin says and his little sister, Joy, complete the group. It's all about the atmosphere of course and Justin plans to give Eilersen a proper scare, but nothing will actually happen. . . Or will it . . . ?

On the old tennis court in the park, late one night, the four of them, unaware of the consequences of their actions, summon Dracherion, a malicious and dangerous spirit bent on revenge for being imprisoned in the ancient book by Grandpa Blake, years ago. Things go wrong and Dracherion breaks out of the circle designed to enclose him. The ritual has bound them to Dracherion and Justin, Joy, Trevor and Daniel know that the spirit will try and possess one of them so it can grow in strength and wreak its vengeance.

A terrifying struggle follows as Dracherion grows stronger and stronger. It's a race against time to try and find a way of banishing the spirit out of this world. But how do they do that when one of them can't be trusted . . . ? **BPB \$17.95**

## **Steve Rogers**

### *The Shrieking Stones (Fright Night 01)*

'Tonight's destination is... Ireland: at the Shrieking Stones of Bray.'

The cast and crew of Fright Night are roaming the country in search of all things spoooooooky.

Just when it seems the ghosts and ghouls are staying hidden, twins Adam and Lana make a chilling discovery, which leads them to an eerie circle of standing stones.

Something sinister awaits them - and the question isn't what but WHO is lurking inside? **BPB \$12.95**

## **Susan Schade & Jon Buller**

### *The Fog Mound (Travels of Thelonious 01)*

In ancient times human beings ruled the Earth -- at least that's what the old legends claim. But is it true?

Thelonious Chipmunk is a Talker -- an animal who has inherited the gift of language -- and he, for one, believes in humans. Who else could have made the old paper postcard he treasures? His desire to know more about humans is fulfilled in a surprising and dangerous way when Thelonious is swept down the river into a strange new world -- a world where gangs and warlords prowl amongst the crumbling remains of civilization.

With three new companions, -- a bear, a porcupine, and a lizard -- Thelonious embarks on a search for the far-off Fog Mound. It is a journey that becomes nothing less than a quest to uncover the secrets of Earth's past.

Using alternate chapters of graphic novel and straight text, Susan Schade and Jon Buller have combined their writing and illustrating talents to create a book in which the form truly reflects the excitement and adventure of the story. Young readers, whether they have discovered graphic novels or not, will find this book a visual and reading delight. **PB \$19.95**

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### *Space Cowboy*

On the remote planet of Aletha Three, a genetically engineered creature with the unstoppable killing instinct of earth's most ancient predators has begun stalking the struggling population. Armed only with his dad's old rifle, cowboy Travis must find out where the predator came from and how he can stop it -- before it gets a taste for people, instead of cattle. Filled with danger and excitement, cowboys, spaceships and nightmare creatures, Space Cowboy is everything a boy could want in a book. Ages 11+ **BPB \$14.99**

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Princess Bella has been snatched from her secret garden by a terrifying monster, leaving behind nothing but a glittering golden ball! Not even the bravest knights in the kingdom can save her from the huge, dark, fire-breathing creature with enormous wings, a great swishing tail and deadly claws. But clumsy Ned the stable boy is determined to succeed where the gallant knights have failed.

Can he defeat the dragon and get the girl? Or will he let the chance to become a hero slip through his butterfingers? Join our unlikely hero and his animal friends on their daring quest across the plain, through the woods and into the mountains to find out . . . **PB \$14.95**

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Magus, the King's Scholar, releases Gen, a skilled thief, from prison so that he may lead him to an ancient treasure, yet once freed, Gen has plans of his own and has no intention of letting Magus walk away with all the goods. **APB \$17.95**

### *The Queen of Attolia (02)*

Forsaken by the gods and left to his own devices, Eugenides, Royal Thief of Eddis, summons all his wit and wiles in an attempt to conquer the rival Queen of Attolia. **APB \$17.95**

### *The King of Attolia (03)*

Eugenides, still known as a Thief of Eddis, faces palace intrigue and assassins as he strives to prove himself both to the people of Attolia and to his new bride, their queen. **APB \$19.95**

## **T H White**

### *The Sword in the Stone*

When Merlyn the magician comes to tutor Sir Ector's sons Kay and the Wart, schoolwork suddenly becomes much more fun. After all, who wouldn't enjoy being turned into a fish, or a badger, or a snake? But Merlyn has very particular plans for the Wart... **BPB \$14.99**

