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Featured Books



Gav Thorpe
 Piers Anthony
 Keri Arthur
 James Barclay
 Jim Butcher, Simon R Green, et al
 C J Cherryh
 Jeaniene Frost
 Troy Denning
 Simon R Green
 Barb & J C Hendee
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 Anne & Todd McCaffrey
 John Ringo & Julie Cochrane

Warhammer Malekith in paperback.
Under A Velvet Cloak Incarnations of Immortality 8 in trade.
Dancing with the Devil Nikki and Michael 1 in paperback.
Ravensoul a new *Raven* novel in trade paperback
Mean Streets a trade paperback anthology of 4 novellas.
Regensis a Cyteen sequel in hardcover.
At Grave's End Night Huntress 3 in paperback
Invincible a new *Star Wars Legacy of the Force* paperback.
The Unnatural Inquirer a Nightside paperback.
Child of a Dead God in paperback
In Shade and Shadow in hardcover
Dragon Harper a *Pern* paperback.
Honor of the Clan a Posleen hardcover.



News

Majel Roddenberry-Barrett Star Trek actress died 18th Dec 08. <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000854/>

Terry Pratchett, author of the *Discworld* series, has been knighted in the annual Queen's Honours and so now would be Sir Terry.

JRR Tolkien's poem *The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrún* is to be published by HarperCollins as a book later this year.

David Gemmell fans will find this website interesting: <http://gemmellaward.com/> A group of writers and fans of heroic fantasy, chaired by Stan Nicholls, have set up a new annual award for the best fantasy novel. Visit their forums for discussions of many recent fantasy novels.

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.

Little Brother by Cory Doctorow, reviewed by Adam Moszt

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007288427>

Little Brother is a science fiction novel about the real world we live in. Akin to Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* in theme and content, it paints a dystopian picture of the near future, and the dark possibilities inherent in it. *Little Brother* is about power, tyranny and corruption. Cory Doctorow, *Little Brother*'s author, vividly renders a stark, not-too-far off world, accurately describing technologies and methodologies used both by the government to control the population, and by the rebels to combat the grip of the politicians.

Little Brother is in itself quite a scary book. It delves into topics such as the total loss of privacy, thought-crime, terrorism, abuses of power and authority, torture, and the treating of citizens as enemies. These are all depicted realistically, and with much political and social background. What makes the book truly frightening on a completely new level is the fact that already, events depicted in *Little Brother* are occurring in the real world. Doctorow has accurately and comprehensively hit a great many nails on the head with his latest book.

Reading *Little Brother* is liable to make the reader at least somewhat paranoid, and drive them to look into certain defensive technologies described and used within the book. They nearly all exist, and work as advertised. Doctorow explains the workings of technology in a way that is easy for the uninitiated to understand, and will have experts nodding in agreement. Disturbingly, the technologies described that invade privacy and steal information are also real, exist, and are used by certain governments and/or people.

The story is written in the fashion of *Starship Troopers* by Robert A. Heinlein. The narration of the "action" is frequently intercut with moral and philosophical discussions which provide insight into the actions of the characters around that point in the story. This technique is not used in a disruptive way, and doesn't jar with the faster paced sequences, but enables the reader to experience a steadily changing variety of pacing without being overwhelmed by any particular one. Doctorow has an easy, understandable, highly readable style of writing that is never likely to force the reader to revisit sentences to glean their meaning.

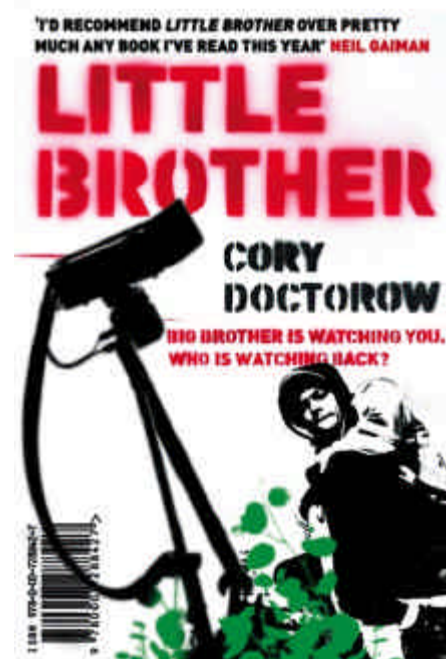
Unfortunately though, there are some distasteful aspects of the book. Orwell and Heinlein manage to convey their beliefs in fairly culture non-specific settings, allowing the reader to imagine the societies depicted, rather than forcing the settings on the reader. *Little Brother* eventually comes across as aggressively American. The beginning is largely spared from this label. Later on, there is much discussion about "liberties", the "constitution", "amendments", "rights conferred by the Founding Fathers" and the like. It eventually grows tiresome to have the same pro-American propaganda shoved down one's metaphorical throat repeatedly.

Furthermore, the book is dedicated to Doctorow's "tiny baby girl", and "for all the children..." Doctorow seems to have been a bit confused about exactly what age of reader his book is aimed at. On one hand, the themes and issues at hand are sometimes presented in a vulgarly obvious manner, with characters expostulating on how "they" are "taking away our privacy and freedom". On the other, he deals with issues such as teen-age (and in America's case, illegal) drinking, drug use, and sex. Not only does he deal with them, but glorifies them. The narrator, a seventeen year old boy, likes being drunk, claims that eating hash-cookies is fun, and once has sex explicitly with his same aged girlfriend (with other times implied). While standing up for one's rights and fighting for them when necessary is certainly an admirable trait to teach children, some readers may find the above mentioned aspects encourage them *not* to purchase the book for their "tiny baby" impressionable children.

Because Doctorow relies on such a detailed portrayal of the modern world to build the setting for his story, readers who pick up the book in several years will undoubtedly find the terminology and products presented painfully out-of date. Orwell and Heinlein managed to portray worlds that could nearly be any time and any place, securing them the status of timeless classics. Doctorow has gone for a more immediate here and now approach, which lends the book much more gravitas if readers are to pick up the book and read it *now*, as all the places, products and methods are currently being employed. Unfortunately, *Little Brother* will either have to be updated periodically, or will quickly become a relic of yesterday.

Finally, Doctorow seems to go out of his way at several points in the story to bash certain products/companies. Some readers may find that this adds to the realism inherent in the book, others may find it annoying to be subjected to this form of "anti-advertising".

All in all, *Little Brother* is an excellent read, both in terms of an enjoyable, contemporary story and as a wakeup and call to arms in the battle for privacy and freedom of thought, speech and action.



***Little Brother* by Cory Doctorow, reviewed by Jonathan Dean**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007288427>

Ever feel like you're being watched? Your movements tracked? Your phone calls and emails monitored? Big Brother is out there, watching your every move, restricting your choices, taking over your life. Take it back. Now.

Marcus is a teenage hacker, who lives to get around the system. After someone bombs San Francisco, the Department of Homeland Security takes over. When Marcus and the DHS collide, things are going to get very ugly. How do you fight against a monolithic security agency? By being smarter, faster and more ingenious.

On the surface a young adult book, but in reality so much more. This book depicts what life could be like very, very soon (if it isn't already), unless we start doing something serious about it. Fight back against the system. Read & learn how. Just remember, never trust anyone over 25.

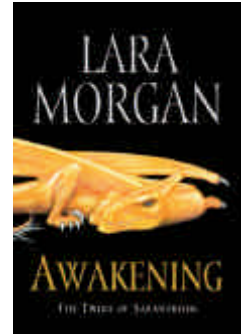
***Awakening* by Lara Morgan, reviewed by Josephine Crowley**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781405038904>

Awakening - book one of this first trilogy by Australian author Lara Morgan is the story of an ancient conflict. It is between peoples of several nations and the good inhabitants who dwell within and the evil god who they live in fear of. Serpents also live within these lands and have magic powers and they too are ruled by the ancient evil god.

The characters in this book are many and as I read I referred often the glossary. Thank you for these lists, also the great maps which create a visual setting for what is a very interesting and engrossing read.

I enjoyed this novel from a new author who shows tremendous imagination and has the ability to hold one's interest to the very last page. Congratulations Lara Morgan. Book two in this series will be awaited eagerly.



***The Tales of Beedle the Bard* by J K Rowling, reviewed by Sue W**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780747599876>

This book is a companion book to the "Harry Potter" series of seven books written by J K Rowling. Although it works to some extent as a stand-alone book for the reader of any of the "Harry Potter" series, it will not really make sense without having first read the seventh and final book in the series, "Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows" (HPDH hereafter for convenience).

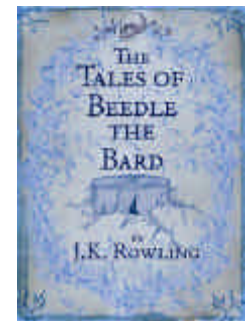
"The Tales of Beedle the Bard" gets its first mention in HPDH as a children's book of fairy tales for magical children, and is as well known to them as tales such as "Cinderella" and "Ali Baba & the 40 Thieves" are to we "Muggles" ie non-magical folk. However, only one story is relevant to the plot of HPDH, this being "The Tale of the Three Brothers" which describes how three brothers are given gifts by Death himself, and how they use them and ultimately meet Death again. The point of that story in HPDH was that it was in fact a true story disguised as a fairy tale, and that the three objects, or "hallows", being a powerful wand, a Resurrection Stone to being back the dead, and a powerful Invisibility Cloak, in actual fact existed.

The book includes notes on each story written by Albus Dumbledore, the Headmaster of Harry Potter's magical school Hogwarts for most of the HP series. The five stories are short, to the point, and have parallels in Biblical parables, in that there is always a moral "point". Dumbledore discusses the meaning of each story, and for the reader of the HP series, this commentary is perhaps more interesting and relevant than the stories themselves. In particular the commentary on "The Tale of the Three Brothers" is interesting to devoted HP fans more for what isn't said than what is said. Dumbledore discusses the possibility that the three objects exist, but seems to discount it. In fact readers of HPDH know that he already owned the Elder Wand, knew that Harry Potter's invisibility cloak was almost certainly the real one, and was on the trail of the resurrection stone, at the time he wrote this commentary. However, in HPDH we discover that he has come to realise the dangers involved in seeking these "Hallows", and therefore would not want to encourage others to do so.

A point of interest is that J K Rowling herself did the illustrations for the book, displaying a hitherto (to me) unsuspected talent - not having read the other two companion books, "Quidditch Through the Ages" and "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" yet, I don't know if she also illustrated those books.

As a stand-alone book, "The tales of Beedle the Bard" works - just - owing to some of the footnotes in the Dumbledore commentary designed to explain certain terms to "Muggle" readers, but it's true worth is to round out the final story in the HP series for genuine HP fans. Like most of the HP books, it seems to be superficially aimed at young readers, albeit with some unpleasant and violent stories - but no more so than some conventional fairy tales - think of Hansel & Gretel burning alive an old witch. However, the further into the HP series you read, the more the books seems to be aimed at an older audience. While the same theme is indicated here, especially in the Dumbledore commentary, adult readers would find this book of minimal interest unless (like me) they have read and devoured all seven HP books. To me, rather than being of any great interest in itself, it's value lies in fleshing out the final HP story.

But for genuine HP fans, it's a definite must-have to round out the collection.



Infinitas Bookshop 2008 Top 50

1 Legion (Warhammer 40,000)	Dan Abnett
2 Victory Conditions	Elizabeth Moon
3 Battle for the Abyss (Warhammer 40,000)	Ben Counter
4 The Last Colony	John Scalzi
Wolf's Honour (Warhammer 40,000)	Lee Lightner
6 Descent of Angels (Warhammer 40,000)	Mitchel Scanlon
7 Revelation (Star Wars)	Karen Traviss
8 The Kings of Clonmel	John Flanagan (Australian Author)
Mechanicum (Warhammer 40,000)	Graham McNeill
Where Demons Dare	Kim Harrison
11 Hell's Gate	David Weber & Linda Evans
Fury (Star Wars)	Aaron Allston
Horus Rising (Warhammer 40,000)	Dan Abnett
Without Warning	John Birmingham (Australian Author)
15 Hammer of Daemons (Warhammer 40,000)	Ben Counter
16 Player's Handbook I (Dungeons & Dragons 4th Ed)	
Rule of Two (Star Wars)	Drew Karpysbyn
18 Off Armageddon Reef	David Weber
Undead and Uneasy	MaryJanice Davidson
Only In Death (Warhammer 40,000)	Dan Abnett
Wrath of A Mad God	Raymond E Feist
22 The Blade Itself	Joe Abercrombie
False Gods (Warhammer 40,000)	Graham McNeill
24 Brothers of the Snake (Warhammer 40,000)	Dan Abnett
White Night	Jim Butcher
26 Fulgrim (Warhammer 40,000)	Graham McNeill
Red Fury (Warhammer 40,000)	James Swallow
28 Hell Hath No Fury	David Weber & Linda Evans
Tales of Beedle the Bard	J K Rowling
30 Kris Longknife: Intrepid	Shepherd, Mike
Making Money	Terry Pratchett
Flight of the Eisenstein (Warhammer 40,000)	James Swallow
33 The Ashes of Worlds	Kevin J Anderson
Brisingr	Christopher Paolini
Matter	Iain M Banks
Ravenor Rogue (Warhammer 40,000)	Dan Abnett
37 A Deeper Blue	John Ringo
True Colours (Star Wars)	Karen Traviss
Blood Angels Omnibus (Warhammer 40,000)	James Swallow
Galaxy in Flames (Warhammer 40,000)	Ben Counter
Scourge the Heretic (Warhammer 40,000)	Sandy Mitchell
42 Before They Are Hanged	Joe Abercrombie
Legacy	Lois McMaster Bujold
44 Blood Noir	Laurell K Hamilton
Dungeons and Dragons 4th Edition Core Rulebook Gift Set	
Orc King (Forgotten Realms)	R A Salvatore
The Palace of Impossible Dreams	Jennifer Fallon (Australian Author)
Jedi Twilight (Star Wars)	Micheal Reaves

If you fail to recognise any of the authors above, consider adding them to your reading. Obviously it is the positive opinions of many readers which have placed these titles on the bestseller list.

As booksellers we notice when a new author comes along whose books keep selling to a wide range of people, rather than just a narrow readership. In 2008 it was Joe Abercrombie. Almost everyone who read book one immediately wanted his next, then his next book. Of the past two months, it has been Brent Weeks whose three books are in last month's best seller list. Both these trilogies are heroic fantasy and hopefully they are just the start of long writing careers for Abercrombie and Weeks.

