



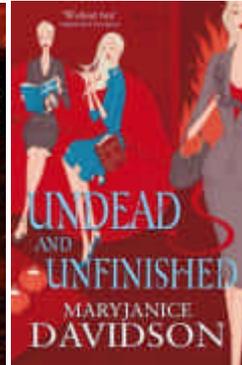
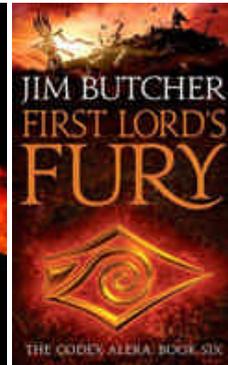
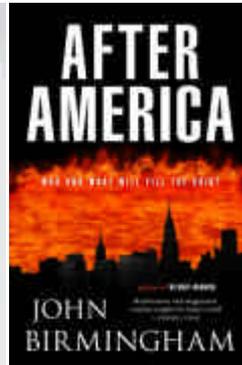
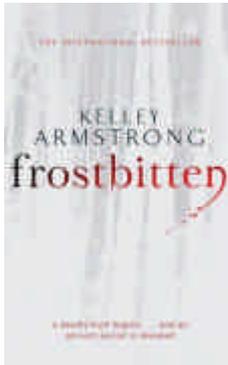
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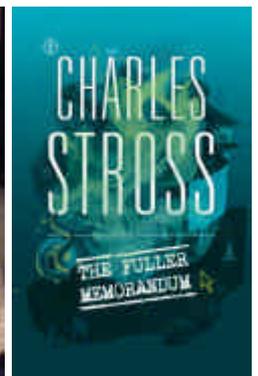
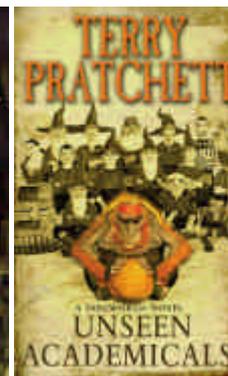
July 2010

Featured Books



David Weber
 Kelly Armstong
 John Birmingham
 Jim Butcher
 MaryJanice Davidson
 Matthew Farrer
 Alan Dean Foster
 Kim Harrison
 L E Modesitt, Jr
 Terry Pratchett
 R A Salvatore
 Charles Stross

Mission of Honor a new *Honor Harrington* hardcover novel
Frostbitten *Otherworld* 10 in paperback.
After America in trade paperback.
First Lord's Fury in paperback.
Undead and Unfinished in trade paperback and hardcover.
Warhammer 40,000 Enforcer a new paperback omnibus.
Flinx Transcendent in paperback.
Black Magic Sanction in paperback.
Imager's Intrigue in hardcover.
Unseen Academicals in paperback.
Ghost King a new *Forgotten Realms* paperback
The Fuller Memorandum (*Laundry* 3) in paperback and hardcover



New Infinitas Groups Proposed

We have people in our community keen to start up new groups meeting at Infinitas. Please contact us to show your interest – we need a few more participants to get these going.

Urban Fantasy Book Club: To meet mid morning mid week with an emphasis on discussing paranormal romance, vampires, werewolves and crime solving.

Pathfinder RPG Adventures: Our first Pathfinder game will be Saturday 24th July, starting at 9:30am and aiming to finish by 2pm. BYO 1st level character (or use one of ours) and dice. Let's make this a regular event.

Magic the Gathering: We already run Magic games on the 4th Thursday evening of the month but have been asked if Magic could be on Saturdays too. Are you interested?

Boardgames: Do you enjoy playing board games? Is there a board game you would like to try but need other players? The challenge is to co-ordinate a time to suit all, but contact us if interested.

Author Visit: Pamela Freeman

Thursday evening 17th June 2010 saw the Infinitas Review group meet to discuss two books as usual. However, this meeting attracted the author of one of the books. Pamela Freeman braved the opinions of the group, and contributed to the depth of discussion greatly. The opinions were all positive for *Blood Ties*, Pamela's book being discussed. Thank you to Garry for inviting her. It was a great evening with wine, cheese, bickies and laughter. Our next meeting is Thursday 15th July 2010, discussing *Boneshaker* by Cherie Priest and *Oath of Fealty* by Elizabeth Moon – all welcome. In the photo, Pamela Freeman is 3rd from the left, surrounded by some review group participants.



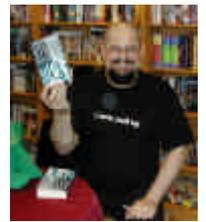
Forthcoming Author Visits

Duncan Lay will be visiting Infinitas to promote his third novel *The Radiant Child* on Saturday afternoon 24th July at 1pm. Duncan has visited us before and it has always been an enjoyable event. Fans and new readers are encouraged to come along to meet Duncan and get books signed. His books are popular and staff favourites.



Keri Arthur will be visiting Infinitas at noon on Friday 13th August for a book signing. Keri has written several urban fantasy series.

Nalini Singh will visit Infinitas on Monday August 16th at 1pm, not 17th as previously announced. Nalini is an author of paranormal romance, which is very popular with our readers. For fans of our many romance books who have not yet read Nalini Singh, try a book of hers before August and then come in to chat with the author. If you already have her books, bring them in to be signed.



Charles Stoss will visit Infinitas Wednesday evening 25th August at 5pm. He previously visited in 2006 and we expect he will again draw in some enthusiastic readers. His new novel (*The Fuller Memorandum*) is now in stock.

Come along - even if you have not read these authors yet, come along to the book signings. Authors love talking to readers. Much of their work is done alone and getting out to meet readers is great for them. Author visits are always fun. Feel welcome to bring in books by them you already have to be signed.

Other News

Dresden Files RPG special offer: Order the rulebooks and prepay to immediately receive PDF files of the books. The books are due soon but we have the PDFs available now.

D&D Games Day will be on again 21st August to launch the new campaign setting Dark Sun. We will run games at the shop. Contact us if interested, we will be needing DMs as well as players.

Locus Awards 2010 have been announced. *Boneshaker* by Cherie Priest won best SF novel, *The City & The City* by China Mieville won best fantasy novel, *The Windup Girl* by Paolo Bacigalupi won best first novel, *Leviathan*, Scott Westerfeld won best young adult novel.

Full list of winners: <http://www.locusmag.com/News/2010/06/2010-locus-awards-winners/>

Maria Quinn, local SF author, died in June. Maria wrote *The Gene Thieves* which was a title recently discussed by our Review Group.

Terry Pratchett has announced his own new book award, the "Anywhere but here, anywhen but now" prize for debut novelists. The prize will be a publishing contract with Transworld including a large advance. Presumably he will be flooded with unpublished submissions.

For details see: <http://www.terrypratchett.co.uk/news%5Ctermsandconditions.html>

Terry has also announced he is working on a science fiction novel in collaboration with Stephen Baxter. Based upon the idea of parallel worlds, it will be the start of a series.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2010/jun/16/terry-pratchett-science-fiction-book>

Book Reviews

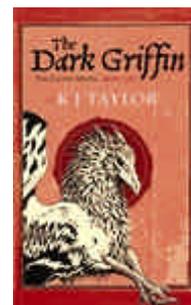
Feel welcome to submit a book review for us to publish here. If you have read a book and have an opinion on it share it with the other readers in our community. Also, in the shop we have several books for which we are seeking reviewers, and would exchange for a review.

***Dark Griffin* by K J Taylor reviewed by Jonathan Dean**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732288525>

When I first started this book, I thought it was going to be one of those standard, pro-forma hero overcoming all odds through gallantry, luck, and their own natural skills. I am happy to say that my initial thought was very wrong. Arren Cardockson is the son of Northerners, who were conquered and enslaved generations ago, and also a griffin, chosen by a griffin as rider and partner. This alone has made things unpleasant at times, but when he is told to go trap a black griffin, so that he can pay off the death costs of a man he kills, his griffin is killed, and suddenly he finds himself betrayed, abused, beaten, and locked into a slave collar.

Why are the rulers playing vicious political games? Why does the master of the city hate the son of Northern Blackrobes so much that he would try to kill him? And above all, how far will they go, with their games in the arena, when a griffin who wants only to fight or flee is put into the ring to fight Arren? This book describes with a brutal reality the lengths people will go to in their attempts to get what they want, and also shows what happens when someone is pushed beyond their breaking point. Personally I'm waiting for the next book with a great deal of interest, and not a lot of patience.



***Wintercraft* by Jenna Burtenshaw, reviewed by Len Newland**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780755370962>

Fantasy fiction featuring the “veil between the living and the dead” and an instruction book entitled Wintercraft on how to deal with it. Setting is Albion, not pre-Saxon England despite sword weaponry, flame torches and horse travel, but an alternate Albion also containing ink pens, medical injection needles and a run-down steam-powered railway system that’s been operating for centuries, all in the grip of a junta government (the High Council) rivalling that of Burma, engaged in permanent war with the Continent. Lead character Kate Winters, after whose ancestors The Book is named, is found to be one of the rare “Skilled” (in dealing with the veil), previously unknown to herself. Lead male character Silas Dane is stuck between living and dead, practically immortal, and wants Kate to unstuck him, for which Kate needs The Book. Villain is trump High Councillor Da’ru Marr (female), who wants an army of Silases, for which Kate needs The Book. Kate wants to be rid of Silas and Da’ru, and save her uncle Artemis and her friend Edgar, for which Kate needs The Book. The Book, grabbed by Da’ru in the prologue, has of course gone missing and must be found.

Oddly, Da’ru isn’t named in the prologue, yet her offsider Kalen is. I found the first third of the novel slow in story development despite lots of perils-of-Pauline action. Later, however, as Kate begins to use her Skill, the plot developed well and became interesting and gripping, although I can think of more appropriate fates for Silas and Da’ru. Kate’s fate is left open, presumably for a sequel, this being author Burtenshaw’s first novel. I liked the story world descriptions, although I thought the English average.

I’d offer this novel two stars out of five. The publisher indicates in my proof copy that it’s intended for a teen readership, but I wouldn’t restrict it to that. A publicity campaign is also indicated: you can check the Internet to see what the novel is about, get “exclusive” extra material (exclusive of what?), and enter competitions (wacko!). Seriously, though, if you enjoy stories featuring paranormal abilities relating to the dead, you should enjoy this novel.



***The Last Stormlord* by Glenda Larke, reviewed by Patrick Donnelly**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732289294>

The Last Stormlord: Book 1 Random Rain by Glenda Larke reviewed by Patrick Donnelly
I found the premise that water was so scarce that a ‘god-given’ power was given to some individuals to make rain from seawater was an interesting idea given our drought conditions in Australia during the last few years. The world the author has created is thought provoking but as you think about water becoming the currency for this world it seems quite feasible.

The characters are competently written and the unique creatures created by the author including ziggers and pedes are interesting so you are drawn into their world. The action scenes are generally sanitised but since the author successfully creates extreme violence when required she wishes to leave the violence to the reader’s imagination. Overall I found the concept of this world caught my attention and left me interested to see how the plot develops in the rest of the series.



External Events

Indigenous Literacy Project are running a fundraiser art auction where **Shaun Tan** will speak about writing and illustrating picture books, called *I Heart Art*. See: <http://www.indigenoussliteracyproject.org.au/Events/IHeartArtAuction.aspx>

Aussiecon 4 will be the 68th World Science Fiction Convention and to be held in Melbourne over 2nd to 6th September 2010. Guests: Kim Stanley Robinson, Shaun Tan, Robin Johnson. Attending and supporting members can nominate and vote in the Hugo Awards, so be involved. <http://www.aussiecon4.org.au/>

Gencon Australia will be on 23rd – 26th September in Brisbane. This is a big gaming convention attracting thousands of players to RPG, collectable card games, boardgames cosplay, etc. <http://www.genconoz.com/>

Gate to the Sanctuary is an event run by Culture Shock Events at The Sebal Parramatta (Hotel) 11-12-2010. Guests include Amanda Tapping and Chuck Campbell from Stargate.

http://www.cultureshockevents.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=140&Itemid=300088

Event organisers are welcome to contact us with information about their gaming or book event. We will try to include it here. We apologise to anyone who tells us of their event and we fail get it into our newsletter. Please post your news on our forums, which is where we look for listings in the newsletter, and all our customers and visitors can see it regardless of our editorial slip-ups.

Winterfest

We ran a stall at **Winterfest Medieval Fair 2010**, a medieval festival in Parramatta Park over the weekend of 3 and 4 July. This was a fun weekend watching jousting, archery, demonstration swordfights, falconry, general melees, medieval crafts, weapon displays etc. Lots of people attended in costume – many of whom won a voucher from Infinitas.

At our stall we sold books and games but also with several volunteers (thank you)

demonstrated Magic the Gathering, Dungeons & Dragons and D&D Miniature games. We also gave away bits of Magic cards and D&D minis. It was a great atmosphere with a friendly crowd. This was Winterfest's fourth year but first in Parramatta Park. Hopefully this will become a regular venue. www.winterfest.com.au



Best Sellers for June 2010

General Release

<i>Dead in the Family</i>	Charlaine Harris
<i>Magic Bleeds</i>	Ilona Andrews
<i>Eye of the Storm</i>	John Ringo
<i>The Radiant Child</i>	Duncan Lay *
<i>Bullet</i>	Laurell K Hamilton
<i>Mission of Honor</i>	David Weber
<i>Black Magic Sanction</i>	Kim Harrison
<i>After America</i>	John Birmingham *
<i>Retribution Falls</i>	Chris Wooding
<i>The White Road</i>	Lynn Flewelling

* Australian Authors

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Courage and Honour</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Path of the Warrior</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Helsreach</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Chapter's Due</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Fireborn</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Redemption Corps</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Allies</i>	Star Wars
<i>Omen</i>	Star Wars
<i>Needs of the Many</i>	Star Trek Online
<i>Bloodborn</i>	Warhammer



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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>

Thursday 5th August Problematic Heroes
Thursday 2nd September: Memorable Companions
Thursday 7th Oct: Stories that initially excite then disappoint

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books are chosen by group members for each meeting with participants encouraged to have read at least one prior to the meeting. The discussion is generally serious and insightful, we usually share a bottle or 2 of wine with cheese – contributions gratefully drunk. All welcome. <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReviewGroup.php>

Thursday 15th July 2010:
Boneshaker by Cherie Priest (Alternate History)
Oath of Fealty by Elizabeth Moon (Fantasy)

Thursday 19th August 2010:
Retribution Falls by Chris Wooding (Steam Punk)
Plus another title to be selected by the group.

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>

Monsterpocalypse Gamers:

Monsterpocalypse is a tabletop miniature game for 2 players who each deploy their figurine army of giant monsters rampaging through a cityscape. It is very silly and often humans only rank as collateral damage. Games start 6pm the 2nd Thursday of most months. Register as a player for prize support from Privateer Press. Contact the shop for details.



Dungeon & Dragons Delve Days: Play a short game of 4th edition D&D, one or two encounters only. Adventures in the new Dark Sun world setting. We have pre-prepared 1st level Dark Sun characters. Also running is Scepter Tower of Spellguard a Forgotten Realms adventure. Bring your own 2nd level character. Ask us at the shop for details. Every second Saturday morning starting at 9:30am.

Magic the Gathering: Play Magic Cards at the shop. Current schedule is booster draft on the fourth Thursday of the Month at 5.30pm. Please contact us if you are running late.

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

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Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Ann Aguirre

Blue Diablo (Corine Solomon 01)

Right now, I'm a redhead. I've been blonde and brunette as the situation requires, though an unscheduled colour change usually means relocating in the middle of the night. So far, I'm doing well here. Nobody knows what I'm running from. Eighteen months ago, Corine Solomon crossed the border to Mexico City, fleeing her past, her lover and her 'gift' - for Corine is a handler: she can touch something and know its history and sometimes, its future. Using her ability, she can find the missing - and that's why people never stop trying to find her. People like her ex, Chance... Chance's uncanny luck has led him to her doorstep. He needs her help. Someone dear to them both has gone missing in Laredo, Texas and the only hope of finding her is through Corine's gift. But their search is going to get dangerous as the trail leads them into a strange dark world of demons and sorcerers, ghosts and witchcraft, zombies - and the blackest of black magic. **BPB \$22.99**

Hell Fire (Corine Solomon 02)

As a handler, Corine Solomon can touch any object and know its history. It's too bad she can't seem to forget her own. With her ex-boyfriend Chance in tow - lending his particularly supernatural brand of luck - Corine journeys back home to Kilmer, Georgia, in order to discover the truth behind her mother's death and the origins of her 'gift.' But while trying to uncover the secrets in her past, Corine and Chance find that something is rotten in the state of Georgia. Just a few miles away, no one seems to know Kilmer exists. And inside the town borders there are signs of a dark curse affecting the town and all its residents - and it can only be satisfied with death... **BPB \$22.99**

Kevin J Anderson

The Edge of the World (Terra Incognita 01)

After generations of friction, the leaders of two lands meet in the holy city of Ishalem to bring an end to the bloodshed and to divide the world between them. Sadly, this new spirit of fellowship is short-lived. A single tragic accident destroys, in minutes, the peace that took years to build. The world is once more cast into the fires of war - and this time the flames may burn until nothing remains. From the highest lord to the lowest servant, no man or woman will be unchanged by the conflict. But while war rages across both continents, a great quest will defy storms and sea serpents to venture beyond the horizon, where no maps exist - to search for a land out of legend. It is a perilous undertaking, but there will always be the impetuous, the brave and the mad who are willing to leave their homes to explore the unknown. Even unto the edge of the world . . . **APB \$19.99**

Scott Andrews

School's Out (Afterblight Chronicles 03)

It's never easy being fifteen, but when your teachers are killing each other, the perfect who loves to bully you is experimenting with crucifixion, and the rival gang from across town have decided that ritualistic cannibalism is the way to go, spots and BO don't seem like such big problems after all. These are the final days of St Marks' School For Boys, and the punishment for disobedience is death! **PB \$19.95**

Operation Motherland (Afterblight Cronicles)

Lee Keegan travels to Iraq on the trail of his missing father, only to find himself caught between desperate rebels and a general who wants to strap him into an electric chair. In England, Jane Crowther, one time matron of St Mark's School for Boys, attracts the wrong kind of attention and has to fight to protect her new school from unlikely enemies. And in a bunker underneath Washington, a madman issues orders that will tip two devastated countries into total war. This is the first year of St Mark's School for Boys and Girls. It will be a miracle if it sees a second! **PB \$19.95**

V C Andrews

Secrets in the Shadows

Everyone says her mother was mad. Is she doomed to repeat the past?

Up in the attic, that's where Alice's mother used to escape to - and it's where, so Alice has been told, she plotted the murder of her own stepfather. Now, years later, with her mother locked away for life, the attic is where Alice finds comfort in her solitude, writing poetry and painting pictures. When Alice finally finds the courage to come out of her shell, exchanging her dowdy looks for flattering clothes and make-up, her life is completely transformed. She even attends her high school prom with a cute, popular boy. But it's a night that suddenly turns tragic - sending her new-found happiness crashing down around her, and hurtling Alice into a shattering new life, one that leads her to a shocking reunion with the shadows she had fled. **APB \$16.99**

Vivi Anna

The Vampire's Kiss

Though Cale Braxton was out of his league facing the vampires, lycans and witches of Nouveau Monde, he matched Olena in the one way that mattered-passion. Olena had sworn she'd never love-and lose-again, especially a human with his own demons. She and Cale lived in two different worlds, but after only one kiss, Olena wondered how she could ever spend eternity without him... **PB \$14.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Bitten (Otherworld 01)

I've been fighting it all night. I'm going to lose ... Nature wins out. It always does.' Elena Michaels didn't know that her lover Clay was a werewolf until he bit her, changing her life forever. Betrayed and furious, she cannot accept her transformation, and wants nothing to do with her Pack - a charismatic group of fellow werewolves who say they want to help. When a series of brutal murders threatens the Pack and Clay, Elena is forced to make an impossible choice. Abandon the only people who truly understand her new nature, or help them to save the lover who ruined her life, and who still wants her back at any cost. **BPB \$22.99**

Stolen (Otherworld 02)

A taut, sensual thriller that grips from the first page. Elena Michaels is at once sublime and sympathetic, a modern heroine who shows that real women bite back' Karin Slaughter Elena Michaels is a wanted woman. Ten years ago she was transformed into a werewolf by her lover. Her transformation makes her powerful. But in the wrong hands, it also makes her deadly. And now, just as she's coming to terms with it all, a group of scientists learns of her existence. They're hunting her down, and Elena is about to run straight into their trap. But they haven't reckoned on Elena's adoptive family, her Pack, who will stop at nothing to get her back. They haven't reckoned on Elena, either - a very big mistake... **BPB \$22.99**

Frostbitten (Otherworld 10)

After years of struggle, Elena Michaels - journalist, investigator, werewolf - has finally come to terms with her strange fate, and learned how to control her wild side. At least, that's what she believes when she sets off to Alaska with her partner Clay. A series of gruesome maulings and murders outside Anchorage seem to implicate a rogue band of werewolves. But the truth is more complicated. Trapped in a frozen, unforgiving terrain, they are forced to confront a deadly secret, and their own, untamed nature... Gripping, intense and deeply satisfying, Frostbitten is a brilliant novel of suspense with a supernatural twist. **BPB \$22.99**

Catherine Asaro*Diamond Star (Skolian Empire 13)*

Del Valdoria was an heir of the Ruby Dynasty, rulers of the interstellar empire called the Skolian Imperialate. But he had no interest in being associated with the draconian measures his brothers used to maintain power. He just wanted to sing holo-rock—not a respectable activity for a Ruby prince. To make things more complicated, he was on Earth, far from home, and the Earth government wasn't willing to let such a potential source of information and valuable bargaining chip leave. And then a major entertainment corporation took an interest in his music.

Del's mix of unsophisticated innocence and sensual wickedness was dynamite. Singing as Del Arden, he became a major hit almost overnight, the hottest thing in holo-rock. And that was a nightmare for the Earth government, because it put a spotlight on him, inviting the attention of assassins, kidnapers, and who knew what other dangers. If anything happened to Del, Allied Space Command might as well just walk up to Skolian Space Command and say, "Hey, let's have a war.?"

Then there was a third interstellar empire, the Eubian Concord, warlike enemy of the Skolian Imperialate. His millions of fans on Earth might not know that their idol was a Ruby prince, but the Concord knew just who he was. And certain songs, if sung by a son of the Ruby Dynasty, might be considered an act of war. . . . **APB \$19.95**

Sharon Ashwood*Unchained (Dark Forgotten 03)*

Faced with a custody battle for her daughter, monster-killer Ashe Carver has hung up her stakes and taken a job at the public library. But then after centuries guarding a supernatural prison, the dashing Captain Reynard strides into her world. He has only weeks to live unless Ashe finds the thief who took his soul—and he's too drop-dead gorgeous to die... **PB \$19.95**

James Axler*Baptism of Rage (Deathlands 93)*

Ryan Cawdor, Doc, and the rest of the survivors embark on a dangerous journey to Babyville, a place rumored to hold the mythical waters of rejuvenation, but they soon discover the deadly price of immortality. **PB \$17.95**

Kage Baker*Anvil of the World*

The Anvil of the World is the tale of Smith and his feud-prone people, the Children of the Sun. Smith, formerly a successful assassin, is trying to retire, hoping to live an honest life in obscurity in spite of all those who have sworn to kill him. But when he agrees to be the master of a caravan traveling from the inland city of Troon to Salesh by the sea, trouble follows.

As always, Baker's approach is charmingly distinctive. Smith's adventure is certainly the only fantasy featuring a white-uniformed nurse, gourmet cuisine, 144 glass butterflies, and a steamboat. **BPB \$24.99**

Tony Ballantyne*Blood and Iron (Penrose 02)*

The second novel in the Penrose series continuing from Twisted Metal!

Appointed Commander of the Emperor's Army of Sangrel, Wa-Ka-Mo-Do of Ko tries to establish relations between the existing robot population and the humans who have recently arrived on Yukawa.

On the continent of Shull, Kavan forms the Uncertain Army and is marching to Artemis City. Upon discovery that the city's generals have made an alliance with the humans, he retreats to Stark where he plans the eventual overthrow of Artemis and the humans.

Meanwhile, Karel is heading South, hoping to be reunited with Susan, his wife. As he walks, he hears more of the stories of the robots, and begins to understand something about his place on the world of Penrose.

But with limited resources and tensions growing between robot and human it's only a matter of time before problems arise. And it's becoming more and more apparent that the humans are a lot more powerful than the robots first expected... **HC \$54.99**

Jaspre Bark*Dawn Over Doomsday (Afterblight Chronicles)*

As America lies bleeding, Native American Chief Hiamovi seeks to unite his people into a single nation capable of reclaiming the US from the white man. His growing army is on a collision course with cult leader Samuel Colt, who intends to put the country back in the iron grip of the once mighty Neo-Clergy. The two men are set for a showdown at Little Bighorn, once site of Custer's legendary last stand, now a twisted, nuclear landscape. The fate of the battle may just be decided by Anna Bontraeger, rescued from a brothel by rogue scientist Matthew Greaves and taken on a perilous road trip across a devastated continent. Greaves and his small band have to get Anna to Little Bighorn before Colt or Hiamovi, so she can unlock the secrets which will save what remains of humanity and bring about a new dawn over Doomsday! **PB \$19.95**

John Birmingham Australian Author*After America (Without Warning 02)*

Our world went to hell on March 14, 2003.

Four years after an inexplicable wave of energy decimated the American mainland, and then just as inexplicably disappeared a year later, US President James Kipper is no closer to explaining the catastrophe to the traumatised survivors.

In a decaying New York City, an assassination attempt on the President prompts the suspicion that the looters overrunning Manhattan may be more organised and sinister than previously thought.

Working on a farm in Texas to earn his citizenship, Miguel Pieraro believes in the promise of the New America. That is until tragedy cuts through his family.

In the English countryside, Echelon agent Caitlin Monroe must once again fight for her life, a sharp reminder that her nemesis is active again.

Then out of the smoking ruin of the Middle East comes an enemy that will be Kipper's toughest challenge yet. The battle for the Wild East is just beginning, but does this New America, and its gun-shy President, have the strength of will to destroy the past in order to save the future? **TP \$32.99**

Annette Blair*Death By Diamonds (Vintage Magic 03)*

Madeira Cutler loves her Vintage Magic boutique, but the 'visions' she gets from the garments can be hard to handle, especially when she knows the owner. At first she's thrilled to receive a package containing the beautifully bejeweled dress she designed for actress and old friend Dominique Delong while in fashion school. But the dress comes with a disturbing message from Dominique, who it seems took her last bow under very mysterious circumstances. **PB \$19.95**

J L Bourne*Beyond Exile (Day By Day Armageddon 02)*

START INTERCEPT

Armies of undead have risen up across the U.S. and around the globe; there is no safe haven from the diseased corpses hungering for human flesh. But in the heat of a Texas wasteland, a small band of survivors attempt to counter the millions closing in around them.

INTERCEPT COMPLETE

Survivor: Day by day, the handwritten journal entries of one man caught in a worldwide cataclysm capture the desperation—and the will to survive—as he joins forces with a handful of refugees to battle soulless enemies both human and inhuman from inside an abandoned strategic missile facility. But in the world of the undead, is mere survival enough? **TP \$29.95**

Allison Brennan*Carnal Sin (Seven Deadly Sins 02)*

The small Californian town of Santa Louisa is still reeling from the lethal rampage of the demon Envy, one of the Seven Deadly Sins released from Hell by black magic. But when more bodies bearing satanic marks surface in Los Angeles, former witch Moira O'Donnell knows the terror is beginning again.

For a trendy LA nightclub has become a hot spot of lustful demonic activity. And as a supernatural war erupts, Moira and Rafe, her tortured and indomitable ally, are caught in the crossfire.

Cornered by mortal and unearthly enemies, they must conquer their greatest fears to survive.

But their growing passion for each other gives the demon Lust exactly what it needs to defeat them both. **TP \$32.95**

Poppy Z Brite*Drawing Blood*

Sex, blood and a haunted house - from the master of gothic horror

At a house in Missing Mile, just outside New Orleans, little Trevor McGee found the bodies of his brother, his mother, and the man who killed them both - his father. Twenty years later, the house lies abandoned. Trevor returns, with his lover Zach, a fugitive computer hacker, determined to uncover what drove his father to madness and murder.

But in confronting the demonic forces that destroyed the McGee family, Trevor unleashes a new terror. And risks his life all over again. **BPB \$24.95**

Lost Souls

At a club in Missing Mile, just outside New Orleans, the children of the night gather. They dress in black and they're looking for acceptance. There's Ghost, who sees what others do not; Ann, looking for love; and Jason, whose real name is Nothing, seeking the deathless truth about his father - and himself. **TP \$24.95**

Charlotte Bronte & Sherri Browning Erwin*Jane Slayre*

Presents a paranormal version of the nineteenth-century novel in which an orphaned young woman, a vampire slayer, accepts employment as a governess at a country estate only to discover that the master's wife, a werewolf, is being hidden in the attic. **TP \$24.99**

Meljean Brook*Demon Blood (Guardian 06)*

When Rosalia, a Guardian trained to fight demons, agrees to help Deacon, a powerful vampire and betrayer of the Guardians, exact revenge on demonkind, their tentative alliance leads to explosive--and forbidden--passion. **PB \$19.95**

Jim Butcher*First Lord's Fury (Codex Alera 06)*

The aging First Lord of Alera has fallen in battle. Yet his people must continue to resist an invading inhuman army. Desperate Alerans even pledge fealty to the Vord Queen to survive, turning the incredible power of Aleran furies back on their own people. And despite all efforts, the Alerans are being ground into dust and pushed to the farthest reaches of their own realm. However, Tavi has returned with vital insights from the Canim Blood Lands. He knows how to counter the Vord and, more importantly, believes human ingenuity can equal fury-born powers. Now events are rushing towards a last stand, where Tavi and the last Aleran legions must formulate a dangerous new strategy, together. For a civilization is on the brink of extinction. **APB \$19.99**

Blood Rites (Dresden Files 06)

For Harry Dresden, there have been worse assignments than going undercover on the set of an adult film. Still, there's something more troubling than usual about his newest case. The film's producer believes he's the target of a sinister curse-but it's the women around him who are dying.

Harry's even more frustrated because he only got involved with this bizarre mystery as a favor to Thomas-his flirtatious, self-absorbed vampire acquaintance of dubious integrity. Thomas has a personal stake in the case Harry can't quite figure out. But Harry is about to discover that Thomas' family tree has been hiding a shocking revelation that will change his life forever... **HC \$52.95**

Alan Campbell*God of Clocks (Deepgate Codex 03)*

The gates to Hell have been opened, releasing unnatural creatures and threatening to turn the world into a killing field. In the middle, caught between warring gods and fallen angels, humanity finds itself pushed to the brink of extinction. Its only hope is the most unlikely of heroes...

Former assassin Rachel Hael has rejoined the blood-magician Mina Greene and her devious little dog Basilis on one last desperate mission to save the world from the grip of Hell. Carried in the jaw of a debased angel, they rush to the final defensive stronghold of the god of clocks - pursued all the while by the twelve arconites, the great iron-and-bone automatons controlled by King Menoa, the lord of the maze.

But the strange fortress of the god of clocks is unlike anything they could ever have expected. And now old enemies and new allies join in a battle whose outcome could end them all... **BPB \$22.99**

Dakota Cassidy*My Way To Hell*

A hilarious new romance that really turns up the heat, from the national bestselling author of Kiss and Hell.

After defying Lucifer to save her best friend Delaney, ex-demon Marcella Acosta has been banished to exist in the plane between heaven and hell-and there isn't a shopping mall in sight. After numerous failed attempts to contact Delaney through a bunch of hack mediums, Marcella's at her wit's end. But there's one medium she's hasn't tried yet, and he just happens to be Delaney's scorching hot brother Kellen- the one guy who never gave Marcella the time of day. **TP \$30.95**

Karen Chance

Touch the Dark (Cassandra Palmer 01)

Cassandra Palmer can see the future and communicate with spirits – talents that make her attractive to the dead and the undead. The ghosts of the dead aren't usually dangerous; they just like to talk . . . a lot.

The undead are another matter.

Like any sensible girl, Cassie tries to avoid vampires. But when the bloodsucking mafioso she escaped three years ago finds Cassie again with vengeance on his mind, she's forced to turn to the vampire Senate for protection.

The undead senators won't help her for nothing, and Cassie finds herself working with one of their most powerful members, a dangerously seductive master vampire – and the price he demands may be more than Cassie is willing to pay . **BPB \$19.95**

Claimed By Shadow (Cassandra Palmer 02)

A recent legacy made Cassandra Palmer heir to the title of Pythia, the world's chief clairvoyant. It's a position that usually comes with years of training, but Cassie's circumstances are a little . . . unusual. And now she's stuck with a whopping amount of power that every vamp, Fey, and mage in town wants to either monopolize or eradicate-and that she herself doesn't dare use.

What's more, she's just discovered that a certain arrogant master vampire has put a geis on her-a magical claim that warns off any would-be suitors, and might also explain the rather . . . intense attraction between them. But Cassie's had it with being jerked around, and anyone who tries it from now on is going to find out that she makes a very bad enemy . . . **BPB \$19.95**

Arthur C Clarke

Childhood's End

Earth has become a Utopia, guided by a strange unseen people from outer space whose staggering powers have eradicated war, cruelty, poverty and racial inequality. When the Overlords finally reveal themselves, their horrific form makes little impression.

Then comes the sign that the Overlords have been waiting for. A child begins to dream strangely - and develops remarkable powers. Soon this happens to every child - and the truth of the Overlords mission is finally revealed to the human race... **BPB \$22.99**

Michael Cobley

The Orphaned Worlds (Humanity's Fire 02)

Darien is no longer a lost outpost of humanity, but the prize in an intergalactic power struggle. Hegemony forces have a stranglehold over the planet and crack troops patrol its hotspots while Earth watches, passive, rendered impotent by galactic politics. But its Darien ambassador will soon become a player in a greater conflict. There is more at stake than a turf war on a newly discovered world. An ancient Uvovo temple hides access to a hyperspace prison, housing the greatest threat sentient life has ever known. Millennia ago, malignant intelligences were caged there following an apocalyptic war. And their servants work on their release. However, Darien's guardians have not been idle, gathering resistance on the planet's forest moon. Knowledge has been lost since great races battled in eons past, and now time is short. The galaxy will depend on the Uvovo reclaiming their past - and humanity must look to its future. For a new war is coming. **TP \$32.99**

Glenn Cooper

Book of Souls

A shocking truth lies within the pages of an ancient library, locked inside a high-security complex deep beneath the Nevada desert. And the US government will stop at nothing to keep it classified. But now a shadowy group of ex-employees want the world to know – however terrifying the disclosure might prove to be. And when a single volume missing from the original collection mysteriously surfaces at a London auction house, they persuade former FBI agent Will Piper to help them obtain it and unlock the ultimate secret of the library, once and for all.