## **N D Wilson**

### *100 Cupboards*

Twelve-year-old Henry York is going to sleep one night when he hears a bump on the attic wall above his head. It's an unfamiliar house - Henry is staying with his aunt, uncle and three cousins - so he tries to ignore it. But the next night he wakes up with bits of plaster in his hair. Henry scrapes the plaster off the wall and discovers doors - ninety-nine cupboards of all different sizes and shapes. Through one he can hear the sound of falling rain. Through another he sees a glowing room - with a man strolling back and forth! Henry and his cousin Henrietta soon understand that these are not just cupboards. They are, in fact, portals to other worlds. **PB \$15.95**

**Patricia Wrightson** *Australian Author*

*The Nargun and the Stars*

Winner of the 1974 CBCA Book of the Year

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An updated compilation of articles, speeches, quotations, interviews, and words of wisdom offers a new perspective on the business savvy, investment philosophy, life-views, and legendary sense of humor of one of America's wealthiest and most successful investors. **PB \$33.95**

*Wit and Wisdom of Oscar Wilde: A Treasury of Quotations, Anecdotes, and Observations*     **HC \$19.95**

### Nicola Barker

*Darkmans*

This is a rowdy, riotous tale, a tale in which the medieval past takes on a face, name, and occupation and roams around the humdrum town of Ashford, bringing chaos to the lives of those it picks on. No one is safe: not upstanding Beede and his drug-dealing son, nor teen chav Kelly who zestily finds God (much to the dismay of the Reverend responsible), or Gaffar, the tiny, amorous Kurd with an unusual fear of salad. Darkmans is a world where language snaps and crackles like static, twitching with barely containable energy. Past and present mingle and blur, and the lines between fantasy and reality, sanity and madness are continually rubbed out and redrawn - but by whose hand? And what about the grand scheme of things - is life a coincidence or is it a pattern, plotted by all-seeing, unknown forces? The third of Nicola Barker's visionary narratives of the Thames Gateway, Darkmans is a very modern book about very old-fashioned subjects: love and jealousy. It's also about invasion, obsession, displacement and possession, about comedy, art, prescription drugs and chiropody. **BPB \$27.99**

### Lenny Bartulin

*A Deadly Business*

Quentin Tarantino meets Shane Maloney in this darkly comic, crime debut set in the tough, unforgiving world of Sydney's second-hand book trade. Jack Susko is trying for a quiet life in his second-hand bookshop - the business is more tin mine than gold mine, but that's okay - it's his and, what's more, it means he has no cares apart from an almost complete lack of income; no responsibility for anyone apart from his cat.

But when wealthy Double Bay businessman Hammond Kasprovicz hires Jack to locate some poetry books for him, that something looks closer to nothing when compared to the Kasprovicz fortune. Dazzled, Jack makes a play for the businessman's beautiful divorcee daughter, Annabelle. Within a week, he's embroiled in a murder investigation: the author of the books Jack has been hired to locate is found shot dead in his Potts Point apartment. He also happens to be Hammond Kasprovicz's estranged brother. Then Hammond Kasprovicz goes missing, too. Jack's left with the sexy daughter who hates her father, a jealous cousin, a violent ex-husband, and a corrupt cop, all looking to cash in on the situation.

*A Deadly Business* is the first Jack Susko novel, establishing a crime-novel antihero who's not a detective and whose motives aren't always pure - but he's sure-as-hell funny. **BPB \$27.95**

### Carol Baxter Australian Author

*Breaking the Bank*

It was the largest bank robbery in Australian history. On Sunday 14 September 1828, thieves tunnelled through a sewage drain into the vault of Sydney's Bank of Australia and stole 14 000 in notes and cash - the equivalent of \$20 million in today's currency. This audacious group of convicts not only defied the weekly exhortation 'thou shalt not steal!', they targeted the bank owned by the colony's self-anointed nobility.

Delighted at this affront to their betters, Sydney's largely criminal and ex-criminal population did all they could to undermine the authorities' attempts to catch the robbers and retrieve the spoils. While the desperate bank directors offered increasingly large rewards and the government officers cast longing looks at the gallows, the robbers continued to elude detection. Then one day ...