Blokey Stuff

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

Blokey Stuff Newsletter (extract only)



January 2009

Rescue 911 Knife

Back in stock in superior quality from a new manufacturer! Special knife for cutting car seat belts, clothing, rope, etc from the body without hurting the person wearing the belt or clothes. Folding curved blade with only the inner edge sharp. Used by paramedics and prison guards. \$110



Giant Microbes

Our bestselling Christmas gift! These are fluffy toys, approx 12cm long and so funny and weird we had to have them. Each is shaped as the bug and comes with a scientific explanation. Recently delivered varieties (in order shown): Krill, Sea Sparkle, Ulcer, Ebola, Typhoid, Flesh Eating Disease, Pneumonia. \$12.95 each.



Powerballs

The other standout best selling items for Christmas were the NSD Powerballs. These are gyroscope balls hand/wrist exercisers and are great fun, good for strengthening your wrist. Very Addictive.



Powerball 250Hz Pro \$79.95
New to our range, the 250Hz Pro includes a digital speed meter to allow you monitor your power improvements on a daily basis and test yourself against friends.

Other models also available.

Noise Cancelling Headphones \$59.95

The electronic noise cancelling circuit reduces background noise by as much as 18dB. Use them as ear muffs for quiet peace or as normal headphones with music, etc to enhance your listening. Come with airline adaptor plug for use on your next plane trip and not only you will hear more of the in-flight entertainment, the noise cancelling effect might even help you sleep better by reducing cabin noise.



Talking Dalek Alarm Clock \$44.95



Has 3 Dalek phrases: Exterminate, You would make a good Dalek, You are an enemy of the Daleks. You must be destroyed. Dalek ears glow white. Dalek eye glows blue. Blue LEDs glow underneath. LCD clock screen between sucker arm and weapon arm.

Star Wars R2D2 Projection Clock \$49.95

Figurine of R2D2, the hero of Star Wars. As the useful tech support guy in the team, R2D2 can project the time onto a wall or similar surface and talk in his language of beeps and whistles.



Apple Peeling Machine \$29.95

This is an amazing machine. The design is well over a century old. Spike an apple onto the right place and wind the handle. The apple is peeled, cored and sliced into a helix. Apple slinkies increase the popularity of apples amongst children. Popular tool for school canteens.



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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>
No January meeting

Thursday 5th February 2009: Best and Worst of 2008 in SF/F

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 19th February 2009

Debatable Space by Philip Palmer (SF)

The Way of Shadows by Brent Weeks (F)

Thursday 19th March 2009

The Lies of Locke Lamora by Scott Lynch (F)

Event by David Lynn Golemon (SF)

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

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

Bestsellers for December

General Release

<i>Tales of Beedle the Bard</i>	J K Rowling
<i>Beyond the Shadows</i>	Brent Weeks
<i>The Chaos Crystal</i>	Jennifer Fallon *
<i>Sister Time</i>	John Ringo & Julie Cochrane
<i>Swallowing Darkness</i>	Laurell K Hamilton
<i>Way of the Shadows</i>	Brent Weeks
<i>Fish Out of Water</i>	MaryJanice Davidson
<i>The Last Watch</i>	Sergei Lukyanenko
<i>Shadow's Edge</i>	Brent Weeks
<i>Moving Targets and Other Tales of Valdemar</i>	Mercedes Lackey et al

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Monsterpocalypse: Rise Unit Booster</i>	
<i>Mechanicum</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Cole Protocol</i>	Halo
<i>Order 66</i>	Star Wars
<i>Martial Power</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4E
<i>Rule of Two</i>	Star Wars
<i>Death Star</i>	Star Wars
<i>Cain's Last Stand</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Dark Disciple</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Millennium Falcon</i>	Star Wars

* Australian Authors

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Cathy Fenner & Arnie Fenner

Spectrum 4

TP \$54.95

Daniel Wade *Editor*

Exotique 4

Bringing together some of the world's most beautiful computer generated characters. Genres include science fiction, fantasy, anime, photorealism and stylized realism. Human, beast, monsters. **TP \$53**

The Art of Massive Black

TP \$65

Lara Adrian

Veil of Midnight (Midnight Breed 05)

Determined to protect the Breed from a ruthless assassin, vampire Nikolai must first match skills with Renata, a powerful psychic warrior and bodyguard, until a child's life is threatened, and the unlikely duo is forced into an uneasy--and seductive--alliance to protect the would-be victim from their enemies. **APB \$17.95**

Jessica Andersen

Dawnkeepers (Final Prophecy 02)

Nightkeeper Nate Blackhawk, in order to find seven Mayan artifacts that hold the key to defeating the demons, must team up with Alexis Gray, a Nightkeeper in training and his destined mate, who will do anything to prove herself. **APB \$19.95**

Poul Anderson

David Faulkyn: Star Trader (Technic Civilization omnibus 02)

A second volume in the complete Technic Civilization series continues the adventures of flamboyant star trader Nicholas Van Rijn and his young protégé, David Falkayn, in an anthology that includes the novel Satan's World and other tales of the Polesotechnic League. **HC \$45.95**

V C Andrews

Delia's Heart

In the sequel to Delia's Crossing, Delia returns to the home of her wealthy aunt to continue her education at an exclusive private school, only to find herself the target of a vengeful spurned suitor, and dealing with the bitter jealousy of her cousin Sophia, the loss of her lover Adan, an unexpected pregnancy, and other trials. **APB \$19.95**

Piers Anthony

Under a Velvet Cloak (Incarnations of Immortality 08)

It is the year 500 AD.

Kerena, a beautiful young girl living near King Arthur's Camelot, is apprenticed to Morely the Seer. Morely teaches her fantastic magic, but when he mysteriously disappears, Kerena finds herself out on the street and must resort to prostitution to survive.

Kerena prospers as a skilled courtesan until she is taken into service by Morgan le Fey, the sorceress sister of King Arthur. Kerena's knowledge of magic grows as she is required to carry out nefarious deeds for the evil Lady Fey.

One of her missions is to seduce Sir Gawain, Knight of the Round Table, to prevent him from locating the Holy Grail. But Gawain and Kerena fall in love and she conceives his child, a child she discovers is cursed to die an early death. Using her Seer abilities, Kerena tries to locate the fabled Incarnations of Immortality, seeking their aid in removing the taint from her baby. Rebuffed by all seven major Incarnations, Kerena vows revenge. But revenge against such mighty immortals would require an even greater power... **TP \$34.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Living With the Dead (Otherworld 09)

Robyn Peltier has always lived a normal life. So when her boss is murdered and she is named prime suspect, she is way out of her depth. As the bodies pile up only her friend Hope, and Hope's somewhat spooky boyfriend Karl, are on her side. Hope, meanwhile, has a few secrets of her own. Namely that she is half-demon, and her spooky boyfriend is actually a werewolf. Hope also knows that Robyn has accidentally stumbled into a bloody supernatural turf war. The only way she can keep her friend alive is by letting her enter a world she's safer knowing nothing about. **HC \$35**

Circle of Fire (Damask Circle 01)

Teenagers missing. Bodies recovered, completely drained of blood. Some believe vampires are responsible, but Jon Barnett knows it's something far worse. To stop the killers, he needs help from recluse Madeline Smith, who is afraid of her psychic abilities. When "ghost" Jon Barnett warns Maddie of danger and her nephew disappears, she must leave her haven and place her trust in a man who is neither human nor ghost. As the noose of sorcery threatens to kill Madeline and Jon, the greatest danger to them both could be the feelings they have for each other. **TP \$29.95**

Circle of Death (Damask Circle 02)

In one, vicious night, Kirby Brown's world is torn apart. Her best friend is dead, killed by a madman who is now after her. Doyle Fitzgerald has been sent to Melbourne, Australia to hunt down a killer. What he doesn't expect to find is a circle of witches capable of controlling the elements and a sorceress determined to take that power for herself. While Kirby finds herself inexplicably drawn to Doyle, she fears to trust him because of the magic that lies in his soul. It quickly becomes evident that the reason behind the killings lies in Kirby's past—a past she has no wish to remember. Because Doyle isn't the only one with magic in his soul. Only her magic is capable of destroying the world. **TP \$29.95**

Circle of Desire (Damask Circle 03)

Four children kidnapped. Two found dead, their tiny souls ripped from their bodies.

In ten years of working for the Damask Circle, shapeshifter Katherine Tanner has never come across anything that goes after kids the way that this monster does. Has never met anything that does to them what this thing does. And it's not something she wants to confront. But with the Circle's resources stretched to the limits, she's given very little choice. The last thing she needs is interference from a cop who has no idea what he's up against. Ethan Morgan's niece is one of the missing children and he has every intention of not only defying the odds and bringing her back alive, but of catching the monster behind these kidnappings and bringing her to justice. Even if he has to break every law in the land to do it. And he will use anyone and everyone to achieve those aims—even a crazy woman who claims to be a witch.

Forced to join forces, Ethan and Kat struggle to uncover clues that will lead them to the monster's lair, all the while battling a seemingly endless supply of zombies and other dead things determined to stop them. But time is ticking away and both know the monster rarely keeps her victims alive for more than seven days. Four of those have already gone. But the greatest threat to Kat might not come from the forces of darkness gathering around them, but from the man she is beginning to love. Because Ethan is a werewolf...and the full moon is rising... **TP \$29.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Dancing with the Devil (Nikki and Michael 01)

Private Investigator Nikki James grew up on the tough streets of Lyndhurst and believes there is nothing left to surprise her. That changes the night she follows teenager Monica Trevgard and becomes a pawn caught in a war between two very different men. One fills her mind with his madness; the other pushes his way into her heart. Nikki knows how dangerous love can be but, if she wants to survive, she must place her trust in a man who could destroy her. For 300 years, Michael Kelly has existed in the shadows, learning to control the death cravings of a vampire. Nikki not only breaches his formidable barriers with her psychic abilities, but makes Michael believe he may finally have found a woman strong enough to walk by his side and to ease the loneliness in his heart. **APB \$19.99**

Hearts in Darkness (Nikki and Michael 02)

Life has never been so insane for Private Investigator Nikki James: a teenager is missing; a madman is kidnapping the wealthy; she's got a vampire to contend with; and her partner and best friend, Jake, is in the hospital dying. And just when it seems like nothing else could possibly go wrong for her, Michael Kelly returns. The last thing Michael needs is a confrontation with Nikki - especially when his control over his bloodlust is still so tenuous. But when a kidnapper steps up his agenda to murder, they are suddenly forced into a partnership. Soon Michael discovers the biggest danger may not be from his need to taste Nikki, but from his desire to make her a permanent part of his life - a life that is sure to get her killed. Nikki is determined to make Michael see that life apart is worse than death. But before she can make him see the light, a spectre from Michael's past rises that could destroy any hope she has of a future with him. **PB \$19.99**

Memory Zero (Spook Squad 01)

For Sam Ryan, life began at the age of fourteen. She has no memory of her parents or her past. All she has is a crayon drawing of a woman with the word "Mommy" scrawled underneath in childish handwriting. For the ten years Sam's been with the State Police, she's used their resources to search for any clues to her identity. But it's as if all mention of her family has been deliberately wiped off the system, and no one seems to know why. Everything changes the night she agrees to meet her missing partner, Jack, and barely survives his attempt to kill her. Charged with his murder and suspended from the force, Sam finds herself accepting help from Gabriel Stern—a shapeshifter with secrets of his own.

As Sam delves into her partner's death, she discovers more than she ever bargained for. Because not only is her partner very much alive, but he's involved in an organization that plans a war on the human race. Worse, someone knows the truth about Sam's past, and it appears that they'd rather see her dead than have her uncover it.

The deeper she digs, the more the danger grows. It soon becomes clear that the key to surviving the present lies in unraveling the threads of her past—and in discovering not just who she is, but what she is. . . **TP \$29.95**

Generation 18 (Spook Squad 02)

A serial killer striking every twelve hours. A Kite monster murdering at random. Though neither event seems related, Agents Sam Ryan and Gabriel Stern quickly discover a link between the two—the military base known as Hopeworth. But are the serial killings a military cover-up that has gone dangerously wrong, or is there a deeper, more personal reason behind the murders of the red-headed adoptees? And are the so-called random attacks of the Kites nothing more than a methodical clean-up of a past mistake?

As the investigation continues, Sam discovers a connection between herself and the murder victims, a connection that implies a link to Hopeworth itself. But if she is a product of the military, why does Hopeworth appear to know nothing about her?

With the killings escalating and the danger drawing closer to home, Sam not only has to battle to bring a killer to justice, but to save Gabriel's life. And the one person who seems to hold the key to what is going on, as well as what has happened in Sam's past, is the mysterious man who saved her life. But does she dare believe his words or the dreams she seems to share with him? Because this mystery man may not be just her enemy, but the enemy of humankind itself. **TP \$29.95**

Penumbra (Spook Squad 03)

Agent Sam Ryan has had enough. She wants out, and she wants out now. She's sick of putting up with Gabriel's crappy attitude, sick of seeing nothing but paperwork and the inside of her small office. But most of all, she is sick of feeling lonely. It's time to take control and get a life outside of work.

But Stephan, the man in charge of the SIU, isn't about to let her go easily. Offered the choice between guarding a clone and probable enemy of the country, and remaining stuck in her shoe box, Sam reluctantly accepts the former, even though she suspects Stephan is not only withholding information from her, but he's using her as bait to draw out the one man he and the SIU are desperate to capture. The elusive and dangerous Sethanon.

Gabriel is relieved to discover he's finally shaken Sam as a partner, until he learns her new assignment is guarding Wetherton, the clone replacement of a government minister. Both he and Stephan know Wetherton could only have come from one place—Hopeworth. The military base has been involved in DNA experiments for decades and was more than likely the place where Sam was created. But there is a growing likelihood that the military base is also the home of Sethanon himself.

Determined to protect her, Gabriel is quickly drawn into the mission. All too soon he discovers the connection between him and Sam is far deeper than anyone could ever have imagined. Because what lies in her DNA also lies in his, and it might just mean that everything he'd believed about his past and his ability to love was nothing but a lie.

As the assignment begins to unravel around Sam and her past begins to reveal itself in her dreams, she fights to stay alive and find the truth about herself, about the men in her dreams, and about the connection between her and Gabriel.