Travelling to England, Will discovers the text contains a sonnet that holds a series of clues – clues that reveal the book has had a profound effect on the history of mankind. But all the time he is being watched. And as he gets nearer to the final revelation, he and his young family become a direct target for a deadly group of men whose duty it is to guard the library's secret – whatever it takes. However, the truth is too powerful to keep hidden... **PB \$21.95**

Justin Cronin

The Passage

Amy Harper Bellafonte is six years old and her mother thinks she's the most important person in the whole world. She is. Anthony Carter doesn't think he could ever be in a worse place than Death Row. He's wrong. FBI agent Brad Wolgast thinks something beyond imagination is coming. It is. **TP \$35**

Rowena Cory Daniells Australian Author

The King's Bastard (Chronicles of King Rolan's Kin 01)

The Kingdom of Rolencia sleeps as rumours of new Affinity Seeps, places where the untamed power wells up. By royal decree all those afflicted with Affinity must serve the Abbey or face death. Sent to the Ab-bey, the King's youngest son, Fyn, trains to become a warrior monk. Elsewhere others are tainted with Affinity and must fight to survive. Political intrigue and magic combine in this explosive first book in an exciting new fantasy trilogy. **APB \$19.95**

Casey Daniels

Tomb With A View (Pepper Martin Mystery 06)

Cleveland's Garden View Cemetery is hosting a James A. Garfield commemoration. For tour guide and reluctant medium Pepper Martin this means that's he'll surely be hearing from the dead president himself. And when she's assigned to help plan the event with know-it-all volunteer and Garfield fanatic Marjorie Klinker, she'll wish Marjorie were dead...too bad someone beats Pepper to it. **PB \$19.95**

MaryJanice Davidson

Undead and Unwelcome (Undead 08)

Betsy Taylor has problems that only a vampire queen/suburban wife could possibly understand...such as fifty thousand angry werewolves. That's what Betsy is facing when she takes her werewolf friend Antonia's body to Cape Cod, where the Pack resides at Wyndham Mansion. Because Antonia died in her service, Betsy is alive and well - and wracked with guilt. She has no idea if the Wyndham werewolves will welcome her with fangs or friendship. While Betsy and her husband Sinclair try to make nice, their legal ward BabyJon is freaking out every werewolf he comes in contact with. Meanwhile, Betsy's posse back at the St Paul mansion are not happy. Increasingly frantic emails alert Betsy to her half-sister's increasingly erratic behavior. Looks like the devil's daughter is coming into her own - and raising hell. All in the name of making Betsy's life easier, of course. **APB \$17.99**

MaryJanice Davidson

Undead and Unfinished (Undead 09)

Vampire Queen Betsy Taylor is having a tough time getting through the Book of the Dead-until the Devil strikes a bargain. She offers Betsy a chance to finish the cursed (literally!) thing, and finally discover all its mysteries. There's just one catch...

Betsy and her half-sister Laura have to go to Hell long enough for Laura to embrace her dark heritage (after a rebellious youth of charity work) and finally make nice with her mother, aka Lucifer. That means interacting with their family's past. In doing so, they're impacting the future in ways they never anticipated. Of course that's what Mother wanted all along. Damn her. **HC \$51.95 TP \$32.99**

Mark del Franco

Face Off (Laura Blackstone 02)

Laura Black is a druid who can change her appearance. She is both the Fey Guild's public relations director and a secret agent for the International Security Agency. And now she'll have to choose where her loyalties lie when a political war breaks out between the fey and human populations... **PB \$19.95**

Lori Devoti

Zombie Moon

Caleb kept his own secrets-like the one he couldn't hide when the moon was full. But his wolf was drawn to Samantha, recognizing her as his mate. With her in his arms, Caleb reveled in passion-and rued his deception. Would she still love the man who fought by her side if she realized that zombies weren't the only monsters? Samantha would have to make a choice-and she only had till the next full moon. **PB \$14.95**

Christina Dodd

Chains of Ice (Chosen Ones 03)

As a wildlife observer in the untamed mountains, Genny Valente had no idea that a beast more fearsome than any leopard lurked in the forest-a man, one of the Chosen Ones, betrayed by his gift and tormented by his memories. John Powell fled his fate and his duty, yet in Genny he sees his one chance for redemption. He will stalk her, kidnap her, and love her as only a savage can. **PB \$19.95**

Terry Dowling *Australia*

Amberjack: Tales of Fear and Wonder

Amberjack: Tales of Fear & Wonder gives us the best of Terry's recent uncollected work in a single wonderful volume. From invasion by the truly alien in "The Lagan Fishers", "Truth Window" and "Flashmen" to the gut-wrenching horror of "Toothier" and "The Suits at Auderlene", from the day-after-tomorrow, hardline SF of "He Tried to Catch the Light" to the epic sweep and swashbuckling adventure of "The Library", this is imaginative storytelling as it should be: provocative, unsettling, beautifully crafted, full of invention and genuine surprise and, yes, a definite touch of the dark side. The Library is a Tom Rynosseros story.

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Limited edition. **HC \$75**

Larry Doyle

Go, Mutants!

Earth has survived repeated alien invasions, attacks by hordes of mutants, and the ravages of ancient beasts brought back to life. Now we're in the blissful future...for most.

J!m, the son of the alien who nearly destroyed the planet, is a brooding, megacephalic rebel with a big forehead and exceptionally oily skin. Along with Johnny, a radioactive biker ape, and Jelly, a gelatinous mass passing as a fat kid, J!m navigates a particularly unpleasant adolescence in which he really is as alienated as he feels, the world might actu-ally be out to get him, and true love is complicated by mis-understanding and incompatible parts. As harmless school antics escalate into explosive events with tragic consequences, J!m makes a discovery that will alter the course of civilization, though it may help his dating life.

Replete with all the rock 'n' roll, hot-rod racing, and heavy petting of classic teen cinema-and packed with famous film-monster cameos-Go, Mutants! is fun strapped to an atomic rocket, and Doyle's deadpan delivery and razor-sharp wit will have you laughing out loud before he even starts the ignition sequence. **HC \$49.95**

Emily Drake

Magickers Chronicles (01)

Long ago, a war was fought between two opposing groups of magic practitioners-the Magickers, who believed in using magic for the general good, and the Dark Hand, who felt that magic belonged to them and should only be used for their own benefit. Now the Magickers are looking for young recruits to their cause-for the final battle will soon begin... **PB \$20.95**

Jocelynn Drake

Pray for Dawn (Dark Days 04)

Pray for salvation . . .

Pray for daylight . . .

Murder has pulled Mira out of the shadows and back into the living world . . .

As the fire-wielding enforcer of the nightwalker coven wrestles with the mind-destroying ghosts of her dark past, the slaying of a senator's daughter in Savannah threatens to expose her kind to the brilliant light of day. The dawn of chaos has come. The naturi have broken free of their eternal prison to feed on the defenseless and unbelieving of an unprepared Earth.

Mira and Danaus—vampire and vampire slayer—must unite to prevent the annihilation of their separate races. But for Danaus the challenge is intensified, for he must also fight the bori who covets his soul. And Mira, the nightwalker he must protect—whose power is the Earth's last hope—is rapidly going insane. **APB \$19.95**

Cynthia Eden

I'll Be Slaying You

The last thing Baton Rouge paranormal hunter Sandra "Dee" Daniels needs as she prepares to face down a powerful vampire is the arrival of Simon Chase, a sexy shadow with a haunted past who kindles a desire in her she has never known before--and who knows a secret that will change Dee's life. By the author of *Midnight's Master*. **TP \$28.95**

Greg Egan *Australian Author*

Oceanic

Collected together here for the first time are twelve stories by the incomparable Greg Egan, one of the most exciting writers of science fiction working today. In these dozen glimpses into the future Egan continues to explore the essence of what it is to be human and the nature of what - and who - we are, in stories that range from parables of contemporary human conflict and ambition to far-future tales of our immortal descendants. Return to the universe of the meta-civilisation known as the Amalgam, which Egan explored in his critically acclaimed novel *Incandescence*: 'Riding the Crocodile', which recounts an epic endeavour a million years from now to bridge the divide between the Amalgam and the reclusive Aloof; 'Glory', set in the same future, in which two archaeologists strive to decipher the artefacts of an ancient civilisation and 'Hot Rock', where an obscure, sunless world conceals mind-spinning technological marvels. **BPB \$22.99**

Zendegi

Nasim is a young computer scientist, hoping to work on the Human Connectome Project: a plan to map every neural connection in the human brain. But funding for the project is cancelled and Nasim ends up devoting her career to Zendegi, a computerised virtual world used by millions of people. Fifteen years later, a revived Connectome Project has published a map of the brain. Zendegi is facing fierce competition from its rivals and Nasim decides to exploit the map to fill the virtual world with better Proxies: the bit-players that bring its crowd scenes to life. As controversy rages over the nature and rights of the Proxies, a friend with terminal cancer begs Nasim to make a Proxy of him, so some part of him will survive to help raise his orphaned son. But Zendegi is about to become a battlefield... **TP \$32.99**

Anna Elliott

Dark Moon of Avalon (02)

Reunited after a hard-fought but tenuous victory, the young former High Queen Isolde and her friend and protector Trystan are sent on a dangerous quest to keep Lord Marche from usurping the throne of Britain through the brute force of his Saxon allies. This time, they must act as diplomats, persuading the rulers of each of the smaller kingdoms, from Ireland to Cornwall, that their loyalty to King Madoc is needed to keep Britain from the hands of a despot. With the combined influences of Isolde's cunning wit and talent for healing, and Trystan's strength and bravery, they must win the loyalty of a kingdom to fight for the side of right.

Though Trystan has protected his identity for years, he has been exposed to the one person he's feared the most - his father, Lord Marche, who now understands the threat his estranged son will prove to be. With admissions of love hanging in the air, both Trystan and Isolde feel that their presence puts the other at greater risk. But when their situation is at its most desperate, they must finally confront their true feelings towards each other, in time for a battle that will test the strength of their will and their hearts. **BPB \$22.99**

Sam Fisher *Australian Author*

State of Emergency (E Force 01)

E-FORCE: six gifted, highly trained operatives

MISSION: Specialist rescue in times of global emergency The Emergency Force team - including former marine Mark Harrison, Shuttle pilot Michaela Buchanan and cyber genius Tom Erickson - employs some of the most highly advanced equipment on the planet, from mach-10 jets to incredible cybersuits that make the wearer almost super-human. And they'll need all that gadgetry for their first mission - to save the life of US Senator Kyle Foreman. As Foreman was giving a speech in LA, two bombs ripped through the Conference Center where he and thousands of his supporters had gathered. Many have died. Miraculously, Foreman survives - but he's trapped inside, as fires rage and floors collapse. While E-Force plan their perilous route into the building, so too does the Dragon, the psychotic assassin who will let nothing and no one get in the way of his deadly mission. **APB \$21.95**

Aftershock (E Force 02)

For billionaire Michael Xavier, the opening of The Neptune Hotel in Fiji is the culmination of a childhood dream and an adult obsession - to build a luxury hotel, deep under water on the ocean bed.

But during the glittering Opening Night Gala the unthinkable happens. There is a succession of explosions and aftershocks that destroy the hotel and leave a handful of survivors attempting the impossible - to escape from a crumbling building 100 metres deep in the ocean. Enter E-Force, the global rescue team, who race to the scene... But even for these experienced operatives this is one rescue they will never forget. **TP \$32.95**

Tom Fletcher

The Leaping (01)

Jack finished university three years ago, but he's still stuck in a dead-end job in a sinister call-centre in Manchester. When the beautiful (and rich) Jennifer comes into his life he thinks he has finally found his ticket out of there. Trouble is that his boss is interested in Jennifer as well, and there's something strangely bestial about him. So when Jennifer buys Fell House, a mysterious old farm out in remote Cumbria, a house party on a legendary scale seems like the perfect escape. But as the party spins out of control on a seemingly never-ending night, they must face up to the terrifying possibility that not all their guests may be human and some of them want to feed.

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Alan Dean Foster

Flinx Transcendant (Flinx 14)

From one of the most brilliant imaginations in science fiction comes Flinx Transcendent, Alan Dean Foster's thrilling conclusion to the series that began over thirty-five years ago—the epic adventures of Flinx and his flying minidrag companion, Pip.

Flinx is the only one with even the tiniest chance of stopping the evil colossus barreling in to destroy the Humanx Commonwealth (and everything else in the Milky Way). With time running out, Flinx is a man in search of a solution and in search of himself. His efforts take him to the land of his mortal enemies, the bloodthirsty AAnn, where chances are excellent that Flinx's discovery—and summary execution—will eliminate all his demons and doubts in one masterstroke.

The way Flinx is feeling, that might not be the worst imaginable end. After years of searching for his father, he finally has—and must bear—the truth. And now he must also seek out an ancient sentient weapons platform wandering around somewhere in the galaxy and then communicate with it, a powwow that could very well fry his already frazzled brain. Then there are the oblivion-craving assassins determined to stop Flinx before he can prevent total annihilation.

With a future that rosy, it's no surprise he's flirting with disaster. Still, Flinx is no quitter, and he's got something else going for him—an uncanny ability to improvise and triumph (or at least survive) in impossible situations. He's certainly been through enough of them, and now he's going to need every ounce of that know-how, because he's venturing to places where the laws of physics fear to tread, where no one's ever been, to do what no one's ever done, and where his deadliest enemy is so close it's invisible. **APB \$19.95**

Jeaniene Frost

One Foot in the Grave (Night Huntress 02)

Half-vampire Cat Crawfield is now Special Agent Cat Crawfield, working for the government to rid the world of the rogue undead. She's still using everything Bones, her sexy and dangerous ex, taught her, but when Cat is targeted for assassination, the only man who can help her is the vampire she left behind. Being around Bones awakens all her emotions, from the adrenaline rush of slaying vamps together, side by side, to the reckless passion that consumed them. But having a price on her head - wanted: dead or half-alive - means her survival depends on teaming up with Bones. And no matter how hard Cat tries to keep things professional between them, she'll find that desire lasts forever...and Bones won't let her get away again. **BPB \$22.99**

Eternal Kiss of Darkness (Night Huntress World 02)

An immortal war has been brewing in the darkness . . .

And now one woman has stumbled into the shadows.

Chicago private investigator Kira Graceling should have just kept on walking. But her sense of duty refused to let her ignore the moans of pain coming from inside a warehouse just before dawn. Suddenly she finds herself in a world she's only imagined in her worst nightmares.

At the center is Mencheres, a breathtaking Master vampire who thought he'd seen it all. Then Kira appears—this fearless, beautiful . . . human who braved death to rescue him. Though he burns for her, keeping Kira in his world means risking her life. Yet sending her away is unthinkable.

But with danger closing in, Mencheres must choose either the woman he craves, or embracing the darkest magic to defeat an enemy bent on his eternal destruction. **PB \$19.95**

Yasmine Galenorn

Night Myst (Indigo Court 01)

Eons ago, vampires tried to turn the Dark Fae in order to harness their magic, only to create a demonic enemy more powerful than they imagined. Now Myst, the Vampiric Fae Queen of the Indigo Court, has enough power to begin a long prophesied supernatural war. And Cicely Waters, a witch who can control the wind, may be the only one who can stop her—and save her beloved Fae prince from the Queen's enslavement. **APB \$19.95**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear & W Michael Gear USA

People of the Thunder (People)

Born in a time of violent upheaval, young Odion and his little sister, Tutelo, live in fear that one day Yellowtail Village will be attacked. When that day comes and Odion and Tutelo are marched away as slaves, Odion's only hope is that his parents are tracking them, coming to rescue them.

They are. But War Chief Koracoo and Deputy Gonda think they are tracking an ordinary war party herding captive women and children to an enemy village. Instead, they are following close on the heels of legendary evil, an old witch-woman named Gannajero, who captures children for her own purposes... **HC \$52.95**

Nancy Gideon

Chased by Moonlight (Shapeshifter 02)

When her preternatural lover, Max Savoie, is accused of murder, Detective Charlotte Caissie must distance herself from the case in order to prove him innocent, while Max, desperate to uncover his past, gets involved with a cunning stranger who claims he can teach Max the things he needs to know to stay alive. **PB \$19.95**

Laurence Gonzales

Lucy

An explosive, daring novel that suggests what might happen when a young girl is discovered to be the result of the experimental breeding of human and ape.

Lucy, the fourteen-year-old daughter of a primatologist, a girl who has had only apes as playmates, is rescued from the jungles of the Congo during a civil war uprising and brought to live in the suburbs of Chicago. The stunning revelation of who—and what—she is sets in motion her fight for survival and for her very right to exist.

Here is a novel that has as its underpinnings the moral, ethical, and philosophical issues of cutting-edge biotechnology, genetic engineering, and cloning, and that masterfully explores what it means to be human . . . **HC \$51.95**

Heather Graham

Ghost Shadow (Bone Island 01)

There are those who walk among us who are no longer alive, but not yet crossed over. They seek retribution...vengeance...to warn. Among the living, few intuit their presence.

Katie O'Hara is one who can.

As she's drawn deeper and deeper into a gruesome years-old murder, whispered warnings from a spectral friend become more and more insistent. But Katie must uncover the truth: could David Beckett really be guilty of his fiancée's murder? Worse—the body count's rising on the Island of Bones, and the dead seem to be reenacting some macabre tableaux from history. The danger is increasing by the moment—especially as Katie finds herself irresistibly drawn to David, who may be responsible for more than just one killing... **PB \$19.95**

Barry Grant

Strange Return of Sherlock Holmes, The

The original super-sleuth, Sherlock Holmes, is back on the case - When James Wilson retires from journalism, he decides to settle down in Herefordshire with a room-mate, a Mr Cedric Coombes, and at first thinks little of his new friend's eccentric behaviour. But he can't shake the feeling that he knows him from somewhere else. As Coombes displays his magnificent deductive prowess, and becomes embroiled in the police investigation of the apparent murder of a man in bathtub, Wilson, or should we say Watson, begins to wonder just who this Coombes really is . . .

HC \$56.95

David Gregory

Last Christian

A.D. 2088. Missionary daughter Abigail Caldwell emerges from the jungle for the first time in her thirty-four years, the sole survivor of a mysterious disease that killed everyone else in her village. After receiving a curious message from her grandfather, Abby goes to America, only to discover a nation where Christianity has completely died out. Abby gives herself a new mission - to re-introduce Christian faith to America, no matter how insurmountable this seems. But a larger threat looms. The world's leading artificial intelligence industrialist has perfected a technique for downloading the human brain into a silicon form. Brain transplants have begun, and with them comes the promise of eternal existence. Abby and Professor Creighton Daniels, a historian troubled by the mystery of his father's sudden death, uncover a plot to force the entire planet to convert to this "transhuman" status - and forever lose all possibility of a connection with God. Together, they begin to unravel the conspiracy, attracting the attention of the powerful and devious men behind it. In a race for their lives, Abby and Creighton search for the truth while humanity's spiritual future hangs in the balance. **TP \$32.99**

Matt Haig

The Radleys

On a leafy street in the quiet British village of Bishopthorpe lives an ordinary and dysfunctional but happy family. Peter Radley is the village doctor, and his wife Helen is a member of the local book club. Their children Clara and Rowan are experiencing the standard hormonal anguish of adolescence. But Peter and Helen have been keeping from their children a life-changing family secret.

When Clara finds herself committing a bloodthirsty act of violence one night, her parents react with resignation rather than horror. Peter and Helen decide to finally explain to their children why their skin is so sensitive to sunlight, why animals always run away at the sight of them, and why Clara's recent decision to go vegan has been so detrimental to her health - just a few of the disadvantages of being an 'abstaining' vampire. The Radley parents long ago made a commitment not to drink the blood of humans, and to try instead to live an ordinary suburban life that would give the kids a chance to grow up 'normal'. But some things just can't be kept buried. **TP \$32.95**

Traci Harding Australian Author

Being of the Field (Triad of Being 01)

The power to control the driving force of the universe has finally come to light.

At the university on Maladaan, Taren has studied everything from genetics and cell communication to Quantum Physics, Astrophysics and ESP. She believes there is an ocean of microscopic vibrations connecting everything in the universe to every other universe - an inter-dimensional field theory. Unbeknownst to Taren, her research and hidden psychic talents are the reason she is called on by the prestigious AMIE space project to investigate an ocean planet and its strange light phenomena. However, there are conflicting agendas within the organisation and she is the only one who begins to suspect that foul play might be afoot ... **APB \$22.99**

Kim Harrison

Black Magic Sanction (Hollows 08)

Having barely escaped being skewered by the criminal vampire overlord of Cincinnati, Rachel now has even bigger problems to contend with.

The demon, Algaliarept, although banished back into the hereafter has infected others of his kind with his interest in a witch who can channel demon magic. Rachel soon finds herself with not one but three hellions on her tail; and one of them is even crazier and more dangerous than all the fairy assassins, weres and vampires on the planet. **APB \$20.99**

Meagan Hatfield

Shadow of the Vampire

Ordered to kill the one man she desires--Declan Black, a dragon lord who has come to take revenge on the vampires who killed his parents and claim a crystal of unimaginable power--125-year-old vampire princess Alexia Feodorovna tempts fate by succumbing to forbidden passion with the enemy. **PB \$19.95**

Tracy Hickman

Song of the Dragon (Annals of Drakis 01)

Once humans had magic and an alliance with dragons. Now they and the other races have been enslaved by the Rhonas Empire-the elves-and can't even remember the world the way it used to be. But thanks to the intervention of one determined dwarf and the human slave warrior known as Drakis, all of that is about to change. **HC \$51.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Jim C Hines

Red Hood's Revenge (Princess 03)

Wars may end. But vengeance is forever. Roudette's story was a simple one. A red cape. A wolf. A hunter. Her mother told her she would be safe, so long as she kept to the path. But sometimes the path leads to dark places. Roudette is the hunter now, an assassin known throughout the world as the Lady of the Red Hood. Her mission will take her to the country of Arathea and an ancient fairy threat. At the heart of the conflict between humans and fairies stands the woman Roudette has been hired to kill, the only human ever to have fought the Lady of the Red Hood and survived-the princess known as Sleeping Beauty. **PB \$19.95**

Robert Holdstock

Avilion

At the heart of Ryhope Wood, Steven and the mythago Guiwenneth live in the ruins of a Roman villa close to a haunted fortress from the Iron Age, from which Guiwenneth's myth arose. She is comfortable here, almost tied to the place and Steven has long since abandoned all thought of returning to his own world. They have animals, protection and crops. They also have two children, a combination of human and mythago. Jack is like his father, an active boy keen to know all about the outer world'; Yssobel takes after her mother, even to her long auburn hair. But this idyll cannot last. The hunters who protected Guiwenneth as a child have come to warn her she is in danger. Yssobel is dreaming increasingly of her Uncle Christian, Steven's brother, who disappeared into Lavondyss and Jack wants to see 'the outer world' more than anything. Events are about to overtake them. **BPB \$24.99**

Jeannie Holmes*Blood Law*

Alexandra Sabian, an enforcer for the Federal Bureau of Preternatural Investigations, must maintain the tentative alliance between her kind and humans, but when dead vampires begin turning up, murdered in the same gruesome fashion as her father was years ago, the job suddenly turns personal. **PB \$19.95**

Tom Holt*Blonde Bombshell*

The year is 2017. Lucy Pavlov is the CEO of PavSoft Industries, home of a revolutionary operating system that every computer in the world runs on. Her personal wealth is immeasurable, her intelligence is unfathomable, and she's been voted 'Most Beautiful Woman' for three years running. To put it simply - she has it all. One thing, however, is not quite right in Lucy's life. She doesn't realize it yet, but she is in fact a bomb. And not just any old bomb. Lucy is a very big, and very smart bomb, and her mission is to blow up the planet known as Earth. **TP \$32.99**

Jonathan L Howard*Johannes Cabal the Necromancer*

Johannes Cabal has never pretended to be a hero of any kind. There is, after all, little heroic about robbing graves, stealing occult volumes, and being on nodding terms with demons. His purpose, however, is noble. His researches are all directed to raising the dead. For such a prize, some sacrifices are necessary. One such sacrifice was his own soul, but he now sees that was a mistake it's not just that he needs it for his research to have validity, but now he realises he needs it to be himself. Unfortunately, his soul now rests within the festering bureaucracy of Hell. Satan may be cruel and capricious but, most dangerously, he is bored. It is Cabal's unhappy lot to provide him with amusement. In short, a wager: in return for his own soul, Cabal must gather one hundred others in one year. One year to beat the Devil at his own game. And isn't that perhaps just a little heroic? **BPB \$22.99**

Susan Hubbard*The Season of Risks (Ethical Vampire)*

The vampire sects are at war—and war among vampires is fought not with weapons, but with minds.

My name is Ariella Montero, and I know a secret. Telling it will change everything.

Half-human and half-vampire, Ari confronts the darker sides of vampirism, and herself, as the sects deploy new technologies to battle for influence and power.

But beyond these challenges lie greater risks: Ari's relationship with Neil Cameron, the first vampire to run for the U.S. presidency, must be kept under wraps from even those she trusts most. When scandal inevitably erupts, Ari is forced to face the consequences of her actions, learning the hard way that love demands delicate negotiations between memory and desire. **TP \$28.95**

Syrie James*Dracula My Love: The Secret Diaries of Mina Harker*

Who is this magnetic, fascinating man? And how could one woman fall so completely under his spell?

Mina Harker is torn between two men. Struggling to hang on to the deep, pure love she's found within her marriage to her husband, Jonathan, she is inexorably drawn into a secret, passionate affair with a charismatic but dangerous lover. This haunted and haunting creature has awakened feelings and desires within her that she has never before known, which remake her as a woman.

Although everyone she knows fears him and is pledged to destroy him, Mina sees a side to him that the others cannot: a tender, romantic side; a man who's taken full advantage of his gift of immortality to expand his mind and talents; a man who is deeply in love, and who may not be evil after all. Yet to surrender is surely madness, for to be with him could end her life. It may cost Mina all she holds dear, but to make her choice she must learn everything she can about the remarkable origins and sensuous powers of this man, this exquisite monster, this . . . Dracula! **TP \$30.95**

Jean Johnson*Bedtime Stories: A Collection*

All-new! Fairy tales retold with an erotic edge, by the national bestselling author of the Sons of Destiny series.

Jean Johnson sneaks between the covers of such classic fairy tales as Beauty and the Beast, Puss n' Boots, and Sleeping Beauty, and refashions them into bedtime stories for adults only. With clever gender twists, hot fetishistic turns, other-worldly desires, and explorations into forbidden territories, Bedtime Stories reveals a veritable garden of sensual delights that gives new meaning to the term 'happy ending.' **TP \$19.95**

Deborah Kalin Australian Author*Shadow Bound (Binding 02)*

In winning back her throne from her conquerer husband, Dieter, Matilde of the House of Svanaten has swapped one leash for another...

Sidonius, the man she has been forced to swear a vow of vassalage to in exchange for his military support, is the famed slave-born general of the Ilthean empire, and has conquered every land he's invaded - including Matilde's.

Worse, although Dieter has fled, he is not yet defeated. His forces launch strike after strike, sorely testing Matilde's new and uncertain hold on power. Every day he remains uncaptured drives Matilde deeper into the debt of the Ilthean empire.

And the empire does not look kindly on vassals who try to secede. But Matilde does not look kindly on those who would bind her to their will - and Sidonius has under-estimated her ... **APB \$19.99**

Stacia Kane*Unholy Ghosts (Downside Ghosts 02)*

When someone--or something--targets the prostitutes of Downside, Chess Putnam, an agent of the Church of Real Truth, is drawn into a world of murder, sex and the supernatural where she must place herself in the path of evil to find the truth. **MP3 CD \$60 BPB \$24.99**

Kathryne Kennedy*The Fire Lord's Lover*

When warrior Dominic Raikes, the half-blood son of the Elven Lord, discovers that Lady Cassandra, to whom he is betrothed, has been secretly trained as an assassin to murder both him and his father, he must make a difficult choice to save his magical realm. **PB \$19.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*In Other Worlds*

Three of the author's most thrilling stories in one fabulous volume...

Fire and Ice: On the run, a beautiful virgin crosses paths with a sexy ex-assassin.

Knightly Dreams: The dashing hero of a novel comes to life.

Dragonswan: A woman must help a shape-shifting dragon trapped between two worlds. **PB \$19.95**

J Robert King

Death's Disciples

Six weeks ago she got on the plane. The plane exploded. When she woke up in hospital she was terrified by the voices in her head. The spirits of the dead passengers cannot rest until they have delivered their terrifying message: the terrorists are coming to finish the job! **APB \$21.99**

Stephen King

Under the Dome

There's a reason why Stephen King is one of the best selling writers in the world ever. He knows how to write stories that suck you in and are impossible to put down. The New York Times describes it as a 'relentless tidal pull' and Stephen King has done it time and time again with stories like *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Misery*, *The Green Mile* and *The Stand*. In *Under the Dome*, he has produced another riveting masterpiece. The end of every chapter hooks you into the next, drawing you inside a psychological drama that is so rich, you don't read it, you live it. It is the story of the small town of Chester's Mill, Maine which is inexplicably and suddenly sealed off from the rest of the world by an invisible force field. No one can get in and no one can get out. The normal rules of society are suddenly changed and when food, electricity and water run short, the community begins to crumble. As a new and more sinister social order develops, Dale Barbara, Iraq veteran, teams up with a handful of intrepid citizens to fight against the corruption that is sweeping through the town and to try to discover the source of the Dome before it is too late... **BPB \$24.99**

Caitlin Kittredge & Jackie Kessler

Shades of Gray (02)

A follow-up to *Black and White* finds supernatural best friends-turned-arch enemies Jet and Iridium thrown into further turmoil by the destruction of the secret hero frequency, the burning of New Chicago and the rise of the nefarious Doctor Hypnotic. **TP \$30.95**

Caitlin Kittredge

Daemon's Mark (Nocturne City 05)

Someone, or something, is setting fire to the homes of the city's most infamous non-humans, racking up a body count that's growing by the day. And strange, otherworldly creatures no one has seen before—selkies, trolls, and harpies—are causing chaos throughout the city. Racing to stop the carnage, Luna turns to sexy federal agent Will Fagin for help. As they work to uncover the source of the bloodshed, Luna's attraction for Will deepens. But just as she learns Will's darkest secret, *Nocturne City* is thrust into total chaos—leaving Luna and Will in a path of destruction they may not be able to stop...or survive. **APB \$19.95**

Dean Koontz

Lost Souls (Frankenstein 04)

In a powerful reworking of one of the classic stories of all time, Dr Frankenstein lives on, seemingly indestructible, more malignant than ever. Frankenstein's first monster, Deucalion, has spent two hundred years trying to put an end to his creator. Now he learns that a new Frankenstein clone, Victor Helios, is out there again, somewhere. Terrifyingly, with each incarnation the sinister doctor draws closer to the possibility of succeeding in his ambition to create a new human race -- which he will control. He has found an enigmatic backer and is working in a secret location. Together with the two ex-cops who helped him destroy the previous Victor, Deucalion is drawn to the small Montana town where Victor's grotesque new creations are taking shape. Victor's New Race is spectacularly different, a product of cutting-edge technology and stem-cell circuits, and when things go wrong, they go wrong in very unexpected ways. Frankenstein is unleashing a new menace on the world, whether or not he can control it. It may be too late, even if Deucalion can bring him down. **BPB \$19.99**

M D Lachlan

Wolfsangel

The Viking King Authun leads his men on a raid against an Anglo-Saxon village. Men and women are killed indiscriminately but Authun demands that no child be touched. He is acting on prophecy. A prophecy that tells him that the Saxons have stolen a child from the Gods. If Authun, in turn, takes the child and raises him as an heir, the child will lead his people to glory. But Authun discovers not one child, but twin baby boys. Ensuring that his faithful warriors, witness to what has happened, die during the raid Authun takes the children and their mother home, back to the witches who live on the troll wall. And he places his destiny in their hands. And so begins a stunning multi-volume fantasy epic that will take a werewolf from his beginnings as the heir to a brutal viking king, down through the ages. It is a journey that will see him hunt for his lost love through centuries and lives and see the endless battle between the wolf, Odin and Loki - the eternal trickster. **TP \$35**

Mercedes Lackey

The Sleeping Beauty (Five Hundred Kingdoms 05)

Heavy is the head—and the eyelids—of the princess who wears the crown... In Rosamund's realm, happiness hinges on a few simple beliefs:

For every princess there's a prince.

The king has ultimate power.

Stepmothers should never be trusted.

And bad things come to those who break with Tradition....

But when Rosa is pursued by a murderous huntsman and then captured by dwarves, her beliefs go up in smoke. Determined to escape and save her kingdom from imminent invasion, she agrees to become the guinea pig in one of her stepmother's risky incantations—thus falling into a deep, deep sleep. When awakened by a touchy-feely stranger, Rosa must choose between Tradition and her future...between a host of eligible princes and a handsome, fair-haired outsider. And learn the difference between being a princess and ruling as a queen.

The moral of the story? Sometimes a princess has to create her own happy endings.... **HC \$51.95**

L Jagi Lamplighter

Prospero Lost

More than four hundred years after the events of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, the sorcerer Prospero, his daughter Miranda, and his other children have attained everlasting life. Miranda is the head of her family's business, Prospero Inc., which secretly has used its magic for good around the world. One day, Miranda receives a warning from her father: "Beware of the Three Shadowed Ones." When Miranda goes to her father for an explanation, he is nowhere to be found. Miranda sets out to find her father and reunite with her estranged siblings, each of which holds a staff of power and secrets about Miranda's sometimes-foggy past. Her journey through the past, present and future will take her to Venice, Chicago, the Caribbean, Washington, D.C., and the North Pole. To aid her, Miranda brings along Mab, an aerie being who acts like a hard-boiled detective, and Mephistopheles, her mentally-unbalanced brother. Together, they must ward off the Shadowed Ones and other ancient demons who want Prospero's power for their own.... **APB \$19.95**

Victoria Laurie*A Glimpse of Evil (Psychic Eye Mystery 08)*

Professional psychic Abigail Cooper is about to discover that some cold cases are better off dead...

As the FBI's newest Civilian Profiler, Abby Cooper is using her powers of intuition to help solve a backlog of the bureau's cold cases. But when she's the only one who's convinced that several separate cold cases are related, she'll have to call on every intuitive bone in her body before she's the one put on ice... **PB \$19.95**

Duncan Lay Australian Author*The Radiant Child (Dragon Sword 03)*

Norstalos stands on the brink of destruction. But the three invading armies are probably the least of Queen Merren's problems. Her people despise their would-be saviours, the army of goblins she has won to her side, while the dragons want her Champion Martil, and the fabled Dragon Sword, to save themselves. And she must also make the most difficult choice of her life -- marry Count Sendric to preserve the good name of the Royal House, or Martil, the troubled Champion who loves her. **APB \$22.99**

Ursula K Le Guin*Lavinia*

'Like Spartan Helen, I caused a war. She caused hers by letting men who wanted her take her. I caused mine because I wouldn't be given, wouldn't be taken, but chose my man and my fate. The man was famous, the fate obscure; not a bad balance.'