With a rich cast of characters who refused to abase themselves to the establishment, this meticulously researched and fast-paced history tells the story of the daring Bank of Australia robbery and of the scheming robbers, greedy receivers and unfortunate suspects whose lives were irrevocably changed by this outrageous crime. **TPB \$35**

### Henry Beard

*Latin For All Occasions*

With more than 200,000 copies in print, *Latin for All Occasions* and its follow-up, *Latin for Even More Occasions*, have helped scores of readers harness the language of Caesar and Cicero. Impress your boss with Occupational Latin (*Lingua Latina Occupationi*); sell your product with Sales Latin (*Lingua Latina Mercatoria*); flirt with your classics professor with Sensual Latin (*Lingua Latina Libidinosa*); look like the hipster you are with Pop-Cultural Latin (*Lingua Latina Popularis*); survive the holidays with Familial Latin (*Lingua Latina Domestica*) and Celebrational Latin (*Lingua Latina Festiva*). It's all here, whether you're a student of the language or just want to talk like one.

From cocktail-party banter to climbing the corporate ladder to online dating, *Latin for All Occasions* features dozens of handy sections, including Las Vegas Latin, Latin for Golfers, Latin for Breakups, Latin for the Politically Correct, and much, much more. In one easy-to-use volume, National Lampoon founder Henry Beard presents hundreds of listings rendered in grammatically accurate classical Latin, with a foolproof pronunciation guide.

Who says Latin is a dead language? From the comic genius who brought us *X-Treme Latin* comes *Latin for All Occasions*, guaranteed to help readers delight their friends, insult their enemies, and elevate the public discourse. **PB \$19.95**

**Tim Bowden** *Australian Author*

*Down Under in the Top End*

Tim and Ros are heading north in their trusty four-wheel drive and camper, doing what they do so well - introducing us to the unique, fascinating and outright bizarre in the Australian landscape, its history and its people. Travelling to all those places that are part of the Australian imagination - Townsville, Cunnamulla, Cairns, Cloncurry, Mt Isa, Tennant Creek, Arnhem Land, Darwin, Coober Pedy and, of course, Uluru - Tim and Ros live everybody's dream of going north. This is Tim Bowden at his cheeky and entertaining best. **TPB \$29.95**

**Jeff Buick**

*Delicate Chaos*

Approval for a questionable business transaction must come from Leona Hewitt, vice-president of a bank in Washington, D.C., but when her conscience threatens the deal between the bank and a major corporation, she finds her life in danger. **APB \$14.95**

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IN PATAGONIA is a Quest or a Wonder Voyage. It is about wandering and exile. Bruce Chatwin travels to a remote country in search of a strange beast and, as he goes along, describes his encounters with other people whose stories delay him on the road. **BPB \$27.95**

**Lisa Childs**

*Best Man's Bride*

**APB \$13.95**

**Bob Dole**

*Great Political Wit: Laughing (Almost) All the Way to the White House*

Legendary for his own dry wit, the 1996 Republican presidential nominee presents a handpicked collection of the funniest ripostes, remarks, and observations made by and about the twentieth century's greatest politicians. **TPB \$29.95**

**Sara Donati**

*Queen of Swords*

Imprisoned in the French Antilles for endangering the Crown, Jennet Hunter awaits rescue by her kinsman, Luke Bonner, and together they set out to find their child, surrendered to a virtual stranger at the time of her imprisonment, taking on local custom and power brokers in their quest. **HC \$56.95**

**Barry Eisler**

*Requiem for an Assassin*

For master assassin John Rain, getting out of 'the life' was never going to be easy. But with a new identity in Paris, and the help of his lover, Mossad agent Delilah, he was hoping to leave the killing business behind. Then he receives a message from rogue CIA operative Jim Hilger: We have your friend Dox. Do as we tell you, or the sniper dies. The choice ought to be easy: do the job - a series of three hits - and save his friend and partner. But how does Rain know Hilger won't just kill Dox once the assignment is complete? How does he know that each of the hits isn't also a setup for Rain himself? Most of all, how can he control the killing rage that Hilger's lethal game of extortion reignites inside him? From the deceptively tranquil beaches of Bali, to the boulevards of Paris, the urban chaos of New York, and finally to the old killing fields of Vietnam. Rain must grapple not only with his brutal enemies, but also with the latent killer inside himself... a battle that not even Rain can hope to survive intact. **TPB \$32.95**