But the military is closing in, and they want their creation back. And the only person standing between her and them might well be the enemy of all mankind. **TP \$29.95**

Sarah Ash

Tracing the Shadow (Alchemist's Legacy 01)

Rescuing a starving young orphan girl from the streets, a member of the much feared Guerriers of the Commanderie's Inquisition is unaware that the child is the daughter of one of the mages they had just burned at the stake, and as Celestine grows to womanhood, her beautiful singing voice could provide the key to revenge on the betrayer who destroyed her father. **APB \$18.95**

R Scott Bakker

The Judging Eye (Aspect Emperor 01)

Some twenty years have passed since the events narrated in *The Prince of Nothing*. Anasurimbor Kellhus now rules all the Three Seas, the first true Aspect-Emperor in a thousand years. The masses worship him as a living god, though a few dare claim he's a walking demon. With Proyas and Saubon as his Exalt-Generals, he leads a holy war deep into the wastes of the Ancient North, intent on destroying Golgotterath and preventing the Second Apocalypse. His wife and consort Esmenet, meanwhile, remains in Momemn, where she struggles not only to rule his vast empire, but their murderous children as well. And Achamian, who lives as a Wizard in embittered exile, undertakes a mad quest to uncover the origins of the Dunyain. But Achamian, of all people, should know that one must be very careful what one seeks... **TP \$32.99**

L A Banks

The Darkness (Vampire Huntress 10)

In the wake of their battle at Masada, the Neteru return to San Diego believing that they have eradicated the demon horde and Lilith's spawn, unaware that they are on the brink of Armageddon, the anti-Christ has been born, daywalkers Fallon Nuit and Sebastian are creating master vampires at a record level, and the dark realms are preparing for the ultimate horror. **APB \$19.95**

James Barclay

Dawnthief (Chronicles of the Raven 01)

The Raven have fought together for years, six men carving out a living as swords for hire in the war that have torn Balaia apart, loyal only to themselves and their code. But when they agree to escort a Xesteskian mage on a secret mission they are pulled into a world of politics and ancient secrets. For the first time the Raven cannot even trust their own strength and prowess, for the first time their code is in doubt. How is it that they are fighting for one of the most evil colleges of magic known? Searching for the secret location of Dawnthief; a spell that could end the world? Aiming not to destroy it but to cast it. **DAWNTHIEF** is a fast paced epic about a band of all too human heroes. **PB \$22.99**

Noonshade (Chronicles of the Raven 02)

The enthralling sequel to **DAWNTHIEF** takes the adventure into a new dimension. The Raven must fight to help the dragons of the Brood Kan defend the dimensional rip opened in the skies of Balaia by the casting of Dawnthief. And then they must somehow close the rip. And all the time the Wesmen are rampaging through Balaia, laying waste to its cities and besieging the mages of Julatsa in Dordova. **PB \$22.99**

Nightchild (Chronicles of the Raven 03)

The third volume of James Barclay's bestselling **CHRONICLES OF THE RAVEN** sees Raven set against Raven as Balaia faces up to the threat of the One magic unified in one person: the five-year-old daughter of Erienne and Denser of The Raven. Barclay has made a trademark of blistering pace, superbly described action and characters who, with their flaws, humour and dedication to each other, are swiftly becoming cult heroes with fantasy fans. **APB \$22.99**

Elfsorrow (Legends of the Raven 01)

Another action-packed adventure from the new master of fantasy launches **Legends of The Raven**, a new trilogy starring the cult heroes made famous in **Chronicles of The Raven**. The Raven travel to a new continent in search of mages to help the ruined college of Julatsa rebuild...and find themselves in the midst of an ancient curse - a curse that has unleashed a plague that threatens to wipe out the elven race. Barclay excels with another tale that pitches The Raven against the clock and unseen foes. Full of desperate fights and secret betrayals the story also fills in more of Balaia's history and delves deeper into the ancient enmities between the colleges. Barclay has created a wonderfully appealing group of heroes and with every book their history grows and the land they live in becomes wider and richer. This is landmark fantasy in the making. **PB \$22.99**

Demonstorm (Legends of the Raven 03)

THIS IS THE END... The dragons have gone home, the elves are safe. The Raven have kept their promises. But fate has not finished with them. As the war between the colleges rages on an old enemy senses that his chance to revenge a bitter defeat has come. Tessaya, Lord of the Paleon Tribes has waited patiently for his moment and now, with Balaia in flames, he makes his move and unleashes the Wesmen hordes. In Xetesk, his forces scattered, Dystran, Lord of the Mount faces certain defeat by the Wesmen unless he unleashes the horrifying power of dimensional magics. And Dystran has not come this far to be beaten at the last by a rabble of ignorant tribesmen. And so the veil between dimensions is torn...And beyond, a predatory evil stirs. Demons catch the scent of countless souls in Balaia. Can even the Raven prevail when the world is coming to an end? A fantasy milestone is reached. James Barclay brings his sensational saga of The Raven to a heartstopping conclusion. **APB \$22.99**

Ravensoul (Raven)

The unknown warrior thought his days with the Raven were long behind him, until Hiram Coldheart, dead for ten years knocks on his door... The dead are not at rest. Something has travelled from far beyond the dimension which has Balaia and Calaius at its heart. It feeds off Manna. And without Manna all of Balaia and the spirit realms that surround it will collapse into nothing taking the living and the spirits of the dead with it into the void. This new threat cannot be reasoned with, it is heedless to threats or entreaties. Ethereal and so advanced it barely registers its prey as sentient it is bringing doom with it. Balaia, barely recovered from the demon onslaught is thrown into chaos as the dead walk the streets and hope fails. It is left to the Raven, both dead and alive to take their courage and their faith in each other into the spirit realms for one last fight. James Barclay has returned to the landmark series that made his name - this is the book that all his fans will have been waiting for. **TP \$35**

Clive Barker

Galilee

The internationally popular writer of dark fantasy narrates the story of two affluent American families, a young woman, and the epic battle she ignites between them that raises the forces of evil. **TP \$32.95**

Wayne Barlowe

God's Demon

In the wake of the war between Heaven and Hell, Lord Sargatanas, a Demon Major and powerful Brigadier-General of the Beelzebub's minions of hell, who is sickened by what he has become and yearning for his former proximity to God, sets out to rebel against the evil of Hell and once again to seek redemption. **APB \$19.95**

Gerry Bartlett

Real Vampires Don't Diet (Real Vampires 04)

Left alone to spend New Year's Eve by herself when her undead boyfriend, Jeremy Blade, heads out to rescue his supposed daughter from the clutches of dangerous radicals, full-figured vampire Gloriana St. Claire finds her solitary evening interrupted by a call from the bodyguard to a drunken, newly undead rock star. **TP \$28.95**

Anya Bast

Witch Heat

When Adam Tyrell, as part of a Coven mission, rescues Claire, a beautiful witch, from her enslavement, he finds that it is easier to steal her away from demons than win her heart as he tries to protect her from the warlocks who want to use her powers for evil. **APB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Bear

Whiskey and Water (Promethean Age 02)

Ending an age-old war at great cost to himself, Matthew the Magician has been left physically crippled, with his power shattered, but when he finds a young woman brutally murdered by a Fae creature, he must use his role as protector of New York City to bring her killer to justice before his former mentor, Jane Andraste, uses the crime to justify more violence. **APB \$19.95**

Chris Beckett*Marcher*

When a mysterious drug called slip breaks down the boundaries of time, Charles, an immigration officer, and his girlfriend Jaz decide to crossover to another universe to save their own world from degenerating into tyranny. **APB \$14.95**

Laura Benedict*Calling Mr Lonely Hearts*

Years after ruining the life of a young priest with their lies, three women, best friends since childhood--Alice, Roxanne, and Del--find their lives unraveling, thanks to the machinations of the seductive Varick, a mysterious figure who just might be the devil himself and who is seeking revenge on behalf of their long-ago victim. **HC \$52.95**

Carol Berg*Breath and Bone (Valen 02)*

Pursued by a murderous priestess, a prince who steals dead men's eyes, and the Danae guardians, the rebellious sorcerer Valen, addicted to a spell that transforms pain into pleasure, risks everything to rescue one child, seek justice for another, and return the rightful king to the dying land of Navronne, in the conclusion of a duology that began with *Flesh and Spirit*. **APB \$19.95**

John Birmingham Australian Author*Without Warning*

2003: In Paris, an assassin wakes from a coma. In Kuwait, American forces are assembled for their invasion of Iraq. In the pristine forest of the Cascades, a lone hiker watches a plane fly into the side of a mountain. And just north of the Equator, a modern-day pirate, a rogue Tasmanian, is witness to the unspeakable. A wave of inexplicable energy has slammed into America. And destroyed it. In one instant, all around the world, from Cairo to Canberra, things will never be the same.

Now, allied soldiers are fighting a war without command; a correspondent files a story for a newspaper that no longer exists. The line of Presidential succession is in tatters; the functioning remnants of government are in Pearl Harbor, Guantanamo Bay, and one desperate, isolated corner of the Pacific Northwest.

For the jihadists, Allah has performed a miracle. For Sadaam, it is a chance for revenge. Iran declares war, but on an America that doesn't exist, except in the hearts and souls of the men and women who want it to. For US allies, Armageddon has arrived. Israel acts. Australasia, far from the noxious waste darkening Europe's skies, beckons as a possible oasis.

Without Warning tells a fast, furious story of survival, violence, and a new, soul-shattering reality. Here is a world without its sheriff, its Great Satan, or its saviour...

An unknowable future struggles to be born. **HC \$52.95**

Toby Bishop*Airs of Night and Sea (Airs 03)*

Country girl Larkyn who has been bonded with a winged foal, and her fellow flyers at the Academy, are secretly learning their craft. They must take a stand against Duke William, who, driven by jealousy, has launched his own school and has forced their instructor into hiding. **APB \$19.95**

Annette Blair*A Veiled Deception (Vintage Magic)*

When Madiera Cutler returns home to Mystick Falls, Connecticut, for her sister's wedding, she must magically unravel the secrets that an antique wedding dress holds to bring the real killer of her sister's arch enemy to justice before everything falls apart at the seams. **APB \$17.95**

Cheryl Brooks*Warrior (Cat Star Chronicles 02)***APB \$15.95****Lois McMaster Bujold***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. **APB \$19.95**

Chris Bunch & Allan Cole*Far Kingdoms***APB \$15.95****S C Butler***Queen Ferris (Stoneways 02)*

After being rescued from the three wizards by his friends, Reiffen makes the decision to return to the wizards in order to gain their knowledge, find their weaknesses, defeat them with their own weapons, and regain his rightful throne, but the evil of the scheming wizard brothers could destroy his own power for good, in the sequel to *Reiffen's Choice*. **APB \$19.95**

Lisa Cach*Come to Me*

When Samira, the scourge of the Night World, is called to the mortal realm by Nicolae, a ruined prince bent on vengeance against the men who destroyed him, uncontrollable desire rages between them, forever changing their lives. **APB \$15.95**

Rachel Caine*Lord of Misrule (Morganville Vampires 05)*

In the college town of Morganville, Texas, vampires and humans coexist in harmony until the arrival of a master vampire, forcing Claire Danvers and her friends to prepare for battle against both natural and unnatural elements. **APB \$17.95**

John W Campbell*Black Star Passes***APB \$15.95**

Isobelle Carmody Australian Author*The Stone Key (Obernewtyn 05)*

There was a great crash and wood splintered . . . I had a brief glimpse of a group of Herder priests, bald and robed, peering at me, and then the sundered remnants of the locker door were torn aside and a rough hand reached in to haul me out by the hair. A Hedra captain stared into my face with eyes that burned with a fanatical fire above a thin nose and a lipless slash of a mouth. . . 'You will die in great pain and very slowly, mutant,' said the Hedra master. When Farseeker Guildmistress Elspeth Gordie sets out from Obernewtyn to travel to Sutrium at the end of Wintertime, she quickly learns that not everyone welcomes the changes brought about by the rebellion. Capture by an old and vicious enemy, she is drawn into the heart of the Herder Faction, where she learns of a terrible plot to destroy the west coast. To stop it, Elspeth must risk everything, knowing that if she dies, she will never complete her quest to find the weaponmachines that destroyed the Beforetime. But if she succeeds, her journey will lead her to the last of the signs left for her by the seer Kasanda . . . **APB \$22.95**

P C Cast*Goddess of the Rose (Goddess Summoning)*

Determined to escape a family legacy of caring for their gardens by sacrificing their own blood, Mikki unwittingly performs a ritual that hurtles her into the Realm of the Rose, where the goddess Hecate reveals Mikki's destined role as savior of the realm and of its gorgeous and intriguing guardian beast. **TP \$30.95**

Kendra Leigh Castle*Call of the Highland Moon***PB \$17.95****C J Cherryh***Regenesis (Union Alliance Cyteen 02)*

In the long-anticipated sequel to the Hugo Award-winning Cyteen, Ariane Emory PR, the genetic clone of scientist Ariane Emory, launches a personal investigation into the murder of her progenitor, searching for a killer against the backdrop of a turbulent interstellar society in which she struggles to avoid the same fate as the original Ariane. **HC \$52.95**

Maureen Child*Bedeveled*

Maureen Child, a descendant of Otherworldly Faeries, suddenly finds herself endowed with superhuman strength and the ability to fly awkwardly through the air, abilities that are needed to solve Otherworld problems, including her attraction to a hunky Faery warrior. **APB \$17.95**

David B Coe*The Horseman's Gambit (Blood of the Southlands 02)*

A follow-up to The Sorcerer's Plague finds opportunists from the once-peaceful Southlands endeavoring to conquer their magical Qirsi enemies, who have been weakened by a deadly plague. **HC \$52.95**

Stoney Compton*Russian Amerika*

In an alternate universe 1989 in which Alaska is still a Russian possession, charter captain Grigorovich Plesnett, a former major in the Czar's Troika Guard who had been cashiered for disobeying a direct order, suddenly comes face to face with his past, as his choices could violently alter the history of all nine of the nations of North America. **APB \$19.95**

John Crowley*Endless Things (Aegypt Cycle 04)*

Pierce Moffett believes that there are "passages of time" in which the rules governing the world slip and change, causing new times and laws and leaving the old as merely myths and legends, and he is determined to find proof of the phenomenon. **TP \$32.95**

Shirley Damsgaard*The Witch's Grave (Ophelia and Abby Mystery 06)*

Benevolent witch Abby and her psychic granddaughter, librarian Ophelia Jensen, must draw on all the powers at their control when they are targeted by a murderous stalker who may be responsible for the disappearance of Ophelia's new beau, crime writer Stephen Larsen. **APB \$17.95**

Kim Falconer Australian Author*The Spell of Rosette (Quantum Enchantment 01)*

Rosette is a child of two worlds: Gaela, steeped in magic, and an Earth choked with failing technology. The key to their survival is literally in her blood, a spell passed down through her family line to preserve the one they're sworn to protect. Unaware of her lineage, Rosette runs scared when her family is murdered. She takes refuge with Nell, a shape-shifting high priestess of the ancient blood, who teaches her the arts of witchcraft, stars and sword. Shadowed by the fabled Kreshkali, queen of the underworld and mistress of the wolf-like Lupins, Rosette and the temple cat, Drayco, find themselves little more than a step ahead of those who will do anything to control the portal that links the many-worlds. **APB \$20.99**

Christine Feehan*Murder Game (Ghost Walkers 07)*

Kadan Montague - a genetically enhanced warrior - is called back from an important assignment in Europe to investigate a series of brutal murders. The suspect is a fellow GhostWalker and, if he isn't found, the entire GhostWalker program will be swept under the carpet, putting the lives of Kadan and all other GhostWalkers in jeopardy. Kadan turns to Tansy Meadows, an elite tracker, to help him hunt down the killer before he can strike again. Tansy's last job landed her in a hospital for six months but Kadan has no choice but to bring her on board. And he soon finds that with Tansy comes an entirely new set of problems. **APB \$19.99**

Raymond E Feist*Magician Apprentice 2***HC \$39.95****F Scott Fitzgerald***The Curious Case of Benjamin Button and Six Other Stories*

Full grown with a long, smoke-coloured beard, requiring the services of a cane and fonder of cigars than warm milk, Benjamin Button is a very curious baby indeed. And, as Benjamin becomes increasingly youthful with the passing years, his family wonders why he persists in the embarrassing folly of living in reverse. In this imaginative fable of ageing and the other stories collected here - including 'The Cut-Glass Bowl' in which an ill-meant gift haunts a family's misfortunes, 'The Four Fists' where a man's life shaped by a series of punches to his face, and the revelry, mobs and anguish of 'May Day' - F. Scott Fitzgerald displays his unmatched gift as a writer of short stories. **BPB \$24.95**

L L Foster*Servant The Acceptance (Servant)*

Gabrielle Cody has accepted her destiny as God's warrior, charged to destroy all evil, but she wasn't prepared to see Detective Luther Cross ever again. He's the beacon of reality in her life, the one thing that makes her feel human, like a real woman.