Lavinia is the daughter of the King of Latium, a victorious warrior who loves peace; she is her father's closest companion. Now of an age to wed, Lavinia's mother favours her own kinsman, King Turnus of Rutulia, handsome, heroic, everything a young girl should want. Instead, Lavinia dreams of mighty Aeneas, a man she has heard of only from a ghost of a poet, who comes to her in the gods' holy place and tells her of her future and Aeneas' past... If she refuses to wed Turnus, Lavinia knows she will start a war - but her fate was set the moment the poet appeared to her in a dream and told her of the adventurer who fled fallen Troy, holding his son's hand and carrying his father on his back... **BPB \$22.99**

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

The heat is on... Despite her unique ability to protect herself by hiding in the shadows, May's on the run for breaking Otherworld law. And she's also in hiding from her demon boss, Magoth, who is absolutely determined to seduce her. But then May meets Gabriel. The most gorgeously, broodingly, handsome piece of trouble you can imagine. Sparks fly - quite literally - when she discovers he's actually a shapeshifting dragon. And the passion that burns between them makes it look like he could be the one to take her out of the shadows for good. That is, until Magoth orders May to steal one of Gabriel's treasures. And she really does have to decide if she's up to playing with fire... **APB \$19.99**

Up in Smoke (Silver Dragons 02)

The sparks are flying... Being held hostage by a demon lord is getting considerably chilly, especially when May Northcott's heart still burns for Gabriel Tauhou, the flaming-hot leader of the silver dragons. Destined to be together and yet pulled apart...will there ever be a way to overcome what separates them without disaster? Thankfully Gabriel has a plan to rescue his beloved mate. But it's risky - and would also force May to become a pawn in a very dangerous game involving hell, fire and all of humanity, just in order to secure her freedom. She insists she'd do anything to be with Gabriel. But if the deal falls through and things get too hot, will she be able to withstand the blaze? Or will her life go up in smoke? **APB \$19.99**

Kasey Mackenzie*Red Hot Fury (Marissa Holloway 01)*

When the body of a sister Fury washes up in Boston Harbor, Marissa Holloway discovers that someone is trying to start a war between mortals and arcans and turns to shape-shifting Warhound Scott Murphy for help in solving this dangerous mystery. **APB \$19.95**

Ken MacLeod*The Restoration Game*

There is no such place as Krassnia. Lucy Stone should know - she was born there. In that tiny, troubled region of the former Soviet Union, revolution is brewing. Its organisers need a safe place to meet, and where better than the virtual spaces of an online game? Lucy, who works for a start-up games company in Edinburgh, has a project that almost seems made for the job: a game inspired by The Krassniad, an epic folk tale concocted by Lucy's mother Amanda, who studied there in the 1980s. Lucy knows Amanda is a spook. She knows her great-grandmother Eugenie also visited the country in the '30s, and met the man who originally collected Krassnian folklore, and who perished in Stalin's terror. As Lucy digs up details about her birthplace to slot into the game, she finds the open secrets of her family's past, the darker secrets of Krassnia's past - and hints about the crucial role she is destined to play in The Restoration Game . . . **HC \$55**

Louise Marley*Mozarts Blood*

A vampiric soprano whose blood has mingled with Mozart's has picked up his musical talents and lives out several musical careers, traveling around the world with her mysterious assistant, Ugo, and performing concerts at the top opera houses, until a relentless vampire hunter aims to silence her-- forever. **TP \$30.95**

Todd McCaffrey*Dragongirl (Pern)*

Returning from a three-year visit to a past world where she worked to heal sick and injured dragons, Fiona, rider of the gold queen dragon Talenth, struggles to balance responsibility and ambition when the dragons of her own time begin falling ill. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Kirstyn McDermott Australian Author*Madigan Mine*

Alex doesn't know what he wants to do, how to connect with people or what's good for him. He drifts his way through dead-end jobs and fumbled relationships, unable to find a way out of the rut his life has become. Then he runs into Madigan Sargood and everything changes.

A ray of light shining from an almost-forgotten past, Madigan is beautiful and impulsive, enigmatic and passionate beyond measure. This is what it means to live, Alex realises, and to love. Never mind that she can be somewhat possessive. Never mind that his best friend thinks there's something wrong with her, something dangerous even. Never mind that the creepy band of misfits she attracts have all but taken over his home. Madigan fills Alex's life with significance; he will put up with anything to be with her. Until, without any warning, she kills herself. Now Alex can't seem to get her out of his head, and his world - along with his sanity - begins to disintegrate. Black outs and missing time, conversations he can't recall, people he can't remember. Is this the product of a diseased and lovesick mind, or can Madigan really be trying to communicate with him? When the past threatens to obliterate the future, Alex is forced to take action. To save himself and those he loves, he must discover the sinister reason why Madigan took her own life - and why she won't lie still in her grave. **TP \$32.99**

Ian McDonald

The Dervish House

In 2027 Turkey, sectarian violence threatens, the nation wrestles with whether or not it should leave the European Union, and citizens must carry cards that ration their carbon allowance. **HC \$54.95**

John Meaney

Absorption (Ragnorak 01)

600 years from now on the world of Fulgor Roger Blackstone, son of two Pilots (long-time alien spies, masquerading as ordinary humans) aches to see the mythical Pilot's city of Labyrinth, in the fractal ur-continuum of mu-space. In 8th century Norseland, a young carl called Wulf kills a man, watched by a mysterious warrior who bears the mark of Loki the Trickster God; in 1920s Zurich, Gaviela Silberstein enters the long, baroque central hallway of the Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule where Einstein so recently studied; and on a nameless world, not knowing his human heritage, a silver-skinned youth tries to snatch back an Idea - but it floats away on gentle magnetic currents. There are others across the ages, all with three things in common: they glimpse shards of darkness moving at the edge of their vision; they hear echoes of a dark, disturbing musical chord; and they will dream of joining a group called the Ragnorak Council. **TP \$32.99**

China Mieville

Kraken

A contemporary fantasy set in present-day London finds people flocking to a British Museum exhibit of a giant squid that is stolen by magical criminals, a crime that propels young curator Billy into a supernatural underworld. **HC \$52.95**

K E Mills Australian Author

Wizard Squared (Rogue Agent 03)

When the staff of Witches Incorporated receive a visitor from an alternate reality, they are shocked to learn that life in the parallel world next door is anything but a bed of roses ... and it's all because of Gerald Dunwoody. At a crucial moment in time, their Gerald turned left ... but the alternate reality Gerald turned right. Now the parallel world next door is in the grip of terror, staring down the barrel of a thaumaturgical war -- a war that threatens to spill across the dimensions and plunge every reality into a nightmare.

The only person who can stop a rogue wizard gone mad is another rogue wizard. But what do you do when another rogue wizard can't be found?

WIZARD SQUARED is the conclusion to the Rogue Agent trilogy, from one of fantasy's newest stars. **APB \$19.95 MP3 CD \$60**

Steve Mockus

How to Speak Zombie

In a world overtaken by zombies, the only hope for survival lies in learning the language of the undead. How to Speak Zombie demonstrates how to blend in and avoid being eaten while carrying on with everyday activities like ordering a latte from a zombarista and shopping at a zombie-infested mall. This essential guide features an electronic sound module that demonstrates proper zombie pronunciation ('RAHHHh!'), helpful text that explores the customs and etiquette of the zombie world, and detailed illustrations that show the undead doing everything from pumping iron to dancing the night away. Deeply informative, this handbook also includes an all-purpose BRAINS button that can be used in any situation, deadly or otherwise. **HC \$22.95**

L E Modesitt Jr

Imager's Intrigue (Imager Portfolio 03)

In Imager, the first book of the Imager Portfolio, we met Rhenhthyl, an apprentice portrait artist whose life was changed by a disastrous fire. But the blaze that took his master's life and destroyed his livelihood revealed a secret power previously dormant in Rhenn; the power of imaging, the ability to shape matter using thought. With some trouble, he adapts to the controlled life of an imager.

By Imager's Challenge, Rhenn has become a liaison to the local law forces. He finds himself in direct conflict with both authorities and national politics as he tries to uphold the law and do his best by the people of his home city. Now, in Imager's Intrigue, Rhenn has come into his own. He has a wife and a young child, and a solid career as an imager. But he has made more than one enemy during his journey from apprentice painter to master imager, and even his great powers won't allow him to escape his past. **HC \$56.95**

Haze

What lies beneath the millions of orbiting nanotech satellites that shroud the world called Haze? Major Keir Roget's mission is to make planetfall in secret, find out, and report back to his superiors in the Federation, the Chinese-dominated government that rules Earth and the colonised planets.

For all his effectiveness as a security agent, Roget is troubled by memories of an earlier mission. When he was assigned to covert duty in the Noram backcountry town of St George, he not only discovered that the long-standing Saint culture was neither as backward nor as harmless as his superiors believed, but he barely emerged with his life and sanity whole. Now, scouting Haze, he finds a culture seemingly familiar, yet frighteningly alien, with hints of a technology far superior to that of the Federation. Yet he is not certain how much of what he sees is real - or how to convey a danger he cannot even prove to his superiors, if he can escape Haze. **APB \$16.99**

Nicole Murphy Australian Author

The Secret Ones (Dream of Asarlai 01)

Maggie Shaunessy is used to keeping secrets. She's a fantastic teacher, but she's also gadda, part of a hidden, powerful race - and she has the habit of annoying the wrong people.

Until Lucas Valeroso meets Maggie, he has no idea what awaits him: super-human powers, a smart and beautiful woman interested in unlocking more than his new abilities and, above all, a sense of belonging.

But dark ambition and dangerous bigotry are emerging in the gadda ranks. Lucas's new family might cast him out before he's even truly found his place. And Maggie must work with new allies to find and retrieve a missing artefact before the entire world is changed for all time. **APB \$22.99**

Chloe Neill

Twice Bitten (Chicagoland Vampires 03)

Shapeshifters from across the country are convening in the Windy City, and as a gesture of peace, Master Vampire Ethan Sullivan has offered their leader a very special bodyguard: Merit, Chicago's newest vampire. Merit is supposed to protect the Alpha, Gabriel Keene - and to spy for the vamps while she's at it. Oh, and luckily Ethan's offering some steamy, one-on-one combat training sessions to help her prepare for the mission.

Unfortunately, someone is gunning for Gabriel, and Merit soon finds herself in the line of fire. She'll need all the help she can get to track down the would-be assassin, but everywhere she turns, there are rising tensions between supernaturals - not least between her and a certain green-eyed, centuries-old master vampire. **TP \$30.95**

Rachel Neumeier*Land of the Burning Sands (Griffin Mage 02)*

Gereint of Casmantium knows little about the recent war in which his king tried to use griffins and fire to wrest territory from the neighbouring country of Feierabiand . . . but he does know that his kingdom's unexpected defeat offers him a chance to escape from his own servitude. But now that the griffins find themselves in a position of strength, they are not inclined to forgive, and the entire kingdom finds itself in deadly peril. Willing or not, Gereint will find himself caught up in a desperate struggle between the griffins and the last remaining Casmantian mage. And even the strongest gifts of magecraft may not suffice when the fiery wind of the griffins begins to bury Casmantium beneath the burning sands... **APB \$19.99**

Adam Neville*Apartment 16*

Some doors are better left closed...

In Barrington House, an upmarket block in London, there is an empty apartment. No one goes in, no one comes out. And it's been that way for 50 years. Until the night watchman hears a disturbance after midnight and investigates. What he experiences is enough to change his life forever.

A young American woman, Apryl, arrives at Barrington House. She's been left an apartment by her mysterious Great Aunt Lillian who died in strange circumstances. Rumours claim Lillian was mad. But her diary suggests she was implicated in a horrific and inexplicable event decades ago.

Determined to learn something of this eccentric woman, Apryl begins to unravel the hidden story of Barrington House. She discovers that a transforming, evil force still inhabits the building.

And the doorway to Apartment 16 is a gateway to something altogether more terrifying... **BPB \$22.99**

Mark Charan Newton*Nights of Villjamur (Legends of the Red Sun)*

A first entry in a cross-genre series finds a senior investigator examining the savage murder of a city politician in an ancient city besieged by an ice age, thousands of sanctuary-seeking refugees, reports of the walking dead and a serial womanizer who has manipulated his way into the imperial residence. **HC \$52.95**

City of Ruin

Viliren: a city of sin that is being torn apart from the inside. Hybrid creatures shamle through shadows and barely human gangs fight turf wars for control of the streets.

Amidst this chaos, Commander Brynd Adaol, commander of the Night Guard, must plan the defence of Viliren against a race that has broken through from some other realm and already slaughtered hundreds of thousands of the Empire's people.

When a Night Guard soldier goes missing, Brynd requests help from the recently arrived Inquisitor Jeryd. He discovers this is not the only disappearance the streets of Viliren. It seems that a serial killer of the most horrific kind is on the loose, taking hundreds of people from their own homes. A killer that cannot possibly be human.

The entire population of Viliren must unite to face an impossible surge of violent and unnatural enemies or the city will fall. But how can anyone save a city that is already a ruin? **HC \$54.99**

Eric S Nylund*All That Lives Must Die*

Eliot and Fiona Post are twins caught up in an epic custody battle between their mother's and father's families. Their mother is the immortal goddess Atropos, the eldest Fate, and their father is Lucifer, Lord of the infernals, a diabolical fallen angel. The families have put them through rigorous, life-threatening challenges, and together they've risen to combat them in amazing ways. But now they are facing the greatest trial of all—high school.

Paxington University is no normal high school—it's a place where gods and goddesses, warriors and soccerers learn to harness their power, where a debate in class can end in a duel, and your classmates aren't simply friends or enemies, but allies in battle or threats to your life. To flunk is to die—only the toughest graduate. As Fiona and Eliot struggle to keep up their grades by surviving the rigorous training, both families are watching.

High school is bad enough, but imagine being caught in the midst of an immortal/infernal war... **TP \$30.95**

Wendy Palmer Australian Author*Bastard's Grace*

A virus spreads across Aspermonde, transforming women into beautiful creatures called Mosaics and stealing their minds, souls, and voices. Mosaics are alien, eerie...and collectable.

Lieutenant Simon Cant collects Mosaics for the king but his latest acquisition, Augusta, hasn't yet lost her mind and willpower to the virus.

Maybe it's a miracle. Or maybe it's just a sackful of trouble for Simon and his loyal sergeant, Hal.

All he wants is to get back to Skysend and hand Augusta – and the problem she represents – over to his king. Meanwhile, rebels want to rescue her, a covetous merchant wants to collect her, her sister wants to castrate Simon, and Augusta herself has designs of her own... **TP \$23.95**

Leslie Parrish*Cold Sight (Extrasensory Agents 01)*

Leslie Parrish introduces Extrasensory Agents, a band of psychic investigators interested only in the cases nobody else wants—the coldest ones...

After being made a scapegoat in a botched investigation that led to a child's death, Aidan McConnell became a recluse. Still, as a favor to an old friend, Aidan will help on the occasional ESA case.

Reporter Lexie Nolan has a nose for news—and she believes a serial killer has been targeting teen girls around Savannah, but no one believes her. So she turns to the new paranormal detective agency and the sexy, mysterious Aidan for help. But just as the two begin forging a relationship, the case turns eerily personal for Lexie—and Aidan discovers that maybe he hasn't lost the ability to feel after all. **PB \$19.95**

Nicole Peeler*Tracking the Tempest (Jane True 02)*

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and Ryu - Jane's bloodsucking boyfriend - can't let a major holiday go by without getting all gratuitous. An overwhelming dose of boyfriend interference and a last-minute ticket to Boston later, and Jane's life is thrown off course.

Ryu's well-intentioned plans create mayhem, and Jane winds up embroiled in an investigation involving a spree of gruesome killings. All the evidence points towards another Halfling, much to Jane's surprise... **APB \$19.95**

Adrian Phoenix

Black Dust Mambo (01)

"There will be times, girl, when all your magic ain't going to be enough, times when it will seem to dry up like mud under the noonday sun, or even make matters worse. . . ."

Kallie Rivière, a fiery Cajun hoodoo apprentice with a talent for trouble, finds herself smack-dab in the middle of one of those times her mentor warned her about when she visits New Orleans to attend the Hecatean Alliance's annual carnival: her hard-bodied conjurer hookup ends up dead in her blood-drenched bed. And he was killed by something that Kallie would never dream of touching—the darkest of dark juju, soul-eating juju—a black dust hex that may have been meant to kill her.

Now Kallie has to use every bit of hoodoo knowledge and bayou-bred mojo she possesses to clear her own name and find the killer—even as that dark sorcerer hunts Kallie and her friends. But Kallie's search for the truth soon leads her in a direction she never anticipated—back home to Bayou Cyprés Noir, and to Gabrielle LaRue, Kallie's aunt, protector, and hoodoo mentor . . . who is looking more and more like she just might be the one who wants Kallie dead. **APB \$14.99**

Jerry Pournelle

Fires of Freedom

Omnibus of Birth of Fire and King David's Spaceship.

The struggle for independence on two colony worlds—Mars in the not-so-distant future, and a distant world circling another star in the far future, both threatened by powerful forces and faceless bureaucrats.

Birth of Fire: A teenage delinquent on a crowded, corrupt Earth, Garrett was given a choice: rot in prison on Earth, or be deported to Mars to work in the colony there. But on Mars he would find an inner strength that he had never known before, and when Mars revolted against the multinational corporations that controlled the colonist's lives, Garrett was on the front lines in the battle for planetary freedom.

King David's Spaceship: Set in the same universe as the New York Times best seller, *The Mote in God's Eye*. A new Empire has arisen and is annexing Earth's surviving colony worlds. Haven had fallen back to a nineteenth century level of technology, and the basic requirement for a colony world to be admitted to the Empire as a full-fledged member with the right of self-government is that the colony have space travel. Unless Haven can somehow develop a spaceship, and quickly, the planet will be ruled by Imperial agents and the inhabitants will be little more than medieval serfs.

Two complete novels in one volume by New York Times best-selling author Jerry Pournelle, telling of the eternal struggle of freedom against tyranny throughout the galaxy. **APB \$19.95**

Terry Pratchett

Unseen Academicals (Discworld 32)

Football comes to the Discworld! The first new Discworld novel from mega-selling author Terry Pratchett since *Making Money*, now in paperback. Football has come to the ancient city of Ankh-Morpork. And now the wizards of Unseen University must win a football match, without using magic, so they're in the mood for trying everything else.

The prospect of the Big Match draws in a street urchin with a wonderful talent for kicking a tin can, a maker of jolly good pies, a dim but beautiful young woman, who might just turn out to be the greatest fashion model there has ever been, and the mysterious Mr Nutt (and no one knows anything much about Mr Nutt, not even Mr Nutt, which worries him, too). As the match approaches, four lives are entangled and changed for ever.

Because the important thing about football is that it is not just about football. Here we go! Here we go! Here we go! **APB \$21.95**

Christopher Priest

Inverted World (SF Masterworks)

A uniquely powerful novel of a society in decay. On a planet whose very nature is a mystery a massive decrepit city is pulled along a massive railway track, laying the line down before it as it progresses into the wilderness. The society within toils under an oppressive regime, its structures always on the point of collapse, the lives of its individuals lived in misery. No one knows where they are going, why they are going or what they will find when they get there. The ending of the novel provides one of the most profound twists in SF. **BPB \$22.99**

Laura E Reeve

Pathfinder (Ariane Kedros 03)

In search of redemption, Major Ariane Kedros agrees to become the human pilot for a mysterious alien race called the Minoans and allows them to implant their technology in her body, but, unbeknownst to Ariane, there is a traitor in her midst determined to make this mission her last. **PB \$19.95**

Adam Roberts

Yellow Blue Tibia

Russia, 1946, the Nazis recently defeated, Stalin gathers together half a dozen of the top Soviet science fiction authors. Convinced that the defeat of America is only a few years away and equally convinced that the Soviet Union needs a massive external threat to hold it together, he tells the writers to concoct a highly detailed and believable story about aliens poised to invade earth, so that when America is defeated, the whole population of Soviet Russia will believe the story and before long, the world would as well. But then new orders come from Moscow: they are told to drop the project; Stalin has changed his mind; forget everything about it. So they do. They get on with their lives in their various ways; some of them survive the remainder of Stalin's rule, the changes of the 50s and 60s. And then, in the aftermath of Chernobyl, the survivors gather again, because something strange has started to happen. The story they invented in 1946 is starting to come true... **BPB \$22.99**

Linda Robertson

Fatal Circle (Circle 03)

When the fairies demand that she destroy the ancient vampire Menessos, to whom she is secretly magically bonded, Persephone Alcmēdi, the high priestess of a coven, places everything on the line, including her relationship with her werewolf lover, to stand against the faeries. **PB \$14.99**

Christopher Rowley

The Bloodstained Man (Netherworld 02)

Following the explosive events of book one, Pleasure Model, Detective Rook Venner, Mistress Julia, and Plesur are on the run from the government troops trying to kill them, and from a shadowy group that wants to capture Plesur alive for its own purposes. What secrets have been implanted in Plesur's head – and why are they worth killing for?

Caught between these two powerful rivals, the trio hides out in the lawless New Jersey territory. Betrayed by gang members looking to collect the bounty on Plesur's head, the three are separated and Rook and Mistress Julia find themselves in mortal danger. Julia, given as a prize to a gang member, finds herself in chains, but not without her own means of fighting back. Rook, forced to fight for his life in the gang's bloodthirsty gladiatorial games, must stay alive long enough to rescue Plesur, but time is running out.

The Bloodstained Man is a fast-paced, adrenaline-filled ride through a future where pleasure has a price, and Plesur holds the key to a secret that could rock the country to its very core. **BPB \$29.95**

Robert J Sawyer

WWW: Watch (WWW 02)

Caitlin Decter could never have anticipated what was coming when she first sensed a strange presence on the internet. Webmind is an emerging consciousness that has befriended blind mathematics genius Caitlin Decter and has grown eager to learn about her world. But Webmind has also come to the attention of WATCH - the secret government agency that monitors the Internet for any threat to the United States - and they're fully aware of Caitlin's involvement in its awakening.

WATCH is convinced that Webmind represents a risk to national security and wants it purged from cyberspace. But Caitlin believes in Webmind's capacity for compassion - and she will do anything and everything necessary to protect her friend. **TP \$32.99**

Joel Shepherd Australian Author

Haven (Trial of Blood and Steel 04)

The Army of the Regent Arosh advances on the forces loyal to Saalshen, homeland of the serrin people, as the serrin friends are in full retreat. Their only hope is to reach the city of Jahnd - the serrin word for Haven - across the River Ipshaal, the only human city in Saalshen itself. The Army of Lenayin marches with the Regent, but Sasha, sister of newly crowned King Koenyg, can no longer stomach the awful cause for which her people march. As tensions between herself and her brothers rise, Sasha's sister Sofy, wedded to the Regent, travels to the city of Tracato, to attempt to negotiate a peaceful transition of its wonderful heritage to her husband's rule. But there are forces beneath the Regent's banner that wish to see all serrin and serrin-influenced civilisation destroyed for good. As the serrin people fight for survival, families must be betrayed, enemies reconciled, nations persuaded and great armies fought, as *A Trial of Blood & Steel* reaches its dramatic conclusion. **TP \$32.99**

Mike Shevdon

The Road to Bedlam (Courts of the Feyre 02)

The sequel to *Sixty-One Nails* "There's been an accident. It's your daughter." But Alex isn't dead. She's been snatched because she came into her magical power early.

Her father, Niall Petersen, must use his own wayward magic to track her down and save her from the madness of Bedlam. **APB \$21.99**

Gena Showalter

The Nymph King (Atlantis)

Enter a world of Dragons, Demons and Nymphs... Enter a world of dark seduction and powerful magic... Enter Atlantis...

Females young and old, beautiful and plain crave Valerian's touch. None can resist his blatant sensuality and potent allure... until he steals Shaye Holling from a Florida beach and holds her prisoner in his underwater kingdom.

The cynical Shaye wants nothing to do with the mighty warlord, but she's inexplicably drawn to him. For underneath the warrior's arrogant beauty lies a complex and powerful man. A man whose caress is like fire....

Now Valerian must fight for the privilege of claiming her as his own. Because there's one thing Shaye doesn't know...

That when a nymph discovers his true mate, she's his for life. **BPB \$22.99**

The Darkest Lie (Lords of the Underworld 06)

When Scarlet, a demon-possessed immortal and keeper of Nightmares, claims to be his long-lost wife, Gideon, keeper of the Demon of Lies, must battle against his enemies to find the truth about this woman who is too dangerous to roam free. **PB \$19.95**

Scott Sigler

Ancestor

When a team of brilliant geneticists discovers how to use animal tissue to replace failing human organs, they revive an ancient species reflecting a common ancestor and inadvertently unleash a fearsome giant predator with an insatiable appetite. **HC \$51.95**

Nalini Singh New Zealand

Caressed by Ice (Psy-Changeling 03)

As an Arrow, an elite soldier in the Psy Council ranks, Judd Lauren was forced to do terrible things in the name of his people. Now a defector, his dark abilities have made him the most deadly of assassins - cold, pitiless, unfeeling. Until he meets Brenna... Brenna Shane Kincaid was an innocent before she was abducted - and had her mind violated - by a serial killer. Her sense of evil runs so deep, she fears she could become a killer herself. Then the first dead body is found, victim of a familiar madness. Judd is her only hope, yet her sensual changeling side rebels against the inhuman chill of his personality, even as desire explodes between them. Shocking and raw, their passion is a danger that threatens not only their hearts, but their very lives... **BPB \$22.99**

Bonds of Justice (Psy-Changeling 08)

Max Shannon is a good cop, one of the best in New York Enforcement. Born with a natural shield that protects him against Psy mental invasions, he knows he has little chance of advancement within the Psy - dominated power structure. The last case he expects to be assigned to is that of a murderer targeting a Psy Councilor's closest advisors. And the last woman he expects to compel him in the most sensual of ways is a Psy on the verge of catastrophic mental fracture. **PB \$19.95**

Thomas E Sniegoski

Dancing on the Head of a Pin (Remy Chandler 02)

Meet Remy Chandler ... He's one of the good guys... But he's in bad trouble...

Having lost the love of his life, Remy finds himself turning away from the world. He seeks out dangerous jobs that involve the supernatural and bring him into contact with his past. In his latest case, a cache of ancient weaponry is stolen from a collector who deals in antiques of a dark and dubious nature. The weapons were forged eons ago and imbued with unimaginable power. In the wrong hands they can destroy Heaven and Earth.

To prevent that, Remy Chandler must decide if he is willing to lose the last of his own humanity... **PB \$14.95**

K A Stewart

A Devil in the Details (Jesse James Dawson 01)

When it comes to demons, always read the fine print.

Jesse James Dawson was an ordinary guy (well, an ordinary guy with a black belt in karate) until one day he learned his brother had made a bargain with a demon. Jesse discovered there was only one way to save his brother: put up his own soul as collateral, and fight the demon to the death.

Jesse lived to free his brother-and became part of a loose organization of Champions who put their own souls on the line to help those who get in over their heads with demons. But now experienced Champions are losing battles at a much higher rate than usual. Someone has changed the game. And if Jesse can't figure out the new rules, his next battle may be his last... **PB \$19.95**

Charles Stross

The Fuller Memorandum (Laundry 03)

Bob Howard is an IT specialist and field agent for the Laundry, the branch of Her Majesty's secret service that deals with occult threats. Overworked and underpaid, Bob is used to his two jobs overflowing from a strict nine to five and, since his wife Mo has a very similar job description, he understands that work will sometimes follow her home, too. But when 'work' involves zombie assassins and minions of a mad god's cult, he realises things are spinning out of control. When a top-secret dossier goes missing and his boss Angleton is implicated, Bob must contend with suspiciously helpful Russian intelligence operatives and an unscrupulous apocalyptic cult before confronting the decades-old secret that lies at the heart of the Laundry: what is so important about the missing Fuller Memorandum? And why are all the people who know dying? **BPB \$19.99 HC \$51.95**

Harry Turtledove

West and East (War That Came Early 02)

The second installment in the author's latest World War II alternate-history series continues to explore what would have happened in the lives of leaders, soldiers and civilians had Great Britain's Neville Chamberlain not appeased Hitler. **MP3 CD \$60**

In the Balance (Worldwar 01)

From Pearl Harbor to panzers rolling through Paris to the Siege of Leningrad and the Battle of Midway, war seethed across the planet as the flames of destruction rose higher and hotter. And then, suddenly, the real enemy came.

The invaders seemed unstoppable, their technology far beyond human reach. And never before had men been more divided. For Jew to unite with Nazi, American with Japanese, and Russian with German was unthinkable. But the alternative was even worse.

As the fate of the world hung in the balance, slowly, painfully, humankind took up the shocking challenge . . . **APB \$19.95**

Mark L van Name

Jump Gate Twist (Jon and Lobo 01, 02)

Jon Moore: A nanotech-enhanced warrior who wants nothing more than a quiet life and a way back to his strange home world. Lobo: An AI-enhanced Predator-Class Assault Vehicle, a mobile fortress equipped for any environment from the seabed to interstellar space. **TWO WOLVES IN A GALAXY OF LARGER PREDATORS!**

For the first time in a Jon & Lobo book, My Sister, My Self, the short story which introduced Jon Moore.

One Jump Ahead: Jon Moore wanted only to relax on the pristine planet of Macken—but Macken was the secret battleground of two megacorporations, both determined to control the local jump gate and the riches of an undeveloped world. Finding allies and enemies among terrorist groups and elite mercenaries, gun-runners and the only kind of government possible on a frontier short on rules and long on riches, Jon and Lobo fight to a climax with a corporate army that can't afford to leave any witnesses. Exotic settings, fast action, real tech, mechanically-enhanced animals—and a beautiful woman who's as deadly as a cobra!

Slanted Jack: The job looked simple enough: Jon agreed to help a con man, a friend from a part of his past he'd rather forget, protect a very special young boy. But the deal didn't stay simple, as each move Jon and Lobo made resulted in more danger and more enemies. The best con man Jon's ever known, a ruthless gang boss, a heavily armed group of religious fanatics, a beautiful woman with a mysterious agenda, and an interstellar government out to clean up a dangerous frontier world rush together toward an explosive climax—and Jon and Lobo are caught in the middle.

Plus new introductions by the author, making this a package that every Jon & Lobo fan will want to buy. **BPB \$24.95**

Carrie Vaughn

Kitty Goes to War (Kitty 08)

Kitty Norville, Alpha werewolf and host of The Midnight Hour, a radio call-in show, is contacted by a friend at the NIH's Center for the Study of Paranatural Biology. Three Army soldiers recently returned from the war in Afghanistan are being held at Ft. Carson in Colorado Springs. They're killer werewolves—and post traumatic stress has left them unable to control their shape-shifting and unable to interact with people. Kitty agrees to see them, hoping to help by bringing them into her pack.

Meanwhile, Kitty gets sued for libel by CEO Harold Franklin after featuring Speedy Mart --his nationwide chain of 24-hour convenience stores with a reputation for attracting supernatural unpleasantness--on her show.

Very bad weather is on the horizon. **APB \$19.95**

Discord's Apple

When Evie Walker goes home to spend time with her dying father, she discovers that his creaky old house in Hope's Fort, Colorado, is not the only legacy she stands to inherit. Hidden behind the old basement door is a secret and magical storeroom, a place where wondrous treasures from myth and legend are kept safe until they are needed again. The magic of the storeroom prevents access to any who are not intended to use the items. But just because it has never been done does not mean it cannot be done.

And there are certainly those who will give anything to find a way in.

Evie must guard the storeroom against ancient and malicious forces, protecting the past and the future even as the present unravels around them. Old heroes and notorious villains alike will rise to fight on her side or to undermine her most desperate gambits. At stake is the fate of the world, and the prevention of nothing less than the apocalypse. **HC \$49.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Rachel Vincent

Stray (Shifters 01)

There are only eight breeding female werewolves left.... And I'm one of them.

I look like an all-American grad student. But I am a werewolf, a shape-shifter, and I live in two worlds.

Despite reservations from my family and my Pride, I escaped the pressure to continue my species and carved out a normal life for myself. Until the night a Stray attacked. I'd been warned about Strays — werewolves without a Pride, constantly on the lookout for someone like me: attractive, female, and fertile. I fought him off, but then learned two of my fellow tabbies had disappeared.

This brush with danger was all my Pride needed to summon me back... for my own protection. Yeah, right. I'm no meek kitty. I'll take on whatever — and whoever — I have to in order to find my friends. Watch out, Strays — 'cause I got claws, and I'm not afraid to use them.... **BPB \$22.99**

Kurt Vonnegutt

Cat's Cradle (SF Masterworks)

Experiment. Told with deadpan humour and bitter irony, Kurt Vonnegut's cult tale of global destruction preys on our deepest fears of witnessing Armageddon and, worse still, surviving it. Solution. Dr Felix Hoenikker, one of the founding fathers of the atomic bomb, has left a deadly legacy to the world. For he is the inventor of ice-nine, a lethal chemical capable of freezing the entire planet. The search for its whereabouts leads to Hoenikker's three eccentric children, to a crazed dictator in the Caribbean, to madness. Felix Hoenikker's death-wish comes true when his last, fatal, gift to mankind brings about an end that, for all of us, is nigh. **HC \$24.99**

David Weber*Mission of Honor (Honor Harrington 12)*

As the Republic of Haven, the Solarian League and other hidden enemies bear down on the Star Kingdom of Manticore, Honor Harrington must do all she can to prevent billions of people from being killed in an all-out galactic war.

This Baen hardcover includes a free Honorverse CD-ROM **HC \$54.95 MP3 CD \$60**

Alayna Williams*Dark Oracle*

TARA SHERIDAN HAS A GIFT . . . AND IT ALMOST KILLED HER.

As a criminal profiler, Tara used science and her intuitive skill at Tarot card divination to track down the dangerous and depraved, including the serial killer who left her scarred from head to toe. Since that savage attack, Tara has been a recluse. But now an ancient secret society known as Delphi's Daughters has asked for her help in locating missing scientist Lowell Magnusson. And Tara, armed with her Tarot deck, her .38, and a stack of misgivings, agrees to try.

Tara immediately senses there is far more at stake than one man's life. At his government lab in the New Mexico desert, Magnusson had developed groundbreaking technology with terrifying potential. Working alongside the brusque but charismatic agent Harry Li, Tara discovers that Magnusson's daughter, Cassie, has knowledge that makes her a target too. The more Tara sees into the future, the more there is to fear. She knows she has to protect Cassie. But there may be no way to protect herself—from the enemies circling around her, or from the long-buried powers stirring to life within. . . . **APB \$19.95**

Michael Z Williamson*Contact With Chaos (Freehold 03)*

When an exploration ship from Freehold discovered a planet with intelligent lifeforms—the first humans had ever encountered—it should have been the most important event in history. And it might be—for all the wrong reasons.

Corporations on Freehold were eager to sell high-tech toys to the Ithkuil, as the inhabitants called themselves, which had the potential to disrupt their society. Then there was the U.N., which controlled the planet Earth. Earth and Freehold were not on good terms, to put it mildly, and the U.N. immediately sent its own ship to make contact with the Ithkuil. If the authoritarians from Earth started throwing their weight around, Freehold would have to push back, causing anything from a diplomatic incident to outright war. And then another ship arrived, full of idealistic do-gooders determined to keep the Ithkuil in their unspoiled state of nature . . .