**Meredith Fletcher**

*Beneath The Surface (Athena Force)*

Vowing revenge on the Athena Academy, a prestigious school that wrongfully expelled her, reporter Shannon Connor finds herself questioning her source, while trying to stay one step ahead of a murderous enemy and away from a sexy government agent. **APB \$14.95**

**Janet Gleeson**

*The Moneymaker*

Three hundred years ago, a charismatic young gambler and man-about-town with a natural gift for mathematics fled London for the Continent. His name was John Law and he had good reason to go, having killed a man in a duel.

Living off his lucrative winnings at the gambling tables of Europe, Law became increasingly fascinated by the nature of finance and journeyed to the impoverished, famine stricken France of Louis XIV with an extraordinary idea. At the time when wealth was stored and exchanged as gold and silver coin - and there was rarely enough to fund the extravagances of kings, let alone trade - Law realized that the overriding problem was lack of available money. He reasoned that if this could be lent in the form of paper, properly backed by assets, then it could be lent repeatedly and credit used to multiply opportunities for the making of money. Such a radical notion meant Law faced opposition from powerful vested interests. But his persistence paid off and in 1716, with royal backing, he established the first French bank to issue paper currency and created a trading company that would enrich its shareholders beyond their wildest dreams: so much so that a new word - 'millionaire' was coined to describe them.

What follows is the stuff of epic drama: a tale of fortunes won and lost, of paupers made rich and lords losing all. **PB \$23.95**

**Wendy Harmer** *Australian Author*

*Pearlie and Her Pink Shell (Pearlie 09)*

Hurly-phew-burly! Pearlie the Park Fairy arrives home after a long morning of making sure everything is perfect in Jubilee Park . . . but what's this? Pearlie's beloved fountain is surrounded by scaffolding and her beautiful pink shell has been painted in nasty, smelly grey paint! Pearlie escapes with Opal to Rainbow Ridge while the paint dries, but cousin Sapphire and those naughty rats see a chance for mischief while Pearlie is away . . . Pearlie will need the help of her friends in Jubilee Park to get everything back to normal! **PB \$14.95**

**Ian Heads & David Middleton** *Australian Author*

*A Centenary of Rugby League*

A Centenary of Rugby League tells the complete, season-by-season story of rugby league's first 100 years in Australia. Rich in detail, anecdote, history, scandal and triumph, and illustrated by hundreds of extraordinary photographs, A Centenary of Rugby League is the one book every league fan should own. Never before has the game been covered in such comprehensive, year-by-year detail. The book includes not just the story of the first 100 years of the Sydney (now NRL) premiership, but also the many great competitions that have been staged across Australia. As well, the often controversial and always colourful history of matches between Queensland and New South Wales are featured, from the inaugural game in 1908 to the State of Origin battles of today. And Australia's pivotal place in international rugby league - most notably in epic Test matches against Great Britain, on Kangaroo tours of England and France, and in World Cup, World Series and Tri-Series tournaments - is celebrated in word and picture. Australian rugby league's 100 greatest players of all time - from Dally Messenger to Darren Lockyer, as chosen by the ARL especially for the centenary year - are revealed and profiled in the book. And special sections highlight all the famous matches, controversies and incidents that have made league's history so colourful over the last century. **HC \$75**

**Kay Hooper***The Haunting of Josie*

Seeking refuge from the pain of her past in an isolated house, Josie Douglas finds herself haunted by a mysterious spirit and by her handsome landlord, Marc Westbrook. **PB \$13.95**

**James C Humes***The Wit and Wisdom of Ronald Reagan***HC \$51.95****Brian Keene***Dark Hollow*

When mysterious music is heard in the forest at night and women begin disappearing without a trace, novelist Adam Senft discovers that the town of LeHorn's Hollow has become the victim of an ancient nightmare worse than any ghost. **APB \$14.95**

**Gunter K Koschorrek***Blood Red Snow: The Memoirs of a German Soldier on the Eastern Front***TPB \$36.95****Tim LaHaye & Bob Phillips***The Edge of Darkness (Babylon Rising 04)*