But Gaby must resist involvement with Luther now, for she is protecting streetwalkers. Her life of retribution is far too dangerous, and this time, it's not just their hearts that won't come out unscathed. **APB \$17.95**

Jacquelyn Frank*Ecstasy (Shdaowdwellers)*

When he is rescued from a fate worse than death by Ashla Townsend, a beautiful, fragile human, Trace, a powerful Shadowdweller, forms a bond with this woman, who holds the key to uncovering a long-buried secret and whom he is forbidden to love. **APB \$17.95**

Jeaniene Frost*At Grave's End (Night Huntress 03)*

When her cover is blown, revealing her true identity to her enemies, half-vampire Cat Crawfield finds herself in terrible danger, while her undead lover Bones confronts his own peril from a vengeful woman out to destroy him, as the pair risks everything to prevent lethal magic from being unleashed, in the sequel to One Foot in the Grave. **APB \$19.95**

Neil Gaiman*Mirrormask*

When Helena is drawn into a strange and magical realm, one where anything can happen, her real life is stolen by a runaway from the other side. Helena must rescue the realm from chaos in order to win back her not-so-ordinary life. 'Mirrormask' is also a breathtaking film, and this book includes the story in Helena's own voice, accompanied by original art as well as images from the film. A funny, scary and magical picture book for older readers. **PB \$22.95**

Yasmine Galenorn*Night Huntress (Otherworld 05)*

Delilah, a werecat marked by the Autumn Lord as one of his Death Maidens and an operative for the Otherworld Intelligence Agency, must keep the fourth spirit seal safe from the deadly and greedy Karvanak, who kidnaps her boyfriend to make her meet his demands. **APB \$19.95**

Felix Gilman*Gears of the City*

In the sequel to Thunderer, Arjun returns from a perilous, hallucinogenic journey to seek out his teacher and his enemy, Shay, only to find himself not in Ararat but in a strange but oddly familiar city, where he struggles to remember his own identity while taking on the task of freeing the city. **HC \$49.95**

Christopher Golden*The Lost Ones (Veil 03)*

With war raging in the lands beyond the Veil, one powerful faction wants nothing more than to seal forever the lands beyond the Veil from the human world, and only Oliver Bascombe and his sister, siblings born of a union between a legendary woman and a mortal man, stand in the way. **APB \$17.95**

Simon R Green*Just Another Judgement Day (Nightside)*

With a new sheriff, The Walking Man, stalking the streets of the Nightside, preying on evildoers and indulgent party-goers alike, it falls to P.I. John Taylor to stop him before The Walking Man turns all of the Nightside into a wasteland. **HC \$51.95**

Unnatural Inquirer (Nightside 08)

John Taylor, a private detective with a special talent to locate anything or anyone, is hired to find a mysterious DVD purported to contain an actual recording of the afterlife by The Unnatural Inquirer, a notorious gossip rag for the Nightside, a secret area in London marked by never-ending night and populated by monsters and mythical beings. **APB \$19.95**

Justin Gustainis*Evil Ways (Morris & Chastain Investigation)*

Supernatural investigator Quincey Morris and his colleague, white witch Libby Chastain, are drawn into a confrontation with eccentric billionaire Walter Grobius, who is attempting to unleash the Black Wind, an evil force rooted in ancient religion, by using murder to bring about white supremacy across the U.S. and by joining forces with a demon. **TP \$30.95**

Black Magic Woman (Quincy Morris Investigation)

Hired to free a family from a deadly curse that may date back to the Salem witch trials, occult investigator Quincey Morris and his ally, white witch Libby Chastain, risk their lives as they seek out the source of the evil, following a trail that leads them to the occult underworlds of Boston, New York, and San Francisco, before journeying to the heart of darkness in Salem itself. **APB \$19.95**

Harry Harrison*The Stainless Steel Rat Omnibus (Stainless Steel Rat)*

A stainless steel rat for a stainless steel world...Meet Slippy Jim, aka The Stainless Steel Rat, aka James Bolivar DiGritz. A man of many names and many talents...all of which add up to make one of the greatest con men of all time. Charming, quick-witted, physically fit, a master of disguise, a skilled liar, an accomplished bank robber and exceptionally talented at breaking and entering, he's everything a master thief should be. He's also about to be caught, turned and sent back out onto the streets as part of the Special Corps. Join the adventure in this omnibus edition of the first three Stainless Steel rat adventures: The Stainless Steel Rat, The Stainless Steel Rat's Revenge and The Stainless Steel Rat Saves the World. **TP \$29.95**

Michele Hauf*Dark Rapture*

When Sebastian DelaCourte first glimpses Scarlet Rose, his desire for her is eclipsed only by the shock of recognition. Sebastian believes in love at first sight - he experienced it before, centuries ago, for a beautiful vampire who disappeared without a trace and left him cursed with an unending thirst. Now a wildly successful musician with legions of adoring fans, Sebastian can have any woman he chooses, but it is Scarlet's life blood that calls to him. She is his mate and his destiny...if she will only surrender to his kiss. **PB \$14.95**

Michele Hauf*The Devil to Pay*

After the devil himself claims Ivan Drake's soul on his twenty-first birthday, the vampire phoenix has no choice but to enforce his wicked rule. But when the devil sends him to claim the Book of All Spells, the last thing Ivan expects is to square off with its gorgeous protector, the witch Dez Merevech—or to be so attracted to her. To retrieve the book might end the escalating war between the witches and the vampires, but to take it from Dez will ensure her death. With the fate of the paranormal world hanging in the balance, Ivan must choose wisely—and quickly.... **APB \$14.95**

Barb & J C Hendee*Child of a Dead God (Dhampir 06)*

Seeking to keep a mysterious artifact from falling into the hands of her murderous half-brother Welstiel, Magiere follows her dreams of a castle trapped in ice on an obsessive quest south, accompanied by her half-elf partner Leesil, the sage Wynn, their canine protector Chap, and two elven assassins turned guardians. **APB \$19.95**

In Shade and Shadow (Dhampir 07)

Returning to the Guild of Sagecraft bearing texts allegedly written by vampires during the time of the Forgotten History and Great War, Wynn Hygeorht is disturbed when the Guild seizes the documents, several pages vanish, and the sages carrying them are murdered and, believing that the Noble Dead are responsible, launches a personal campaign to reveal the truth. **HC \$51.95**

Frank Herbert*Whipping Star*

In a distant future comprised of numerous species from different worlds who are suffering from a tyrannical governing body, a group of protectors emerges to safeguard private citizens from government abuses and is assisted by agent Jorj X. McKie to establish ties with an unusual alien entity. **TP \$32.95**

Joey W Hill*A Witch's Beauty*

The product of a union between a mermaid and one of the malevolent Dark Ones, Mina comes to the aid of Prime Legion Commander Jonah, exposing her dangerous powers and putting herself under the protection of the angels, including David, a human-born angel battling his own internal darkness. By the author of *A Mermaid's Kiss*. **TP \$30.95**

Jim C Hines*The Stepsister Scheme*

Danielle Whiteshore, aka Cinderella, reveals what really happens after the "happily ever after" as she, along with Snow White and Sleeping Beauty, race against time to rescue her husband, Prince Armand, from the clutches of some of fantasyland's most nefarious villains. **APB \$19.95**

P C Hodgell*The God Stalker Chronicles (God Stalker)*

Jame, a survivor of the nearly extinct Kencyraths, journeys to Tai-tastigon, where she becomes involved with a thieves guild and discovers her own true nature. She searches for her brother, Tori, who has become Highlord of the Kencyrath. **HC \$49.95**

Jen Holling*My Immortal Promise*

Drake MacKay, who has risked his immortal soul in his quest for vengeance, and Hannah O'Shea, an immortal blood witch, are forced into an uneasy alliance to stop an evil from their shared past that now threatens Drake's family, but their quest is threatened by their growing passion for each other. **APB \$14.95**

Robert E Howard*Moon of Skulls***TP \$22.95***Treasures of Tartary*

Presents a collection of Robert E Howard's best historical fiction, including "Treasures of Tartary," "Son of the White Wolf," "Black Vulmea's Vengeance," "Boot Hill Payoff" and "The Vultures of Whapeton". **TP \$30.95**

Tanya Huff*Valor's Choice (CD) (Valor)*

When humans are granted membership in the Confederation along with several other alien races, they must protect the older, more civilized members of the alliance who have long ago pursued a more peaceful course. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Stephen Hunt*The Kingdom Beyond the Waves*

Professor Amelia Harsh is obsessed with finding the lost civilisation of Camlantis a legendary city from prehistory that is said to have conquered hunger war and disease tempering the race of man's baser instincts by the creation of the perfect pacifist society. It is an obsession that is to cost her dearly. She returns home to Jackals from her latest archaeological misadventure to discover that the university council has finally stripped her of her position in retaliation for her heretical research. Without official funding Amelia has no choice but to accept the offer of patronage from the man she blames for her father's bankruptcy and suicide the fiercely intelligent and incredibly wealthy Abraham Quest. He has an ancient crystalbook that suggests the Camlantean ruins are buried under one of the sealike lakes that dot the murderous jungles of Liongeli. Amelia undertakes an expedition deep into the dark heart of the jungle blackmailing her old friend Commodore Black into ferrying her along the huge river of the Shedarkshe on his ancient uboat. With an untrustworthy crew of freed convicts Quests force of female mercenaries on board and a lunatic steamman safari hunter acting as their guide Amelias luck can hardly get any worse. But shes as yet unaware that her quest for the perfect society is about to bring her own world to the brink of destruction... **BPB \$22.99**

Faith Hunter*Host (Rogue Mage 03)*

In a near future world marked by a post-apocalyptic ice, powerful neomage Thorn St. Croix has been accepted--albeit warily--by her human friends and neighbors, until a mage arrives from the Council of Seraphs to reveal that her long-lost sister, Rose, is still alive, forcing Thorn to make a perilous choice to risk her own life. **APB \$17.95**

Ian Irvine *Australian Author*

The Destiny of the Dead (Song of the Tears Trilogy 03)

Nish, his battered little troop and his few remaining allies are trapped on the Range of Ruin by the God-Emperor's mighty army. Nish's only choices are a humiliating surrender to his father or a suicidal fight to the death.

Yet Nish has to fight, and somehow he has to win, for the beautiful world of Santhenar is in peril and no one else can save it. Stilkeen, an all-powerful shape-shifting being from the void, has come to recover the stolen chthonic fire which once bound its physical and spirit aspects together, and it wants revenge for the mortal insult that was done to it.

But it may be too late for Santhenar; chthonic fire has been released from its casket and is now eating away the Antarctic lands as it once devoured the planet of Achan. Even if, by some miracle, Nish can win the battle with his father, there may be no way to stop the fire, or Stilkeen, before the whole world is consumed. **TP \$32.95**

Allyson James

Mortal Temptations

Patricia, proprietor of a local antique store, gets more than she had bargained for when she meets Nico, the winged son of a powerful deity, who has been cursed by the goddess Hera to spend an eternity as a slave to female desire. **TP \$30.95**

Linda O Johnston

Alpha Wolf

When Dr. Melanie Harding comes to rural Maryland to open a veterinarian clinic, she has no intention of buying into the area's absurd werewolf legends. Until she rescues an ordinary dog shot with a silver bullet, and meets his sexy owner, Major Drew Connell.

A founding member of the Alpha Force on a nearby military base, Drew has developed an elixir that helps werewolves control their shape-shifting abilities. Drew has always tried to keep his distance from the civilian population, but Melanie's sweet and gentle nature soon wears down his defenses. With the attacks on people and animals in the area mounting, can their fiery attraction withstand their toughest challenge? **APB \$14.95**

J V Jones

Sword From Red Ice (Sword of Shadows 03)

The Long Night has begun. The Endlords and their dark army of Unmade prepare to unleash untold destruction upon the world. Every Sull warrior must step forward and fight, or risk the North falling into eternal darkness. Key to mankind's survival is the sacred warrior Ash March. But for Ash to realise her true potential as a Reach, and become the Sull's greatest weapon, she must keep herself safe as the perils that surround her multiply. Raif Sevrance has an equally perilous task. The exile must travel to the barren wastes of the Red Glaciers and recover the legendary sword named Loss. For Sull legend decrees that he who wields the Sword from Red Ice will bring terror to their enemies. But fulfilment of these goals may yet come too late. In the remote reaches of the Bitter Hills, the Endlords' minions have made a cataclysmic discovery: a crack in the Blindwall, an ancient and unguarded passage leading directly into the realms of men. **APB \$22.99**

Deborah Kalin *Australian Author*

Shadow Queen (Binding 01)

I put out a hand to steady myself as the vision took me. The parquet floor washed to black . . . As if sparked by the hard glare, a fire burst and raged through the room, the flames hot enough to crisp bones and raise the smell of marrow burning to cinders. And me in the middle, wrapped in the black shroud of the dead. Matilde of the House of Svanaten is tired of being shadow queen. Her accession to the Turasi throne is long overdue, yet her imperious grandmother, Beata, is reluctant to hand over power. When Matilde's mysterious aunt, Helena, turns up for Turassi's most important festival, suspicions abound. Why has Helena - long married into the despised Ilthean nobility - suddenly appeared? And what of the Ilthean soldiers massed at the southern border? Hard on Helena's arrival, Matilde is struck by a vision that warns of doom. And it isn't long before a powerful enemy strikes at the very heart of power, leaving a trail of death and destruction in his wake. After narrowly surviving the conflagration that shatters her entire world, Matilde is forced to pit herself against her family's conqueror in a battle not just for the throne, but for her very existence. Assured writing and an unforgettable main character combine to make Shadow Queen a truly unforgettable novel. **TP \$29.95**

Jasper Kent

Twelve

Melding the supernatural and the historical, a skin-tinglingly exciting novel of vampires in the Napoleonic wars.