The whole thing was turning into a cross between a Marx Brothers farce and a Kafkaesque nightmare, with a potential for Greek tragedy. Contact with a more advanced civilization might pose a danger to the Ithkuil, but it definitely was becoming more dangerous to the human factions, and the situation was a powder keg just waiting for a spark to cause a very deadly explosion. . . . **APB \$19.95**

John Wyndham*Chocky*

With a new Introduction by Brian Aldiss

Eleven-year-old Matthew introduces his family to his imaginary friend, a creature called Chocky, who is full of questions about space travel and gravity fields that are unlike any an eleven-year-old boy would ever think of. So when Chocky starts causing Matthew a great deal of distress – and questions at school – Matthew's parents find themselves forced to go to the professionals. But where does this voice come from? And what price will Matthew pay for his unusual friendship? **BPB \$22.95**

Dave Zeltserman*The Caretaker of Lorne Field*

The latest member of his family to be responsible for weeding Lorne Field, which must be tended properly to prevent the growth of a horrifying monster, a miserable Jack Durkin waits for his son to come of age and dreams of leaving with his wife. By the author of Pariah. **HC \$51.95**

2011 Calendars

Astroboy (Astroboy)

The mighty marvel of manga--Astro Boy! Created in 1951 by Osamu Tezuka--the Walt Disney of Japan--jet-powered, superstrong, alien-smashing android Astro Boy was the first manga character adapted into animation and the first aired on American television. The perfect gift for any fan of Japanese animation or culture, these incredible hand-drawn images--from Tezuka's original comic strips--are the very origins of anime and manga. Combining awesome action with whimsical heart, Astro Boy harkens back to the classic era of comics and animation, thrilling young readers, hardcore anime junkies, and fans of the original cartoon alike. **Calendar \$24.95**

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First a cult movie classic, then a successful television show, Buffy the Vampire Slayer continues to outlive even the most unvanquishable of the undead. This calendar is packed with the greatest moments from this eternally popular series. **Calendar \$29.95**

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When you're a spy, you don't get a pink slip--you get burned. Featuring the white-hot stars of USA Network's smash hit spy series, Burn Notice is 2011's sexiest calendar. Jeffrey Donovan stars as burned superspy Michael Weston. Gabrielle Anwar as the feisty Fiona, Bruce Campbell as Sam, and Sharon Gless as Michael's no-nonsense mother, Madeleine. **Calendar \$29.95**

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Dexter, the top-rated Emmy-nominated Showtime series stars Michael C. Hall as Dexter Morgan, a ruthlessly handsome forensics specialist who is also a ruthless psychopath who murders criminals before they commit more crimes. A respected member of the police force who loves children, it's hard not to like Dexter, and viewers agree that it's hard not to like this show, which takes the crime procedural to a new level. This collectible calendar features images from the fifth season, which adds John Lithgow to the cast. **Calendar \$29.95**

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The 2011 H. R. Giger Calendar features the best and most recent paintings and sculptures from the famous Swiss artist and film designer. Twelve large format works of art are featured, and the calendar grids, set against a deep black background, elegantly match the color of the painting for that month. This year's edition features images never previously published, as well as interesting facts and dates from the world of fantasy art and images from some of the most popular works Giger has created over the years. **Calendar \$29.95**

Monster Movies

Universal Studios created the most memorable movie monsters of all time with such classic horror films as The Wolf Man, The Invisible Man, and The Phantom of the Opera. This calendar features 12 gems from the shadowy catacombs in the perfect combination for fright fans. The midnight creature feature never goes out of style. While iconic horror films have been remade again and again, these classics remain the standard against which all others are judged. As great examples of graphic design are appreciated more and more as modern art, classic posters such as these have developed their own following among sophisticated art lovers. **Calendar \$29.95**

Movie Posters

Calendar \$29.95

Smallville (Smallville)

Smallville 2011 showcases the iconic characters of Smallville, Clark Kent's hometown. Features the Smallville characters Clark Kent, Chloe Sullivan, Lois Lane, Oliver Queen, Tess Mercer, and the mysterious Kryptonian Major Zod. **Smallville. Calendar \$29.95**

True Blood (Sookie Stackhouse)

Thanks to the invention of synthetic blood, vampires progressed from folklore to fellow citizens overnight. And while humans have been removed from the menu, many remain apprehensive about vampires "coming out of the coffin." Based on the popular Sookie Stackhouse novels by Charlaine Harris, the Emmy and Golden Globe-winning HBO drama from Six Feet Under creator Alan Ball mixes romance, suspense, mystery, and humor in an engaging series that immerses viewers into a world filled with vampires and other colorful characters. True Blood 2011 features images of one of the hottest and most talked about casts on television in some of their best moments, including Anna Paquin, Stephen Moyer, Ryan Kwanten, Alexander Skarsgard, Sam Trammell, Rutina Wesley, Nelsan Ellis, and others. **Calendar \$29.95**

Vampireology

A bat transforms into a beauty; a stake through the heart rids the world of bloodsucker; the creaking of a coffin lid spells certain doom. Vampires 2011 is a one-stop compendium of vampire knowledge, separating the mythical from the practical and providing a handbook for the community and customs of modern vampires. Also included is the science of vampirism--psychic feeding vs. blood feeding, vampire abilities, weaknesses, and the false vampire. Nowhere might one find such a wealth of bloodcurdling information in a handy daily format. This daily resource includes everything you need to know about the undead, including how to spot one in a crowd, how to scare one off, and how to tell if you are one! Though cold to the touch, vampires are a white hot pop cultural phenomenon, menacing mortals from True Blood television, to the Twilight books and movies, to influencing fashion. Includes information on vampires from the Dark Ages to the digital age. **Calendar \$29.95**

Zombie Survival Guide

Calendar \$29.95

Zombies, the Year of Infection

Zombies 2011 is a pulse-pounding, suspenseful chronicle of a zombie apocalypse. Follow Dr. Robert Twombly's yearlong journey as he heads north, where--he hopes--the undead will be slowed by the colder climate. Encountering scores of the infected along the way, Twombly chronicles his experience through graphic drawings and detailed descriptions of zombies, along with terrifying tales of survival. A frighteningly funny new contribution to the massively popular zombie resurgence, *Zombie 2011* will keep fans running for their lives all year long. Includes illustrations and text featuring the very best of zombies, including death, reanimation, deterioration, and of course, bites. *Zombies*, and their brain-craving charms, have permeated every aspect of popular culture, from television to movies to books to flash mobs! **Calendar \$29.95**

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Calendars and diaries make great gifts. There are hundreds available, so ask us if your favourite show or character has one we can order for you!

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Anthologies

Lou Anders & Jonathan Strahan *Editor*

Swords and Dark Magic: The New Sword and Sorcery

Seventeen original tales of sword and sorcery penned by masters old and new

Elric . . . the Black Company . . . Majipoor. For years, these have been some of the names that have captured the hearts of generations of readers and embodied the sword and sorcery genre. And now some of the most beloved and bestselling fantasy writers working today deliver stunning all-new sword and sorcery stories in an anthology of small stakes but high action, grim humor mixed with gritty violence, fierce monsters and fabulous treasures, and, of course, swordplay. Don't miss the adventure of the decade! **TP \$32.95**

Lou Anders *Editor*

With Great Power

An anthology of original super-hero tales is designed for both die-hard and casual fans and includes contributions by leading comic-book and science-fiction writers, including Stephen Baxter, Bill Willingham and Peter David. Edited by the Hugo Award-nominated author of *The Making of Star Trek: First Contact*. **TP \$30.95**

Gardner Dozois *Editor*

Year's Best Science Fiction 27th edition

The thirty-two stories in this collection imaginatively take us far across the universe, into the very core of our beings, to the realm of the gods, and the moment just after now. Included here are the works of masters of the form and of bright new talents, including:

John Barnes, Elizabeth Bear, Damien Broderick, Karl Bunker, Paul Cornell, Albert E. Cowdrey, Ian Creasey, Steven Gould, Dominic Green, Nicola Griffith, Alexander Irvine, John Kessel, Ted Kosmatka, Nancy Kress, Jay Lake, Rand B. Lee, Paul McAuley, Ian McDonald, Maureen F. McHugh, Sarah Monette, Michael Poore, Robert Reed, Adam Roberts, Chris Roberson, Mary Rosenblum, Geoff Ryman, Vandana Singh, Bruce Sterling, Lavie Tidhar, James Van Pelt, Jo Walton, Peter Watts, Robert Charles Wilson, and John C. Wright.

Supplementing the stories are the editor's insightful summation of the year's events and a lengthy list of honorable mentions, making this book both a valuable resource and the single best place in the universe to find stories that stir the imagination, and the heart. **HC \$78 TP \$45.95**

P N Elrod *Editor*

Dark and Stormy Knights

Nine short works by New York Times best-selling authors feature loner, supernatural and ruggedly attractive modern heroes who perform dark and dangerous deeds for the greater good, in an anthology that includes contributions by Ilona Andrews, Vicki Pettersson and Carrie Vaughn. **TP \$30.99**

Martin H Greenberg *Editor*

The End of the World: Stories of the Apocalypse

Before *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy brought apocalyptic fiction into the mainstream, there was science fiction. No longer relegated to the fringes of literature, this explosive collection of the world's best apocalyptic writers brings the inventors of alien invasions, devastating meteors, doomsday scenarios, and all-out nuclear war back to the bookstores with a bang.

The best writers of the early 1900s were the first to flood New York with tidal waves, destroy Illinois with alien invaders, paralyze Washington with meteors, and lay waste to the Midwest with nuclear fallout. Now collected for the first time ever in one apocalyptic volume are those early doomsday writers and their contemporaries, including Neil Gaiman, Orson Scott Card, Lucius Shepard, Robert Sheckley, Norman Spinrad, Arthur C. Clarke, William F. Nolan, Poul Anderson, Fredric Brown, Lester del Rey, and more. Relive these childhood classics or discover them here for the first time. Each story details the eerie political, social, and environmental destruction of our world. **TP \$26.95**

David G Hartwell & Kathryn Cramer *Editor*

Year's Best SF 15

This latest selection of outstandingly innovative short-form science fiction stories, originally published in magazines during 2009, showcases the talent of the year.

Who knows what awaits us tomorrow?

Much of the most innovative and exhilarating work performed in the boundary-less arena of SF is being done in the short form. This year's magnificent harvest—gathered, as always, by acclaimed award-winning editors and anthologists David G. Hartwell and Kathryn Cramer—offers glimpses of worlds and tomorrows that would have been inconceivable just a few years ago. Brilliant, bold, unusual, and soaring flights into the hitherto unforeseen yet increasingly possible future, *Year's Best SF 15* offers truly breathtaking stories by some of speculative fiction's brightest lights. **APB \$19.99**

Elizabeth Anne Hull *Editor*

Gateways

An anthology of new, original stories by bestselling science fiction authors, inspired by science fiction great Frederik Pohl

It isn't easy to get a group of bestselling SF authors to write new stories for an anthology, but that's what Elizabeth Anne Hull has done in this powerhouse book. With original, captivating tales by Greg Bear, Gregory Benford, Ben Bova, David Brin, Cory Doctorow, Neil Gaiman, Joe Haldeman, Harry Harrison, Larry Niven, Vernor Vinge, Gene Wolfe, and others, *Gateways* is a SF event that will be a must-buy for SF readers of all tastes, from the traditional to the cutting edge; from the darkly serious to the laugh-out-loud funny.

Each author has written a story that he or she feels reflects the effect Pohl has had on the field—in the style of writing, the narrative tone, or the subject matter. It says a lot about Pohl's career that the authors represented here themselves span many decades and styles, from the experimental SF of British SF author Brian W. Aldiss to the over-the-top humor of Harry Harrison and Mike Resnick, from the darkly powerful drama of Hollywood screenwriter Frank Robinson to the satiric pungency of multiple Hugo Award-winner Vernor Vinge. Every story here is uniquely nuanced; all of them as entertaining and thought provoking as Pohl's fiction.

In a career dating back to 1939, Pohl has won all the awards science fiction has to offer: Hugos, Nebulas, the SFWA Grand Master Award. Having written more than two million words of fiction and edited the groundbreaking *Star* anthologies and Hugo Award-winning magazines and books, Pohl is an SF icon. This anthology of brilliant, entertaining SF stories is a testament to his stature in the field. **HC \$52.95**

Katie MacAlister, Connie Brockway & Vicki Lewis Thompson

Cupid Cats

This enchanting collection is centered around the Cupid Cats Shelter where all of the felines possess abilities far beyond those of the average house cat, bringing unexpected love and romance into the lives of the people lucky enough to adopt them. **PB \$19.95**

Al Sarrantonio & Neil Gaiman *Editors*

Stories

One hell of a huge book of great, exciting stories which will become a uniting force for readers of all forms of imaginative fiction. Rather than being dictated by genre, for co-editors Gaiman and Sarrantonio there is only one true distinction in fiction: the one dividing realistic and imaginative fiction. *STORIES* is a collection of the very best original fiction from some of the most imaginative writers in the world, as well as a showcase for some of fiction's newer stars. Contributors include: Roddy Doyle; Joyce Carol Oates; Joanne Harris; Neil Gaiman; Michael Marshall; Smith; Joe R. Lansdale; Walter Mosley; Richard Adams; Jodi Picoult; Michael Swanwick; Peter Straub; Lawrence Block; Jeffrey Ford; Chuck Palahniuk; Diana Wynne Jones; Stewart O Nan; Gene Wolfe; Carolyn Parkhurst; Kat Howard; Jonathan Carroll; Jeffrey Deaver; Tim Powers; Al Sarrantonio; Kurt Andersen; Michael Moorcock; Elizabeth Hand; Joe Hill. **TP \$32.99**

Michael Sims *Editor*

Dracula's Guest: A Connoisseur's Collection of Victorian Vampire Stories

Before *Twilight* and *True Blood*, even before *Buffy* and Anne Rice and Bela Lugosi, vampires haunted the nineteenth century, when brilliant writers everywhere indulged their bloodthirsty imaginations, culminating in Bram Stoker's legendary 1897 novel, *Dracula*.

Michael Sims brings together the very best vampire stories of the Victorian era—from England, America, France, Germany, Transylvania, and even Japan—into a unique collection that highlights their cultural variety. Beginning with the supposedly true accounts that captivated Byron and Shelley, the stories range from Edgar Allan Poe's "The Oval Portrait" and Sheridan Le Fanu's "Carmilla" to Guy de Maupassant's "The Horla" and Mary Elizabeth Braddon's "Good Lady Ducaigne." Sims also includes a nineteenth-century travel tour of Transylvanian superstitions, and rounds out the collection with Stoker's own "Dracula's Guest"—a chapter omitted from his landmark novel.

Vampires captivated the Victorians, as Sims reveals in his insightful introduction: In 1867, Karl Marx described capitalism as "dead labor, which, vampire-like, lives only by sucking living labor"; while in 1888 a London newspaper invoked vampires in trying to explain Jack the Ripper's predations. At a time when vampires have been re-created in a modern context, *Dracula's Guest* will remind readers young, old, and in between of why the undead won't let go of our imagination. **TP \$34.95**

Brenton Tomlinson *Editor*

Dark Pages 1 (01)

A collection of dark stories to delight and disturb, including tales of fantasy, science fiction and chilling examples of the macabre. Blade Red Press has gathered some of the best writing talent in the world to compile an anthology of sublime quality. It is full of exquisite tales of disturbia that will leave you unable to put the book down. When you finally do, you'll never look at people the same way again.

Stories included are:

The Stain of the Psychopomp King by Lucien E G Spelman

Heart Of Ice by Martin Livings

Neptune's Garden by Lisa A Koosis

Dust by Naomi Bell

To Die For by S D Matley

The Franchise by Joe L Murr

Clip Notes by Marty Young

Blood on Green by Victoria Anisman-Reiner

Cargo by Aaron Polson

Nepenthe by Felicity Dowker

Yellow Water Pike by Derek Rutherford

Surveying The Land by B D Wilson

Nightwork by Robert Neilson

Hand And Cradle by Trent Roman **TP \$15.95**

Young Adult

Edward or Jacob? Quick Quizzes for fans of the Twilight Saga (Twilight)

Have you ever wondered what your friends really think about all things Twilight? Now you can find out! Edward or Jacob? asks: Want to know which Twilight Saga book your friends loved most? Want to know which Eclipse actor your friends think is cutest? Want to know if your BFFs are on team Edward or team Jacob? Or do you already know all of you BFFs' thoughts and feelings about all things Twilight? **PB \$11.99**

Louisa May Alcott & Lynn Messina

Little Vampire Women

The classic novel of love and family in 19th century Massachusetts will never be the same, especially now that Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy are little vampire women. Readers will be agog and aghast at the hilarity of the sisters' transformation-especially now that they have (much) longer lives and (much) more ravenous appetites.

This uproarious retelling of a timeless American classic will leave readers craving the bloodthirsty drama on each and every page.

Age 14+ **BPB \$24.99**

Jon Berkeley

The Lightning Key

Now that Miles Wednesday has discovered his link to a magical Tiger's Egg, he's suddenly at the wheel of a great voyage. Determined to recover the stolen stone and free the trapped soul within, Miles sets off with Little, a Song Angel, and the wisecracking blind explorer Baltinglass of Araby. Their destination points far across sea and desert to the home of Miles's aunt Nura, who may be their only hope in releasing the Egg's true power.

But along the way, their travels are riddled with thrills and near catastrophes - from soaring across the sky in an airborne schooner to run-ins with the twisted circus ringmaster, the Great Cortado, and his bumbling sidekick, Doctor Tau-Tau. Most threatening of all is a dark Sleep Angel who's descended from the Realm to seize the Egg and forfeit Miles's life. Will Miles crack the secrets of the Egg and stand up to the Realm in the face of grave danger? And will he ever be able to bring back his father? **BPB \$16.99**

Jenna Black

Glimmerglass (Faeriewalker 01)

Set in Avalon, a fictional city-state where faeries and humans co-exist in something resembling peace, our heroine is a Faeriewalker with the unique ability to travel between both worlds.

Fleeing from her out-of-control mother, Dana travels to Avalon to seek the father she has never known. She meets Kimber and her mysterious brother Ethan and is soon embroiled in danger and deception. For nobody in this world is quite what they seem ... **BPB \$16.99**

Libba Bray

The Sweet Far Thing (03)

The thrilling conclusion to the compelling, gothic trilogy that began with *A Great and Terrible Beauty*.

It has been a year of change since Gemma Doyle arrived at the foreboding Spence Academy. Having bound the wild, dark magic of the realms to her, Gemma has forged unlikely and unsuspected new alliances both with the headstrong Felicity and timid Ann, Kartik, the exotic young man whose companionship is forbidden, and the fearsome creatures of the realms. Now, as Gemma approaches her London debut, the time has come to test those bonds.

As her friendship with Felicity and Ann faces its gravest trial, and with the Order grappling for control of the realms, Gemma is compelled to decide once and for all which path she is meant to take.

Pulled forward by fate, the destiny Gemma faces threatens to set chaos loose, not only in the realms, but also upon the rigid Victorian society whose rules Gemma has both defied and followed. Where does Gemma really belong? And will she, can she, survive? **BPB \$19.99**

Sarah Rees Brennan

The Demon's Covenant (Demon 02)

Mae Crawford always thought she was in control. Now she's learned that her little brother Jamie is a magician and Nick, the boy she'd set her heart on, has an even darker secret. Mae's whole world has spun out of control, and it's only going to get worse. When she realises that Jamie has been meeting secretly with the new leader of the Obsidian Circle and that Gerald wants him to join the magicians, she's not sure how to stop Jamie doing just that. Calling in Nick and Alan as reinforcements only leads to a more desperate conflict because Gerald has a plan to bring Nick down - by using Alan to spring a deadly trap. With those around her torn between divided loyalties and Mae herself torn between her feelings for two very different boys, she sees a chance to save them all - but it means approaching the mysterious and dangerous Goblin Market alone... **BPB \$16.99**

Lewis Carroll

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There

When Alice follows a strange rabbit down a rabbit hole and passes through a looking glass, she experiences curious sensations and encounters the Mad Hatter, the fiendish Queen of Hearts, and many other odd characters. **TP \$28.95**

Lewis Carroll Box Set: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass

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The DVD is a short film "The Delivery". **CD \$51.95**

Kristin Cashore

Fire

Set in a world of stunningly beautiful, exceptionally dangerous monsters, Fire is one of the most dangerous monsters of all - a human one. Marked out by her vivid red hair, she's more than attractive. Fire is mesmerising. But with this extraordinary beauty comes influence and power. People who are susceptible to her appeal will do anything for her attention and for her affection. They will turn away from their families, their work and their duties for her. They will forget their responsibilities to please her and worse, crush nations, neglect kingdoms and abuse their power. Aware of her power and afraid of it, Fire lives in a corner of the world away from people and away from temptation. Until the day comes when she is needed - a day when, for her king, she has to take a stand not only against his enemies, but also against herself... **BPB \$22.99**

Stephen Cole

The Planet of Peril (Astrosaurs 09)

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

The astrosaurs are on a mission on planet Aggadon, home to the peaceful triceratops. But the dinosaurs there were being terrorised by strange long-necked creatures and weird itching diseases. Teggs and his crew investigate and discover a gang of sinister monsters which aren't quite what they seem . . . and also some rather familiar enemies. Can his team help the triceratops find some peace again? **BPB \$14.95**

Star Pirates (Astrosaurs 10)

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

When several spaceships carrying valuable cargos go missing in the same part of space, the astrosaurs investigate – and when some of the treasures turn up on a carnivore world, it seems that meat-eaters are involved. Determined to find out what's happening, Teggs and his crew swap their amazing ship the Sauropod for an old banger that's a much softer target – and soon find themselves under attack from star pirates! These space-faring bandits are the scourge of the stars and are looting any ships they can find for the bounty. But what secret goal are the pirates working towards? Will Teggs find out before he is made to walk the plank, and his loyal crew end up as pieces of 'ate'...? **BPB \$14.95**

The Twist of Time (Astrosaurs 17)

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

When the astrosaurs are attacked by some baby carnivores, they're in for a shock. The babies lead them to a pool full of the legendary Elixir of youth which has the power to turn back time. The grown-up carnivores intend to use it on the Astrosaurs, and on dinos across the plant-eater population. Once all the herbivores are babies, they'll be easy to overthrow. Can Teggs and his crew stop them before it's too late? **BPB \$14.95**

Tim Collins

Diary of a Wimpy Vampire

Nigel Mullet was transformed into a vampire when he was still a teenager, and so is doomed to remain this age forever. And because he became a vampire at the awkward age of 15, Nigel must spend eternity coping with acne, and a chronic ineptitude with girls.

So how can he break this curse and get noticed by the love of his life, Chloe Sparrow?

Ages 11+ **BPB \$14.99**

Gary Cross New Zealand

Empire of the Undead (02)

London has been destroyed by fire, killing all the vampires – except one.

Father Baldwin has escaped and is on the run with Mary who he has turned into one of the undead.

With Lucius and Peter on their trail, Baldwin travels to the new world and discovers an ancient vampire race far superior and more deadly than anything he could imagine.

Will Lucius and Peter be able to stop him this time and will Mary finally succumb to the call of the blood she needs to survive? **BPB \$19.95**

James Dashner

The 13th Reality

After being kidnapped by Mr. Chu, Atticus "Tick" Higginbottom and his friends Paul and Sofia must survive a series of tests in several different Realities. Continuing his quest to solve riddles in order to safeguard the fabric of reality, Tick teams up with Mistress Jane on a quest to find and destroy a weapon, an effort that challenges them to learn the secret of the weapon's mastery. **BPB \$14.99**

Melissa De La Cruz

Keys to the Repository (Blue Bloods)

Lavish parties. Passionate meetings in the night. Bone-chilling murders. Exams. The day-to-day life of Schuyler Van Alen and her Blue Bloods friends (and enemies) is never boring. But there's oh-so-much more to know about the beautiful and powerful Blue Bloods. Below the streets of Manhattan, within the walls of the Repository, lies a wealth of revealing short stories, journal entries, and never-before-seen letters about the vampire elite dating back through time. Won't you come inside? **BPB \$16.99**

Girl Stays in the Picture

If you can't be a mega teen superstar sensation then maybe you'll be lucky enough to join her entourage.

Devon -- one name only, please -- is the latest and jail-bait-est pop star to hit number one on the Billboard chart, and she's making her big-screen debut in Juicy. But after her stint in rehab, the studio isn't so sure she's their girl anymore. If they cut any more of her lines, she'll be a silent film actress! Can Devon regain her star status? She needs to watch her back and make sure that flash doesn't catch her causing a scene, and we don't mean the kind you can yell "Cut!" after.

Livia has lost the weight and gained the attitude in the Hollywood party scene. Her dad's an Oscar-winning producer, and with a hot Beverly Hills boyfriend on her arm as well as her photos all over the pages of Gosizzle.com, Livia looks like she has a perfect life. But looks can be perfectly deceiving....

And there's fresh-faced Casey, who left a job bagging groceries at the Piggly Wiggly to play personal assistant to her best friend...and Devon's rival. She's got the biggest crush on the biggest star of the film -- a hot Brit known for loving and leaving. Will Casey stay true to herself while trying to find a place in his universe?

Stars. They're just like us. But what does that mean for the rest of us? Stay tuned, people. **BPB \$14.99**

Becca Fitzpatrick

Hush Hush (CD)

A sacred oath, a fallen angel, a forbidden love...This darkly romantic story features our heroine, Nora Grey, a seemingly normal teenage girl with her own shadowy connection to the Nephilim, and super-alluring bad boy, Patch, now her deskmate in biology class. Together they find themselves at the centre of a centuries-old feud between a fallen angel and a Nephilim...Forced to sit next to Patch in science class, Nora attempts to resist his flirting, though gradually falls for him against her better judgment. Meanwhile creepy things are going on with a mysterious stalker following her car, breaking into her house and attacking her best friend, Vi.

Nora suspects Patch, but there are other suspects too - not least a new boy who has transferred from a different college after being wrongly accused of murdering his girlfriend. And he seems to have taken a shine to Nora...Love certainly is dangerous...and someone is going to have to make the ultimate sacrifice for it. 8 audio CDs **CD \$49.99**

Jackie French *Australian Author****Oracle***

ikko lives in a small farming village in Greece near the stronghold of Mycenae in 1200 BC. When his sister Thetis is born, Nikko rescues her from the hillside where she has been abandoned, setting off an unforeseen chain of events.

Thetis survives the trauma of her birth but is rendered mute until the age of five, when the gift of speech is given to her; but she can only tell the truth, which soon proves to be a double-edged sword.

When the villagers try to double-cross the king's tribute gatherers, Nikko and Thetis are sent to the Mycenaean court to be trained as entertainers for the king. There they meet Euridice, a horse dancer from the North, and forge an enduring friendship.

When Thetis' prophecy of disaster comes true, and Mycenae is hit by an earthquake, she disappears. Nikko and Euridice flee in search of her.

Nikko eventually finds Thetis in Delphi, where she is now installed as Oracle, set to fulfil her destiny. But danger still lurks in the shape of the new Mycenaean king, who wants her back at court to foretell his future ...

Ages 10-14 **PB \$16.99**

Anna Godberson***The Luxe (Luxe)***

Imagine, if you will, New York City, 1899 . . .

Society's elite: the glamour, the grandeur, the glittering parties, the most handsome beaux, the most beautiful debutantes, the sounds of decadence, the rich girl, the humble boy, the forbidden love, the hushed whispers, the stolen glances, the secret rendezvous, the sin, the scandal, the mystery, the revenge.

You are cordially invited to step into The Luxe, where the secrets are dark and the sins are delicious . . . **BPB \$19.95**

Rumors (Luxe)

True love. False friends. Scandalous gossip. Welcome back to Manhattan, 1899.

As rumors fly about the untimely demise of New York's brightest star, Elizabeth Holland, all eyes are on those closest to the dearly departed: her sister, Diana, the family's only hope for redemption; Henry Schoonmaker, the flame Elizabeth never extinguished; Penelope Hayes, poised to claim all that her best friend left behind; even Elizabeth's former maid, Lina Broud, who discovers that while money matters and breeding counts, gossip is the new currency. In this delicious sequel to The Luxe, nothing is more dangerous than a scandal . . . or more precious than a secret. **PB \$21.95**

Splendor (Luxe)

While the once revered Holland family recovers from scandal, the spirited Miss Diana Holland is seeking adventure abroad. But then a surprising clue about her father's death is revealed and everything is thrown into question. **PB \$19.99**

Envy (Luxe)

December 1899, New York City

Manhattan has bid farewell to its brightest star, the dazzling Miss Elizabeth Holland. Yet the rumours about her untimely demise continue. Meanwhile her sister, the irrepressible Diana, has been seen in the company of not one, but three eligible bachelors. Might there be fourth?

In high society, reputation is everything. The Holland family simply can't afford to be the subject of such wicked whispers. Heaven forbid that they should fall so spectacularly from grace . . .

There is a very fine line between truth and lies, love and hate. And all is about to be gloriously revealed. **BPB \$19.99**

The Luxe Set (Luxe, Rumors, Envy) (Luxe 01, 02, 03)

Beautiful sisters Elizabeth and Diana Holland rule Manhattan's social scene. But when the girls discover their status among New York City's elite is far from secure, suddenly everyone—from the backstabbing socialite Penelope Hayes, to the debonair bachelor Henry Schoonmaker, to the spiteful maid Lina Broud—threatens Elizabeth's and Diana's golden future.

The first three delicious novels in the Luxe series introduce a world of luxury and deception, where nothing is more dangerous than a scandal or more precious than a secret. . . . **PB \$52.95**

Kim Harrison***Early to Death, Early to Rise (Madison Avery 02)***

Seventeen, dead, and in charge of heaven's dark angels—all itching to kill someone.

Madison Avery's dreams of ever fitting in at her new school died when she did. Especially since she was able to maintain the illusion of a body, deal with a pesky guardian angel, and oh yeah, bring the reaper who killed her to his untimely end. Not exactly in-crowd material. It's amazing that her crush, Josh, doesn't think she's totally nuts.

Now Madison has learned that she's the dark timekeeper, in charge of angels who follow the murky guidelines of fate. Never one to abide by the rules, she decides it's time for a major change to the system. With the help of some unlikely allies, Madison forms a rogue group of reapers who definitely don't adhere to the rules of the heavens.

But as she grapples with the terrifying new skills that come with being a timekeeper, Madison realizes she may not be prepared for what lies ahead—unless she gets some seriously divine intervention. **HC \$32.95**

Alyxandra Harvey***Blood Fued (Drake Chronicles 02)***

It has been centuries since Isabeau St. Croix survived the French Revolution. Now she's made her way back to the living and must face the ultimate test by confronting the evil British lord who turned her into a vampire and left her buried for two hundred years. That's if she can control her affection for Logan Drake, a vampire whose bite is as sweet as the revenge she seeks... **BPB \$14.99**

Nancy Holder***Evil Within (Possessions 02)***

In this sequel to New York Times bestselling author Nancy Holder's Possessions, Lindsay finds out that she, too, is possessed, and must return to creepy Marlwood Academy in order to rid herself of the spirit. Lindsay's afraid of what the spirit is telling her to do—kill Mandy! But the secrets of Marlwood go much deeper than Lindsay thought. Sometimes the girls who seem like enemies are actually on your side. And the voices you trust the most—the voices that come from within—are the ones that want you dead. **TP \$14.95**

Anthony Horowitz*Legends! Battles and Quests*

Don't mess with the gods. And if they mess with you? Run like hell...

Including King Arthur, The Minotaur, Inca legends and more!

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Christine Johnson*Claire de Lune*

Hanover Falls hasn't had a werewolf problem in over one hundred years. But when people suddenly start dying in Claire Benoit's town, panic spreads fast. At Claire's sixteenth birthday party, the gruesome killings are all anyone can talk about. Claire, however, is more interested in the fact that the gorgeous Matthew Engle keeps chatting and flirting with her as if she's the only girl there. But that night, she discovers something that takes away all sense of normalcy: she's a werewolf.

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One quite SMALL person's shoulders.

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Thomas Timewell is sixteen and a gentleman. When he meets a body-snatcher called Plenitude, his whole life changes. He is pursued by cutthroats, a gypsy with a meat cleaver, and even the Grim Reaper. More disturbing still, Thomas has to spend an evening with the worst novelist in the world.

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Someone has stolen the world's most valuable diamond and a constable lies unconscious in the British Museum, two sedative darts protruding from his backside.

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At the same time, Ever delves deeper into dark magick to free Damen from Roman's power. But when her spell backfires, it binds her to the one guy who's hell-bent on her destruction. Now there's a strange, foreign pulse coursing through her, and no matter what she does, she can't stop thinking about Roman-and longing for his touch. As she struggles to resist the fiery attraction threatening to consume her, Roman is more than willing to take advantage of her weakened state-and Ever edges closer and closer to surrender.

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Michael Pryor Australian Author

Blaze of Glory (Laws of Magic 01)

Aubrey Fitzwilliam is the son of a prominent ex-prime minister. He's also brilliant at magic, but he's stuck at military school. At least he has his best friend, George, there to back him up. George would follow Aubrey anywhere - and with Aubrey's talent for thinking up daring schemes that will get them both in trouble, that's no easy thing to do.

At a royal hunting party, the boys discover a golem, a magical creature built to perform one task: to kill Prince Albert. Aubrey and George are hailed as heroes for foiling the murder attempt - but who sent the golem, and why? Aubrey is far too curious to let the authorities handle this one, and he and George start investigating . . . **PB \$17.95**

Heart of Gold (Laws of Magic 02)

At a loss after finishing their exams, Aubrey and George travel to the Gallian capital, Lutetia. Aubrey is pursuing a cure for his condition, but his family have other ideas, and he's soon burdened with a royal mystery to solve, a missing ornithologist to locate and a spot of diplomatic espionage. These tasks should keep Aubrey occupied - but that would be underestimating Aubrey's sense of curiosity and uncanny knack of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Someone is stealing people's souls and turning them into mindless monsters. The country's magical lifeline, the Heart of Gold, has been stolen, leaving the city in chaos. And what is the connection with the sabotage of an experimental airship?

Aubrey, George and a somewhat reluctant Caroline are on the case . . . **PB \$17.95**

Word of Honour (Laws of Magic 03)

Sinister plots, schemes within schemes, magical upheavals and a world to save from war. Aubrey goes looking for trouble - and finds it, as always.

Magical genius Aubrey Fitzwilliam, along with his loyal friend George, is trying to immerse himself in his new life at university. But for Aubrey life is never straightforward. When Aubrey's father, the Prime Minister, invites him and George to take a ride on a top-secret submersible, Aubrey can't resist. The magical attack that threatens to send them to the bottom of the ocean begins a whirlwind series of events - a plot to rob Albion's largest bank, strange underground disturbances and an opera singer who bears an uncanny resemblance to Aubrey's nemesis, Dr Tremaine . . . How can Aubrey concentrate on his studies when there are mysteries to unravel? **PB \$17.95**

Michael Pryor Australian Author*Time of Trial (Laws of Magic 04)*

After Aubrey narrowly escapes the worst fate he can imagine, he realises there is only one thing to do: he must confront his nemesis. With George and Caroline at his side, he travels to Holmland - the home of Dr Tremaine and the heart of hostile territory - only to face magical conundrums, near-death experiences, ghosts, brigands and enemies on their own ground. Fisherberg is a city on a knife edge. Can Aubrey solve its mysteries before Dr Tremaine's warmongering machinations tip the world into chaos? **PB \$17.95**

Celia Rees*Witch Child (Witch Child 01)*

When Mary sees her grandmother accused of witchcraft and hanged for the crime, she is silently hurried to safety by an unknown woman. The woman gives her tools to keep the record of her days - paper and ink. Mary is taken to a boat in Plymouth and from there sails to the New World where she hopes to make a new life among the pilgrims. But old superstitions die hard and soon Mary finds that she, like her grandmother, is the victim of ignorance and stupidity, and once more she faces important choices to ensure her survival.

With a vividly evoked environment and characters skilfully and patiently drawn, this is a powerful literary achievement by Celia Rees that is utterly engrossing from start to finish. **BPB \$17.99**

Sorceress (Witch Child 02)

It came to Agnes unbidden: a vision of Mary Newbury, a young woman driven from her Puritan settlement, accused of being a witch. It is an image of a life about to change radically, as Mary defies all accepted norms — embracing independence, love, and loyalty to a Native American community that accepts her as one of their own. The two women's lives are separated by almost four hundred years, but they are linked by more than blood. For, like Mary, Agnes has special powers — powers that Mary seeks to ensure that the rest of her story is told. **PB \$21.95**

Pirates!

When two young women meet under extraordinary circumstances in the eighteenth-century West Indies, they are unified in their desire to escape their oppressive lives. The first is a slave, forced to work in a plantation mansion and subjected to terrible cruelty at the hands of the plantation manager. The second is a spirited and rebellious English girl, sent to the West Indies to marry well and combine the wealth of two respectable families. But fate ensures that one night the two young women have to save each other and run away to a life no less dangerous but certainly a lot more free. As pirates, they roam the seas, fight pitched battles against their foes and become embroiled in many a heart-quickenning adventure. Written in brilliant and sparkling first-person narrative, this is a wonderful novel in which Celia Rees has brought the past vividly and intimately to life. **BPB \$17.99**

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Fresh from finding out she is a demon princess and meeting her father for the first time, Nikki Donovan is looking forward to getting back to her regular high school life. But then Rhys, the handsome teenage king of the faery realm, enrolls at her school as a "foreign exchange student". Her conflicted feelings for Rhys and her boyfriend are getting in the way of her new relationship with the Shadow-creature Michael. But this love triangle from hell isn't even Nikki's biggest problem: There's a new prophecy that claims she will destroy all the demon and human worlds. Her best friend Melinda just might be a demon-slayer-in-training. Throw in a field trip to none other than the Underworld itself... and Nikki's going to be hoping for a rain check on more than just her homework! **BPB \$14.99**

L J Smith*Secret Vampire / Daughters of Darkness / Spellbinder (Nightworld 01, 02, 03)*

Presents a collection of novels about teenage girls who are drawn into the Night World, a dark society of vampires, witches, shapeshifters, and other dark creatures.