In the fourth novel in the Babylon Rising series, biblical archaeologist Michael Murphy stumbles upon clues to an ancient evil as he follows a trail to the long-lost temple of Dagon, the deadly Philistine deity that is half-human and half-fish. **APB \$19.95**

**Michael Lee Lanning***Inside the Crosshairs: Snipers in Vietnam*

The first thoroughly accurate book on the subject recounts the experiences of American snipers in Vietnam, their instructors, the founders of their program, and the generals to whom they reported. By the author of *Inside the LRRPs*. **PB \$19.95**

**Primo Levi***Survival in Auschwitz*

The author describes his twenty month ordeal in the Nazi death camp. **TPB \$29.95**

**Jeff Lindsay***Darkly Dreaming Dexter (Dexter 01)*

TV tie-in edition of the novel which introduced Dexter Morgan - a serial killer to fall in love with... **APB \$19.99**

**Tess Mallory***Highland Rogue*

Transported back in time to eighteenth-century Scotland after discovering a tri-spiral carving in an ancient cairn, aspiring archaeologist Maggie Graham comes face-to-face with a Scottish hero straight out of her wildest fantasies who captures her heart. **APB \$19.95**

**Judi McCoy***Making Over Mr Right (Muses 03)*

What is it about a computer geek trapped inside the body of a tall, dark, and handsome man that makes a woman's knees go weak? Theo Maragos is actually an incredibly successful businessman who is to be featured in a major magazine. And it's Zoë's job as the Muse of Beauty to transform him from nerd to hunk. First to go are those wire-framed glasses . . . revealing a devilish twinkle in his blue eyes. Next is a close shave . . . showing off that sexy grin, not to mention dimples that can charm the clothes off this muse. It would be so easy to fall for Theo, but the number-one rule during Zoë's exile from Mount Olympus is don't fall in love, especially with a mortal. Will Zoë succeed in keeping her heart safe, or will she risk all for a lifetime with her very own Mr. Right? **APB \$16.99**

**Sean Murphy***The Time of New Weather*

In an America in which gravity has been altered, time is on the fritz, and corporations have seized control of everything, a ragtag group of circus folk, revolutionaries, and a beautiful journalist turns to Buddy, a man born with a special talent for performing tiny miracles, as a possible savior. By the author of *The Hope Valley Hubcap King*. **APB \$17.95**

**Tec Nechama***Defiance: The Bielski Partisans*

The prevailing image of European Jews during the Holocaust years is one of helpless victims under a death sentence, unable to fight consignment to the ghettos, to the camps, and to the gas chambers. In fact, many Jews struggled alone or with others against the terrors of the Third Reich, risking their lives against overwhelming odds for the slimmest chance of survival, or a mere glimpse of freedom. In *Defiance*, Tec Nechama offers a riveting history of one such group, a forest community in western Belorussia that would number more than 1,200 Jews by 1944--the largest armed rescue operation of Jews by Jews in World War II.

Tec shows that while most forest fighters in Belorussia were rifle-carrying young men, the members of this extraordinary community included both men and women, some with weapons but mostly unarmed, ranging from infants to the elderly. She reconstructs for the first time the amazing details of how these partisans and their families--hungry, exposed to the harsh winter weather, always on the lookout for German patrols--managed not only to survive, but to offer protection to all Jewish fugitives who could find their way to them. Driven by courage born out of despair, they dug wells, set up workshops to repair guns, made clothes, and resoled shoes, supplied services to other guerilla units, and even established a makeshift hospital and school in the forest. Arguing that this success would have been unthinkable without the vision of one man, Tec offers penetrating insight into the group's commander, Tuvia Bielski, and his journey from his life as the son of the only Jewish peasant family in an isolated rural village to his emergence as a leader possessing the charisma and courage to command under all but impossible circumstances. Tec brings to light the untold story of Bielski's struggle as a partisan who lost his parents, wife, and two brothers to the Nazis, yet never wavered in his conviction that it was more important to save one Jew than to kill twenty Germans. She shows how, under Bielski's guidance, the partisans smuggled Jews out of heavily guarded ghettos, scouted the roads for fugitives, and led retaliatory raids against Belorussian peasants who collaborated with the Nazis against their former Jewish neighbors. Refusing to turn away the weak or the old for the sake of the survival of the larger group, Bielski would warn new arrivals to the forest, "Life is difficult, we are in danger all the time, but if we perish, if we die, we die like human beings." A scholar, a writer, and herself a Holocaust survivor, author Tec Nechama devoted the last two decades to studying the fate of European Jewry, recording rare but vital examples of human compassion, resistance, altruism and heroism in the face of overwhelming horror and despair. Drawing on wide-ranging research and never before published interviews with surviving partisans--including Tuvia Bielski himself two weeks before his death in 1987--she reconstructs here the poignant and unforgettable story of those who chose to fight. **\$29.95**