Zmyeevich had remained standing and now began to speak in very precise, but very formal and strangely accented French. His voice had a darkness to it that seemed to emit not from his throat but from deep in his torso. Somewhere inside him it was as if giant millstones were turning against one another, or as though the lid were being slowly dragged aside to open a stone sarcophagus...

On 12th June 1812, Napoleon's massive grande armee forded the River Niemen and so crossed the Rubicon - its invasion of Russia had begun. In the face of superior numbers and tactics, the imperial Russian army began its retreat. But a handful of Russian officers - veterans of Borodino - are charged with trying to slow the enemy's inexorable march on Moscow. Indeed, one of their number has already set the wheels of resistance in motion, having summoned the help of a band of mercenaries from the outermost fringes of Christian Europe. Comparing them to the once-feared Russian secret police - the Oprichniki - the name sticks. As rumours of plague travelling west from the Black Sea reach the Russians, the Oprichniki - but twelve in number - arrive. Preferring to work alone, and at night, the twelve prove brutally, shockingly effective against the French. But one amongst the Russians, Aleksei Ivanovich Danilov, is unnerved by the Oprichniki's ruthlessness...as he comes to understand the true, horrific nature of these strangers, he wonders at the nightmare they've unleashed in their midst...

Full of authentic historical detail and heart-stopping supernatural moments, and boasting a page-turning narrative, Twelve is storytelling at its most original and exciting. **TP \$32.95**

Tom Kratman

A Desert Called Peace

On a distant, Earth-like planet divided into dozens of nation states, the Federated States of Columbia take on the oppressive regime of Earth's corrupt Caliphate, aided by a legendary warrior known as Carrera, the scourge of Salafism, a vengeful man born when Salafi fanatics intent on a new jihad slaughtered FSC Captain Patrick Hennessey's entire family. **APB \$19.95**

Lynn Kurland

Princess of the Sword (Nine Kingdoms 03)

In the conclusion of a romantic fantasy trilogy that began with *The Mage's Daughter* and *Star of the Morning*, the ultimate fate of a kingdom is in the hands of one man and one woman bound together by magic, love, and a legendary sword. **TP \$30.95**

Katherine Kurtz*High Deryni (Deryni)*

With Kelson Haldane, the first king of magical Deryni heritage to sit upon the throne of Gwynedd in centuries, the priesthood of the Eleven Kingdoms, old enemies of the Deryni, will do anything to regain control of the kingdom, even if it means inciting civil war, in a revised and expanded edition of the fantasy classic. **APB \$19.95**

John Lamshead*Lucy's Blade*

Lucy, the orphaned niece of Sir Francis Walsingham, the Secretary of State and spymaster to Queen Elizabeth I of England, takes on the role of the queen's daemon fighter, protecting the throne from enemies both natural and supernatural, all the while avoiding her uncle's plans to find her a suitably aristocratic husband. **APB \$19.95**

Fritz Leiber*Swords Against Wizardry (Lankhmar 04)*

Fafhrd and the Gray Mouser are determined to climb to the summit of Stardock, a dangerously steep mountain, in search of treasure. **TP \$26.95**

Marjorie M Liu*Wild Road***APB \$15.95****Tom Lloyd***The Grave Thief (Twilight Reign 03)*

Scree has been wiped from the face of the Land in a brutal demonstration of intent. While those responsible scatter to work on the next step in their plan, the stakes are raised - all the way to the heavens - as the Gods themselves enter the fray. Returning home to a nation divided by fanaticism, Lord Isak is haunted both by the consequences of his actions in Scree and by visions of his own impending death. As the full extent of Azaer's schemes become clearer, he realises prophecy and zealotry must play their part in his battle-plans if there is to be any chance of surviving the coming years. As a white-eye, Isak has had to embrace the darker parts of his own soul, but now the savage religious fervour sweeping his nation must also be accepted and turned to purpose, in the name of survival. With the battle lines vague and allegiances uncertain, the time for heartless decisions and ruthless action has come. Two figures oppose Isak and his allies: the greatest warrior in history, who dreams of empire and Godhood and a newborn baby whose dreams have no limit. **HC \$55**

L H Maynard & M P N Sims*Black Cathedral*

Department 18, the government's special unit created to investigate the supernatural and the paranormal, is sent to an old manor house, rife with evil, on a remote Scottish island to investigate the brutal murders of six managers of a large corporation. **APB \$14.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Todd McCaffrey*Dragon Harper (Pern)*

Kindan is an apprentice harper at the Harper Hall but he is finding the lessons very difficult and although he has his friends, Nonala, Kelsa and Verilan, he also has enemies, such as the bully Vaxoram.

Things begin to improve for Kindan when he beats Vaxoram in a duel and Vaxoram becomes first his servant and then gradually his trusted friend. Then Kindan impresses a fire-lizard and becomes the proud owner of the magnificent Valla. At the hatching he meets Koriana, daughter of Lord Holder Bemim of Fort Hold. She also impresses and she and Kindan fall in love, but her parents disapprove and she has to return to Fort Hold.

Then a plague begins to spread across Pern, killing nearly everyone infected. Kindan and his friends search the harper records to see if they can find a cure, but all they can find is mention of a similar plague over a hundred Turns past. As the plague gets worse Kindan and Vaxoram are sent to Fort Hold to help tend the sick. Kindan will be reunited with Koriana, but will she be free of the plague, and will he be able to find a cure before more people die? **APB \$21.95**

Richard Morgan*The Steel Remains*

Forgotten, feeling obsolete, and living in a backcountry village, one-time war hero Ringil believes that he is past his prime as a warrior, until he is asked to find a lost cousin who has been sold into servitude and is drawn back into a dangerous world that he had thought long left behind. By the author of Thirteen. **MP3 CD \$60**

Catherine Mulvany*Wicked is the Night*

Escaping from the private research facility where she had endured excruciating experimentation, Nevada White puts her psychic ability to see evil to the test when she takes a job for Trick Granger, who is working to restore a haunted mansion, but her situation is complicated when locals begin turning up dead with strange puncture wounds in their necks. **PB \$14.95**

Robert Newcomb*Rise of the Blood Royal (Destinies of Blood and Stone 03)*

Prince Tristan and his band of wizard and warrior allies confront their ultimate challenge as the forces of darkness unite to launch a horrific conspiracy to take over the world, while Tristan struggles to harness his own nascent magical talents to unite the powers of the Vigors and Vagaries into a single immutable force, in the conclusion of the epic fantasy trilogy. **APB \$19.95**

Stan Nicholls*Bad Blood (Orcs)*

The original Orcs trilogy ended with Stryke and his band of Orcs finding the ancestral Orc home hidden in another dimension. **ORCS BAD BLOOD** will tell the story of their hectic adventures in the other dimensions as they attempt to find peace for their race and escape the ever greedy, savage expansion of mankind. Fast moving, tongue-in-cheek and full of sorcery and bloodshed these are the perfect reads for the fantasy reader who wants a little fresh perspective on the endless war between good and evil. **HC \$55**

David Oppegaard*The Suicide Collectors*

In the wake of a mysterious plague that has caused ninety percent of the world's population to commit suicide, survivor Norman journeys across the remains of North America to counter a shadowy group and locate a scientist who is rumored to be working on a cure. **HC \$40**

Robin D Owens*Echoes in the Dark*

As an alien called Dark drains the planet of life, a disillusioned young singer, unaware of her extraordinary magical talent, is called through a dangerous portal of prophesy where she must join forces with five other women who, together, will wage the ultimate battle against the forces of Dark. **TP \$30.95**

Joshua Palmatier*The Vacant Throne (Throne 03)*

Paying a dreadful price in the loss of both lives and property to survive a devastating invasion, the city of Amenkor is desperate to recover the power of the throne of Amenkor, which has been totally drained of its magic, life force, knowledge, and memories, and turns for help to its sometime ally, the city of Venitte, home to a throne that is twin in power. **APB \$19.95**

Adrian Phoenix*In the Blood (02)*

A follow-up to *A Rush of Wings* finds Heather investigating her mother's mysterious death in Seattle while Dante struggles to understand the secrets of his past in New Orleans, an effort that is challenged by Dante's estranged father's efforts to protect him from dark angels. **TP \$30.95**

Terry Pratchett*Colour of Magic Illustrated Screenplay (Discworld)*

The Discworld is flat and rides through space on the backs of Berilia, Tubul, Great P'Thon and Jerakeen, the four elephants who stand in turn on the back of Great A'Tuin, the giant turtle. And this is where it all starts, with the naive tourist Twoflower and his incompetent and cynical guide, the wizard Rincewind, forced to flee from the proud and pestilent twin city of Ankh-Morpork. When they meet the barbarian thieves Bravd and Weasel, things that are already bad turn inevitably to the worst...This is the second of Terry Pratchett's Discworld movies, made by the team who brought THE HOGFATHER to you and featuring The Discworld Players, an ensemble cast including Sir David Jason as Rincewind. **HC \$55**

Cherie Priest*Fathom*

Before God created the earth as we know it, the planet was home to a race of monsters. In order to prepare for humans, He either banished or killed most of these native creatures. Those who remain in exile have not forgotten.

One ancient tale encourages their vengeance, speaking of an angel with the power to wipe out a quarter of the world's population. Together, the old ones form a plot to catch this being and use him to reassert their reign. But not every prophecy is a promise. Down in coastal Florida, a handful of unwilling heroes is preparing to intervene.

One of these sits frozen in stone, mistaken for a statue and abandoned in a courtyard for several years. Though Nia finds it difficult to believe, that strange prison was her sanctuary - a cocoon that transformed and protected her until her story could truly begin. "Fathom" is an unapologetic mix of horror and urban fantasy that will appeal to fans of both genres. The book is a sexy biblical monster story that will enthrall readers who appreciate a good fairy tale with an unusual point of view. **HC \$45**

Sherrill Quinn*Daring the Moon*

Stalked by a werewolf, Taite Gibson, investigator with the Pima County Attorney's Office, turns to British horror writer Ryder Merrick, who is reputed to know everything about werewolves, for help, only to discover that he is hiding a dark secret. **TP \$28.95**

Robert Rankin*Necrophenia*

ONE IN EVERY THREE PEOPLE LIVING IS ACTUALLY DEAD! It is a matter of historical record that during the latter part of World War II, England's top-secret Ministry of Serendipity enlisted the services of arch-magician Aleister Crowley to create a Homunculus. Why? Well that's a long story, spanning almost seven decades as it follows the life and career of Tyler, rock star, private eye - and notable for the fact that he almost saved Mankind. The cast of millions also includes ukulele maestro George Formby, Mick Jagger, Mama Cass, Elvis Presley and Lazlo Woodbine. And Tyler's brother, Andy, who impersonates animals (and who single-handedly brought about the Swinging Sixties). And a lady named Clara from Croydon, who unlocked the meta-phenomena of the Multiverse. And a corner shopkeeper from Brentford, who created a sitting room for God. And a great many living dead. Oh yes, and it also involves a monster in human form whose intention it is to turn the Earth into a Necrosphere, a planet totally devoid of life . . . **HC \$55**

Jennifer Rardin*One More Bite (Jaz Parks 05)*

Discovering a plot to assassinate the leader of the Coven of Inverness, Jaz and Vayl set out to stop the killer, a case that takes them to the Scottish highlands and is further complicated by a struggle for supremacy among the former allies of Edward Samos. **TP \$26.95**

Andy Remic*War Machine (Combat-K 01)*

In a time of post-Singularity and FTL travel, the Helix War has raged across galaxies. Ex-soldier Keenan is now working as a private investigator on a planet at the peaceful fringes of the Tri-Gal. Following the death of his family he's run up debts and become a heavy drinker, but he cannot refuse business. Especially when a prince from the Jervai Province offers him a case on a dangerous colony world in exchange for clues that may lead him to his family's murderer. However, to have any chance of success he must gather together his old military unit, a group who swore they'd never work together again... **APB \$19**

Christopher Ride Australian Author*The Schumann Frequency*

It's the adventure of a lifetime...

The Dead Sea Scrolls have revealed a stunning secret - an Overseer must cross generations to save the world. Time itself is moving too quickly, with each day becoming shorter than the last. Society is unravelling, people are violently out of control, no one is safe.

Helena Capriarty fears she is losing her mind. She's having an unexplainable psychic connection with a man she has never met - no ordinary man. To prove her sanity, she must find the elusive stranger, chasing him across the globe on a whirlwind adventure to some of the most mysterious and ancient sites on earth: monuments that hold a secret power. All the while, the forces of opposition lie in wait. They know everything that is about to happen. One wrong move and we are all condemned to disaster.