Vampires, werewolves, witches, shapeshifters -- they live among us without our knowledge. Night World is their secret society, a secret society with very strict rules. And falling in love breaks all the laws of the Night World.

In Secret Vampire, Poppy thought the summer would last forever. Then she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Now Poppy's only hope for survival is James, her friend and secret love. A vampire in the Night World, James can make Poppy immortal. But first they both must risk everything to go against the laws of Night World.

Fugitives from Night World, three vampire sisters leave their isolated home to live among humans in Daughters of Darkness. Their brother, Ash, is sent to bring the girls back, but he falls in love with their beautiful friend.

Two witch cousins fight over their high school crush. It's a battle between black magic and white magic in Spellbinder. **TP \$20.95**

L J Smith

Dark Angel / The Chosen / Soulmate (Nightworld 04, 05, 06)

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In *Dark Angel*, Gillian is saved from drowning by her guardian angel. Only visible to Gillian, Angel will fulfill her heart's every desire. But when Angel starts making strange and sinister requests, Gillian must question who he truly is and where he came from.

Armed with a wooden stake, martial arts, and the will to resist a vampire's mind control, Rashel struggles to avenge her mother's death in *The Chosen*. Then she meets Quinn, her soulmate, who is part of the world she has vowed to destroy.

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Huntress / Black Dawn / Witchlight (Night World 07, 08, 09)

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The apocalypse is drawing near. But four Wild Powers can save the world from the impending doom. Circle Daybreak, an underground organization with both Night World and human members, is searching for the four who can stop the darkness.

A vampire hunter -- who is half vampire -- stalks her own kind to protect humans in *Huntress*.

In *Black Dawn*, Maggie stumbles upon an old Night World kingdom where the ruling vampire prince is both an enemy and an ally.

And Circle Daybreak hires Keller, a shapeshifting panther, to guard a new Wild Power in *Witchlight*. But when Keller falls in love with the Wild Power's soulmate, her love could destroy everything.... **PB \$21.95**

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It all started with a board game. But what was supposed to be an evening of friends, fun, and games, becomes a night of danger, drama, and obsessive love. Because when Jenny and her friends try to play the Game, it comes to life. Suddenly they are in a dark world where Julian, the gorgeous guy who sold Jenny the game, rules as Prince of the Shadows. Julian is in charge, making their darkest nightmares reality. And he will do anything to claim the beautiful Jenny as his prize. The Game is real, and these friends must play through - and the only way to win is to face their most secret fears. To lose the Game is to lose your life. And that is only the beginning... **BPB \$19.99**

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More than a year and a half has passed since Alys, Claudia, Jane and Charles helped to free the great sorceress, Morgana Shee, from imprisonment and close the passage between the Stillworld and the Wildworld. But when an earthquake hits California and continues to shake with lingering aftershocks, the Hodges-Bradley children begin to suspect this was no ordinary quake, and that the passage seal between the worlds may no longer be stable.

With their parents overseas and Morgana travelling north to find the epicentre of the quake the children are left on their own. But peril lurks around every corner, and strange happenings in their home town force them on journey that will test their skills to the very limit. It seems that Morgana's archrival, Thia Pendriel, has stolen the Forgotten Gem, the Heart of Valour, and is waiting to spring her trap... **BPB \$16.99**

Night of the Solstice

When Claudia Hodges-Bradley meets a fox, she knows it will be an extraordinary day. Not just any fox, this vixen is the magical familiar of the sorceress Morgana Shee. For years, Morgana has guarded the solitary gate between Earth and the Wildworld, a shimmering parallel universe where legends still live. She alone holds the secret of the mirrors that serve as the last surviving passage to enchantment. But Morgana has been betrayed and imprisoned in the Wildworld, and the fox is determined to recruit Claudia and her siblings for the rescue mission.

Armed only with courage and determination, Alys, Charles, Jane and Claudia must save Morgana before the winter solstice, when evil sorcerer Cadel Forge plans to escape the Wildworld and conquer Earth. And with December 21st only 2 weeks away, there is no time to lose... **BPB \$16.99**

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Young pioneer, Micah, enters Wrymeweald full of hope to return home having made his fortune. But this is a land where wyrms, fabulous dragon-like beasts, roam wild and reign supreme. In Wrymeweald man is both hunter and hunted - and seventeen-year-old Micah may never return alive, let alone a hero...

After a near-brush with death on the edge of a canyon, Micah soon finds a chance to prove his worth when he meets with Eli, a veteran tracker of Wrymeweald. They choose to defend a rare whitewyrme egg and its precious hatchling before it falls into the hands of a band of evil Kith. But the fledgling wyrme has its own guardian in the shape of the beautiful, brave and dangerous Thrace.

Thrace, a Kin and a highly-skilled wyrme rider-assassin; and Micah, a would-be Kith, should never mix - but the magnetism between them is strong. Together they join forces on a mission to rescue the hatchling and seek vengeance for loved-ones lost at the hand of Kith bandits. Meanwhile the glorious whitewyrme colony of Wrymeweald looks on as its land is encroached by gold-diggers and ravaged by bounty hunters. Is Exodus the only option? And if so, when - and where - will they flee too? **TP \$29.95**

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Wing learns of the order and persuades Raven to allow him to join her on her mission to retrieve Otto. Other members of the ruling council, suspicious of Nero's relationship with the boy, have initiated their own missions to eliminate Otto. Wing and Raven find themselves in a deadly race against time to track Otto down before the other G.L.O.V.E. assassins get to him. Their pursuit takes them to a secret facility hidden deep within the Amazon rainforest, where they face a mysterious operative even deadlier than Raven. Meanwhile back at H.I.V.E., the school's own automated defence systems turn against the pupils and staff. And there is no one there to stop it. **BPB \$16.99**

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Poison Diaries

Jessamine Luxson lives with her father, Thomas, an apothecary, in an isolated cottage near Alnwick Castle. Thomas's pride and obsession is his locked garden full of dangerous plants, which Jessamine is forbidden to enter.

When a traveler brings an orphan to their cottage, he claims the boy has special gifts that Thomas might value. Jessamine is drawn to the strange but intriguing boy, called Weed. Soon their friendship deepens into love. Finally, Weed shares his secret: he can communicate with plants. For him they have distinct personalities-and some are even murderous. From the locked garden the poisonous plants call to Weed, luring him with promises of deadly power.

When Jessamine falls inexplicably ill, only Weed's relationship with the Poisons can save her. But Thomas is determined to exploit Weed's abilities, even if it risks Jessamine's life-or drives Weed to the brink of madness... Ages 13+ **TP \$19.99**

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The Answer is Yes takes fans inside the making of The Sorcerer's Apprentice. Written by the unit publicist and full of beautiful concept illustrations, set designs, character bios, film scenes, and introductions and afterwords by Jerry Bruckheimer (producer) and Jon Turteltaub (director), will be a must for collectors and fans. The slightly oversized landscape trim format, the cover effects, and the gatefolds will also make this a unique and stunning addition to anyone's coffee table. **HC \$70**

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Stranded in the jungles of Kembel, the most hostile planet in the Galaxy, Space Security agent Marc Cory has stumbled across the most deadly plot ever hatched - the Daleks are about to invade and destroy the Universe. Cory has to get a warning back to Earth before it's too late - but the Daleks find him first. Months later the Doctor and his companions arrive on Kembel and find Cory's message. But it may already be too late for Earth - the Daleks Master Plan has already begun ... **CD \$29.99**

Decide Your Destiny: Claws of the Macra

Book one in the brand new Doctor Who Decide Your Destiny series, based on the new BBC One series featuring Matt Smith as the Doctor!

Danger and adventure await you on a school trip to a gas refinery infested by giant crustaceans! Only you can help the Doctor and Amy put a stop to the Macra's plans and save Earth!

Join the Eleventh Doctor and Amy on their travels through time and space in the TARDIS and influence the story with your decisions. Choose a direction and let the adventures begin... This new series contains interactive stories that continue online. With links to exclusive animated scenes and an exciting online game, there's a new adventure waiting for you with every read! **PB \$12.95**

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You're in the TARDIS when it loses power and crash-lands in a deserted snowy landscape. Something is sucking the energy from everything that passes! Is it the Sycorax? Or something else entirely? Help the Doctor and Amy unravel the mystery, before it's too late...

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Bond Cars and Vehicles

A full-velocity guide to James Bond's wheels.

Get into 007's cars. Take a look under the hood, find out how fast they travel and discover how they've helped him on his missions over the years. From his early vehicles, to the stunning Aston Martin DBS from Quantum of Solace - learn everything there is to know about the cars of the world's most sophisticated spy.

Packed with amazing photos and incredible facts, this is a must-read for every Bond fan. **HC \$24.95**

Book of Bond

From Bond's women to his films, get up close and personal with the world's most famous spy.

Learn to be just as sophisticated as 007 with this in-depth look at everything to do with James Bond.

You'll find information on 007's styles, tastes and skills. Discover all about his many films, from the plot synopsis to credits and get an overview of all of Bond's favourite girls. Come face-to-face with his many enemies and find out all about them from detailed profiles. Meet his allies too, including the legendary M.

Packed with amazing photos and incredible facts, this is a must-read for every Bond fan. **HC \$24.95**

Justice League of America

Final Crisis

Greg Cox

The novelization of the superhero event starring Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, and the heroes and villains of the DC Comics Universe Victorious at long last against his enemies on the world of New Genesis, Darkseid has unleashed the forces of Apokolips on Earth. With the secret of the Anti-Life Equation at his command, Darkseid now possesses the ability to eradicate all free will from humanity-and usher in an end to the age of super heroes.

Facing an ever growing army of mindless slaves and corrupted heroes, Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, and the remnants of the Justice League of America find themselves consumed by the ever spreading darkness. They remain humanity's only hope-the only light that will not be extinguished in the world's darkest hour. **TP \$30.95**

Merlin

Dangerous Quests

When Arthur kills a unicorn, Merlin knows that terrible consequences lie in store for Camelot and its people.

And things are set to get worse. After a hunting trip in the forest, Arthur is fatally attacked by a savage beast. As the Crown Prince lies dying, Gaius knows that dark magic is at work and Merlin is the only one who can save him – but at what cost . . .

With a graphic novel element to really bring the text to life, each book covers two TV episodes. **PB \$12.95**

The Death of Arthur

Whilst out on a routine hunting trip, Arthur and his men encounter a huge and terrifying monster - the Questing Beast. Uther ignores Gaius' warning, that the creature's bite is always fatal, and sends Arthur and his knights out to kill it. The beast knocks Arthur unconscious and bites his shoulder. As Arthur's life hangs in the balance, Merlin must travel to the Isle of the Blessed and there strike a potentially fatal bargain with the sorceress, Nimueh. The young warlock is the only one who can save Arthur – but at what cost? **HC \$17.95**

The Labyrinth of Gedref

Out on a hunting trip, Arthur kills a unicorn. Merlin rushes to the animal's side, obviously upset, as the knights cheer Arthur for killing this most highly-prized of beasts. But, it seems that by killing the magical creature Arthur has cursed Camelot and until he makes amends for his actions the great city will be damned. Could this be the end of Camelot and her people . . . ? **HC \$17.95**

The Sorcerer's Curse

A treasure trove is discovered deep beneath Camelot but when the spirit of an evil sorcerer is unwittingly unleashed, Merlin quickly discovers that all that glitters is not gold. Meanwhile, a deadly assassin has arrived in Camelot. His aim? To kill Arthur. Will Merlin be able to save the prince from the killer's lethal blade . . . **PB \$12.95**

Prince of Persia

Prince of Persia

In ninth- and thirteenth-century Persia, two princes despair over the corruption in their worlds, and as everything they believe in begins to fade, the princes find that only they can stand against the twilight of their eras. Graphic Novel **TP \$19.95**

Robin Hood

01: Will you Tolerate This?

Robin of Locksley returns from the Crusades to find his people starving and oppressed by the new Sheriff of Nottingham. Under this tyrannical regime, the slightest crime attracts the heaviest punishment, and dissent is impossible. Robin soon discovers that the only way to reason with the Sheriff is with bow and arrow - even if it means sacrificing his lands and becoming an outlaw... **CD \$24.95**

02: Sheriff Got Your Tongue?

The Sheriff of Nottingham is determined to punish Robin for his defiance of authority. He holds the villagers of Locksley hostage, threatening to cut out a villagers tongue every hour until Robin is found. Robin has no choice but to give himself up to protect them. But with his gang of outlaws on his side, all is not lost... **CD \$24.95**

03: Who Shot the Sheriff?

When a mysterious sniper begins to murder the innocent people of Nottingham, the Sheriff is quick to blame Robin Hood. To stop the killings, Robin must work with the Sheriff to discover the true identity of the murderer. Is it really the elusive Nightwatchman? And can the Sheriff really be trusted?... **CD \$24.95**

04: Parent Hood

The Sheriff and his men capture Roy, and the outlaws find a baby abandoned in Sherwood Forest. Roy is given a choice: kill Robin Hood or let his own mother hang. Meanwhile, Marian angers the Sheriff with her disobedience. Will Roy betray Robin? How will the Sheriff punish Marian? And who does the baby belong to?... **CD \$24.95**

Star Trek

Seek A Newer World

Christopher L Bennett

Enterprise under attack escapes and discovers an entire civilization also hiding as is the ship. Kirk decides to find out what are they hiding from.

PB \$14.99

Unspoken Truth

Margaret Wander Bonanno

A wild child, Saavik was left to die on a world so horrifying that it was known as Hellguard. She was rescued by Spock, who took the half-Vulcan, half-Romulan home to his parents, trusting that they would be able to care for the troubled child. Later she would follow Spock into Starfleet. Now a fully-fledged Starfleet officer, Lieutenant Saavik returns to Vulcan only to find that other Hellguard survivors are being killed one by one. With her life under threat, can she ever call Vulcan home? Forced to choose, which will she embrace: the pacifism of Vulcan, or the violence that is the Romulan half of her heritage? Not knowing where to turn or whom she can trust Saavik struggles to discover where her true loyalties lie. **PB \$14.99**

Wicked Becomes You

Alan Dean Foster

Captain Kirk and the crew of the Enterprise must decide if a group of refugees are a menace or just misunderstood. **PB \$14.99**

Star Wars

Star Wars Generations: A Celebration of Fandom

Bonnie Burton, Mary Franklin & Peter Vilmur

THE FANS ARE HERE!

A special book by fans for fans, Generation Star Wars celebrates one of the most creative groups of devotees in the galaxy. Packed with photographs, reminiscences, milestones, and little-known trivia, this book features a complete retrospective on more than thirty years of Star Wars fandom, including

- the beginnings of the phenomenon at San Diego Comic-Con 1976
- variations: the first fans, old-school fans, line culture, videogame fans, and female fandom
- celebrity fan memories from J. J. Abrams, Margaret Cho, Sean Lennon, and many others
- personal photos of fans dressed in their Star Wars finest, from the 1970s to the present day
- the dedicated clubs and communities, from the Official Star Wars Fan Club to the 501st Legion, from the Ladies of the ISO to the R2-D2 Builders Group
- the many fan sites and newsletters, from theforce.net to Bantha Tracks
- the early conventions and Star Wars celebrations across the globe
- fan-tastic fan-made crafts, art, tattoos, and other obsessions
- Plus—pages for collecting autographs at conventions!

For Star Wars enthusiasts of all stripes—from those who have camped out for hours in the movie lines to casual followers of the Force—Generation Star Wars is the ultimate tribute to a fun-filled community. **TP \$49.95**

Star Wars 1000 Collectibles: Memorabilia and Stories from a Galaxy Far, Far Away

Stephen J Sansweet

Offers a complete tour of the Star Wars merchandise galaxy—full of rarities and oddities, including a C-3PO tape dispenser, Boba Fett cake pans, a Darth Vader popcorn popper and much more—obtained from the world's largest and most coveted collection. Original.

Star Wars: 1,000 Collectibles takes the reader on a journey through cool and kitsch, from toys and costumes to life-size statues made of LEGO bricks to consumer goods such as candy, clothing, toothpaste—and much more. Drawn from the largest private Star Wars collection in the known universe, this stunning treasure trove of memorabilia and colorful anecdotes mixes fun with nostalgia, delighting both the casual fan and the serious collector. Since the first Star Wars film opened in 1977, George Lucas's epic space fantasy has become not only one of the most successful entertainment franchises of all time, but also an obsession for collectors around the globe, who have spent more than \$15 billion on Star Wars merchandise.

These collectibles range from the offbeat—C-3PO tape dispensers, fan-made bantha pinatas, and Darth Vader popcorn poppers—to the everyday—Boba Fett cake pans, Yoda PEZ dispensers, and "Cream of Jawa" soup. Here for the first time is a chronicle of the constantly expanding, all-encompassing, often-surreal lifestyle of collecting Star Wars—filled with incredible stranger-than-fiction stories from the galaxy's foremost collector.

TP \$70

Old Republic

Sean Williams

BioWare and LucasArts—creators of the hugely popular Star Wars:® Knights of the Old Republic® video game—have combined their storytelling talents and cutting-edge technology for an innovative new massively multiplayer online role-playing game that allows players to create their own personal Star Wars adventure 3,500 years before the rise of Darth Vader. Now #1 New York Times bestselling author Sean Williams brings the world of the game to life in his latest novel, Star Wars: The Old Republic: Fatal Alliance.

Tassaa Bareesh, a matriarch in the Hutt crime cartel, is holding an auction that's drawing attention from across the galaxy. Representatives of both the Republic and the Sith Empire are present, along with a Jedi Padawan sent to investigate, a disenfranchised trooper drummed out of the Republic's elite Blackstar Squad, and a mysterious Mandalorian with a private agenda. But the Republic's envoy is not what he seems, the Empire's delegate is a ruthless Sith apprentice, the Jedi Padawan is determined to do the right thing and terrified that he can't, the trooper hopes to redeem her reputation, and the Mandalorian is somehow managing to keep one step ahead of everyone.

None of these guests—invited or uninvited—have any intention of participating in the auction. Instead they plan to steal the prize, which is locked inside an impregnable vault: two burned chunks of an exploded star cruiser, one of which may hold the key to the wealth of an entire world.

But the truth about the treasure is dangerous and deadly. And in the end, Sith and Jedi, Republic and Empire, must do something they've never done before, something that all the agents of good and evil could never make them do: join together to stop a powerful threat that could destroy the galaxy.

HC \$54.95

Yoda USB Desk Protector

Star Wars - Yoda USB Desk Protector. A cool Yoda piece that plugs into your USB port and talks and has a light up lightsaber. The USB port delivers power to light him up and make him speak.

Yoda is motion sensitive and has 6 sayings

"In the end, cowards are those who follow the dark side"

"A disturbance in the Force there is"

"Retreat! Cover you I will"

"Still much to learn you have"

"So certain of defeat are you, hmmm?"

"Rush not into fight, long is the war"

"Only by surviving it will you prevail" **\$34.95**

Clone Wars: Bad Guys and Bounty Hunters Sticker Book

Star Wars: The Clone Wars fans - find out how strong your Jedi powers are in this exciting sticker activity book! Can you defeat the dark side by battling the bad guys and bounty hunters that plague the galaxy?

Join Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano and complete the activities to find out! **\$7.95**

Clone Wars Character Encyclopedia

Everything you ever wanted to know about your favourite Star Wars The Clone Wars characters!

If your child loves Star Wars The Clone Wars then let them meet the characters from their favourite TV series. From Anakin Skywalker to Ziro the Hutt, they'll learn the ins and outs, ups and downs and secret info on all their favourite characters.

Focused entirely on the characters from the Star Wars The Clone Wars series, this chunky, chock-full-of-info encyclopedia will take them from A to Z in The Clone Wars universe. And don't forget, there's a galaxy full of other DK Star Wars books to collect. **Picture Book \$24.95**

Legacy of Terror Story and Activity Book with Stickers

Jedi Anakin Skywalker and his Padawan, Ahsoka Tano, have discovered a plot to build a weapons factory on Geonosis. Their mission is to destroy the factory at all costs, find the Separatist responsible and bring him to justice!

Join them on their adventure in this exciting Star Wars: The Clone Wars book with two stories, awesome activities and loads of stickers. **HC \$9.95**

Padawan Puzzles

Congratulations youngling, you have been chosen to become a Padawan for the Jedi Order in this exciting Star Wars: The Clone Wars activity book! Train to become a Jedi Knight by using the Force to complete the trials and missions inside! Use your lightsaber to find the safest route through heavy droid fire, view clues to help you solve anagrams, memory tests and Padawan missions, then complete your training by practising your battle stances and completing the true or false test in the Trial of Knowledge.

The ultimate in activity books for Star Wars: The Clone Wars fans! **\$7.95**

Gambit: Siege

Karen Miller

The second installment of a two-book Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker adventure, set against the backdrop of the Clone Wars! Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker are trapped on the Separatist controlled planet Lanteeb, on the run from General Lok Durd and his droid army. After being forced to abandon their jerry-rigged groundcar they continue on foot, hunted, as they try to find a safe place to hide and regroup before escaping the planet altogether. Eventually they seek shelter in a remote Lanteeban village, but the Separatists track them down. Now they're under siege...and the little time they've bought themselves is running out. **HC \$49.95 TP \$32.95 CD - Unabridged \$70**

Fate of the Jedi 03: Abyss

Troy Denning

Luke and Ben Skywalker arrive in the mysterious part of space called The Maw in search of more clues as to what caused Jacen Solo's downfall into the dark side. But they are not the only ones exploring The Maw: a Sith Master and her apprentice arrive there, too, having followed the delinquent ancient Sith ship found by Ben in *The Legacy of the Force* -- and they're thrilled to find Luke there, because they are determined to kill him. But there's another powerful being hiding in The Maw. It's enormously strong, purely evil, and it has its own plans for Luke Skywalker... **APB \$21.95**

Legacy 09: Monster

Wayland is a once-fertile world transformed by alien biotechnology into a monstrous living nightmare. The planet was the scene of Kol Skywalker's worst failure and his son Cade's first brush with death. Now Cade and his friends have been lured back to Wayland, where a deadly secret festers-and a life-changing decision waits for Cade.

Meanwhile, across the galaxy, a chance for peace erupts into a three-way battle between the Jedi, the Sith, and Roan Fel's Imperial Knights!

Collects *Legacy* issues #42-#46. The uncharted future of Star Wars and the Skywalkers! Jedi versus Sith! Finally! **TP \$35.95**

Stargate

Atlantis 15: Death Game

Jo Graham

Colonel John Sheppard wakes up to find that he and his team are scattered across a tropical archipelago, unable to communicate with each other or return to Stargate, and soon Sheppard and Teyla are taken as prisoners to the planet's Wraith overlord while McKay, Ronon and Zelenka mount a rescue. By the author of the Locus Award-nominated *Black Ships*. **PB \$19.95**

Terminator Salvation

Trial By Fire

Timothy Zahn

Following the dramatic events of *Terminator Salvation*, a recovering John Connor grants Barnes permission to return to the destroyed VLA lab and bury his brother, killed in the explosive opening of the movie. At the ruins Barnes and Blair Williams hunt through the debris for the remains of their comrade but instead uncover a mysterious cable leading up into the mountains. The two Resistance fighters head into the wilderness to investigate.

What the pair discovers is an entire village that appears largely untouched by Judgment Day and its aftermath. Suspicious of the villagers, Barnes and Blair decide to dig deeper....

An official novel exploring the post-Judgment Day world of the hit movie *Terminator Salvation*. **PB \$19.95**

Transformers

Transformers: Exodus

Alexander C Irvine

Reveals the origins of the conflict between Megatron and Optimus Prime, the reason for two allies fighting a corrupt regime to suddenly turn on each other, and the roles played by Starscream, Sentinel Prime, and Omega Supreme. **HC \$54.95**

Twilight Zone

More Stories From the Twilight Zone

Carol Serling

When it first aired in 1959, *The Twilight Zone* was nothing less than groundbreaking television. Freed from the censors' strict oversight due to the show's classification as science fiction, the 156 episodes explored classic, powerful, and moving human themes-love, hate, pride, jealousy, terror-in a unique style. The program sparked the imaginations of countless writers and filmmakers around the world.

With *The Twilight Zone 2*, some of today's finest writers have written all-new stories celebrating the unique vision and power of Rod Serling's landmark series. The previous anthology boasted a stellar group including New York Times bestselling authors Whitley Strieber, R. L. Stine, and Laura Lippman, and writers who wrote scripts for the original *Twilight Zone* and its later incarnations, such as Earl Hamner and Alan Brennert.

TP \$34.95 HC \$52.95

World of Warcraft

World of Warcraft 3

Louise Simonson & Walter Simonson

The third graphic novel based on the world's most popular massively multiplayer online game finds King Varian and his companions attempting to heal the rift between Horde and Alliance by seeking out help from ogre leader Thrall. Garona, the assassin who drove these factions apart by killing Varian's father, is back and still under the spell which made her kill King Llane. King Varian must also contend with the evil group Twilight's Hammer who are under the power of the sinister "The Master." **HC \$39.95**

Games Related

Alan Wake

Rick Burroughs

Alan Wake is a psychological action thriller set in Bright Falls, an idyllic small town in the Pacific Northwest. It is the story of Alan Wake, a bestselling crime/horror novelist suffering from writers block. At the suggestion of his wife and muse, Alice, he ventures to Bright Falls to recover his creative flow. Soon after they arrive, however, Alice goes missing under mysterious circumstances. Wake begins searching, and discovers pages of a manuscript he seems to have written, though he has no memory of it. It describes the strange events that are occurring around him, and he soon believes that a dark force is at work.

A dark presence has woken up in the depths of Cauldron Lake. It is growing stronger and reaching out, taking over and controlling people and animals with malevolent and aggressive intent. Whatever it possesses turns dark, blurry, and harder to see clearly, as if it was hidden in a pool of deeper darkness, or cloaked in clinging shadows, or shrouded by dark smoke, or covered by a film of inky water. Only strong light seems to push this dark possessing presence away and allows Wake to fight the enemies hurting him. **BPB \$22.99**

Green Dragon Codex

Fall in love with an evil baby dragon in the next dragon codex!

When ten-year-old Scamp Weaver finds a locked chest in a forest clearing, he feels like his life is finally about to change for the better. But he doesn't bargain for just how much change the chest will bring. Inside he finds a dragon egg and a mysterious ancient scroll, which set Scamp and his best friend Dannika off on a harrowing adventure, chased by dragon hunters who want the contents of the chest for themselves. Life gets ever more complicated when the baby green dragon hatches. Will this cute, mischievous hatchling really grow up to be an evil green dragon?

R.D. Henham's series inspired by The New York Times best-seller A Practical Guide to Dragons hatches a gripping story of a green dragon who might--or might not--be evil as the day he was born. **HC \$21.95**

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Dead Space

01: Martyr

Brian Evenson

Discovering a mysterious signal emitting from the interior of the Chicxulub crater, Michael Altman and his girlfriend, Ada, lead an excavation team to a bizarre stone that unleashes visions, violence and a dire warning that prompts the foundation of a radical new church. By the Edgar-finalist author of The Open Curtain.

We have seen the future.

A universe cursed with life after death.

It all started deep beneath the Yucatan peninsula, where an archaeological discovery took us into a new age, bringing us face-to-face with our origins and destiny.

Michael Altman had a theory no one would hear.

It cursed our world for centuries to come.

This, at last, is his story.

Video game tie-in. **TP \$30.95**

Dragonlance

The Raistlin Chronicles

Margaret Weis & Don Perrin

Discover the origins of one of the most intriguing characters in Dragonlance, Raistlin Majere. Before he became a Hero of the Lance, Raistlin Majere forged his magic in the Towers of Wizardry and on the field of war. From The New York Times best-selling author Margaret Weis, and co-author Don Perrin, The Raistlin Chronicles reveals the origins of Dragonlance's ultimate anti-hero and other much-loved characters.

This omnibus edition collects the books The Soulforge and Brothers in Arms. **TP \$26.95**

Forgotten Realms

Transitions 03: The Ghost King

RA Salvatore

Don't miss the gripping conclusion to Salvatore's New York Times best-selling Transitions trilogy!

When the Spellplague ravages Faerûn, Drizzt and his companions are caught in the chaos. Seeking out the help of the priest Cadderly—the hero of the recently reissued series The Cleric Quintet—Drizzt finds himself facing his most powerful and elusive foe, the twisted Crenshinibon, the demonic crystal shard he believed had been destroyed years ago. **PB \$19.95**

Magic: The Gathering

Alara the Unbroken

Doug Beyer

Once upon a time, the plane of Alara was shattered into five planes, each distinctly populated with relative mono-magical culture that reflects each of the five colors. Now, the planes are beginning to realign and merge once more.

As nefarious forces work to hasten the cataclysmic realignment for their own gain, the populations of once ordered planes struggle to come to terms with a new planar order in which long separated struggles between opposites clash once more; martyrs face executioners, fire and water, earth and air, growth and decay, the innate versus the artificial.

Amid this chaos, Ajani, a fierce leonin planeswalker, struggles to bring justice and resolution to his brother's death. Noble warrior Rafiq searches for the source of the evil that has invaded his world. And Sarkhan Vol, planeswalker and dragon hunter, taps into a power so pure and ancient, it threatens to consume him even as he revels in its unadulterated totality.

An action packed story from the mind of one of the creators, Doug Beyer opens up the Shards of Alara(TM) set like no one else can **PB \$19.95**

Penny Arcade

06: The Halls Below

Jerry Holkins & Mike Krahulik

FROM UNTOLD STYGIAN DEPTHS, IT RISES

Gaze, if you dare, in benumbed awe upon its unfathomably cyclopean dimensions of obsidian impossibility. Cower before its undulating, multitendriled tales of unutterable horror. Receive into trembling hands that which the nameless ancients foretold in dread whispers that echo still across the black and terrible chasm whence forgotten time disgorges its haunted secrets, etc. Behold—the sixth tome of the Penny Arcade cycle!

Peer within and find

- 2005's full-color Penny Arcade strips in their behemoth entirety!
- The soul-chilling ramblings of its warped, only partially human creators!
- And more, which no coherent mind could fathom nor human tongue repeat! **TP \$30.95**

Warhammer 40,000

Cadian Blood

Aaron Dembski-Bowden

When the Imperial shrine world of Kathur is blighted by Chaos, the brave Guardsmen of Cadia are sent to reclaim it. The plague of Nurgle has set in deeply on the planet, forcing the Cadians into battle with an innumerable legion of the infected. In the midst of battle, Captain Parmenion Thade is thrust into an unlikely commanding role.

Yet, he cannot imagine what lies ahead on Kathur, and just how important it will be to ensure victory there. **APB \$18**

Heroes of the Space Marines

Nick Kyme & Lindsey Priestley

In the grim darkness of the Warhammer 40,000 universe mankind is beset by foes in a galaxy wracked by eternal war. Step forth the Space Marines, superhuman warriors and the ultimate protectors of humanity. *Heroes of the Space Marines* is an anthology of stories about these brave champions and their dark counterparts, the Chaos Space Marines.

This anthology features an Ultramarines series tie-in by Graham McNeill featuring the Iron Warrior Honsou, a prequel story to the forthcoming Salamander series by Nick Kyme, a tie-in to the new Imperial Fists series by Chris Roberson and all-new Deathwatch and Night Lords stories, setting the stars ablaze with the fury of the Space Marines.

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Steve Parker - Headhunted

Chris Roberson - Gauntlet Run

Gav Thorpe - Renegades **APB \$18**

Eldar: Path of the Warrior

Gav Thorpe

The ancient eldar are a mysterious race, each devoting their life to a chosen path which will guide their actions and decide their fate. Korlandril abandons peace for the Path of the Warrior. He becomes a Striking Scorpion, a deadly fighter skilled in the art of close-quarter combat. But the further Korlandril travels down this path, the closer he gets to losing his identity and becoming an avatar of war. **APB \$18**

Shira Calpurnia: Enforcer

Matthew Farrer

Collects all three Shira Calpurnia novels into a single edition, in which Shira discovers the corruption behind assassination attempts, greed over an ancient charter and heartless murderers. **BPB \$27**

Space Wolf: Space Wolf Omnibus 2

William King & Lee Lightner

This omnibus contains three books in the Space Wolf series by William King and Lee Lightner.

Wolfblade

The ancient Navigator House of Belisarius has long been bound to the mighty Space Wolves as allies. In return for the means to navigate the treacherous warp, the Space Wolves provide an honour guard of elite warriors – the Wolfblade – to protect the House. When Ragnar takes up his duties on ancient Terra he soon becomes embroiled in an assassination plot that reaches into the very depths of Imperium! Unused to the delicate political machinations, Ragnar must resort to the howling fury of the Wolves if he is to save this noble dynasty and regain his honour!

Sons of Fenris

Ragnar Blackmane is a legend within the hallowed ranks of the Space Wolves – his exploits are legendary and his courage is limitless. When Ragnar is sent to investigate reports of Chaos attacks on the planet Hyades, he encounters his Chapter's most bitter rivals – the Dark Angels Space Marines. As old feuds come to the fore, both sides call in reinforcements and the situation quickly escalates out of control. Can these two ancient rivals call a truce and work together or will the savage forces of Chaos exploit the infighting and complete their nefarious plans?

Wolf's Honour

Following events described in *Sons of Fenris*, the Space Wolves find themselves under attack from all sides by the Thousand Sons Chaos Space Marines. In a last-ditch attempt to stop their ancient enemy, Ragnar and his battle-brothers launch a lightning strike on the Thousand Sons' base. Will the Space Wolves triumph, and can Ragnar retrieve the Spear of Russ from his nemesis, the Chaos Space Marine Madox? **BPB \$27**

Warhammer

Heroes: Sword of Justice

Chris Wraight

Emperor's Champion Ludwig Schwarzhelm battles orc invaders whilst trying to get to the bottom of a chaos conspiracy in the province of Averland. **PB \$18**

Roleplaying Games, Boardgames & Card Games

Cthulhu Dice

Serving Cthulhu is fun, except for all those other cultists out to get you. So . . . get them first!

Cthulhu Dice lets you drive your rivals mad . . . very, very quickly. Players take turns rolling the big, beautiful, custom 12-sided die, embossed with tentacles, Elder Signs, and more. There are counters and a Cthulhu Dice Bag to keep it all together (if you can keep yourself together).

Destroy your opponents sanity! Better yet, steal it. But watch out for Cthulhu when he comes up, he takes sanity from everyone! The last sane cultist wins . . . unless everyone goes mad together. Then Cthulhu wins!

Cthulhu Dice plays in 10 minutes or less, and is fun for 3 to 8 players.

The perfect party game for your fellow Cthulhu cultists . . . er, fans.

Cthulhu Dice is a highly interactive game that can be carried in your pocket. **Game \$8**

Deckard Nightdevil Death priest

White metal figurine in 25mm scale. **Figurine \$14**

Freja Fangbreaker Dwarf Sergeant

White metal figurine. **Figurine \$10**

Horus Heresy Board Game

A board game for 2 players.

In the Horus Heresy board game, the most legendary battle in the history of the Warhammer 40,000 universe unfolds across the razed plains of Terra and in the frozen orbit above. Deadly fighting ranges from the Emperor's golden Inner Palace to Horus's flagship, the Vengeful Spirit.