**Sara Nomberg-Przytyk***Auschwitz: True Tales from a Grotesque Land*

The author, who was a prisoner at Auschwitz, describes her experiences, and the horrifying experiments of Dr. Josef Mengele **TPB \$36.95**

**Benison O'Reilly & Seana Smith** *Australian Authors**Australian Autism Handbook*

At last, the essential one-stop resource guide written specifically for Australian parents whose children have just been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

This book is a practical and comprehensive guide to every aspect of raising an ASD child including:

- What is ASD? – Early signs and symptoms
- Getting a Diagnosis
- Early Intervention, and why it is so vital
- The Medical Maze – explains the evidence based medical theories behind ASD – and why there is such controversy
- Schools and Pre-Schools – the options available

Includes an invaluable Resource Guide which lists each state system plus a comprehensive list of websites and booklists. **TPB \$35**

**Fred Pearce***Confessions Of An Eco Sinner*

Acclaimed veteran science writer travels from the market down his street to the ends of the earth in search of where his belongings have come from and who has mined, grown or made them. Setting the green wash aside, this is unique as an unbiased, mature and objective, comprehensively researched and rivetingly told, story of a journey to discover his true footprint as one of 7 billion of us now living on the planet

Like many of us, Fred Pearce works hard from a city base, cares for his family and tries fitfully to do his bit for the planet. But travelling across the world to track his personal 'footprint', he finds himself questioning an extraordinary number of accepted truths. Perhaps his well-intentioned efforts are not so good after all. Should Kenyan green beans go right back on his shopping list? Should he stop campaigning for a clean coastline and start shouting, 'Save wildlife, sh\*\* on the beach'? while he's at it, should he becheering for Bangladeshi sweatshops too?

In search of the source of the cotton in his shirt, the prawns in his curry and the people who grew, mined or made all his stuff, Fred travels from rainforest to desert, up mountains and down mines, from oil field to shanty town to brothel. yes, he finds squalor and despair. But also he finds good things in surprising places and huge opportunities just waiting to be seized. this compelling story of Fred's travels moves green thinking on to a new, more sophisticated plane. **HC \$39.95**

**Don Pendleton***Ambush Force (Executioner 354)*

When an elite branch of U.S. Army Rangers are brutally murdered in Afghanistan, Mack Bolan goes undercover with a private security company to find the truth and stumbles upon a plot to offer up mercenaries and liberators to the highest bidder. **APB \$13.95**

*Appointment in Baghdad (SuperBolan 120)*

A raid on a Toronto mosque reveals a link to Scimitar, who is believed to be at the center of an international network of violent jihadist and criminal enterprises in the Middle East and Asia. Mack Bolan, along with two Stony Man agents, must take down this faceless opponent. **APB \$17.95**

**Douglas Preston***Blasphemy*

The world's biggest supercollider, locked in an Arizona mountain, was built to reveal the secrets of the very moment of creation: the Big Bang itself. The Torus is the most expensive machine ever created by humankind, run by the world's most powerful supercomputer. It is the brainchild of Nobel Laureate William North Hazelius. Will the Torus divulge the mysteries of the creation of the universe? Or will it, as some predict, suck the earth into a mini black hole? Or is the Torus a Satanic attempt, as a powerful televangelist decries, to challenge God Almighty on the very throne of Heaven?