So begins the quest to rectify the Schumann Frequency. Zero point is approaching... **APB \$21.95**

John Ringo & Julie Cochrane*Honor of the Clan (Posleen)*

Sequel to Cally's War. Underground fighters Cally O'Neal and the O'Neal Bane Sidhe fight to overthrow Earth's tyrannical Darhel "allies," while Cally's father, Major General Michael O'Neal, battles to preserve that order in the hopes of preventing another invasion by the Posleen. **HC \$52.95**

Justina Robson*Going Under (Quantum Gravity 03)*

Book three of the Quantum Gravity Series sees Lila Black back from her adventures in Demonica and struggling to cope with the even stranger world of Faerie. And these Faeries couldn't be less like Tinkerbell. These Faeries are capricious, unknowable and dangerous. And they will be Lila's toughest test yet. Lila may have reached some sort of peace over the fate of her parents, she may have built some bridges with her sister but when you're half cyborg, when you contain enough high-tech weaponry to win a small war, when you don't know your heart, still love an elf and don't trust your bosses you can be capricious unknowable and quite dangerous enough yourself. This is a fast moving SF fantasy full of thrills and adventures but informed with a ready wit and prepared to touch on serious themes of identity, reality and sexual politics. **TP \$32.99**

Patricia Rosemoor & Marc Paoletti*The Vampire Agent (02)*

In the heart of New Orleans, Commander Scott Boulder, leader of a Black Ops unit, once again joins forces with anthropologist Leah Maguire to battle unspeakable evil as they pursue Rachel Ackart, a seductive woman genetically altered by a DOD experiment gone wrong, who has allied herself with Andre Espinoza de Madrid, a vampire of extraordinary power and evil. **APB \$17.95**

Lynsay Sands & Hannah Howell*Highland Thirst*

Cousins Heming MacNachton and Tearlach MacAdie are bound by the same blood, the same ancient curse, and now the same quest: to search out the enemies of their clan - hunters who consider them soul-less demons and intend to exterminate them. But no sooner have Heming and Tearlach begun than they are drugged, separated, and taken captive. One is brought deep into the borderlands of Scotland, the other, in the dreary depths of Northern England. Caged and weakened, only two brave women give them hope...Brona Kerr and Lady Lucy Blytheswood are irresistibly drawn to the mysterious prisoners. Together, the women resolve to save them. In doing so, they will safeguard the clan's future and their own. For they are promised to cruel men who will do anything to possess them and the status that comes with them. Now Brona and Lucy must cross perilous terrain to fight for their lives - and for the men with whom they discover an eternal passion they never imagined... **PB \$12.95**

David Sherman & Dan Cragg*Wings of Hell (Starfist)*

With powerful alien invaders intent on destroying all humankind, members of the 34th FIST are given the task of infiltrating and destroying an alien base, while at home, on the eve of the presidential election, political intrigue could destroy any chance of success. **HC \$47.95**

Gena Showalter*Heart of the Dragon*

While deep in the jungle searching for her missing brother, Grace Carlyle, stumbling upon a secret world rife with magic and mythological monsters, comes face-to-face with a shape-shifting warrior who, despite his vow to kill all who enter this realm, casts a spell on her heart, uniting their two worlds. **APB \$17.95**

Scott Sigler*Contagious (Infected 02)*

The FBI's Clarence Otto and CIA agent Dew Phillips comb the country, ruthlessly eliminating people whose minds have been taken over by the mysterious disease sweeping America. The black-ops team is proving a formidable weapon, thanks to the third member of their cadre: one-time football hero Perry Dawsey, once a victim of the disease, now a bloodthirsty psychotic possessed with a strange, valuable new ability. But the enemy is learning, adapting, and has created a new breed of infected, sending nests of enslaved humans spreading through the American population. And this new generation is contagious. Government biologist Margaret Montoya must now help Perry, Dew, and Otto stop this new assault, before the only containment option becomes a nuclear strike on major US cities. **TP \$32.99 HC \$51.95 CD \$70**

John Skipp & Cody Goodfellow*Jake's Wake*

When Pastor Jake, who promised his followers everlasting life, climbs out of his coffin at his own wake, rotting flesh and all, it becomes Judgment Day for his congregation as he and his demon companions embark on a bloody rampage. **APB \$19.95**

Raz Steel*Love Without Blood*

When a chance encounter with a stranger leads her into the dark world of vampires, brilliant Dr. Lara West is torn between forbidden love and the government agents sworn to destroy them. **APB \$17.95**

S M Stirling*On The Oceans of Eternity (Island in the Sea of Time 03 CD)*

When modern and Bronze Age worlds are thrown together, the Republic of Nantucket struggles to integrate past and present while a renegade Coast Guard officer struggles to assert his tyrannical rule, in the sequel to *Against the Tide of Years* and *Island in the Sea of Time*. Read by Todd McLaren. **MP3 CD \$68**

Daniel Suarez*Daemon*

In a near-future run by thousands of autonomous computer programs that control the world's wireless networks, a dormant program activates in the wake of a legendary game designer's premature death and launches a sinister effort to dismantle society and enforce a new world order. **HC \$52.95**

Steph Swainston*The Modern World (Castle 03)*

The third of the castle novels will take the reader ever deeper into a world of beauty and terror. A world led by an immortal emperor and the circle; his 50 immortal helpers. It is a world with an absentee god, a world that has been fighting a war against giant insects. A world like no other. There will be more insights into Jant, the emperor's vain winged messenger and the shift, the surreal other life Jant enters when he overdoses on his drug of choice and where he meets the dead in a land that defies logic. This is a fantasy series like no other - a literary fantasy with the verve and originality to stand alongside the best of Mervyn Peake, M. John Harrison and China Mieville. **PB \$19.99**

Dawn Thompson*Bride of Time***APB \$15.95****Harry Turtledove***The Breath of God (Opening of the World)*

A continuation of the alternate-Bronze Age tale that began in *Beyond the Gap* finds Count Hamnet leading an exploration into a world beyond the broken Glacier, where he encounters the violent Rulers and makes unexpected allies. **HC \$51.95**

John Updike*The Witches of Eastwick*

The air of Eastwick breeds witches – women whose powerful longings can stir up thunderstorms and fracture domestic peace. Jane, Alexandra and Sukie, divorced and dangerous, have formed a coven. Into the void of Eastwick breezes Darryl Van Horne, a charismatic magus of a man who entrances the trio, luring them to his mansions... **BPB \$22.95**

Lynn Viehl*Stay the Night (Darkyn 07)*

Legendary outlaw, art thief, and immortal vampire, Darkyn lord Robin of Locksley steals the hearts of women, until the night he meets undercover federal agent Chris Renshaw, who steals his. **APB \$19.95**

Jo Walton*Tooth and Claw*Winner: World Fantasy Award **TP \$30.95****Lawrence Watt-Evans***The Blood of a Dragon (Ethshar)*

After finally admitting to himself that he possesses no supernatural talent, Dumery leaves the comforts of home to become the apprentice of Kenshar, a dragon-hunter who keeps wizards supplied with the magical blood of dragons. **APB \$14.95**

Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman*Bones of the Dragon (Dragonships)*

Blessed by the god of war throughout his reign as head chief of the Vindras sea-raiders, Skylan Ivorson leads a quest to recover the hidden Five Bones of the Vektan Dragons in order to save the gods from their challengers, in the first volume in an enchanting fantasy saga. **HC \$45 CD \$120**

Chris Wooding*The Fade*

A subterranean world of vast caverns, underground seas, crystalline forests. A civilisation born of darkness, in darkness, protected by shadows. A city of merchants, whose eyes have turned upward to the surface, where the lethal light of day beats down on their world. A conspiracy so vast that it will swallow them all...A stunningly original fantasy from a multi-award winning author. With a beautiful baroque world, sharp characterisation and Chris Wooding's trademark insight into the fantasy genre, the dawning of Halflight is an event more than worth waiting for. **BPB \$22.99**

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro*Lost Prince***TP \$34.95***Saint-Germaine Memoirs (Saint Germain)* **TP \$32.95****Sunny***Mona Lisa Darkening (Monere)*

When the terrifying darkness draws her into NetherHell, Mona Lisa, the Mixed-Blood daughter of the Monère, enters the cursed realm of the damned, where she is captured by a gargoye warlord who wants her for his own sensual pleasure. **APB \$19.95**

Anthologies

Lust At First Bite

The vampire's reputation has enjoyed a massive resurrection in fiction in recent years. Boosted by the popularity of Buffy and Angel, the immortal bloodsucker has never been sexier or more perfect for erotica.

Packed with stories from some of the best erotica authors around, Black Lace's new anthology of vampire erotica promises to be chilling, entertaining and above all, sexy - it's what we do best. **PB \$24.95**

Dark Alchemy

For readers of all ages, these spellbinding stories will raise the pulse and quicken the heartbeat. Two kingdoms are united by magic in Garth Nix's 'Holly and Iron'. The ambition to catch a dragon drastically changes a lie in 'The Ruby Incomparable' by Kage Baker. A starving dove tells its story in Eoin Colfer's 'A Fowl Tale'. Relish the magic of learning about kindness in Neil Gaiman's 'The Witch's Headstone'. Also includes stories by Mary Rosenblum, Eoin Colfer, Jane Yolen, Orson Scott Card, Patricia A. McKillip, Elizabeth Hand, Andy Duncan, Peter S. Beagle, Nancy Kress, Tanith Lee, Terry Bisson, Terry Dowling, Gene Wolfe, Tad Williams and Jeffrey Ford. **BPB \$17.95**

Ghost Stories

Tales about ghosts are as old as human culture itself but the ghost story as a distinguished literary form reached its apogee in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. As traditional religions declined in the West during those years, people looked for new ways of describing the spiritual realities explained by religion. The ghost story is a literary expression of this need, its rise corresponding to the growing popularity of Spiritualism. Ghost stories balance the increasingly powerful scientific materialism of the age with intimations that there are other orders of experience which we cannot define and only glimpse.

The Everyman selection of ghost stories includes examples from this period by major writers such as Robert Louis Stevenson, Guy de Maupassant, Henry James and Edith Wharton. M. R. James is featured as a specialist in the genre. Later writers include Elizabeth Bowen, Penelope Lively and Ray Bradbury.

One feature of this collection is to show that there is more to the ghost story than the thrill of horror, important though that is. These stories include comedy and tragedy, pathos, drama and even poetry. Each is a masterpiece in its own right, irrespective of whether or not we believe in the realm of spectres. **HC \$34.95**

Meljean Brook, Alyssa Day, Marjorie M Liu & Maggie Shayne

Wild Thing

A quartet of novellas delves into the passionate world of the supernatural in an anthology that journeys from the depths of Atlantis and a realm of vampires and guardian angels to the forbidden world of the demon horde and the secrets of an animal whisperer, in four romantic sagas by Maggie Shayne, Marjorie M. Liu, Alyssa Day, and Meljean Brook. **APB \$19.95**

Jim Butcher, Simon R Green, Kat Richardson & Thomas E Sniegowski USA

Mean Streets (Dresden Files; Nightside; Greywalker)

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Her boyfriend Tobey is worried about his own future. A nought boy at an exclusive school Tobey hopes to keep out of trouble, go to university, get a good job and leave the dangerous streets of his childhood behind. But Tobey is discovering that he can't keep clinging to some kind of no-man's land while the neighbourhood around him is carved up by rival gangs. Then he is offered the chance to earn some ready money just making a few 'deliveries'. He doesn't want a part of that world, the world of gangs. But maybe he could get away with it, just this once . . .

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'The pearl,' hissed Taran. 'Is it there? Give it to me!'

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"You will kill her" the Torment asked. Skulduggery sagged. "Yes." He hesitated then took his gun from his jacket. "Im sorry Valkyrie" he said softly. "Don't talk to me" Valkyrie said. "Just do what you have to do." Valkyrie parted her tunic and Skulduggery pointed the gun at the vest beneath. "Please forgive me" Skulduggery said then aimed the gun at the girl and pulled the trigger. With Serpine dead the world is safe once more. At least that's what Valkyrie and Skulduggery think until the notorious Baron Vengeous makes a bloody escape from prison and dead bodies and vampires start showing up all over Ireland.

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In the Pathfinder Chronicles campaign setting, the Harrow deck has long been a sacred tool of Varisian fortunetellers. In skilled hands, the Harrow deck can predict crop results, divine the gender of your unborn child, or give hints about your immediate future. In unskilled hands, the Harrow deck is a sacrilegious gambling game—a cutthroat diversion for ruffians in every port to lose their hard-earned fortunes.

Harrow will be featured throughout the second Pathfinder Adventure Path, Curse of the Crimson Throne. At least once in each installment, players may divine their futures with the Harrow deck, and Pathfinder #7 contains an in-depth article about the history of Harrow and its in-game use.

Harrow is also a standalone card game designed by Jason Bulmahn, Mike Selinker, and Teeuwynn Woodruff for use inside or outside the Pathfinder Chronicles campaign setting. Harrow is lavishly illustrated by Kyle Hunter, the artist behind Downer: Wandering Monster and Downer: Fool's Errand, the Paizo Comics compilations of Kyle's original Downer comics from Dungeon magazine.

Harrow contains:

One 54-card deck illustrated by Kyle Hunter

Five chronicle cards to aid in divination

One rulebook with divination rules and card game rules **Cards \$33**

Into the Darklands

Explores this mysterious and deadly realm of caverns and secrets. The companion to the Pathfinder Second Darkness Adventure Path! **TP \$40**

Dungeons & Dragons 4th Ed

Open Grave: Secrets of the Undead

Unearth the Evil. Whispered tales speak of an eldritch tome crafted by necromancers and filled with spine-chilling facts about a vile menagerie of undead horrors—unnatural things known to haunt the gloom-filled corners of the world and beyond. Beware! This is that tome.

This supplement for the DUNGEONS & DRAGONS Roleplaying Game explores the origins, tactics, myths, and lairs of undead creatures. Along with encounters and hooks for your campaign, it presents a host of undead threats, including new varieties of ghouls, skeletons, vampires, wraiths, and zombies. It also introduces new kinds of undead and provides statistics for unique undead villains such as Acererak and Vecna. **HC \$45**

GURPS

GURPS Thaumaturgy

Every myth, fantasy story, and anthropological study has its own ideas on magic. Is it intuitive art or numerical science, insanity or perfect control, a quest for divinity or demonic blasphemy? For the roleplayer who wants to game out interesting, evocative ideas about magic, it may be all of the above. GURPS Thaumaturgy provides the systems to make magic work however we imagine it, while keeping it consistent and playable.

GURPS Thaumaturgy is a collection of the best magic rules and systems from Third Edition - from GURPS Spirits, Cabal, Voodoo, Celtic Myth, and Religion to numerous articles from Pyramid (including Unlimited Mana!) - updated for Fourth Edition. It also has new tweaks to the spell-based magic of the Basic Set, guidelines for running magic-orientated games, and notes for adapting real-world occult beliefs into the system.

Weighing in at 272 pages, this grimore is vital for any campaign using magic, from high fantasy wizards throwing fireballs . . . to seedy urban mages in the modern world . . . to bizarre worlds with multiple opposing systems of magic. **HC \$70**

Star Wars RPG

Clone Wars Campaign Guide

Bring your SWR campaign into the epic battles of The Clone Wars!

The Clone Wars Campaign Guide launches heroes into the middle of sweeping battles to determine the fate of the galaxy!

This book contains new information for heroes on both sides of the war, including new talents, prestige classes and equipment.

This book also includes new rules for followers, allowing heroes to command squads of clonetroopers and running large scale battles. **HC \$60**

Warhammer 40K Dark Heresy

Game Master's Kit

A superb addition to any Game Master's collection that will keep all their Inquisitorial secrets safe! Containing a booklet featuring a whole host of adventure and gaming aids, and a sturdy full-colour screen. Printed on one side are scores of handy quick reference charts and tables that make running your games that much easier, and will enable the Game Master to hide his dice rolls or simply keep players from reading his notes! **TP \$45**

Warhammer Historical

Warmaster Medieval Armies

Supplement to the Warmaster Ancients rule set for ancient wargames, includes 30 new armies, a comprehensive section on fighting sieges, and a section of special rules additions for fighting medieval battles. **\$62**

Other Books

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These are mainly non-fiction, crime, thriller, historical fiction and romance titles. Be aware we cheerfully order in any available book for our readers, including computer texts, reference books, fiction such these listed here, etc. Maximise your Infinitas Guild points, we are keen for the business, but note it will take a week or two for the book to arrive once ordered for you.

The Penguin Book of Card Games: Everything You Need To Know To Play Over 250 Games

Auctions, trumpless hands, cross-ruffing and lurching: card players have a language all of their own. From games of high skill (Bridge) to games of high chance (Newmarket) to trick-taking (Whist) and banking (Pontoon), David Parlett, seasoned specialist in card games, takes us masterfully through the countless games to choose from.