Taking the side of traitor or loyalist, two players control either fearless Space Marine legions or deviant Chaos Space Marines, mighty Titans, Imperial Armies both loyal and traitorous, and a fearsome array of other units, including the Emperor and Horus themselves.

An innovative order and initiative system forces each side to carefully consider the commands they issue to their troops. A dramatic, card-driven combat system incorporates escalating damage, gives players the opportunity to allocate resources between attack and defense, and brings to bear the unique special powers of each unit type, from fortification-destroying Titans to the perverse daemons of Chaos.

This legendary tale of treachery and heroism is brought to vibrant life with over one hundred magnificent sculpted plastic playing pieces. The stunning three-dimensional map of Terra brilliantly portrays the landscape immediately surrounding the Imperial Palace, from the magma-filled crevasses to the fortifications that offer the Imperial player protection against both enemy assault and orbital bombardments.

Each one of these structures, as well as the Imperial Palace itself, have been expertly sculpted, and rise above the landscape to create a truly immersive experience. The fortifications of Terra have never looked more formidable! Once the board is set up with playing pieces and terrain for your first game, it will be a wonder to behold.

Horus Heresy includes six scenarios that differ in both difficulty and style. The first scenario, titled Brother Against Brother, is recommended for all new players as it provides predetermined starting locations for both player's forces. It is a well balanced version of the Battle for Terra, and also presents a roughly historical recreation of the conflict's events.

Horus Heresy includes over 120 detailed miniature models including 10 plastic terrain pieces, and more than 200 cards to bring this sweeping conflict to life on a stunning map of the war-torn Terra. **Board Game \$150**

Zombies Dice

Eat brains. Don't get shotgunned.

You are a zombie. You want brains. More brains than any of your zombie buddies.

Zombie Dice is a quick and easy game for gamers and non-gamers alike. The 13 custom dice represent victims. Push your luck to eat their brains, but stop rolling before the shotgun blasts end your turn!

Zombie Dice is a dice game for 3 to 8 players. Each game takes 10 to 20 minutes, and can be taught in a single round.

Includes dice cup with 13 custom dice. **Game \$21**

Race For the Galaxy

Tom Lehmann

In Race for the Galaxy, players build galactic civilizations by game cards that represent worlds or technical and social developments.

Each round consists of one or more of five possible phases. In each round, each player secretly and simultaneously chooses one of seven different action cards and then reveals it. Only the selected phases occur. For these phases, every player performs the phases action, while the selecting player(s) also get a bonus for that phase.

Explore, Settle, Develop, Trade, Consume, or Produce? Which do you need the most? Which of Earth's former colonies will be most successful at settling the galaxy, now that JumpDrive exists? Who will discover the secrets of the mysteriously vanished Alien Overlords? Your goal: to build the most prosperous and powerful space empire! **Game \$51**

d20 Dungeons and Dragons 4E

Adventure HS1: The Slaying Stone

A standalone D&D adventure for 1st-level characters.

The tefling empire of Bael Turath crumbled long ago, but the ruins of its ancient cities remain. Lost within one such ruin is a powerful relic called the Slaying Stone, and brave heroes must retrieve it before it falls into the hands of their enemies!

This standalone D&D adventure is designed for 1st-level characters and can be easily inserted into any D&D campaign. **TP \$35**

Dungeon Tiles DU7 : Deserts of Athas

Illustrated cardstock terrain tiles for use with the Dungeons & Dragons Roleplaying Game.

This D&D Roleplaying Game accessory—designed for use with the Dark Sun Campaign Setting and the Marauders of the Dune Sea adventure—gives Dungeon Masters an easy and inexpensive way to include great-looking terrain in their games. This set provides ready-to-use, configurable tiles and three-dimensional enhancements with which to build exciting encounter locations.

This accessory contains six double-sided sheets of illustrated, die-cut terrain tiles printed on heavy cardstock, allowing you to create desert oases, sandstone vaults, and other dungeon and wilderness fixtures. Some of the tiles can be combined to create 3D terrain elements. It is ideal for Dark Sun campaign adventures or any other D&D setting. **\$17**

Miniatures: Orcus, Prince of Undeath

Limited edition **Figurine \$119.95**

d20 Pathfinder

Warpath

Cry Havoc and Let Slip The Dogs of War!

The clash of grand armies comes to your game world! Designed by Hank Woon (Pathfinder Roleplaying Game Core Rulebook, Pathfinder Roleplaying Game Bestiary) and extensively playtested, WARPATH is a complete set of rules designed to give Game Masters and players all the tools they need to run anything from a tiny border skirmish to an all-out epic battle involving thousands of soldiers. The rules can be used for units as small as one to as many as needed, and is designed to be fully compatible with the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game system.

The 96-page rulebook contains rules for:

Unit Design

Combat and Tactics

Battlefield Manoeuvres

Spells and Spell-like Abilities

Army Leaders

Battlefield Design and Set-up

Casualties, Prisoners and Consequences

Siege Warfare and Fortifications

Quick-play version of the rules for fast results

Campaign rules, example units and battlefields, and More! **TP \$30**

Dark Heresy RPG

Haarlock's Legacy 3 : Dead Stars

The infamous Rogue Trader Erasmus Haarlock is set to return, and only the Inquisition stands in the way of his dark revenge...

Dead Stars is the conclusion to The Haarlocks Legacy Trilogy, a definitive series of epic Dark Heresy adventures that began with Tattered Fates and continued with Damned Cities. Terrible threats stir amongst the worlds visited by the mysterious Rogue Trader line of Haarlock. What has been left behind threatens everything the Inquisition has worked for in the Calixis Sector.

Dead Stars takes Acolytes to the forbidden ice world of Mara and the haunted planet of Dusk, where they must make a fateful decision that affects the future of the entire Calixis Sector. Old enemies and allies join the struggle on both sides will the Acolytes be able to survive the terrible conclusion to the Haarlocks Legacy trilogy? **HC \$36**

Doctor Who

Doctor Who Defending the Earth RRP

Front and centre, soldier! You're part of UNIT now, the Unified Intelligence Taskforce. We are the Earth's best defence against the myriad alien forces who would try to subjugate and conquer our planet. Try they might, but they will meet UNIT: a global military force tasked with protecting the planet and researching the alien threat.

It's not an easy job, and even those recruited for their scientific knowledge can find themselves on the front lines of combat against an almost unstoppable foe. It's dangerous, violent and not everyone will survive, but for the good of the planet we will do everything in our power to protect humanity from extraterrestrial terrors.

Defending the Earth is an expansion set for the Doctor Who: Adventures in Time and Space roleplaying game.

Within this box you will find:

160 page rulebook detailing the history of UNIT, along with additional information for creating UNIT characters, including new Traits and Areas of Expertise, as well as expanded firearms and combat rules, including mass combat and skirmish rules.

32 page Adventure book, featuring a whole new ready-to-play adventure and many ideas for additional stories.

Character sheets for major UNIT personnel, including the legendary Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart. **Box \$64**

Magic the Gathering

2011 Core Set Boosters

Magic: The Gathering 2011 Core Set features 249 black-bordered cards, including randomly inserted premium versions of all cards in the set. It is available in booster packs, intro packs, and fat packs.

Each booster has 15 random cards. **Booster \$6.95**

2011 Core Set Fat Pack

Magic: The Gathering 2011 Core Set features 249 black-bordered cards, including randomly inserted premium versions of all cards in the set. It is available in booster packs, intro packs, and fat packs.

The Fat Pack contains eight boosters, 40 basic land cards. And a spindown life counter. And a players guide, a card box, and an excerpt from Test of Metal, a Planeswalker novel! **Box \$54.95**

2011 Core Set Intro Pack

Starting with Magic 2011, intro packs are going to be sixty cards. And they still come with a 15-card booster!

Now, how about we take a look at each of these 5 (sixty-card) decks?

Blades of Victory

Command an army of knights and soldiers and slice through the opposition using this deck of righteous power. With angels at your side and Angelic Arbiter at the forefront of the battle, can victory be far behind?

Power of Prophecy

Seize control of your opponents' forces, manipulate the flow of battle, and leave your opposition confused and disoriented. Gain knowledge of the future and use Conundrum Sphinx to hasten your foretold dominance.

Reign of Vampirism

Unleash a horde of the undead! As your army of vampires descends upon your opponent, your Captivating Vampire will boost your odds of victory.

Breath of Fire

Play with fire and burn your opponent with this deck packed with direct damage. Heat things up to a fever pitch with Ancient Hellkite, a big flier with one thing in mind: ending the game.

Stampede of Beasts

Summon monstrous beasts, wurms, and hydras, and use them to stomp your opponent's forces like insects. Then cast Overwhelming Stampede to give your forces a lethal boost of power. **Box \$19.95**

Monsterpocalypse Series 5

Big in Japan Monster Booster

Monsterpocalypse Series 5: Big In Japan

Unleash powerful new monsters, muster your units and smash your way through the Tokyo skyline! Choose from the Elemental Champions, Empire of the Apes, Subterranean Uprising, Savage Swarm, Tritons, and UberCorp International, and stomp the sushi out of the other kaiju. Big in Japan introduces famous buildings from the Tokyo skyline and two new unit types. Take control of powerful character units and bolster your agenda with neutral units as you rampage your way to victory. With high-quality, pre-painted plastic figures, Monsterpocalypse: Big in Japan will power up your game!

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Add to your collection with this Big in Japan Monster Booster, containing 1 randomly inserted, fully assembled, pre-painted plastic monster and its corresponding hyper form. **Figurine \$20**

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Talisman 4th Edition

Talisman: Highland Expansion

Clouds enshroud the mountain's peak...

Exhausted from the long ascent, you barely keep your grip as the stones beneath you give way and tumble perilously down the slope. But you still keep climbing...

...for the Highland beckons you!

Talisman: The Highland adds a new Region to the game for heroes to explore. A custom-fitted map board and over 100 new cards bring this mountainous realm vividly to life, while six brand-new characters, each represented with a superbly detailed plastic miniature, offer fantastic new playing experiences. Climb as high as you dare, and lay claim to the unimaginable wealth that awaits atop the tallest peak in the world of Talisman!

Box \$60

Warhammer

Warhammer Fantasy 8th Edition

HC \$124

Warhammer Fantasy RPG

Chaos in the Old World

In the Warhammer world, four Gods of Chaos battle for supremacy: Khorne, the Blood God; Nurgle, the Plaguelord; Tzeentch, the Changer of Ways; Slaanesh, the Lord of Temptations.

In the Chaos in the Old World board game, 2-4 players take on the roles of the malevolent Lords of Chaos. Each god's distinctive powers and legion of followers give the controlling player unique strengths and heretical abilities with which to corrupt and enslave the Old World.

As the powers of Chaos seek domination by corruption and conquest, they must vie not only against each other, but also against the desperate denizens of the Old World who fight to banish the gods back to the maelstrom of the Realm of Chaos - for now. **Game \$85**

Warmachine

Forces of Warmachine Cryx

TP \$45

Cygnar Hammersmith

Figurine \$52

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Avery Aames

The Long Quiche Goodbye (Cheese Shop 01)

Welcome to the grand opening of Fromagerie Bessette. Or as it's more commonly known by the residents of small-town Providence, Ohio-the Cheese Shop. Proprietor Charlotte Bessette has prepared a delightful sampling of bold Cabot Clothbound Cheddar, delicious tortes of Stilton and Mascarpone, and a taste of Sauvignon Blanc-but someone else has decided to make a little crime of passion the piece de resistance. Right outside the shop Charlotte finds a body, the victim stabbed to death with one of her prized olive-wood handled knives. **PB \$19.95**

Riley Adams

Delicious and Suspicious (Memphis BBQ 01)

Welcome to Aunt Pat's barbecue restaurant, which serves up Memphis fun with a side order of murder. Recipes included.

Named in honor of Lulu Taylor's great aunt, Aunt Pat's family-run Memphis restaurant is known for its ribs and spicy cornbread. But now the Taylor family will be known for murder...

Rebecca Adrian came to Memphis to suss out the best local BBQ for a prominent Cooking Channel Show. Trouble is, a mystery ingredient has killed her-and now all fingers are pointing to Aunt Pat's restaurant. Horrified that her family is being accused of murder, Lulu fires up her investigative skills to solve the crime before someone else gets skewered. **PB \$17.95**

Rennie Airth

The Dead of Winter (John Madden Mysteries 03)

On a freezing London night in 1944, Rosa Novak is brutally murdered during a blackout. Scotland Yard suspects the young Polish refugee was the victim of a random act of violence and might have dropped the case if former police investigator John Madden hadn't been her employer. Madden feels he owes it to Rosa to find her killer and pushes the investigation, uncovering her connection to a murdered Parisian furrier, a member of the Resistance, and a stolen cache of diamonds. **TP \$30.95**

Susan Wittig Albert

The Darling Dahlias and the Cucumber Tree

The country may be struggling through the Great Depression, but the ladies of Darling, Alabama, are determined to keep their chins up. Their garden club-The Darling Dahlias-has a clubhouse, a garden, a flag, and a weekly column in The Darling Dispatch written by their own Miss Elizabeth Lacy. Unlike their snooty rivals-Sisters of the Spade- they welcome members from across the social spectrum. What better way to know everything there is to know about everyone in town? But when a treasure trove of sterling silver is found buried under the town's famous Cucumber Tree, two of the Dahlias claim ownership, which leads to some very unladylike behavior. And the unpleasant discovery of an unknown young woman's body on a hill outside of town points to even worse behavior. If anyone can get to the root of these mysteries, it's the Darling Dahlias. **HC \$51.95**

Donna Andrews

Stork Raving Mad (Meg Langslow Mystery 12)

The one and only Donna Andrews continues to surprise and delight in this next knee-slapping adventure featuring Meg Langslow and all the eccentric characters that make up her world.

Meg is eight-and-a-half months pregnant with twins when she and Michael host a Spanish playwright for the production of his play by one of Michael's graduate students. Then enters the dean of the English department and a man from the college president's office, who say Michael's student is not allowed to do his dissertation and that the play must be cancelled. While discussing this, the dean is found murdered. Meg's house becomes a crime scene, and the only way to restore peace is to help Chief Burke solve the murders-while rescuing the student's dissertation and Michael's tenure-all before dashing off to the hospital to give birth to her twins! **HC \$51.95**

Linda Baden

Skeleton Justice

Forensic expert Dr. Michael Baden of the HBO series Autopsy and trial attorney and legal commentator Linda Kenney Baden bring us a chilling new thriller featuring their crack crime-fighting duo: Dr. Jake Rosen, world-famous pathologist, deputy chief medical examiner, and devoted scientist; and top litigator Manny Manfreda, who is as lovely (and accessorized) as she is gutsy.

The case begins with New York City on high alert for a most bizarre serial killer—a strange kind of thief who stalks his victims for the purpose of extracting a vial of blood, earning him the tabloid nickname the Vampire. As the attacks become more and more vicious and escalate to torture and then to murder, Jake and Manny begin to suspect there is a connection between the killer's seemingly random victims. But what is the link between the Vampire and a case that Manny's been working for a kid whose high school prank-gone-wrong has earned him the moniker the Preppy Terrorist and an FBI electronic ankle bracelet? Jake's careful forensic examinations, Manny's courtroom tenaciousness, and an unusual clue suggesting that a high-ranking politician has risen from the grave take the pair from the bowels of the morgue to the world of international intrigue. At the heart of this story is a tragic tale of corruption interlaced with cover-ups, conspiracies, death squads, and dictators who committed crimes that to this day go unpunished. **TP \$30.95**

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David Baldacci

True Blue

Mason Mace Perry was a maverick cop on the D.C. police force until she was kidnapped and framed for a crime. She lost everything - her career, her liberty - and spent two years in prison. Now back on the outside, Mace is trying to rebuild her life and track down the people who set her up. But even with her police chief sister at her side, she has to work in the shadows: there's a vindictive US attorney on her tail and she's just looking for a reason to send her back behind bars...

Roy Kingman is a young lawyer, still getting used to his high-paid job at a law firm in Washington. When Roy discovers the dead body of a female partner at the firm, his fate becomes entangled with Mace's, as the two team up to investigate.

But as their enquiries gather pace, Roy and Mace soon find themselves in unexpected territory; drawn into both the private and public world of the nation's capital, as dark secrets begin to emerge. For what began as a fairly routine homicide investigation will quickly turn into something far more complex. And possibly lethal... **APB \$19.99**

Christine Barber

The Bone Fire

Every year, the people of Santa Fe gather together for the burning of a four-story-tall puppet called Zozobra, a local custom that started 300 years ago. The next morning, as the sounds of the Fiesta de Santa Fe celebration still echo through the streets, Detective Sergeant Gilbert Montoya discovers a skull in the ashes of Zozobra. With the help of newspaper editor Lucy Newroe, he must find the identity of the victim and the person responsible, in a case that will take them into every level of Santa Fe society. **HC \$51.95**

The Replacement Child

Late on a Monday night, editor Lucy Newroe answers the phone in the Capital Tribune newsroom. The caller is the notorious Scanner Lady---an anonymous elderly tipster whose hobby is to phone the newspaper with gossip from her police scanner. The old woman tells Lucy she heard two Santa Fe cops discussing a dead body. But when Lucy checks out the tip, she discovers Scanner Lady has been killed.

She tries to enlist the help of Detective Gil Montoya, but his mind is on another death. He has just been handed the case of Melissa Baca, a seventh-grade teacher whose body was thrown off the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge. Over the course of the next few days, as Lucy and Gil hunt down the culprits in each murder, they discover their cases are intertwined in the most intimate ways. **TP \$30.95**

Mark Billingham

Bloodline

When a dead body is found in a North London flat, it seems like a straightforward domestic murder until a bloodstained sliver of X-ray is found clutched in the dead woman's fist - and it quickly becomes clear that this case is anything but ordinary. DI Thorne discovers that the victim's mother had herself been murdered fifteen years before by infamous serial killer Raymond Garvey. The hunt to catch Garvey was one of the biggest in the history of the Met, and ended with seven women dead. When more bodies and more fragments of X-ray are discovered, Thorne has a macabre jigsaw to piece together until the horrifying picture finally emerges. A killer is targeting the children of Raymond Garvey's victims. Thorne must move quickly to protect those still on the murderer's list, but nothing and nobody are what they seem. Not when Thorne is dealing with one of the most twisted killers he has ever hunted... **BPB \$19.99**

Claudia Bishop

Death in Two Courses (Hemlock Falls Mystery)

Two Hemlock Falls mysteries-together for the first time!

In *A Pinch of Poison*, newspaperman Hedrick Conway is making news in Hemlock Falls, but he's making enemies even faster. His current exposean in-depth look at plans for the local mini-mall, in which several prominent people have invested a great deal of money. Hedrick thinks something funny is going on, but nobody's laughing when two of his relatives turn up murdered...

In *Murder Well-Done*, The Inn at Hemlock Falls has the misfortune of hosting the wedding rehearsal dinner of Alphonse Santini. The ex-senator, looking to get reelected, has brought big-time politics to the little town. And while politics make strange bedfellows, the dead fellows being made are even stranger. **TP \$30.95**

Daniel Blake

Soul Murder

When Pittsburgh homicide detective, Franco Patrese, and his partner Mark Beradino are called to a domestic dispute at the lawless Homewood estate events quickly spiral out of control. With two dead, Patrese believes he's got his killer -- but things aren't always as simple as they seem.

On the other side of town, the charred body of Michael Redwine, a renowned brain surgeon, is found in one of the city's most luxurious apartment blocks. Then Father Kohler, a Catholic bishop, is set alight in the confessional at his Cathedral. But they are just the first in a series of increasingly shocking murders.

Patrese's investigation uncovers high-class prostitution, medical scams and religious obsession, but what Patrese doesn't realise is how close to the case he really is -- and how it will take a terrible betrayal to uncover the truth. **PB \$32.99**

Stephanie Bond

Body Movers

Will her killer fashion sense prove fatal?

Carlotta Wren's life hasn't turned out as she'd planned. She didn't plan for her parents to skip bail for a white-collar crime, leaving her to raise her brother. She didn't plan on having the silver spoon ripped from her mouth and forgoing college to work retail. She didn't plan on her blue-blood fiancé dumping her. And she didn't plan on still being single ten years later, working at Neiman Marcus, with no idea where her fugitive parents are. She's coping. Until...

...her lovable brother is arrested, and the hunky cop decides to reopen her parents' case.

...her brother becomes a body mover for the morgue and his sexy boss gets Carlotta involved.

...her former fiancé's wife is murdered, fingering Carlotta.

With three men in her life, Carlotta has added motivation to help bag a murderer to keep her own well-dressed body from being next on the list!

APB \$16.99

Alix Bosco

Cut and Run

When a rugby star who began life on the streets is murdered in the arms of a beautiful celebrity, it seems to be an open-and-shut case of a drug deal gone wrong. But Anna Markunas, legal researcher for the prime suspect's defence team, begins to uncover a far more sinister truth -- one that could tear down everything and everyone she cares about most. And could ultimately destroy her. **BPB \$24.95**

Bryan Boswell

Tattoo

Two years ago, SAS hard man Simon Tabor got away with murder. Tabor prefers to call it retribution - retribution for the brutal rape and killing of his younger sister in a brothel on the Costa Del Sol. Now he's been unofficially drafted in by the Met police to help in a new murder enquiry. A young girl has washed up on an English beach with an intricate orchid tattooed on her groin ? a similar design to one discovered on his dead sister. As Romanian brothel owners are ritually massacred around Britain, while in Spain millionaire orchid expert Dr Felix Blake nears the end of a sinister experiment in bioengineering, Tabor begins to see a pattern emerging. The pattern's key is the tattoo. The tattoo marks the death of mankind as we know it... **BPB \$22.99**

Sam Bourne

The Chosen One

In the game of Washington politics the stakes are as high as they get -- and not everyone is prepared to play by the rules ...

Newly elected US President Stephen Baker is flying high after signing a popular bill giving new rights to victims of domestic violence. But in Vic Forbes he has a ruthless enemy with a public profile in possession of a crucial piece of knowledge that could destroy his career.

When Forbes is found murdered the conspiracy theorists go into overdrive. Did the President order his killing, or was it the work of his opponents, hoping to discredit him?

Ex-Presidential advisor Maggie Costello is called in to investigate under the radar. As she digs further she finds evidence of a massive conspiracy that reaches back into history and goes right to the heart of the US establishment ... **TP \$32.99**

The Last Testament

April 2003: as the Baghdad Museum of Antiquities is looted, a teenage Iraqi boy finds an ancient clay tablet in a long-forgotten vault. He takes it and runs off into the night ... Several years later, at a peace rally in Jerusalem, the Israeli prime minister is about to sign a historic deal with the Palestinians. A man approaches from the crowd and seems to reach for a gun - bodyguards shoot him dead. But in his hand was a note, one he wanted to hand to the prime minister. The shooting sparks a series of tit-for-tat killings which could derail the peace accord. Washington sends for trouble-shooter and peace negotiator Maggie Costello, after she thought she had quit the job for good. She follows a trail that takes her from Jewish settlements on the West Bank to Palestinian refugee camps, where she discovers the latest deaths are not random but have a distinct pattern. All the dead men are archaeologists and historians - those who know the buried secrets of the ancient past. Menaced by fanatics and violent extremists on all sides, Costello is soon plunged into high-stakes international politics, the worldwide underground trade in stolen antiquities and a last, unsolved riddle of the Bible. **APB \$19.99**

The Righteous Man

Two murders at opposite ends of America, one in the backstreets of New York City, the other in the backwoods of Montana. A series of killings in every corner of the globe, from the crowded slums of India to the pristine beaches of Cape Town. There cant possibly be a connection. That's the instinct of Will Monroe, a young, British-born reporter for The New York Times - until the morning his beautiful wife Beth is kidnapped. Holding her are men who seem ready to kill without hesitation. Desperate, Will follows a trail that leads to a mysterious sect right on his own doorstep - fervent followers of one of mankind's oldest faiths. He will have to break through multiple layers of mysticism and ancient prophecy, unearthing riddles buried deep in the Bible - until he finds the secret that is said to have animated the world for thousands of years, a secret on which the fate of humanity may depend. But with more murders by the hour, and each clue wrapped in layers of code, time is running out... **APB \$19.99**

Allison Brennan

Fatal Secrets (FBI 02)

When a top lieutenant in a ring of human traffickers agrees to turn state's evidence, Immigration and Customs Enforcement senior agent Sonia Knight believes she'll finally take down the operation's mastermind, Xavier Jones. FBI agent Dean Hooper has been chasing Jones for years and doesn't need or want a hot-headed ICE agent second-guessing his every move. When the Bureau is ordered to join forces with ICE, Sonia is just as livid: her job is to save lives, not money. But Jones is just one piece of a depraved puzzle, answering to an even more dangerous predator. Denied his expected prey, this pitiless fiend intends to make Sonia and Dean pay - with their own blood... **APB \$19.99**

Andrew Britton

The Exile

After militia members murder the president of the United States's niece in the West Darfur region, ex-CIA agent Ryan Kealey is tasked with infiltrating a conspiracy that runs from the lawless streets of Sudan to the highest levels of American government. **HC \$51.95**

Charles Brokaw

The Lucifer Code

A secret scroll remains hidden deep in an ancient sanctuary. It is guarded by a sacred order who await to unleash its true powers and bring doomsday upon mankind.

Only one man - Dr. Thomas Lourds, the world's foremost scholar of ancient languages, who we first met in the bestselling novel The Atlantis Code - can safely bring this secret scroll to its rightful place in history.

Lourds soon becomes the focus of a deadly manhunt, taking him from Istanbul through Eastern Europe, right to the heart of the Vatican, where the forces of good and evil will collide... **TP \$32.95**

Nick Brownlee

Bait

Ex-Flying Squad cop Jake Moore's career was cut short by a bullet; ten years on, he runs a game fishing business that is about to go to the wall. But old habits die hard, and when cerebral Mombasa detective Daniel Jouma - seemingly the only good policeman in a city where corruption is king - asks for his help in solving a baffling murder case, he cannot help but become involved. The mangled body of a street criminal has been washed up on the beach and a fishing boat skipper and his bait boy have blown up in the water. When Jake and Jouma look closer, they discover that not only are the murders linked, but the conspiracy surrounding them stretches far beyond the reaches of Africa - and has deadly implications for everyone concerned.

This gripping crime thriller strips away Kenya's tourist glitz and exposes the country's dark and treacherous underbelly beneath. **APB \$19.99**

Burn

Just when Inspector Daniel Jouma believes calm has returned to Mombasa, all hell has broken loose. Bodies are piling up in the morgue, Jouma's new boss wants answers - and the mayor wants him out. Meanwhile, bulldozers are hurtling towards Jake Moore's stomping ground. Ever the hero, the maverick cop turned fishing-boat skipper faces up to the might of Kenya's most ruthless - and dangerous - developer. Then a chilling secret, long thought to be buried in the ashes of a deadly inferno, brings the crime-busting duo together once again. And Jake and Jouma are about to discover that, when you play with fire, someone always gets burned . . . **BPB \$19.99**

James Lee Burke*The Glass Rainbow (Robicheaux)*

When Dave Robicheaux gets the call saying his ex-partner Clete Purcel is in jail for felony assault and resisting arrest, bailing him out is instinctive. After all, Clete is the man who saved Dave's life by carrying him down a fire escape with two bullets in his back. But Clete's latest escapade isn't just worrying because it shows his demons are gaining the upper hand; it also brings some of those demons into Dave's life, in the most personal way possible. The man Clete assaulted, a big-time pimp and meth dealer called Herman Stanga, is a suspect in the murder of a series of young women - but his criminal activities are hidden behind his involvement in the St Jude Project, a charity aimed at getting young women off the streets. As Dave probes the charity further, he finds that its main sponsor is a man called Calice Abelard, the smooth-talking scion of a wealthy family and a man whose motives Dave instinctively mistrusts. He also happens to be Dave's daughter Alafair's boyfriend. **TP \$32.99**

Rain Gods

Hackberry Holland is a man haunted by a chequered and traumatic past. A former POW from the Korean War, he has left everything behind to become sheriff of a dried-out, broken-down border town in south Texas. But Hack soon finds himself dealing with more than just his own demons when nine dead prostitutes are dug up behind a run-down church. The search for justice - and revenge - pits Hack against hired guns, drug dealers who operate on both sides of the border and a psychotic killer known as The Preacher. As Holland frantically tries to end the cycle of killings and bring justice to the dead girls, he discovers just how dark the deepest corners of the human heart can get and how redemption can come in the form of a woman's love... **BPB \$22.99**

Michael Byrnes*The Genesis Plague*

At the dawn of civilization ...

An exotic stranger appears in a Mesopotamian village and is venerated as a goddess ... until she unleashes a horror beyond anything humankind has ever known.

At the sunset of civilization ...

A mercenary unit in northern Iraq, led by Sergeant Jason Yaeger, has trapped radical Islam's most wanted target in a mysterious cave that sits at the heart of the Genesis story. When a Marine platoon seeks to control the extraction mission, a threat far more ominous is found lurking beneath the mountains.

Meanwhile in Boston, Massachusetts, Agent Thomas Flaherty helps archaeologist Brooke Thompson escape assassination by a Las Vegas televangelist intent on using the cave's deepest secret to bring the Middle East to its knees. **TP \$32.99**

Kenneth Cameron*The Second Woman (Denton Mystery 03)*

The third Denton mystery centers on political intrigue, terrorism 1900s-style and the beginnings of the British secret intelligence organisation, as London becomes a hotbed of anarchist plotting. Denton is drawn into a complex web of murder and revenge when a mysterious Polish woman is found dead in the house adjoining his - the one occupied by his lover, Janet Stryker - and while the police remain baffled, he begins to suspect she is the victim of some sort of political conspiracy. But involving himself in the life and death of Lydia Alken will prove more dangerous than he could have imagined, as Denton himself falls victim to the fledgling British intelligence service and discovers exactly what the price of freedom really is, while the real story of Lydia Alken's murder provides the biggest shock of all. **TP \$32.99**

Karen Campbell*Shadowplay*

You are a police officer. This is what you do. You speak for the dead, and the desperate living. When Anna Cameron is promoted to Chief Inspector and moved to a new division, it should be a turning point for her. But if she thought having a female boss would make things easier, she'd reckoned without the fearsome 'JC' Hamilton. Then her mother goes into a coma in a foreign country and an old woman disappears from a Glasgow care home under suspicious circumstances, and Anna's career and personal life both threaten to implode. The gang-related murder of a young Asian boy and an assault on one of her officers only serve to turn the screws tighter - can Anna be both a good cop and a good person? **TP \$32.99**

Rebecca Cantrell*A Night of Long Knives (Hannah Vogel)*

Vowing to stay out of Germany to protect her son from a ruthlessly powerful Ernst Rohm, who claims to be the boy's father, journalist Hannah Vogel is horrified by her son's abduction, a situation that is complicated by Hitler's order to have Rohm and anyone bearing his name executed.

HC \$51.95

Lorenzo Carcaterra*Midnight Angels*

In the secret passageways of one of the world's most majestic cities, an American woman must risk everything to keep the long-lost work of a Renaissance master from falling into the hands of thieves.

In *Midnight Angels*, acclaimed author Lorenzo Carcaterra returns with a gripping new novel of suspense, revealing a fascinating world where art and crime rendezvous in the shadows, where rumors swirl of undiscovered masterpieces lost to the ages and hidden throughout Europe, and where some will do anything to possess these priceless treasures.

Kate Westcott has come to the beautiful city of Florence to study the masterly Michelangelo, whose work has inspired centuries of admiration, adoration, even lust. Of course she already knows more about him than most art historians, thanks to her guardian and mentor, Professor Richard Dylan Edwards. A preeminent Michelangelo scholar—and a member of the mysterious Vittoria Society—Edwards has devoted his life to chasing down lost and stolen works of art and returning them to their rightful owners.

Exploring the cobbled streets of the Renaissance city with fellow art student Marco Scudarti, Kate feels the pull of destiny. And when the two uncover a secret chamber in a corridor sealed since the time of the Medicis, they make a stunning discovery: Michelangelo's *Midnight Angels*—three small, exquisite sculptures long rumored to exist but never before seen. It is the find of a lifetime—and the beginning of their nightmare.

Pursued by operatives of the most heinous criminals, under suspicion from the elite Rome Art Squad, and navigating the underground network of the Vittoria Society, Kate must use all her cunning to elude capture. From the halls of the Uffizi to the Piazza Santa Croce, across the Ponte Vecchio and under the shadow of the Duomo, Kate and Marco race to preserve and protect not only Michelangelo's work but also their lives.

Midnight Angels is a thrilling, page-turning novel in which Lorenzo Carcaterra evokes an Italian setting so intimate and sensual that it seems to live and breathe along with his characters. **HC \$52.95**

Raphael Cardetti

Death in the Latin Quarter

Early one morning in Paris the magnificent tranquillity of the Sorbonne university is shattered by a death. But why would Albert Cadas, a crumpled professor of medieval literature, have any reason to kill himself? Meanwhile, Valentine Savi, a talented young restorer, receives a visit from an enigmatic elderly gentleman with a unique commission: to restore a priceless medieval manuscript whose timeworn pages promise to reveal the truth of a mystery that has fascinated scholars and writers for centuries. Valentine soon learns that the shadowy figures who seek to possess the book's secrets are far darker and more ruthless than she could ever have imagined... Together with her friend Hugo Vermeer - aristocrat, epicure, crook - and David Scotto, Cadas's doctoral student, Valentine finds herself on a terrifying and thrilling adventure through the narrow streets and gloomily palatial mansions of the Latin Quarter. **TP \$32.99**

David Carnoy

Knife Music

Kristen Kroiter was sixteen, a high-school sophomore, when she was injured in a car accident. Dr. Ted Cogan had saved her life when he treated her in the ER six months ago-but now police detectives were questioning Cogan about her, in intimate detail. What was going on? What had she told them?

That's just it, the cops said. She hadn't told them anything. She had died. Looked like a suicide. And Cogan was in a heap of trouble.

Tense and twisting, Knife Music is the story of a doctor struggling to clear his name after being accused of raping and causing the suicide of a young girl. The novel pits Cogan, a forty-three-year-old surgeon and self-described womanizer, against Hank Madden, a handicapped veteran detective. From the outset it's not clear who is victim and who is victimizer, as the usually dispassionate.

Madden grapples with his long-suppressed prejudices and his obsession with bringing Ted Cogan to justice at any cost. **HC \$51.95**

Chris Carter

The Executioner (Detective Robert Hunter 02)

Inside a Los Angeles church, on the altar steps, lies the blood-soaked, decapitated body of a priest. Carefully positioned, legs stretched out, arms crossed over the chest, the most horrifying thing of all is that the priest's head has been replaced by that of a dog. Later, the forensic team discover that, on the victim's chest, the figure 3 has been scrawled in blood.

At first, Detective Robert Hunter believes that this is a ritualistic killing. But as more bodies surface, he is forced to reassess. All the victims died in the way they feared the most. Their worst nightmares have literally come true. But how could the killer have known? And what links these apparently random victims?

Hunter finds himself on the trail of an elusive and sadistic killer, someone who apparently has the power to read his victims' minds. Someone who can sense what scares his victims the most. Someone who will stop at nothing to achieve his twisted aim. **TP \$32.99**

Linda Castillo

Pray For Silence (Kate Burkholder 02)

The second thriller featuring Kate Burkholder

The sound of a scream in the early morning dawn leads to a case that will change Kate Burkholder's life irrevocably...

When the police arrive at the Amish farmstead in Painters Mill they can't imagine the horror that awaits them. An entire family slaughtered: the men shot, the young women tortured and killed. The Amish are peace-loving gentle folk and the town is shocked by what appears to be a particularly brutal - and random killing. But is it random?

Every family has its secrets. Kate knows that better than anyone. And as she and Agent John Tomasetti dig deeper into the victims lives they discover a young woman who was living a lie. A girl who had to live in silence.