Twelve scientists under the leadership of Hazelius are sent to the remote mountain to turn it on, and what they discover must be hidden from the world at all costs. Wyman Ford, ex-monk and CIA operative, is tapped to wrest their secret, a secret that will either destroy the world... or save it. The countdown begins... **TPB \$32.95**

**Charles Rollings***Prisoner of War*

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

Based on interviews and correspondence with ex-POWs and their relatives over the last 30 years, Prisoner of War is a major survey of allied POWs from all walks of life. Extraordinary stories of extremes: courage, hope and desperation are revealed in the words of those that were there.

Arranged chronologically, the book follows those involved from capture, through interrogation, imprisonment, escape, to final liberation and homecoming. POWs and, in particular, those who broke free, have become a post-war cultural icon; a symbol of the will to survive against the odds. Rich with incident and emotion, Prisoner of War is a compelling look at the lives of extraordinary individuals trapped behind the wire. **BPB \$24.95**

**Elyn R Saks***Centre Cannot Hold*

A memoir of my schizophrenia **TPB \$35**

**Lee Smolin***Trouble with Physics: The Rise of String Theory, The Fall of a Science and What Comes Next*

What is string theory? Why does it matter to our understanding of the universe? And what if it is wrong?

The Trouble with Physics is a groundbreaking account of the state of modern physics: of how we got from Einstein and Relativity through quantum mechanics to the strange and bizarre predictions of string theory, full of unseen dimensions and multiple universes.

Lee Smolin not only provides a brilliant layman's overview of current research as we attempt to build a 'theory of everything', but also questions many of the assumptions that lie behind string theory. In doing so, he describes some of the daring, outlandish ideas that will propel research in years to come. **BPB \$26.95**

**Terry Spear***Heart of the Wolf***APB \$17.95**

**Albrecht Wacker**

*Sniper on the Eastern Front: The Memoirs of Sepp Allerberger, Knight's Cross*

This book is a rare first-hand account by a ruthlessly efficient German sniper of life and death during the bitter conflict that followed the Nazi invasion of Russia.

Josef Sepp Allerberger was an Austrian conscript who qualified as a Wehrmacht machine-gunner and was drafted to the Southern sector of the Front in July 1942. Wounded at Voroshilovsk, he experimented so successfully with a captured Russian sniper-rifle while convalescing and returned to his unit as his regiment's only sniper specialist. In the gruelling months that followed, as the German Army was forced to withdraw under almost constant pressure from the Russians, Allerberger became the second most successful German sniper and one of the very few private soldiers to be awarded with the coveted Knights Cross. This harrowing and graphic memoir provides a vivid insight to the atrocious conditions and brutal cruelty of this campaign. There was, we learn, no place for chivalry and few prisoners survived long after capture. Allerberger describes the cunning, discipline and fieldcraft that not only saw him survive during the near constant action but made him such a relentless assassin. **HC \$70**

**Joseph T Ward**

*Dear Mom: A Sniper's Vietnam*

**PB \$19.95**

**Marcus Wareing**

*Knife Skills*

Perfect your knife skills with a trio of Michelin starred chefs and learn to carve, chop, slice, dice, fillet and bone to perfection

Michelin starred chefs - Marcus Wareing, Charlie Trotter and Shaun Hill - show with clear step-by-step instructions how to choose your tools, sharpen your talents and master knife skills.

Find out which knives to use for particular tasks and how to keep your utensils in peak condition. Discover how to cut to perfection: from carving a roast and boning a bird, to opening oysters and filleting fish. Plus, learn the best way to prepare your fruit and veg, from trimming, peeling and paring to stoning and much more. Say goodbye to badly carved beef and expensive courses: Knife Skills is the hands-on manual that'll soon have you wielding a cook's knife like a pro. **HC \$29.95**

**Richard Winters**

*Beyond Band of Brothers*

The commander of Easy Company provides a firsthand memoir of combat during World War II, describing the role of a group immortalized as the "Band of Brothers" during the D-Day invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, the march into Germany, the liberation of an S.S. death camp, and beyond. **TPB \$29.95**

**Jeanette Winterson**

*The Stone Gods*

On the airwaves, all the talk is of the new blue planet - pristine and habitable, like our own 65 million years ago, before we took it to the edge of destruction. And off the air, Billie and Spike are falling in love. What will happen when their story combines with the world's story, as they whirl towards Planet Blue, into the future? Will they - and we - ever find a safe landing place? **BPB \$24.95**