Not content to merely show us games with the conventional fifty-two card pack, Parlett covers many games played with other types of cards - are you brave enough to play with Tarot? With a 'working description' of each game, with the rules, variations and origins of each, as well as an appendix of games invented by the author himself, The Penguin Book of Card Games will delight, entertain and inform both the novice and the seasoned player. **TP \$27.95**

Uncle John's Supremely Satisfying Bathroom Reader

HC \$8.99

Peter Ackroyd

Poe: A Life Cut Short

An intriguing portrait of enigmatic American writer Edgar Allan Poe examines his literary accomplishments--lyrical poetry, macabre tales, invention of the first fictional detective, and pioneer of the science fiction and fantasy genres--and legacy and his turbulent, sometimes sordid life. **HC \$45.95**

Alex Archer

Polar Quest (Rogue Angel 16)

While helping an old colleague on a dig in Antarctica, archaeologist Annja Creed gets more than she bargained for when his discovery of an ancient necklace made of an unknown metal garners the attention of some very bad men. **APB \$17.95**

Ted Bell

Pirate

In this heart-pounding nautical action adventure, intrepid British intelligence operative Alex Hawke must thwart a secret, deadly alliance between China and France before they annihilate everyone and everything in their headlong rush towards world domination. Aboard the Star of Shanghai in the south of France, an American spy is held captive. He possesses vital, explosive intelligence linking two nations and one horrifying plot.

If he is not rescued, he faces certain torture and inevitable death. In Paris, a ruthless descendant of Napoleon has risen to power, hell-bent on restoring France's former glory. His fiery ambitions are cynically stoked by a coterie of cold-blooded Mandarins, plotting behind the gates of Beijing's Forbidden City.

Cloaked in secrecy, this unholy alliance devises a twisted global plan, backed by China's growing nuclear arsenal, that will send America and the world to the brink of a gut-wrenching showdown. British secret agent Alex Hawke must prepare to hurl himself deep into the nightmare visions of madmen. He will need all his strength and courage to defeat this enemy or else forfeit the lives of thousands, including his own, to an axis of evil no historian could ever have predicted. **PB \$19.95**

Hawke

While sailing in the Caribbean, young Alex Hawke witnesses an act of unspeakable horror as modern-day pirates brutally murder his parents. It is a tragedy that will haunt him forever and shape his destiny. As a direct descendant of a legendary English pirate, Lord Alexander Hawke is skilled in the ways of sea combat - and one of Britain's most decorated naval heroes.

Now, Hawke returns to the Caribbean on a secret mission for the American government. A highly experimental stealth submarine is missing. She carries forty nuclear warheads, and is believed to be in the hands of an unstable government just ninety miles from the US mainland.

In a race against time, Hawke must locate the sub before a strike can be launched against the US - and, after a lifetime of nightmares, finally avenge himself on the man who slaughtered his family ... **PB \$19.95**

Spy

Sailing up the furthest reaches of the Amazon on assignment for the British Secret Service, Alex Hawke is captured by a brutal tribe of indigenous cannibals. Forced into slave labour, he witnesses the unimaginable: vast armies are being recruited and trained deep within the Amazonian jungle. Possessing weapons only dreamed of by the Western allies, their aim is to launch a vicious jihad that will unite one continent - and destroy another.

Somehow Hawke must escape his captors and live to tell the tale. From black magic, poison-tipped arrows and blowguns to an awesome arsenal of the most advanced military hardware, Hawke faces insurmountable odds as he searches for a river with no name in a quest to seek out and destroy a lawless mastermind who threatens the West's very existence. **PB \$19.95**

Ted Bell*Assassin*

A shadowy terrorist kingpin has orchestrated the systematic slaying of American diplomats abroad and, as the death toll mounts, British intelligence agent Alexander Hawke is called upon to avert a cataclysmic attack. From London to Indonesia, Washington to the Florida Keys, Hawke battles it out against a cunning and ruthless enemy bent on destroying the West - while on a personal level avenging a senseless crime that has left him devastated. **PB \$19.95**

Orson Scott Card*Zanna's Gift*

Devastated by the loss of her older brother, Ernie, just before Christmas in 1938, gifted four-year-old artist Suzanna retains a painting she had intended to give him as a Christmas gift, a work considered by her descendants to be her finest in spite of her fame years later. **APB \$15.95**

John Carroll*Wreck of Western Culture: Humanism Revisited*

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Blaize Clement*Cat Sitter on a Hot Tin Roof (Dixie Hemingway Mystery)*

Florida pet sitter Dixie Hemingway is delighted to meet a new friend, the beautiful Laura Halston, who claims to be in hiding from an abusive husband, but when Laura begins to receive threats, Dixie begins to realize that there may be unexpected--and deadly--implications to Laura's story. **HC \$52.95**

Ann H Coulter*Guilty: Liberal Victims and Their Assault on America*

In an all new work by the author of *Godless* and *If Democrats Had Any Brains, They'd Be Republicans*, the controversial political pundit shares her thoughts about the state of modern American politics, culture, and society. **HC \$56.95**

Cleo Coyle*The Ghost and the Haunted Mansion (Haunted Bookshop Mystery)*

When her mailman hires a team of parapsychologists to exorcise all spirits from the town of Quindicott, which includes bookshop owner and occasional sleuth Penelope Thornton-McClure's ghostly friend, hard-boiled 1940s P.I. Jack Shepard, she is forced to take action. **APB \$17.95**

Casey Daniels*Night of the Loving Dead (Pepper Martin Mystery)*

Pepper Martin, a heiress-turned-cemetery-tour guide who can communicate with ghosts, finds her business trip to Chicago taking an otherworldly turn when the specter of Madeline, a young woman in a lab coat, needs her help in warning Dr. Dan Callahan that his life is in danger. **APB \$17.95**

Cory Doctorow*Little Brother*

Big Brother is watching you. Who's watching back? Marcus is only seventeen years old, but he figures he already knows how the system works - and how to work the system. Smart, fast and wise to the ways of the networked world, he has no trouble outwitting his high schools intrusive but clumsy surveillance systems. But his whole world changes when he and his friends find themselves caught in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco. In the wrong place at the wrong time, Marcus and his crew are apprehended by the Department of Homeland Security and whisked away to a secret prison, where they're mercilessly interrogated for days. When the DHS finally releases them, Marcus discovers that his city has become a police state, where every citizen is treated like a potential terrorist. He knows no one will believe his story, which leaves him only one option: to take down the DHS himself. **BPB \$22.99**

Janet Evanovich*Plum Lucky (Stephanie Plum)*

Just after Valentine's Day, Diesel returns to once again turn New Jersey bounty hunter Stephanie Plum's world upside down, in a novel marked by the presence of such familiar characters as Lula, Grandma Mazur, Connie, Ranger, Joe, Tank, Valerie, and Albert Kloughn. **APB \$17.95**

Bill Fawcett*It Looked Good on Paper*

Gathered in this book is a collection of flawed plans half baked ideas and downright ridiculous machines that with the best and most optimistic intentions men have constructed throughout history. Included such military scientific commercial and infrastructure disasters as: The Lead water pipes of Rome Tacoma Narrows Bridge Collapse Edisons electrical folly Betamax Denver Airports Baggage System Concorde crash Hubble A \$2 billion telescope that didnt work the Mars probe failures due to simple math mistakes The Spruce Goose Cold Fusion Ford Pinto Some failed spectacularly others fizzled after great expense and one crashed on Mars. While this is a book about ideas and things men make that have failed it is not a technical manual. Rather it is a fun collection that shows how an otherwise brilliant designer scientist architect or doctor can often spend years or millions of dollars creating something that a few small bits of common sense would have prevented. With over 35 chapters of incredible untruths both infamous and obscure this is chock full of trivia history and fascinating looks at the worlds failed plans. **BPB \$19.99**

George MacDonald Fraser*Flashman (Flashman 01)*

Flashman soldier duellist lover imposter coward cad and hero triumphs in this first installment of *The Flashman Papers*. His adventures as the reluctant secret agent in Afghanistan and his entry into the exclusive company of Lord Cardigans Hussars culminate in his foulest hour his part in the historic disaster of the Retreat from Kabul. This is the story of a blackguard who enjoyed villainy for its own sake. Shameless exciting and funny Flashmans deplorable odyssey is observed with the cynical eye of a scoundrel who was honest only in reporting what he saw. He makes all other black sheep look respectably grey. **BPB \$22.99**

Royal Flash (Flashman 02)

Flashman tangles with femme fatale Lola Montez and the dastardly Otto Von Bismarck in a battle of wits which will decide the destiny of a continent. Did Flashman's adventures in the Duchy of Strackenz provide the inspiration for *The Prisoner of Zenda*? The similarities are certainly there as Flash Harry becomes embroiled in a desperate succession of escapes, disguises, amours and (when unavoidable) hand-to-hand combats in an epic adventure that takes him from the gaming-halls of London to the dungeons and throne-rooms of Europe. And for once Flashman's talents for deceit and treachery are matched by those of Otto von Bismarck and the beautiful but deadly Lola Montez. **BPB \$22.99**

George MacDonald Fraser

Flash For Freedom (Flashman 03)

A game of cards leads Flashman from the jungle death-house of Dahomey to the slave state of Mississippi as he dabbles in the slave trade in Volume II of the Flashman Papers. When Flashman was inveigled into a game of pontoon with Disraeli and Lord George Bentinck, he was making an unconscious choice about his own future -- would it lie in the House of Commons or the West African slave trade? Was there, for that matter, very much difference? Once again Flashman's charm, cowardice, treachery, lechery and fleetness of foot see the lovable rogue triumph by the skin of his chattering teeth. **BPB \$24.99**

Flashman at the Charge (Flashman 04)

As the British cavalry prepared to launch themselves against the Russian guns at Balaclava Harry Flashman was petrified. But the Crimea was only the beginning: beyond lay the snowbound wastes of the great Russian slave empire torture and death headlong escapes from relentless enemies savage tribal hordes to the right of him passionate females to the left of him... And finally that unknown but desperate war on the roof of the world when India was the prize and there was nothing to stop the armed might of Imperial Russia but the wavering sabre and terrified ingenuity of old Flashy himself. **BPB \$24.99**

Flashman In The Great Game (Flashman 05)

What caused the Indian Mutiny? The greased cartridge religious fanaticism political blundering yes but one hitherto unsuspected factor is now revealed in the furtive figure which fled across the Indian scene in 1857 with such frantic haste: Flashman. Plumbing new depths of anxious knavery in his role as secret agent extraordinaire Flashman saw far more of the Great Mutiny than he wanted. How he survived Thugs and Tsarist agents Eastern beauties and cabinet ministers and kept his skin intact is a mystery as remarkable as the Flashman Papers themselves. **BPB \$24.99**

Flashman's Lady (Flashman 06)

George MacDonald Frasers famous Flashman series appearing for the first time in Bformat with an exciting new series style ready to please his legions of old fans and attract armies of new ones. The Flashman Papers 184245 Volume 6 When Flashman the most decorated poltroon of the Victorian age accepted an invitation from his old enemy Tom Brown of Rugby to join in a friendly cricket match he little knew that he was letting himself in for the most desperate game of his scandalous career a deadly struggle that would see him scampering from the hallowed wicket of Lords to the jungle lairs of Borneo pirates from a Newgate hanging to the torture pits of Madagascar from Chinatown dens to slavery in the palace of a mad black queen. If he had known what lay ahead Flashman would never have taken up cricket seriously. **BPB \$24.99**

Flashman and the Redskins (Flashman 07)

What was Harry Flashman doing on the slopes of Little Bighorn caught between the gallant remnant of Custers 7th Cavalry and the attack of Sitting Bulls braves He was trying to get out of the line of fire and escape yet again with his life (if not his honour) intact. Here is the legendary and authentic West of Mangas Colorados Apaches of Kit Carson Custer and Spotted Tail of Crazy Horse and the Deadwood stage gunfighters and gamblers scoundrels and Indian belles enthusiastic widows and mysterious adventuresses. The West as it really was: terrifying! **BPB \$24.99**

Flashman and the Dragon (Flashman 08)

Unfortunately in China in 1860 a lot of people were depending on Flashman: the English vicars daughter with her cargo of opium; Lord Elgin; the Emperors ravishing concubine; and Szuzhan the female bandit colossus as practised in the arts of love as in the art of war. They were not to know that behind his Victoria Cross Flashman was a base coward and charlatan. They took him at face value and he took them for all he could while China seethed through the bloodiest civil war in history and the British and French armies hacked their way to the heart of the Forbidden City. **BPB \$22.99**

Flashman and the Mountain of Light (Flashman 09)

George MacDonald Frasers famous Flashman series appearing for the first time in Bformat with an exciting new series style ready to please his legions of old fans and attract armies of new ones. The Flashman Papers 18451846 Volume Nine With the mighty Sikh Khalsa the finest army ever seen in Asia poised to invade India and sweep Britannias illguarded empire into the sea every ablebodied man was needed to defend the frontier and one at least had his answer ready when the Call of Duty came: Ill swim in blood first! Alas though for poor Flashy there was no avoiding the terrors of secret service in the debauched and intrigueridden Court of the Punjab the attentions of its beautiful nymphomaniac Maharani (not that he minded that really) the horrors of its torture chambers or the baleful influence of the Mountain of Light. **BPB \$24.99**

Flashman and the Angel of the Lord (Flashman 10)

If only Flashman had got on with his dinner and ignored the handkerchief dropped by a flirtatious hussy in a Calcutta hotel ... Well American history would have been different a disastrous civil war might have been avoided and Flashman himself would have been spared one of the most hairraising adventures of his misspent life. If only ... But alas the archrotter of the Victorian age could never resist the lure of a pretty foot and this latest extract of the Flashman Papers soon finds him careering towards the little Virginian town of Harpers Ferry where John Brown and his gang of rugged fanatics were to fire the first shot in the great war against slavery. **BPB \$22.99**

Flashman and the Tiger (Flashman 11)

When Sir Harry Flashman V.C. the celebrated Victorian soldier scoundrel amorist and selfconfessed poltroons memoirs first came to light thirty years ago the world was finally illuminated about what became of the celebrated cowardly bully from Tom Browns Schooldays. Now in addition to the other famous adventures of Flash Harry contained in the Flashman Papers come three new episodes in the career of this eminent if disreputable adventurer. The title piece touches on two of the most spectacular military actions of the century and sees Flashman pitted against one of the greatest villains of the day and observing with his usual jaundiced eye two of its most famous heroes. **BPB \$22.99**

Flashman on the March (Flashman 12)

Britons held captive by mad barbarian monarch! Fortunately help was at hand: Sir Harry Flashman archcad poltroon amorist and reluctant hero fleeing first from Mexican bandits rebels and the French Foreign Legion not to mention the relatives of an infatuated Austrian beauty was in urgent need of somewhere to take cover even if it meant a perilous secret mission in disguise to the court of a voluptuous African queen with a weakness for stalwart adventurers. Along the way were nightmarish castles brigand lairs battles massacres orgies and the loveliest and most lethal women in Africa testing to the limit the great bounders talents for knavery amorous intrigue and survival. **BPB \$22.99**

Carol Goodman

The Night Villa

Recovering from a shocking act of violence, Cory Chase, classicist and mythographer, decides that taking part in The Papyrus Project, which aims to restore the charred scrolls of Pompeii, might offer her a much needed escape. That is until she suspects that the Modern Pythagoreans, a cult who believe that a lost manuscript of Pythagoras may still exist, are also interested in the scrolls. Suddenly Cory finds herself following a trail that leads her through Southern Italy, Sicily and to Pythagoras's birthplace, where she is pulled into a terrifying underworld of conspiracy to reignite an ancient cult that once rivalled Christianity in the Roman World... **TP \$32.99**

Jill Gregory & Karen Tintori

The Illumination

Natalie Landau, a museum curator with expertise in Mesopotamian protective amulets and magical beliefs, has received a puzzling gift from her sister Dana – a necklace with a blue evil eye pendant on it. The Evil Eye is a symbol of protection common throughout the world, with a history connecting it to many religions.