With her own past resonating - Kate knows she has to maintain some distance. From the case, and from Tomasetti. She knows what could happen if she gets too close. But when she puts herself in the line of fire - she realizes that, this time, there may be no going back. **TP \$32.99**

Pray for Silence

Investigating the brutal murders of an Amish family in quiet Painters Mill, Chief of Police and former Amish citizen Kate Burkholder teams up with state agent John Tomasseti and discovers a diary with a haunting personal connection, a case further complicated by past demons and a growing attraction. **HC \$51.95**

Chris Cavener

A Slice of Murder (Pizza Lover's Mysteries)

Discovering the murdered body of one of her customers while making a pizza delivery, Eleanor Swift realizes that her public argument with the victim will place her on the suspect list, a situation for which she and her free-spirited sister, Maddy, investigate the victim's secrets, including an affair with the mayor's wife. **PB \$17.95**

Lee Child

First Thrills

An anthology of previously unpublished works, edited by the best-selling author of the Jack Reacher series, includes contributions by favorite genre authors and a selection of up-and-coming writers, including Stephen Coonts, Jeffrey Deaver and Wendi Corsi Staub. **HC \$52.95**

Lincoln Child

Cemetery Dance

FBI Special Agent Aloysius Pendergast - recently returned to New York - and Lieutenant Vincent D'Agosta find themselves investigating the murder of a friend when reporter William Smithback and his wife Nora are brutally attacked in their apartment. The assailant is identified by eyewitnesses as their strange, sinister neighbour - a man who, by all accounts, died ten days earlier. Shunning the official inquiry, Pendergast and D'Agosta undertake their own private - and unorthodox - quest for the truth. Their journey takes them deep into the dark and mysterious underbelly of Manhattan, to a secretive, reclusive cult of Obeah and voodoo which no outsiders have ever survived... **PB \$22.99**

Mel A Clarke *Australian Author*

Battle for Today (Riders' War)

Battle for Today is a fast paced adventure story of danger, love and friendship. Twins Joshua and Joey Williams are gifted both mentally and physically way beyond their years. Once close, a family tragedy tears them apart to lead very different lives on opposite sides of the world. But when the fate of the world is at stake they must band together, and place past rifts behind them, with people as gifted as themselves, to form the Riders, a vigilante group, who are the Earth's only chance of salvation from evil. **BPB \$24.99**

Paul Cleave*Blood Men*

Twenty years after his serial killer father was caught and incarcerated, Edward Hunter finds his nightmarish past shattering his promising future when an act of violence compels him to seek his father's help. **TP \$32.95**

Julian Cole*The Amateur Historian*

Rick Rounder returns to his hometown a decade after failing to save a young girl from her suicidal father. He sets up as a private eye, much to the envy of his policeman brother Sam, who has risen up the ranks to chief. The two brothers square up across the sibling divide as they are both drawn into the case of a missing girl.

But the case gets more complicated as Rick's past catches up with him, and the only clues that the brothers have, relate to a girl who lived-and died-in poverty one hundred years ago. The amateur historian has one last lesson to teach. **HC \$49.95**

John Connolly*The Whisperers*

'Oh, little one,' he whispered, as he gently stroked her cheek, the first time he had touched her in fifteen years. 'What have they done to you? What have they done to us all?' "In his latest dark and chilling Charlie Parker thriller, New York Times bestselling author John Connolly takes us to the border between Maine and Canada. It is there, in the vast and porous Great North Woods, that a dangerous smuggling operation is taking place, run by a group of disenchanting former soldiers, newly returned from Iraq. Illicit goods—drugs, cash, weapons, even people—are changing hands. And something else has changed hands. Something ancient and powerful and evil. The authorities suspect something is amiss, but what they can't know is that it is infinitely stranger and more terrifying than anyone can imagine. Anyone, that is, except private detective Charlie Parker, who has his own intimate knowledge of the darkness in men's hearts. As the smugglers begin to die one after another in apparent suicides, Parker is called in to stop the bloodletting. The soldiers' actions and the objects they have smuggled have attracted the attention of the reclusive Herod, a man with a taste for the strange. And where Herod goes, so too does the shadowy figure that he calls the Captain. To defeat them, Parker must form an uneasy alliance with a man he fears more than any other, the killer known as the Collector. . . . **HC \$52.95**

Robin Cook*Intervention*

Moving on after a tragedy that shattered his family and career, New York City medical examiner Jack Stapleton considers entering alternative medicine and makes contact with two former college classmates including an archeologist who is digging beneath Saint Peter's and a bishop who would suppress the archeologist's findings. **PB \$21.95**

Glenn Cooper*The Tenth Chamber*

Abbey of Ruac, rural France: A medieval script is discovered hidden behind an antique bookcase. Badly damaged, it is sent to Paris for restoration, and there literary historian Hugo Pineau begins to read the startling fourteenth-century text. Within its pages lies a fanciful tale of a painted cave and the secrets it contains – and a rudimentary map showing its position close to the abbey. Intrigued, Hugo enlists the help of archaeologist Luc Simard and the two men go exploring.

When they discover a vast network of prehistoric caves, buried deep within the cliffs, they realise that they've stumbled across something extraordinary. And at the very core of the labyrinth lies the most astonishing chamber of all, just as the manuscript chronicled. Aware of the significance of their discovery, they set up camp with a team of experts, determined to bring their find to the world. But as they begin to unlock the ancient secrets the cavern holds, they find themselves at the centre of a dangerous game. One 'accidental' death leads to another. And it seems that someone will stop at nothing to protect the enigma of the tenth chamber ... **TP \$32.95**

Catherine Coulter*Knockout (FBI)*

After witnessing her relatives burying a pile of dead bodies in the middle of the night, a seven-year-old uses her telepathic powers to call a man she's seen only on television: FBI Agent Dillon Savich. Now Savich and his wife and partner, Agent Lacey Sherlock, face their most elusive foes to keep the child out of harm's way-before it's too late. **PB \$21.95**

Robert Crais*The Two Minute Rule*

Two minutes can be a lifetime. But break the two minute rule and it's a lifetime in jail. Ask anyone on the wrong side of the law about the two minute rule and they'll tell you that's as long as you can hope for at a robbery before the cops show up. But not everyone plays by the rules. When an aging ex-con finally gets out of jail, freedom doesn't taste too sweet. His son is gunned down in a drive-by shooting. It seems like a random crime, but when the victim is a cop - especially a cop with a con for a father - the motives are never simple. When the hit is exposed as a revenge killing and the question of police corruption is raised, it becomes a father's last duty to clear his son's name and catch the killer. **APB \$19.99**

Adam Creed*Willing Flesh*

Gripping contemporary crime featuring the new detective hero DI Staffe in the underbelly of modern London.

Christmas is coming and DI Staffe is trying to make a go of it with his on-off girlfriend, Sylvie, when a murdered woman is discovered in a swanky City hotel room.

Staffe becomes obsessed with Elena Danya, the dead, blonde and beguiling, high-end prostitute. When another, altogether more down-at-heel working girl, is killed and their mutual, aristocratic friend and bad-girl, Arrabella, goes missing, Staffe is drawn into the whole gamut of London's alien niches: brothels and gentleman's clubs; banks and tenement estates.

The evidence begins to point to a coy sociopath and voyeuristic predator, Graham Blears, but Staffe is not convinced and is increasingly drawn away from the city and towards the roots of a tangled menage of City banker, Russian oligarch, and Turkish playboy, forcing himself down into the higher echelons of the British establishment, whose barricades begin to stonewall the investigation.

When his Chief, Pennington, cuts him loose, Staffe becomes the hunted instead of the hunter, with grave consequences for the women who are close to him. **PB \$19.99**

Blake Crouch*Snowbound*

When his beloved wife vanishes during an electrical storm on a lonely desert highway, Will Innis is wrongly accused of murder and flees with his daughter only to be approached by a hard-edged FBI agent who informs Will that his wife was not the only person who has disappeared. **HC \$52.95**

Eileen Davidson*Diva Las Vegas (Soap Opera Mystery 03)*

Alexis Peterson is delighted when her friend, ex-Playboy Playmate Shana Stern, invites her to Hugh Hefner's infamous Halloween party. But the fun ends when, after a few drinks, Shana is found dead. Alex's investigation leads her to a soap opera convention in Las Vegas, and bodies continue to pile up on the strip. She must catch this killer who is more vicious than any television critic... **PB \$17.95**

Lindsey Davis*Alexandria*

For Marcus Didius Falco, agent to the Emperor Vespasian, Alexandria holds fascination and a hint of fear. Beautiful, historic and famously unruly, the great cosmopolitan city wears Roman rule lightly. While his wife, Helena Justina, wants to see the Lighthouse and the Pyramids, Falco has a mission at the Great Library that soon turns out to involve much more than stock-taking its innumerable scrolls.

A mysterious death in the world-famous library brings him into immediate conflict with the darker side of academic life. With forensic science in its infancy, even an illegal autopsy fails to find real answers. To solve the crime for the Roman Prefect – if indeed it is a crime – Falco will have to draw on his own doggedness and intuition, at first supported only by Helena's commonsense and the loyal backup of her brother Aulus, who goes undercover as a student among the in-fighting academics. The philosophers lust after fame and fortune so ruthlessly there is soon another terrifying death, this time at the royal zoo.

At the same time, his original innocent mission is overshadowed by the machinations of his Uncle Fulvius, who is living in Alexandria with his partner Cassius for obscure reasons. Their involvement in local affairs already seems shady when they are joined by their crony, Falco's father, Geminus, a man well known for disreputable business practices. If the irrepressible Pa has had any hand in what has gone wrong at the Library, Falco knows he stands no chance... **PB \$24.95**

Ted Dekker*Adam*

In an effort to save the girl, Daniel narrowly escapes becoming another casualty on Eve's list. Despite seeing the killer with his own eyes, a gunshot wound to the head leaves him with amnesia, unable to remember any details from the incident. His drive to find the killer takes on a whole new meaning when Eve takes yet another victim, one Daniel knows all too well—his estranged wife Heather.

Determined to bring her back alive, Daniel takes his obsession to a dangerous new level, even recreating his own near-death experience in an attempt to recall anything from his encounter with Eve. Soon enough he finds himself fighting for Heather's life, and, in the end, his own. **PB \$19.95**

Bride Collector

FBI Special Agent Brad Raines is facing his toughest case yet. A Denver serial killer has killed four beautiful young women, leaving a bridal veil at each crime scene, and he's picking up his pace. Unable to crack the case, Raines appeals for help from a most unusual source: residents of the Center for Wellbeing and Intelligence, a private psychiatric institution for mentally ill individuals who are extraordinarily gifted. It's there that he meets Paradise, a young woman who witnessed her father murder her family and barely escaped his hand. Diagnosed with schizophrenia, Paradise may also have an extrasensory gift: the ability to experience the final moments of a person's life when she touches the dead body. In a desperate attempt to find the killer, Raines enlists Paradise's help. In an effort to win her trust, he befriends this strange young woman and begins to see in her qualities that most 'sane people' sorely lack. Gradually, he starts to question whether sanity resides outside the hospital walls...or inside. As the Bride Collector increases the pace and volume of his gruesome crucifixions, the case becomes even more personal to Raines when his friend and colleague, a beautiful young forensic psychologist, becomes the Bride Collector's next target. The FBI believes that the killer plans to murder seven women. Can Paradise help before it's too late? **TP \$32.99**

Guillermo Del Toro & Chuck Hogan*The Strain (01)*

In one week, Manhattan will be gone.

In one month, the country. In two months . . . the world.

At New York's JFK Airport an arriving Boeing 777 taxiing along a runway suddenly stops dead. All the shades have been drawn, all communication channels have mysteriously gone quiet. Dr. Eph Goodweather, head of a CDC rapid-response team investigating biological threats, boards the darkened plane . . . and what he finds makes his blood run cold.

A terrifying contagion has come to the unsuspecting city, an unstoppable plague that will spread like an all-consuming wildfire—lethal, merciless, hungry . . . vampiric.

And in a pawnshop in Spanish Harlem an aged Holocaust survivor knows that the war he has been dreading his entire life is finally here. **PB \$21.95**

Harry Dolan*Bad Things Happen*

The man who calls himself David Loogan is hoping to escape a violent past by living a quiet, anonymous life in Ann Arbor, Michigan. But when he's hired as an editor at a mystery magazine, he is drawn into an affair with the sleek blond wife of the publisher, Tom Kristoll—a man who soon turns up dead.

Elizabeth Waishkey is the most talented detective in the Ann Arbor Police Department, but even she doesn't know if Loogan is a killer or an ally who might help her find the truth. As more deaths start mounting up—some of them echoing stories published in the magazine—it's up to Elizabeth to solve both the murders and the mystery of Loogan himself. **HC \$30.95**

Elizabeth J Duncan*The Cold Light of Mourning*

The picturesque North Wales market town of Llanelen is shocked when Meg Wynne Thompson, a self-made beauty who has turned out to be something of an unpopular bride, goes missing on her wedding day—and turns up dead.

The last person believed to have seen Meg alive is local manicurist Penny Brannigan, who vows to find the killer. Seems that several people—including those on the guest list—had reasons to wish Meg dead. But when the trail leads Penny to the groom, a red-hot secret threatens to shake the small town to its very core... **PB \$19.95**

Patricia Duncker

The Strange Case of the Composer and His Judge

The thrilling tale of a secret European sect and the musical mastermind at its center, from a critically acclaimed novelist at the top of her form. The bodies are discovered on New Year's Day, sixteen dead in the freshly fallen snow. The adults lie stiff in a semicircle; the children, in pajamas and overcoats, are curled at their feet.

When he hears the news, Commissaire André Schweigen knows who to call: Dominique Carpentier, the Judge, also known as the "sect hunter." Carpentier sweeps into the investigation in thick glasses and red gloves, and together the Commissaire and the Judge begin searching for clues in a nearby chalet. Among the decorations and unwrapped presents of a seemingly ordinary holiday, they find a leather-bound book, filled with mysterious code, containing maps of the stars. The book of the Faith leads them to the Composer, Friedrich Grosz, who is connected in some way to every one of the dead. Following his trail, Carpentier, Schweigen, and the Judge's assistant, Gaëlle, are drawn into a world of complex family ties, seductive music, and ancient cosmic beliefs.

Hurling breathlessly through the vineyards of Southern France to the gabled houses of Lübeck, Germany, through cathedrals, opera houses, museums, and the cobbled streets of an Alpine village, this ferocious new novel is a metaphysical mystery of astonishing verve and power.

TP \$30.95

Jeremy Duns

Free Agent

In July 1945 MI6 agent Paul Dark took part in a top secret mission to hunt down and execute Nazi war criminals. He will discover that everything he understood about that mission, about its consequences, and about the woman he once loved, has been built on false foundations.

Now it's 1969 and a KGB colonel called Slavin has walked into the High Commission in Lagos, Nigeria, and announced that he wants to defect. His credentials as a defector are good - he has highly suggestive information which indicates that there is yet another double agent within MI6, which would be a devastating blow for a Service still coming to terms with its betrayal by Kim Philby and the rest of the Cambridge Five.

Paul Dark has been largely above suspicion during MI6's years of self-recrimination. But this time he can see his number coming up. For some it would be fight or flight time. But when you discover that everything you've taken for granted and trusted for twenty four years turns out to be untrue, and when your arrest may only be moments away, then perhaps the only option is both fight and flight.

Free Agent is a twisting, intense thriller set between London and Nigeria during the height of the Cold War. It's a novel of innumerable cliffhangers, all set within a constantly evolving moral universe, and the surprises keep coming until the very last page. **BPB \$22.99**

Free Country

May 1, 1969. Blackmailed into serving Moscow, double agent Paul Dark now finds himself a target for both exposure, and assassination. Desperate to escape his predicament, Dark gambles everything on one last throw of the dice, exposing his Soviet handler to the British. But before long, he finds he has no choice but to go on the run again, and the race is on to stop a deadly conspiracy that dates back to the early years of the Cold War.

The second part of the Paul Dark trilogy, *Free Country* is another sweat-soaked Sixties-set spy thriller in the tradition of Len Deighton and Frederick Forsyth. **TP \$32.99**

Brett Easton Ellis

Imperial Bedrooms

Twenty-five years on from *Less Than Zero*, we pick up again with Clay.

In 1985, Brett Easton Ellis shocked, stunned and disturbed with *Less Than Zero*, his "extraordinarily accomplished first novel" (*New Yorker*), successfully chronicling the frightening consequences of unmitigated hedonism within the ranks of the ethically bereft youth of 80s Los Angeles. Now, twenty-five years later, Ellis returns to those same characters: to Clay and the band of infamous teenagers whose lives weave sporadically through his. But now, some years on, they face an even greater period of disaffection: their own middle age.

Clay seems to have moved on - he's become a successful screenwriter - but when he returns from New York to Los Angeles, to help cast his new movie, he's soon drifting through a long-familiar circle. Blair, his former girlfriend, is now married to Trent, and their Beverly Hills parties attract excessive levels of fame and fortune, though for all that Trent is a powerful manager, his baser instincts remain: he's still a bisexual philanderer.

Then there's Clay's childhood friend, Julian - who's now a recovering addict - and their old dealer, Rip - face-lifted beyond recognition and seemingly even more sinister than he was in his notorious past.

Clay, too, struggles with his own demons after a meeting with a gorgeous actress determined to win a role in his movie. And with his life careening out of control, he's forced to come to terms with the deepest recesses of his character - and with his seemingly endless proclivity for betrayal.

TP \$32.99

Gavin Esler

Power Play

The Anglo-American 'Special Relationship' is in deep trouble. The ambitious vice-president, Bobby Black, who wields greater influence over foreign affairs than his titular boss has fallen out with the British PM. The young British Ambassador to Washington knows he must step in. He is in a delicate position however-with the expectations of the British Government on him, as well as those of his father-in-law, the PM.

In a bid to orchestrate some good PR, Black is invited to England, accompanied by a plane load of assistants and CIA security. Guided by his aristocratic host, he goes out to the moors and disappears. He is not seen again until humiliating photographs begin to appear, and then again, silence.

The Americans are outraged that their VP has gone missing on British soil and the relationship between the two countries seem irrevocably damaged. But what can be done? Missing but not confirmed dead is a constitutional grey area, and should Black reappear, can he ever be trusted again?

BPB \$24.99

Janet Evanovich

Finger Lickin's Fifteen (Stephanie Plum 15)

Recipe for disaster: Celebrity chef Stanley Chipotle comes to Trenton to participate in a barbecue cook-off and loses his head - literally. Throw in some spice: Bail bonds office worker Lula is witness to the crime, and the only one she'll talk to is Trenton cop Joe Morelli. Pump up the heat: Chipotle's sponsor is offering a million-dollar reward to anyone who can provide information leading to the capture of the killers. Stir the pot: Lula recruits bounty hunter Stephanie Plum to help her find the killers and collect the moolah. Add a secret ingredient: Stephanie Plum's Grandma Mazur. Enough said. Bring to a boil: Stephanie Plum is working overtime tracking felons for the bonds office at night and snooping for security expert Carlos Manoso, a.k.a. Ranger, during the day. Can Stephanie hunt down two killers, a traitor, and five skips, keep her grandmother out of the sauce, and solve Ranger's problems and not jump his bones? **BPB \$22.99**

Janet Evanovich

Sizzling Sixteen (Stephanie Plum 16)

It is summertime in Jersey and our favourite bounty hunter Stephanie Plum is up to her old antics, joined by her gang of memorable characters: Grandma, Lulu, Connie, Vinnie and Mooner. Someone wants to kill Vinnie, Lula's involved in a shabby investment scheme while Stephanie is chasing a dangerous crim. Adding even more heat to Stephanie's life are those two sizzling hot heroes... it's Ranger days and Morelli nights (Or perhaps it's the other way 'round). Get ready for some grand-scale fun. With hilarious capers and action galore, this is a laugh-a-minute Stephanie Plum novel not to be missed! **TP \$32.99**

Duncan Falconer

Mercenary

Stratton carries out a small task in Central America as a favour to a CIA officer, but it leads him to become embroiled in a national rebellion. Against his own principles, the special operative becomes emotionally involved and decides to join the popular uprising. However, he is unaware that the fight is not just against the local government - the CIA are very much involved. As events spiral disastrously out of control, Stratton must face up to his biggest and most treacherous challenge yet. **BPB \$22.99**

Traitor

After a surveillance mission in Sevastopol goes badly wrong, Stratton finds himself doing penance at MI16, the government's clandestine organisation that creates weapons equipment for special forces and the secret service. But Sevastopol has started something. In the North Sea a team of hijackers take over the giant Morpheus oil platform. They are demanding two billion dollars. Inside twenty-four hours. Or the bodies will start falling. With the SBS overstretched and its surveillance team locked down, there is only one option: Stratton and a team of unproven operatives from MI16. Stratton knows he has to redeem himself and he also has his own agenda. One of the men on the rig is an old friend. And Stratton intends to save him. But one of Stratton's team is not what they appear to be. A traitor. With a deadly agenda of their own. And Morpheus is just the beginning. This is the incendiary sixth thriller in the Stratton series by the UK's leading ex-SF professional. **TP \$32.99**

Giorgio Faletti

I Kill

A detective and an FBI agent embark upon the most harrowing case of their careers as they attempt to track down an enigmatic killer in this relentlessly suspenseful thriller. The killer announces his heinous acts in advance with desperate phone calls and ties his crimes together with songs that point to his victims; he then mutilates them and removes their faces. Set in Monte Carlo and featuring an international cast of intriguing characters, the hunt for the deranged perpetrator remains gripping and unsettling, possibly even more so, after the killer's identity is revealed and the detectives must close in on their target before he strikes again. **TP \$32.95**

Dan Fesperman

Layover in Dubai

Sam Keller has been enlisted by his V.P. for Corporate Security and Investigation to spy on another employee while they're traveling for the company. Ordinarily careful to a fault, Sam decides to live it up. What better spot for business-class hedonism than boomtown Dubai, where resort islands materialize from open ocean, fortunes are made overnight, and skiers crisscross the snowy slope of a shopping mall.

But when Sam's charge is murdered during a night on the town, it is only the first in a series of bewildering events that plunge him waist-deep into a lethal mix of mobsters, prostitutes, crooked cops, consuls, and corporate players.

Offering a chancy way out is Anwar Sharaf, the unlikely of detectives. A former pearl diver and gold smuggler with an undignified demeanor, Sharaf is sometimes as baffled as Sam by the changes to his homeland, especially as they are embodied in the behavior of his rebelliously independent—and hauntingly beautiful—daughter. But he knows where the levers of power reside. As the unlikely duo work their way toward the heart of the case, each man must confront the darkest forces threatening Dubai from within. **HC \$52.95**

Tana French

Faithful Place (Dublin Murder Squad 03)

Back in 1985, Frank Mackey was nineteen, growing up poor in Dublin's inner city, and living crammed into a small flat with his family on Faithful Place. But he had his sights set on a lot more. He and Rosie Daly were all ready to run away to London together, get married, get good jobs, break away from factory work and poverty and their old lives.

But on the winter night when they were supposed to leave, Rosie didn't show. Frank took it for granted that she'd dumped him—probably because of his alcoholic father, nutcase mother, and generally dysfunctional family. He never went home again.

Neither did Rosie. Everyone thought she had gone to England on her own and was over there living a shiny new life. Then, twenty-two years later, Rosie's suitcase shows up behind a fireplace in a derelict house on Faithful Place, and Frank is going home whether he likes it or not.

Getting sucked in is a lot easier than getting out again. Frank finds himself straight back in the dark tangle of relationships he left behind. The cops working the case want him out of the way, in case loyalty to his family and community makes him a liability. Faithful Place wants him out because he's a detective now, and the Place has never liked cops. Frank just wants to find out what happened to Rosie Daly—and he's willing to do whatever it takes, to himself or anyone else, to get the job done. **HC \$52.95**

Nicci French

What to Do when Someone Dies

Ellie Faulkner's world has been destroyed. Her husband Greg died in a car crash – and he wasn't alone. In the passenger seat was the body of Milena Livingstone – a woman Ellie's never heard of.

But Ellie refuses to leap to the obvious conclusion, despite the whispers and suspicions of those around her. Maybe it's the grief, but Ellie has to find out who this woman was – and prove Greg wasn't having an affair.

And soon she is chillingly certain their deaths were no accident. Are Ellie's accusations of murder her way of avoiding the truth about her marriage? Or does an even more sinister discovery await her? **BPB \$24.95**

Jamie Freveletti*Running Dark*

Emma Caldrige is on mile thirty-six of the fifty-five-mile Comrades ultramarathon in South Africa when a roadside car bomb explodes. Dazed and disoriented, she regains consciousness after the blast to find a man standing over her with a white plastic injector. She feels the prick of a needle and the rush of medication under her skin, but before she can make a sound, the man is gone.

Shaken by the event and unsure of what substance was pumped into her, Emma calls the one person who can help her figure things out: Edward Banner of the security company Darkview. But Banner has his hands full with another emergency: Somali pirates in the Gulf of Aden have attacked a cruise ship, and Darkview has been hired to assist with the rescue.

However, according to intelligence sources, the ship is carrying cargo far more valuable than wealthy passengers-something that could be a new weapon of unknown origin. Suspecting the weapon may be chemical in nature, Banner asks Emma to infiltrate the ship and use her professional expertise to identify it. Emma knows it's a risky job, one that she might not survive. But when she learns that special agent Cameron Sumner-a man who has saved her life in the past-is among the hostages, nothing will stop her from getting onboard, no matter what the cost. **HC \$51.95**

Stephen Frey*Hell's Gate*

Giving up his high-stakes career to relocate to Montana, divorced litigator Hunter Lee joins an elite team of parachute firefighters and learns a sordid local secret regarding arson fires for which lives are forfeited in exchange for insurance payoffs. **APB \$19.95**

Meg Gardiner*The Liar's Lullaby (Jo Beckett 03)*

When the country singer ex-wife of a U.S. president is sensationally murdered during a concert performance, forensic psychiatrist Jo Beckett endeavors to learn the victim's role in her demise as well as the murder's relevance for the president. **HC \$52.95**

Lisa Gardner*Live to Tell*

On a warm summer night in one of Boston's working-class neighborhoods, an unthinkable crime has been committed: Four members of a family have been brutally murdered. The father-and possible suspect-now lies clinging to life in the ICU. Murder-suicide? Or something worse? Veteran police detective D. D. Warren is certain of only one thing: There's more to this case than meets the eye.

Danielle Burton is a survivor, a dedicated nurse whose passion is to help children at a locked-down pediatric psych ward. But she remains haunted by a family tragedy that shattered her life nearly twenty-five years ago. The dark anniversary is approaching, and when D. D. Warren and her partner show up at the facility, Danielle immediately realizes: It has started again.

A devoted mother, Victoria Oliver has a hard time remembering what normalcy is like. But she will do anything to ensure that her troubled son has some semblance of a childhood. She will love him no matter what. Nurture him. Keep him safe. Protect him. Even when the threat comes from within her own house. **HC \$52.95**

Alone

An armed man has barricaded himself in with his wife and child. Through the scope of his sniper rifle, State Trooper Bobby Dodge watches the hostage stand-off unfold - and has only a split second to react... Twenty-five years ago Catherine Gagnon was buried underground during a nightmare of abduction and abuse. Now her husband has been killed and her father-in-law, Judge Gagnon, blames Catherine. What brings Bobby and Catherine together is a moment of violence - but what connects them is far more dangerous. A killer is loose - and no one will see death coming until it has them cornered, helpless and alone... **BPB \$22.99**

Gone

Ex-FBI profiler Pierce Quincy has just been thrown into his worst nightmare. A car has been found abandoned, engine running, purse on the driver's seat - and his estranged wife, Rainie Conner, has disappeared... Did one of the ghosts from her troubled past finally catch up with Rainie? Or could her disappearance be the result of one of the cases they'd been working - a particularly vicious double homicide or the possible abuse of a deeply disturbed child Rainie took too close to heart? Together with his daughter, FBI agent Kimberly Quincy, Pierce is racing against time, frantically searching for answers to all the questions he's been afraid to ask. One man knows what happened that night - and his terms are clear: he wants money, power, celebrity. And if he doesn't get them, Rainie will be gone for good... **BPB \$22.99**

Hide

Annabelle Granger has spent her life on the run, her childhood a blur of new places and fresh aliases. Now 30, she is living quietly in Boston - until she opens the paper and finds herself declared dead. At an abandoned mental institute, the bodies of six girls have been discovered. And one of them has Annabelle's locket. Working with detective Bobby Dodge to unravel a decades-old riddle, Annabelle embarks on a desperate collision course with her past - where a killer has been waiting years to find her and there's no place left to hide. **BPB \$22.99**

The Killing Hour

For three summers, the residents of Atlanta have been gripped by terror when the temperature creeps up to a hundred. For with the relentless heat comes a vicious killer. Each time, he takes two girls. When the first body is discovered, it contains all the clues needed to find the second victim - but the clock is ticking... As an epic heatwave descends, rookie agent Kimberly Quincy stumbles across a body. She's been face-to-face with a serial killer before and knows only too well why this one has started the game again. He's raising the stakes; he wants the FBI's finest to come out and play... **BPB \$22.99**

The Neighbour

It was a case guaranteed to spark a media feeding frenzy - a young mother, blonde and pretty, disappears without trace from her South Boston home, leaving behind her four-year-old daughter as the only witness and her handsome, secretive husband as the prime suspect. But from the moment Detective Sergeant D.D. Warren arrives at the Jones' snug little bungalow, she senses something off about the picture of wholesome normality the couple worked so hard to create. On the surface, Jason and Sandra Jones are like any other hardworking young couple raising a child. But just under the surface things grow murkier. With the clock ticking on the life of a missing woman and the media firestorm building, Jason Jones seems more intent on destroying evidence and isolating his daughter than on searching for his 'beloved' wife. Is the perfect husband trying to hide his guilt - or just trying to hide? **BPB \$22.99**

Sale Books

We have filled our throw table with books that we have discounted to clear. Now is a good time to visit and rummage through for some bargains.

Lisa Gardner

The Next Accident

FBI Agent Pierce Quincy is haunted by his daughter's death in a drunk-driving accident. Pierce knew about his daughter's problem with alcohol and about her loneliness. And so, he is sure, did the man who killed her. Rainie Conner is an ex-cop with a past overshadowed by violence. She was once involved with Pierce in a harrowing case that brought them together personally and professionally. Then, he came to her rescue. Now it is time for her to help him. A killer is targeting Quincy's surviving daughter. Rainie believes that the only way to stop him is to put herself directly into the killer's murderous path and herself become - the next accident. **BPB \$22.99**

The Other Daughter

A nine-year-old girl is abandoned, unconscious in a hospital ER. When she comes round, she remembers nothing about herself or her past. The girl is adopted and raised as Melanie by Dr Harper Stokes and his wife, whose own daughter Meagan was tragically murdered. Twenty years later, a reporter starts investigating Melanie's true parentage and an FBI agent becomes involved in the tangled mystery of her past. And when grotesque messages and gifts start arriving, Melanie begins to fear that the family she loves the most may be the very people she should trust the least...

BPB \$22.99

The Perfect Husband

Jim Beckett was everything Tess had ever dreamed of... But two years after Tess married Jim, she helped put him behind bars for savagely murdering ten women. Even locked up in a maximum security prison, he vowed he would come after her and make her pay. As the clock ticks, counting down to their reunion, Tess has got to change the ways of a lifetime. She's got to stop being scared. And she's got to learn to fight back. Because this is a marriage that'll last until the grave... **BPB \$22.99**

Say Goodbye

Young women are disappearing. Girls no one will notice - prostitutes, runaways, high-risk teens. But FBI Special agent Kimberly Quincy has noticed. And when 18-year-old Delilah Rose claims to have inside information on the case, she will only talk to Kimberly. After all, they have something in common: they're both pregnant. Their only lead is a man who gets his kicks in the creepiest of ways. And as she hunts a twisted sadist with a brutal past, Kimberly soon realises there's only one way to halt the bloody killings. She must become the prey... **BPB \$22.99**

The Survivors Club

Jillian, Carol and Meg don't consider themselves victims - they're survivors. Survivors who faced the headlines and helped lead the investigation that caught Eddie Como, the man who changed their lives for ever. But now Eddie Como, the College Hill Rapist, has been murdered, shot down outside a packed courthouse moments before his trial. All three women are openly ecstatic. They are also the prime suspects in his murder. Detective Roan Griffin has never had a case like this one. Could three ordinary women have been driven to do the unthinkable? Has someone in The Survivors Club become a killer? Then another woman is brutally attacked... **BPB \$22.99**

The Third Victim

A horrific shooting has ripped apart the peaceful town of Bakersville and the residents are demanding justice. But although a boy has confessed to the crime, evidence shows he may not be guilty. Officer Rainie Conner is caught up in the controversy. It's hitting too close to home, bringing back memories of her own past and her worst nightmares. But she has to find the real killer. With the help of FBI profiler Pierce Quincy, Rainie comes closer to a deadly truth than she can imagine. Because out there in the shadows a man watches her and plots his next move. He knows her secrets. He's already brought death to Bakersville. But what he has really come for is Rainie - and he won't leave until he has destroyed her... **BPB \$22.99**

Tess Gerritsen

Ice Cold

In Wyoming for a medical conference, Boston medical examiner Maura Isles joins a group of friends on a spur-of-the-moment ski trip. But when their SUV stalls on a snow-choked mountain road, they're stranded with no help in sight.

As night falls, the group seeks refuge from the blizzard in the remote village of Kingdom Come, where twelve eerily identical houses stand dark and abandoned. Something terrible has happened in Kingdom Come: Meals sit untouched on tables, cars are still parked in garages. The town's previous residents seem to have vanished into thin air, but footprints in the snow betray the presence of someone who still lurks in the cold darkness—someone who is watching Maura and her friends.

Days later, Boston homicide detective Jane Rizzoli receives the grim news that Maura's charred body has been found in a mountain ravine. Shocked and grieving, Jane is determined to learn what happened to her friend. The investigation plunges Jane into the twisted history of Kingdom Come, where a gruesome discovery lies buried beneath the snow. As horrifying revelations come to light, Jane closes in on an enemy both powerful and merciless—and the chilling truth about Maura's fate. **HC \$52.95**

Lee Goldberg

Mr Monk is Cleared Out (Monk)

Monk's been swindled out of his savings-but now it's payback time, in the latest original mystery featuring everyone's favorite OCD detective.

In the midst of a financial crisis, the SFPD fires Adrian Monk as a consultant. Monk figures he can live off his savings for a while. Then Natalie learns that Monk invested his money some time ago with Bob Sebes, the charismatic leader of Reinier Investments, who's just been arrested on charges of orchestrating a massive \$100 million fraud. All of Sebes' clients-including Monk-are completely wiped out.

When the key witness in the government's case against Sebes is killed, Monk is convinced that Sebes did it, but the man has been under house arrest with a horde of paparazzi in front of his building 24/7. Monk may be broke, but he's got plenty of time on his hands to solve this latest mystery...

HC \$47.95

Alex Gray

Five Ways to Kill a Man

As DCI Lorimer sees in the New Year, an unpredictable killer is loose on the streets of Glasgow. Hood up, suddenly appearing out of the shadows, this dark figure is experimenting with murder, again and again. Faced with a string of seemingly unconnected victims, and picking up the case of a horrific fire that murdered a wealthy couple, Lorimer turns to psychologist and friend Solly Brightman for his insights. As the killer comes to closer to Lorimer himself and his family, can he unmask the serial murderer before the next victim is found too close to home? **TP \$32.99**

David Hagberg

The Cabal

In Washington, CIA operative Todd Van Buren meets with a Washington Post investigative reporter who has uncovered strong evidence that a powerful lobbyist has formed a shadowy group called the Friday Club, a cabal whose members include high-ranking men inside the government: a White House adviser, a three star general at the Pentagon, deputy secretaries at the State Department, Homeland Security, the FBI and even the CIA. That afternoon Van Buren, son-in-law of the legendary spy Kirk McGarvey, is brutally gunned down because of what he's been told. The same evening the reporter and his family are killed, all traces of the shadow group erased.