When Dana is murdered, Natalie begins to think her evil eye amulet had something to do with her sister's death. As she races to discover the origin of the pendant, Natalie is sucked into an international battle between powerful religious factions, each battling for the eye, which turns out to be far more valuable – and far more powerful – than she could ever imagine. **TP \$32.99**

Lauren Groff

The Monsters of Templeton

"The day I returned to Templeton, steeped in disgrace, the fifty-foot corpse of a monster surfaced in Lake Glimmerglass."

So begins this spellbinding debut novel: part a contemporary story of a girl's search for her father, part historical novel, and part ghost story, at its core it is a story of how one town holds the secrets of a family. In *The Monsters of Templeton*, Lauren Groff blazes onto the scene with a work that is a combination of brilliant storytelling, inventive writing, and huge vision.

Temperamental but lovable Willie (nee Wilhelmina) Cooper arrives on the doorstep of her ancestral home in Templeton, NY-where her hippie-turned-born-again Christian mom, Vi, still lives-in the wake of a disastrous affair with her much older, married archaeology professor. That same day, the discovery of a prehistoric monster in the lake brings a feeding frenzy to the quiet, picture-perfect town her ancestors founded. Smarting from a broken heart, Willie then learns that the story her mother had always told her about her father has all been a lie. He wasn't the one-night stand Vi had led her to imagine, but someone else entirely. Someone from this very town.

As Willie puts her archaeological skills to work digging for the truth about her lineage, a chorus of voices from the town's past-both sinister and disturbing-rise up around her to tell their sides of the story. Willie discovers the curse of the Temple family runs deep, and even her beloved town is no longer a respite from her own demons. In the end, dark secrets come to light, past and present blur, old mysteries are finally put to rest, and the surprising truth about more than one monster is revealed. **PB \$21.95**

James Holland

The Odin Mission (Jack Tanner 01)

April 1940, and in the snow-covered valleys of Norway, the poorly-armed and equipped British troops are being forced into a humiliating retreat in this, their first battle with the Germans in World War II. Cut off from the rest of his battalion, Sergeant Jack Tanner and his patrol of Yorks Rangers find themselves being drawn in to a desperate mission - to help smuggle some of the Norwegian King Haakon's treasures out of German hands and to safety. Compounding Tanner's problems is the uneasy alliance with some French troops of the Chassuers Alpains, and their arrogant commander, Lieutenant Chevannes. With the Germans dogging their every move, Tanner soon realises there must be more to the cache they are protecting than he first thought. The odds are stacked against them, but with skill, determination and ingenuity, Tanner is resolved to get them all to safety and to protect the King's secret. **TP \$32.99**

Michel Houellebecq

HP Lovecraft: Against the World, Against Life

'Those who love life do not read. Nor do they go to the movies, actually. No matter what might be said, access to the artistic universe is more or less entirely the preserve of those who are a little fed up with the world.' In this prescient work, now with an introduction by Stephen King, Michel Houellebecq, the controversial and bestselling author of *ATOMISED*, focuses his considerable analytical skills on H.P Lovecraft, one of the seminal horror writers of the early 20th century. Houellebecq's insights into the craft of writing illuminate both Lovecraft and Houellebecq's own work. The two are kindred spirits, sharing a uniquely dark worldview. But even as he outlines Lovecraft's rejection of this loathsome world, it is Houellebecq's adulation for the author that drives this work and makes it a love song, infusing the writing with an energy and passion that characterises Houellebecq's new novel. This is indispensable reading for anyone interested in Lovecraft, Houellebecq, or the past and future of horror. **PB \$24.99**

Conn Iggulden

Lords of the Bow (Conqueror 02)

The gathering of the tribes of the Mongols has been a long time in coming but finally, triumphantly, Temujin of the Wolves, Genghis Khan, is given the full accolade of the overall leader and their oaths. Now he can begin to meld all the previously warring people into one army, one nation. But the task Genghis has set himself and them is formidable. He is determined to travel to the land of the long-time enemy, the Chin and attack them there. The distances and terrain- the wide deserts, the impenetrable mountains- make it a difficult venture even for the legendary Mongolian speed of movement, but the greatest problem is that of the complex fortifications, a way of fighting wars of a settled urban population which the nomadic Mongolians had never come across. Finding ways to tackle that and keeping his tribes together in a strange environment presents another new and exciting challenge for Genghis Khan.

Not only must Genghis succeed in this incredible campaign, but he must also reconcile the restless factions among his own generals, mediate between his ambitious brothers and cope with his own reactions to his growing sons. The young warrior has become a notable and victorious military commander of thousands: he must now learn to become a great leader of peoples of many different races and religions.

Lords of the Bow is a deeply satisfying novel. It is epic in scope, convincing, and fascinating in the narration of an extraordinary story. Above all Genghis Khan continues to dominate the scene as he matures from the young boy of Wolf of the Plains to the great Conqueror. **APB \$19.99**

Arthur B Laffer, Stephen Moore & Peter J Tanous

End of Prosperity: How Higher Taxes Will Doom the Economy--if We Let It Happen

Makes cautionary predictions about the consequences of higher taxes that may be imposed by a Democratic president, in an account that considers the downside of reversed Reaganomics pro-growth policies as envisioned by such political leaders as Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and Nancy Pelosi. **HC \$54.95**

Joe R Lansdale

Savage Season (Hap and Leonard)

When his old flame returns to LaBorde, Texas, with a scam to dredge the local river for half a million in long-lost hold-up money, Hap Collins and his buddy Leonard Pine, a black, gay Vietnam veteran, find themselves confronted with a killer named Soldier. **TP \$28.95**

Mucho Mojo (Hap and Leonard)

Digging up the skeletal remains of a child wrapped in pornographic magazines under his late uncle's house, Leonard Pine vows to clear his uncle's name, launches a personal investigation with the help of his buddy Hap, and uncovers an evil past marked by dark obsession and murder. **TP \$28.95**

Valerio Massimo Manfredi*Pharaoh*

Jerusalem, 586BC, the Kingdom of Judah is on the verge annihilation by the Babylonians. In the chaos the Prophet Jeremiah rushes to save the sacred "Ark of the Covenant". As he locates the preordained hiding place which will make it impossible to be found, he makes a terrible discovery ...The Middle East, in the early 2000s.

William Blake, a renowned Egyptologist has been called in to oversee the discovery of an amazing, magnificent and strange tomb of a Pharaoh many miles from the Valley of the Kings, located in a militarily sensitive spot. His research will lead him to an amazing and world shattering discovery concerning Moses and the tribes of the Israelites and their flight from the land of Egypt. **BPB \$22.99**

Andy McDermott*The Tomb of Hercules*

From the author of THE HUNT FOR ATLANTIS, comes an electrifying new novel. Nina Wilde is on the hunt for the Tomb of Hercules. Studies of an ancient text have convinced archaeologist Nina Wilde that a tomb containing the remains of legendary warrior Hercules may actually exist. If she can locate it, it will be the most important historical find ever to be unearthed. As Nina and Eddie Chase, her ex-SAS bodyguard and now boyfriend, begin their search it is clear that others want to find the tomb and the unimaginable riches contained within. Nina and Chase are soon following a violent trail of corruption and conspiracy around the globe. From Switzerland to Shanghai, Botswana to London, it is a race against time to find the Tomb of Hercules before it falls into the most evil of hands... **PB \$19.99**

Robert Melillo*Disconnected Kids*

Offering a bold new understanding of the causes of such disorders as autism, ADHD, Asperger's, dyslexia, and OCD, an effective drug-free program addresses both the symptoms and causes of conditions involving a disconnection between the left and right sides of the developing brain, with customizable exercises, behavior modification advice, nutritional guidelines, and more. **HC \$51.95**

Fern Michaels*Final Justice*

The women of the Sisterhood need to get Martine Connor into the White House in order to win their promised presidential pardon, and so they help her campaign against an opponent backed by Ruben Rumson, the world's most powerful and ruthless media mogul. **APB \$17.95**

John Miller*The Lingo Dictionary*

If you've ever wondered why your girlfriend's a Sheila even though her name is Kate, or why your friend in the outer suburbs of Sydney is said to live beyond the black stump, then this is the book for you!

Throwing light on all the quirky, intriguing and downright bizarre words and phrases that make up "Australian English", this entertaining dictionary of slang belongs on everyone's bookshelf.

If you're an Australian, you'll be fascinated to find out how some of the sayings came to be; and if you're a visitor you'll find it an invaluable resource for understanding what people are actually talking about! **PB \$29.99**

Walter Mosley*Diablerie*

Enjoying a precarious sober life in which he balances his successful family duties with his relationship with a patient mistress, Ben finds his years of blacked-out alcoholism catching up with him when he encounters a woman with knowledge of a significant event from his past that Ben cannot remember. **TP \$30.95**

Geoffrey Parker*Philip II*

Forth Edition, with a New Bibliographical Essay. **TP \$36.95**

James Patterson*Run For Your Life*

Detective Michael Bennett is back and the race is on to catch a deadly killer terrorising New York.

The Teacher has a meticulous and calculated plan. Cold-hearted and cunning, no one knows who he is or where he came from. Until now. Now it is time for everyone to learn his name as he teaches New York a lesson it will never forget.

Intent on exacting revenge and causing mass hysteria, he embarks on the worst killing spree the city has ever seen. The whole New York Police Department is tested to its limits, none more so than Detective Michael Bennett. As the Teacher leads him on a terrifying chase, Bennett follows in his tracks but just as he seems to be on the brink of a breakthrough, he is pulled deeper and deeper into an unfolding terror. The killer has one more victim in his sights and it brings Bennett's investigation frighteningly close to home.

With only one man standing in his way, how far will the Teacher go to complete what he set out to do? And at what price? **TP \$32.95**

Don Pendleton*Colony of Evil (SuperBolan 124)*

Mack Bolan, along with a Mossad agent and a local guide, must embark on a violent trek deep into the jungle to stop an unholy alliance of evil between a Nazi-like organization, corrupt officials, and Islamic fanatics. **APB \$17.95**

Ayn Rand*Anthem*

Equality 7-2521 is a man apart. Since The Great Rebirth it has been a crime in his world to think or act as an individual. Even love is forbidden. Yet since his childhood in the Home of the Infants, Equality 7-2521 has felt that he is different. When he is sent by The Council of Vocations to work as a road sweeper, he stumbles upon a link to the old world that gives him the spur to break free. **BPB \$24.95**

Lisa Rogak*Haunted Heart: Life and Times of Stephen King*

An unauthorized portrait of the influential pop-culture author evaluates the life experiences that shaped his literary achievements, from his disadvantaged childhood in rural Maine and early marriage to his rapid fame as a writer and struggles with substance abuse. **HC \$52.95**

Maggie Rosen*The Pocket Book of Death*

Did you know that the most commonly choked on object in the U.S. is the toothpick? That its physically impossible to kill yourself by holding your breath? That you're more likely to get killed by a champagne cork than a poisonous spider? The Pocket Book of Death will show you a side of death you've never seen before. A bit obsessed with the macabre? Find the perfect job in the death biz. A bit paranoid maybe? You'll never guess the top 10 most dangerous places on earth or the deadliest jobs (wait a farmer??). Brimming with dark truths and bizarre facts did you know that the creator of Star Trek actually arranged for his ashes to be launched into space? this is the essential companion to a journey on the flip side. **HC \$9.99**

Brad Thor*The Last Patriot* TP \$29.95**Martin Toseland***A Steroid Hit the Earth: The Catastrophic World of Misprints; or 'Thank God it Wasn't Me'*

Each demonstrates a subeditor or proofreader taking their eye off the ball to the delight of millions every single example preserving the humble misprint as a perpetual source of schadenfreude. From the holy typo of 1631 when Barker and Lucas Wicked Bible exhorted people to commit adultery by omitting a crucial not from the seventh commandment A Steroid Hit The Earth reaches back in time to the days before modern printing and our own spellcheck obsessed age. It is a joyous and irreverent paean to gaffes of all sorts that have caused confusion consternation and outright offence among readers incorporating confessions from insiders retired newspapermen and typesetters for the inside story on both what was and what might have been. A highly entertaining and deeply resonant book appealing to the there but for the grace of... feeling in all of us. It will be proofread six times before publication. Highlights the potential pitfalls of committing anything at all to paper Typographical horrors to make grown editors reach for the sick bag Tells the noble history of the misprint Celebrates the impossibility of getting everything right all the time **HC \$14.99**

David A Vise*The Google Story*

"The Google Story" is the definitive account of one of the most remarkable organizations of our time. Every day over sixty-four million people use Google in more than one hundred languages, running billions of searches for information on everything and anything. Through the creative use of cutting-edge technology and a series of groundbreaking business ideas, Google's thirty-two year old founders, Sergey Brin and Larry Page, have in ten years taken Google from being just another internet start-up to a company with a market value of over US\$80 billion.

Based on scrupulous research and extraordinary access to the inner workings of Google, this book takes you inside the creation and growth of a company that has become so familiar its name is used as a verb around the world. But even as it rides high, Google wrestles with difficult challenges in a business that changes at lightning speed. In this fully updated edition of the 2005 title, David A. Vise brings readers fully up to speed on the latest developments and issues facing the company as it continues to expand and innovate while trying to sustain the guiding vision of its founders' mantra: Do No Evil. **BPB \$24.99**

Joseph Wambaugh*Hollywood Crows*

Encountering a seemingly harmless socialite in Margot Aziz, LAPD cops Hollywood Nate and Bix Rumstead are unaware that the woman's ugly divorce from a nefarious nightclub owner is part of a murderous ruse in which both Nate and Rumstead are being set up. **APB \$19.95**