A grief stricken McGarvey is drawn into the most far-reaching and bizarre investigation of his career, the stakes of which could destabilize the U.S. government, and shake the foundations of the world financial order. **HC \$51.95**

Carolyn Haines

Bone Appetit (Sarah Booth Delaney)

For many years Jitty, Dahlia House's resident ghost, has dreamed that Sarah Booth Delaney would have a child to inherit the family's ancestral home. Sarah Booth has always had reservations about being a parent. There was her work as an actress and PI, taking care of the house, not to mention finding the right man. But when Jitty's dream finally looks like it's going to come true, Sarah Booth is crushed when it doesn't. Depressed, unable to act or investigate, Sarah Booth finally allows her best friend to whisk her away for a luxurious weekend vacation at a special spa and cooking school.

The pampering and food go a long way toward making her feel like her old self, but there's another welcome distraction-there's a beauty contest/cook-off going on to find the spa's next spokesperson, and watching the drama really takes her mind off of her woes. Sarah finds the backbiting to be great fun-until the heated competition boils over, the top contender is poisoned, and the prime suspect hires Sarah Booth to clear her name.

Between swimsuit competitions and soufflés, Sarah Booth Delaney and her best friend and partner, Tinkie, must find out which of the ambitious young ladies is to blame in Bone Appetit, the latest in Carolyn Haines's delightfully Southern cozy mystery series. **HC \$51.95**

Rebecca M Hale

Nine Lives Last Forever (Cats and Curios 02)

When frogs begin appearing in the antiques shop Rebecca has inherited from Uncle Oscar, her cats Rupert and Isabella instantly give chase. But why are frogs also turning up in San Francisco's City Hall building? And what does her late uncle's mysterious note to "follow the frogs" mean?

Soon Rebecca is caught up in the chase herself, along with a crazy crew of her uncle's oddball friends-as well as his oldest enemy. With rumors of hidden gold, political conspiracies, faked deaths, and cold-blooded betrayal in the air, she has to try hard not to leap to any conclusions until she and her kitties can uncover the truth, warts and all... **PB \$19.95**

Parnell Hall

Caper

Poor Stanley Hastings. After getting hired by a hitman and nearly getting shot, the put-upon PI needed some fun, so when a gorgeous damsel in distress walked through his office door she seemed just what the doctor ordered.

Wrong again.

The fair maiden turned out to be a married mom who wanted Stanley to find out why her teenage daughter was skipping school. Playing truant officer wasn't exactly Stanley's idea of fun, but at least it should be easy.

Fat chance.

Stanley being Stanley, nothing goes right, nothing is as it seems, bodies start to pile up, and faster than you can say 'fall guy', guess who's left holding the bag? **HC \$51.95**

Sophie Hannah

Dead Lie Down

Ruth Bussey once did something wrong-horribly wrong-and was nearly destroyed by her punishment. Now, she has tentatively rebuilt her life and unexpectedly found love with a man named Aidan Seed. But Aidan also has a secret-he killed someone years ago, a woman named Mary Trelease. Ruth's horror turns to confusion when she realizes that she knows Mary Trelease, and Mary is very much alive. **TP \$30.95**

James Hayman

The Chill of Night

Glamorous young Portland attorney Lainie Goff thought she had it all-brains, beauty, and a fast-track to a partnership in a top-ranked firm that was going to make her rich. But then one cold winter night she pushed things too far, and her naked frozen body is found in the sub-zero temperatures at the end of the Portland Fish Pier.

The only witness to the crime: a mentally disturbed young woman named Abby Quinn who mysteriously disappears the very same night.

With the discovery of Lainie Goff's body and the disappearance of Abby Quinn, Portland homicide detective Michael McCabe finds himself on the trail of a relentless and clever killer. A killer he must find before another life is lost. **HC \$51.95**

Dana Haynes

Crashers

Whenever a plane goes down in the U.S., a "Go Team" made up of experts is assembled by the NTSB to investigate. Those people - each of them a leading expert in a specific area - are known as informally as "Crashers."

When a passenger plane, a Vermeer One Eleven, slams into the ground outside Portland, Oregon, a team is quickly assembled to investigate the cause. Under the leadership of the IIC (Investigator in Charge), Leonard "Tommy" Tomzak, a pathologist who recently quit the NTSB who also happened to be in the area when the Vermeer One Eleven went down, the team gets to work as fast as possible. Assembled by Susan Tanaka, the inter-governmental liaison from the NTSB on this crash, the team includes: Kathryn "Kiki" Duvall (voice recorder specialist), known as a "sonar witch" who can hear things that others can't and can pinpoint an accent from anywhere in the world; John Roby (Mad Bomber), former cop and bomb expert, who can detect the use of an incendiary device simply by smelling the air; Walter Mulroney (Structures), looks more like a cowboy than an engineer but can rebuild just about any plane from the bolts up; along with Peter Kim (Power Plant) and Isaiah Grey (Operations). Usually the team has months to determine the cause of a crash. But this time it's different. This time, the plane was brought down deliberately, without leaving a trace, and this was only a trial run.

In LA, Daria Gibron - a former Shin Bet agent, now under the protection of the FBI- spots a group of suspicious-looking men. Missing her former life of action, she attaches herself to them only to learn that, somehow, they were responsible for the plane crash and are preparing for another action. While her FBI handler tries to find her and save her, Daria risks her life to try to get close enough to learn what's going on and thwart the coming terrorist action. But time is running out and her cover story is running thin. **HC \$51.95**

Mandasue Heller

Two-Faced

Mia and Michelle couldn't look more alike - or act more differently. Mia's always been the glamorous one, the one everyone wants to get close to. And now she's a model, on the edge of fame. But Mia can't resist the illegal thrills that come with fame. When disaster strikes, her mousy look-alike sister has to pretend to be Mia. Michelle saves her career, and turns out to have star quality too. She's even got someone to fall in love with her - a man Mia wants almost as much as she wants to be a supermodel. That's something Mia will never, ever forgive . . . **PB \$22.99**

Jack Henderson

Seven Seconds

In early 2003, an ousted UN weapons inspector is assassinated on the eve of a bombshell press conference. Rumours surface that this man had been passed damning evidence of a worldwide cabal of unimaginable power and wealth, and of their endgame that the coming war was meant to set in motion. It was the stuff of the wildest conspiracy theories: a global elite engineering the crash of financial markets, the soaring prices of food and energy, the numbing of the general population through a manufactured climate of fear. With the murdered man discredited and his evidence destroyed, all of it would soon be forgotten. But two intertwined parts of a coded text survived the assassination. One half is in the hands of a young female operative, already on the run from her own dark past. The other is delivered to the only man alive capable of unlocking its promise: a long-suppressed technology that could either usher in a new age of peace for all mankind, or become the ultimate weapon of mass destruction.

BPB \$22.99

Jack Higgins

The Dark Side of the Island

Captain Hugh Lomax's last view of Kyros had been as a German prisoner of war. The picturesque beauty of the Greek Islands hiding their blood-drenched history and the terrifying carnage that took place years earlier.

But there are questions still unanswered. Lomax knows he was innocent, and as he returns to Kyros he begins to remember things he had long since buried in the back of his mind; the deadly mission he undertook, as well as a horrific massacre that still remains without reason. Now, the time has come for answers.

Lomax is set to unlock the secrets of his past; someone betrayed the islanders at the height of the Nazi occupation, and they want their secret kept, whatever it takes, whoever has to suffer. **APB \$19.99**

Reginald Hill

Blood Sympathy

PI can mean many things, but can it really mean a balding, middle-aged redundant lathe operator from a high rise in Luton, Beds? Joe Sixsmith thinks it can. His Aunt Mirabelle thinks you'd have to be crazy to hire him, and Joe's current clients certainly fit the bill. One seems to be confessing to the brutal murder of his whole family; another thinks she's a witch. Alongside them, the two heavies who believe Joe is hiding their illicit drugs seem almost normal. In the past Reginald Hill has brought wit, style and compassion to police investigation. Now he does the same for the private sector, and -- in perhaps his greatest feat of creation -- reinvents Luton in the process. **BPB \$24.99**

Born Guilty

Hurrying out of St Monkey's church on the last Amen of the Creation, Joe Sixsmith stumbles across a boy's corpse in a cardboard box and into more trouble than he's ever known. Soon his casebook is full to bursting; retired colonial Mrs C. demands to know how the boy got there; Gallie, the Mutant from Outer Space, urges him to find the stranger nosing into her granddad's past; while Butcher, that briefest of briefs, is hellbent on digging the dirt on a deputy head's out-of-school activities. Ever valiant for truth, Joe threads his mild-mannered way through the mean streets of Luton, fighting off angry cops, demented druggies and the matchmaking machinations of his Auntie Mirabelle. But the truth he discovers does not set him free, for there's little joy in confirming that today's kids grow up so much faster than he did, and even the luckiest of them find out all too soon that they have been born guilty. **BPB \$24.99**

Fell of Dark

A friendship renewed; a marriage going sour; Harry Bentick heads for the Lake District not knowing if he's going in search of something or running away.

Then two girls are found murdered in the high fells, and suddenly there's no doubt about it. He's running. **BPB \$24.99**

Killing the Lawyers

Joe Sixsmith, Luton's premier PI, is naturally on the side of the Law... Trouble is, the Law isn't always ready to return the compliment.

When Joe turns to the town's top law firm for help in a motor insurance dispute, he gets assaulted verbally by one partner (male) and physically by another (female) and, vowing vengeance, walks out. So it's hardly surprising, when someone starts whacking the partners one by one, that Joe is elected the man most likely.

At the same time he is trying to find out who is threatening all kinds of nastiness against top athlete Zak Oto if she wins her New Year's Day race to celebrate the opening of Luton's splendid Pleasure Dome. Everybody looks suspicious, from her ex-con minder Starbright Jones, through her trainers, past and present, to her own family. And the only reassurance Joe has that he's getting warm is when someone starts trying to kill him!

This is the third novel to feature Joe Sixsmith and it confirms what the critical prophets have said from the start, that in the depth of his humanity, the honesty of his outlook, the bewilderment of his responses to much that the modern world confronts him with, and the strength of his resolve to give everything he undertakes his best shot, Joe is truly a hero for our times. **BPB \$24.99**

The Long Kill

When a hitman starts missing, it's time to retire. And where better than the Lake District where the air is healthy, the scenery spectacular, and there's a handsome young widow who's caught your eye. Everything in this Garden of Eden seems lovely to Jaysmith. But soon he begins to discover, as many another retired man before him, that settling down to the quiet life is not as easy as it seems. His old employers aren't keen to lose him, his past is always lying in wait, and when Anya introduces him to her family, Jaysmith realizes there's no way out. He's back in business, and it makes little difference that this time it's to defend, not destroy. However you wrap it up, his one accessible talent is the long kill. **BPB \$24.99**

Singing the Sadness

Joe Sixsmith is going west. But only as far as Wales where they keep a welcome in the hillside and the Boyling Corner Choir has been invited to the Llanffugiol Choral Festival. Trouble is, no one seems to have heard of Llanffugiol, and all they find on the hillside is a burning house with a mysterious woman trapped inside. Soon Joe is surrounded by a whole bevy of suspicious characters, not to mention the kind of criminous confusion that turns into utter chaos when confronted with the famous Sixsmith detection technique. Joe is no quitter, though. Doggedly, aided by little more than that instinct for truth which is his unique talent, he moves forward over the space of a single weekend to uncover crimes which have been buried for years. **BPB \$24.99**

Jane Stanton Hitchcock

Mortal Friends

Reven Lynch is a keen observer of luxurious life in her chic Georgetown neighborhood. Perhaps that's why—in the wake of a murder that inconveniently occurred at her favorite jogging spot—the intriguingly smooth Detective Gunner asks her to feed him inside information from deep within the rarefied world of embassy dinners and symphony balls. But from her vantage point among the privileged, Reven finds herself witness to crimes of a very different nature—not the least being the myriad sins of Cynthia Rinehart, philanthropist, shameless social climber, and dedicated husband hunter (no matter if said husband is already married). In this ultra-exclusive world of power and wealth, nothing old or new, in high culture or low, is entirely what it appears. And before Reven is done, her social world will unravel, an old friendship will be put to a severe test, and more than one scandalous secret will be revealed. **TP \$28.95**

Dorothy Howell

Shoulder Bags and Shootings (Haley Randolph)

After she discovers the body of her arch-nemesis in the trunk of the Mercedes belonging to her boyfriend's grandmother, Haley Randolph must track a killer, while also trying to get her hands on the new to-die-for Sinful brand handbag. **HC \$45.95**

Gregg Hurwitz

They're Watching

Patrick Davis is a man with troubles. First his Hollywood dreams crumble and then his storybook marriage hits a snag. Now, DVDs start being delivered to his house—DVDs which show that someone is watching him and his wife, that the two of them are being stalked and recorded by cameras hidden in their house. Then the e-mails start, and someone offers to fix everything, to take the mess his life has become and make it all right. Patrick figures it's the offer of a lifetime.

But Patrick couldn't be more wrong. With every step he falls deeper into a web of intrigue that threatens everything he values in this world. Before he knows it, he's in and in deep—and his only escape is to outwit and outplay his unseen opponents at their own game. **HC \$51.95**

Trust No One

Over the past two decades, Nick Horrigan has built a quiet, safe life for himself, living as much under the radar as possible. But all of that shatters when, in the middle of the night, a SWAT team bursts into his apartment, grabs him and drags him to a waiting helicopter. A terrorist—someone Nick has never heard of—has seized control of a nuclear reactor, threatening to blow it up. And the only person he'll talk to is Nick, promising to tell Nick the truth behind the events that shattered his life twenty years ago.

At seventeen years old, Nick Horrigan made a deadly mistake—one that cost his stepfather his life, endangered his mother, and sent him into hiding for years. Now, what Nick discovers in that nuclear plant leaves him with only two choices—to start running again, or to fight and finally uncover the secrets that have held him hostage all these years.

As Nick peels back layer after layer of lies and deception, buffeted between the buried horrors of the past and the deadly intrigues of the present, he finds his own life—and the lives of nearly everyone he loves—at risk. And the only thing guiding him through this deadly labyrinth are his stepfather's dying words: TRUST NO ONE. **PB \$21.95**

Greg Iles

Devils Punchbowl

When he was a prosecuting attorney Penn Cage sent hardened killers to death row. But it is as mayor of his hometown, Natchez, Mississippi, that Penn will face his most dangerous threat. Urged by old friends to try to restore the town to its former glory, Penn has ridden into office on a tide of support for change. But in its quest for new jobs and fresh money, Natchez has turned to casino gambling. Five fantastical steamboats float on the river beside the old slave market like props from *Gone With the Wind*. But one boat isn't like the others. Rumour has it that the Magnolia Queen has found a way to pull the big players from Las Vegas. And with them comes an unquenchable taste for one thing: blood sport, and the dark vices that go with it. When a childhood friend of Penn's who brings him evidence of these crimes is brutally murdered, the full weight of Penn's failure to protect this city hits home. So begins his quest to find the men responsible. But it's a hunt he begins alone, for the local authorities have been corrupted by the money and power of his hidden enemy. With his family's life at stake, Penn realizes his only allies in his one-man war are those bound to him by blood or honour. **BPB \$24.99**

Quintin Jardine

Rush of Blood

The horrific suicide of a successful Lithuanian entrepreneur rouses suspicion amongst the newly appointed Chief Constable Bob Skinner and his colleagues. They've crossed swords with the businessman before; why would a man with everything to live for take his own life? As enquiries begin, a mystery girl, drugged and incoherent, is dumped in a health centre by a mysterious Galahad, who promptly disappears. Who is she, who is he, and where has he gone? Is it coincidence that most of the massage parlours in the city have suddenly closed overnight? **TP \$32.99**

Iris Johansen

Shadow Zone

While mapping the ancient underwater city of Marinth in the Atlantic Ocean, submersible designer Hannah Bryson makes a shocking discovery: she may have finally uncovered the truth about the once-glorious city's mysterious demise. Long ago it was a thriving metropolis bursting with culture and life—Marinth's sudden disappearance has plagued scientists for years. But now, with her unexpected new findings, Hannah realizes that the ancient city's explosive secret could have dire consequences for the modern-day world.

But Hannah isn't the only one who realizes it. When her key artifact is hijacked en route to a research lab, she is thrust into an adventure in which she must match wits against a terrifying enemy who will kill anyone who stands in his way. And when Hannah becomes his target, she knows that her best hope for survival lies with Kirov, a mysterious and deadly man from her past. Together they will race to unravel Marinth's last great secret in order to prevent a catastrophe of global proportions. Before the lethal game is over, however, Hannah will realize that no one is above suspicion. **HC \$54.95**

Linda O Johnstone

Feline Fatale (Kendra Ballantyne, Pet-Sitter Mystery 09)

While visiting her friend Wanda, Kendra Ballantyne sets off a squabble over the building's animal policy. One week later, an anti-pet board member is found dead in Wanda's apartment. Now, Kendra must start sniffing around for the real killer. **PB \$19.95**

Liz Jordan & Andy McNab

War Torn (01)

Set both in Afghanistan and the UK, *War Torn* revolves around a close knit group of soldiers and their friends, families, and loved ones. **TP \$32.95**

Alex Kava

Damaged (Maggie O'Dell 08)

On Pensacola Beach, the Coast Guard prepares for a Category 5 hurricane that has entered the Gulf of Mexico. When the air crew patrols the waterways, they spot a huge fishing cooler about a mile offshore. Drug traffickers have been known to dump coolers with smuggled product to avoid detection and pay fishermen to retrieve them. But when the crew open this cooler, they're shocked by what they find: body parts tightly wrapped in plastic.

Though she is putting herself in the projected path of the hurricane, Special Agent Maggie O'Dell is sent to investigate. Eventually, she's able to trace the torso in the cooler back to a man who mysteriously disappeared weeks earlier after a hurricane hit Port St. Lucie, Florida. Only Port St. Lucie is on the Atlantic side. How did his body end up six hundred miles away in the Gulf of Mexico?

Cliffhanger chapters, behind-the-scenes forensic details, colorful characters, and satisfying twists have become the trademarks of Kava's psychological thrillers. In *Damaged*, she ratchets up the suspense a notch by sending Maggie into the eye of an impending monster hurricane to track down a killer. **HC \$51.95**

Faye Kellerman

Blindman's Bluff

Guy Kaffey thought his wealth could acquire anything- including the best security money can buy. When his family are gunned to death on their vast Butterfly Ranch estate, it's clear that he was tragically wrong.

Lieutenant Peter Decker of the LAPD is given the task of piecing together what happened. From the start, he suspects an inside job and that the answer lies with Kaffey's fortune. The daunting scale of Kaffey's business empire produces no shortage of suspects: from members of his bodyguard, to business partners, rival tycoons, even family members.

But as LA's ferocious street gangs hire themselves out to unknown paymasters in a cycle of revenge and death, Decker's own family is threatened. And if a billionaire like Kaffey can't protect his own, what hope does Decker have? **APB \$19.99**

Erin Kelly

Poison Tree

It is the sweltering summer of 1997, and Karen is a straight-laced, straight-A university student. When she meets the impossibly glamorous Biba, a bohemian orphan who lives in a crumbling old mansion with her enigmatic brother Rex, she is soon drawn into their world but something terrible is about to happen, and someone's going to end up dead..Already drawing comparisons to Barbara Vine, Tana French and Sophie Hannah, Erin Kelly is an extraordinarily talented new author. **TP \$29.99**

Christobel Kent

The Drowning River

Meet Sandro Cellini, Florence's answer to Donna Leon's Guido Brunetti.

One wet November in Florence, the grieving widow of an eminent Jewish architect comes to visit Sandro Cellini, good husband, disgraced ex-policeman, and recently turned PI, to ask him to investigate her husband's suicide. Cellini takes her on out of sympathy, although this first case makes a downbeat start to his new career. There seems no doubt that Claudio Gentileschi, a Holocaust survivor and lifelong depressive found drowned on a bleak stretch of the River Arno, did take his own life, and initially Cellini imagines that his only duty is to support the widow through her time of mourning.

But as Cellini doggedly retraces the architect's last hours through the worst rains since the devastating floods of 1966, a young Englishwoman is found to have gone missing from the city's community of hard-drinking, high-living art students, and Sandro's search turns abruptly into something grimmer and more urgent than he could have imagined, as he uncovers a network of greed and corruption that is hidden under a veneer of tradition and refinement.

The Drowning River is a spot-on, atmospheric new mystery, the first in a series featuring Cellini. **HC \$51.95**

A Fine and Private Place (Sandro Cellini Mystery)

The return of Sandro Cellini: ex-cop and private detective, Florence's answer to Donna Leon's Guido Brunetti.

As Sandro gets to grips with the dispiriting realities of life as a private detective, touting for business among old contacts and following errant teenagers, an old case comes back to haunt him ...

Once the subject of a routine investigation back in Sandro's police-officer days, Loni Meadows - the glamorous, charming and ruthless director of an artistic Foundation based in a castle in the hills outside Florence - is found dead in circumstances Sandro cannot convince himself are accidental. However inconvenient his suspicions might be, both to Sandro - whose marriage appears to be disintegrating - and to Meadows's erstwhile employers at the Foundation, he presses ahead with the case. And as Sandro attempts to uncover the truth of Loni Meadows's violent and lonely death, he finds himself drawn into the lives of the castle's highly strung community and the closed world they inhabit in the Casentino's isolated hills. **TP \$29.99**

Simon Kernick

The Last 10 Seconds

THE UNDERCOVER COP

Having worked undercover the last ten years, Sean Egan is used to life on the edge. He's recently infiltrated one of London's most dangerous criminal gangs, and they've just informed him that they want him for a very special job: the daring abduction from police custody of a serial killer known as The Night Creeper.

THE KILLER

Brutally violent yet highly intelligent, The Night Creeper has earned his reputation by torturing five young women to death. Arrested the previous night, he claims that he has a cast-iron alibi for one of the murders, and some highly important information that can prove his innocence - and implicates someone else.

THE POLICEWOMAN

DI Tina Boyd has an instinct for trouble, and a past that continues to haunt her. She was the policewoman who charged The Night Creeper. Now he's been kidnapped, and it's Tina's task to find him. And find him fast, because it's clear that some very dangerous people want to silence him permanently.

A man, a woman and a sadistic killer. As they race towards a terrifying confrontation only one thing is certain: they're all going to have to fight very hard just to stay alive. **TP \$32.95**

Andrew Klavan*Empire of Lies (Otto Penzler)*

A man of deep religious faith and principle, Jason Harrow's stable family life is threatened when his past comes back to haunt him in the person of a former lover who wants him to find her missing daughter, sending him on a quest back to New York City and into the heart of a murderous conspiracy that makes him the target of terrorists and authorities alike. **PB \$19.95**

J A Konrath*Cheery Bomb (Jack Daniels Mystery 06)*

Lieutenant Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels attending the funeral of the loved one who was killed at the end of the previous work and receiving a phone call from homicidal escapee Alex Kork, who reinitiates their deadly game of cat and mouse. **PB \$19.95**

Dean Koontz*The Taking*

On the morning that will mark the end of the world they have known, Molly and Niel Sloan awaken to the drumbeat of rain on their roof. It has haunted their sleep, invaded their dreams, and now they rise to find a luminous silvery downpour drenching their small California mountain town. A strange scent hangs faintly in the air, and the young couple cannot shake the sense of something wrong.

As hours pass and the rain continues to fall, Molly and Niel listen to disturbing news of extreme weather phenomena across the globe. Before evening, their little town loses television and radio reception. Then telephone and the Internet are gone. With the ceaseless rain now comes an obscuring fog that transforms the once-friendly village into a ghostly labyrinth. By nightfall the Sloans have gathered with some of their neighbors to deal with community damage...but also because they feel the need to band together against some unknown threat, some enemy they cannot identify or even imagine.

In the night, strange noises arise, and at a distance, in the rain and the mist, mysterious lights are seen drifting among the trees. The rain diminishes with the dawn, but a moody gray-purple twilight prevails. Soon Molly, Niel, and their small band of friends will be forced to draw on reserves of strength, courage, and humanity they never knew they had. For within the misty gloom they will encounter something that reveals in a terrifying instant what is happening to their world-something that is hunting them with ruthless efficiency. **PB \$21.95**

Julie Kramer*Silencing Sam*

When a gossip reporter with whom she publicly clashed is found murdered, television reporter Riley is wrongly charged with the crime and is forced to use all her resources to clear her name, a case during which she comes to suspect a ratings-greedy media newcomer. **HC \$49.95**

Chris Kuzneski*The Lost Throne (Payne & Jones)*

After a man with no identification--who scribbles notes in ancient tongues--is admitted to an Italian hospital, ex-military agents Jonathon Payne and D. J. Jones must race to recover a lost treasure that could rewrite history, before it is destroyed by men who will stop at nothing to conceal the secret. **PB \$21.95**

The Prophecy

Michel de Nostredame, the French apothecary commonly known as Nostradamus, has gained a cult-like following, a loyal band of enthusiasts who credit him with predicting numerous world events--the Great Fire of London, the rise of Napoleon and Hitler, and the nuclear destruction of Hiroshima. However, his most important collection of prophetic verses has remained hidden...until now.

In the year 2009, a letter was mailed to a woman who does not understand why she has received the puzzling correspondence, written in a series of codes and ancient languages. She enlists the help of Jonathon Payne and David Jones. Relentlessly hunted by those determined to protect the secret, the duo has no choice but to fight back. In an adventure that spans two continents and several centuries, Payne and Jones must locate the sacred text that may change everything we know about the future. **HC \$52.95**

Lynda la Plante*Blind Fury*

Close to a motorway service station, the body of a young woman is discovered. She appears to have no family, no friends, no one to identify her. DI Anna Travis is brought onto the team of investigators by DCS James Langton, who already suspects that this recent case could be linked to two unsolved murders. As more evidence is discovered the team realise that they are contending with a triple murder investigation -- and no suspect.

Anna's blood runs cold when she receives a letter from a murderer she helped to arrest. He makes contact from prison insisting that he can track down their killer, but will only talk to Anna herself. Does he really have an insight into another killer's mind, or is he merely intent on getting into hers? **TP \$32.99**

Silent Scream

Hot young British film star Amanda Delany had the world at her feet. Never one for the quiet life, she'd had a string of affairs with famous actors, making perfect fodder for the tabloids... Then came a commission to write a tell-all memoir.

When Amanda is found brutally murdered, the suspects are lining up - from jealous ex-flatmates to famous lovers to a corrupt agent. As DCI James Langton leads his team in an extensive enquiry, they discover the sad truth behind Amanda's successful façade. An autopsy reveals that she was addicted to drugs and starvation diets. Amanda's parents are a cold, unemotional couple who hushed up the fact that their daughter once almost died from a botched abortion. And it is revealed that her massive earnings were being swallowed up in a City fraud.

Meanwhile, DI Anna Travis is up for promotion, but her boss DCI James Langton is blocking her, with an accusation of professional misconduct. This latest case, her toughest challenge so far, could make or break Anna's career. **BPB \$22.99**

Rita Lakin*Getting Old is Tres Dangereux*

While her new beau Jack Langford is bodyguarding his former lover from a geriatric assassin, self-proclaimed PI Gladdy Gold must save her busybody friends from being taken advantage of by a fraudulent New Age guru who claims to have a message from beyond. **PB \$19.95**

Mike Lawson*House Secrets (Joe Demarco)*

In House Secrets, DeMarco is sent by Speaker of the House John Mahoney to look into the accidental death of a mediocre newspaper reporter who, in the days before his death, claimed that he had a lead on the biggest political scandal since Watergate. It turns out that the reporter was on the trail of Senator Paul Morelli, the handsome and gifted rising star from New York, considered a shoo-in for his party's presidential nomination.

Morelli's past has already been scrutinized and he looks clean, but then why is DeMarco being followed by a pair of thugs who freelance for the CIA? **PB \$19.95**

David Levien*Where the Dead Lay*

THE VICTIM was a fighter, but strength wasn't enough to save him from this gruesome end.

THE MISSING are two well-paid private investigators who have disappeared on a confidential job.

THE FAMILY is formidable, deadly and crazy, and will stop at nothing to make their mark.

THE INVESTIGATOR is Frank Behr, haunted by an unspeakable loss, avenging his friend's death, and close to becoming . . .

THE HUNTED . . . can Behr track down the killers before they find him? And will he survive? **HC \$32.95**

Sheila Lowe*Last Writes (Forensic Handwriting Mystery 04)*

Claudia's friend Kelly learns that she's an aunt when her estranged half-sister Erin shows up in desperate need of help. Erin and her husband have been living as member of The Temple of Brighter Light in an isolated compound. Now Erin's husband and child have disappeared, leaving behind a cryptic note. Using her skills as a forensic handwriting expert, Claudia gains entry to the compound. She has only days to uncover the truth about Kelly's missing niece before a child's life is written off for good... **PB \$17.95**

Mary Jane Maffini*Closet Confidential (Charlotte Adams 04)*

Fourth in the series featuring organizer and amateur sleuth Charlotte Adams, following Death Loves a Messy Desk. A friend hires Charlotte to organize her closets and prove that her daughter's accident was murder. And now Charlotte has to get a house-and her suspects-in order. **PB \$17.95**

James McCreet*Vice Society*

In Victorian London gruesome events are afoot. Some are asking why the Detective Force's Inspector Albert Newsome is investigating the curious but - apparently - insignificant death that occurred in Holywell Street. What seemed like a common enough incident is complicated when the Inspector discovers his ex-colleague (and master detective) George Williamson is also pursuing the case, as well as a sinister former criminal named Noah Dyson. Then the questions begin to multiply: why are prostitutes being poisoned? Who is exerting pressure on the Commissioner of police? And who, or what, is Persephone?

From the gutter to the drawing rooms of St James, the two detectives choose their allies and plunge into the underworld of Victorian London, where nothing is quite as it seems and the razor's flash waits around every corner. **TP \$32.99**

Sharyn McCrumb*The Devil Amongst the Lawyers (Ballad)*

In the wake of a sensationalized 1934 trial involving an Appalachian Virginia teacher's alleged murder of her tyrant father, novice journalist Carl, the cousin of teen Nora Bonesteel, is denounced by a greedy media determined to portray the defendant as a backwards mountain girl. **HC \$51.95**

Andy McDermott*Cult of Osiris*

In Andy McDermott's brilliant new novel, Nina Wilde and Eddie Chase are on the hunt for the lost pyramid of Osiris... . The incredible secret of the Great Sphinx of Egypt is about to be revealed. An archaeological dig is preparing to open the Hall of Records, a repository of ancient knowledge hidden beneath the enigmatic statue. But on the night of the unveiling student Macy Sharif makes a shocking discovery: a religious cult already raiding the Hall of Records to find the location of the mythical Pyramid of Osiris. Framed by corrupt officials, she goes on the run, trying to reach the only people who can save her before she is silenced - permanently. . . Discredited, jobless and broke, archaeologist Nina Wilde and ex-SAS soldier Eddie Chase have problems of their own - until Macy's plea for help sends them on a deadly quest across the globe as they try to reach the mysterious pyramid before Khalid Osir, the charismatic leader of the Osirian Temple. But is the cult's motive purely greed... or something more sinister? **PB \$19.99**

Cody McFadyen*Abandoned*

The woman had been missing for almost eight years. Someone watched her, stalked her, kidnapped her, and held her captive in the dark all that time. No ransom demand, and no suspects. No answers, even now that the woman has been found thrown from an unmarked car in front of a beachside wedding alive but unbearably traumatised. All she can do is scream. Tracking a kidnapper who appears to have no motive, FBI Special Agent Smoky Barrett and her team are plunged into the most sinister and disturbing case of their careers. Then they start to find the others. **PB \$19.99**

James McNeish*The Crime of Harry Dunstan*

A young man stands in the dock accused of murder. A brutal murder, apparently motiveless. **TP \$32.95**

Cricket McRae*Something Borrowed, Something Bleu (Home Crafting Mystery 04)*

Love—and smelly cheese—is in the air. Sophie Mae accepted Barr's marriage proposal, but when her mother finds a cryptic suicide note her brother wrote two decades earlier, Sophie Mae makes a trip to her old hometown to help unravel the mystery.

As Sophie Mae pokes around in other people's business while learning the finer points of artisanal cheese making, a new murder is committed—and it's evident that aging cheese isn't the only thing in Spring Creek that doesn't pass the smell test. **HC \$30.95**

Ana Menendez*The Last War*

Photojournalist Flash chases conflicts around the globe with her war correspondent husband, Brando. Now Brando is in Iraq awaiting her arrival, but instead of racing to join him, Flash idles in Istanbul, vaguely aware that her marriage is faltering. Her malaise is compounded by the arrival of a mysterious letter revealing Brando's infidelity—and by the sudden appearance of Alexandra, a fierce and captivating colleague who shared dangerous days with the couple in Afghanistan. As Flash spirals deeper into regret, anger, and indecision, she wonders if she and Brando were ever really happy—as she's forced to confront long-buried secrets and hard truths about her world, her marriage, her husband, and herself. **TP \$28.95**

Denise Mina*Still Midnight*

It's a peaceful Sunday evening in suburban Glasgow until a battered van pulls up to one home and disgorges a group of armed men in balaclavas. They smash into the house and hold the family at gunpoint and demand millions of pounds. Baffled, the assembled people protest that they don't have access to that sort of money. The attackers kidnap the elderly grandfather and storm off into the night. Now senior policewoman Alex Morrow has been summoned to investigate the case. But there are so many mysteries. Who were the men? And why did they think a normal household concealed untold riches?

The family is certainly not talking. But as she starts to delve deeper, she realises that there are dark secrets all around... **PB \$22.99**

Rick Mofina*The Panic Zone*

A car crashes in Wyoming: A young mother is thrown clear of the devastating car crash. Dazed, she sees a figure pull her infant son from the flames. Or does she? The police believe it's a case of trauma playing cruel tricks on the mind, until the night the grief-stricken woman hears a voice through the phone: "Your baby is alive."

A bomb explodes in a Rio de Janeiro café: The heinous act kills ten people, including two journalists with the World Press Alliance news agency. Jack Gannon's first international assignment is to find out whether his colleagues were innocent victims or targets who got too close to a huge story.

A Caribbean cruise ends in horror: Doctors are desperate to identify the mysterious cause of a cruise ship passenger's agonizing death. They turn to the world's top scientists, who fear that someone has resurrected their long-buried secret research. Research that is now being used as a deadly weapon.

With millions of lives at stake, experts work frantically against time. And as an anguished mother searches for her child and Jack Gannon pursues the truth, an unstoppable force hurls them all into the panic zone. **A+ PB \$21.95**

Christopher G Moore*Asia Hand (Vincent Calvino 02)*

In *Asia Hand*, the second novel in the series, Bangkok is celebrating Chinese New Year when Calvino's revels are cut short. The body of an American, an acquaintance of Calvino's, has been fished out of the lake in Lumpini Park. Around his neck are a string of wooden amulets, the kind upcountry Thais wear to protect themselves from evil spirits. Only rather than saving Hutton, these have killed him.

A freelance cameraman scraping by on the margins, Hutton had photographed something shortly before his death that he thought would make his career. Now the footage—a shocking execution on the Thai/Burmese border—is running repeatedly on CNN, and the rights to Hutton's life story have been sold to a Hollywood producer. But who killed Hutton and why? When Calvino investigates, he collides with a powerful filmmaker and an experienced old Asia hand who knows the terrain as well as our man in Bangkok. It's all Calvino can do to stay alive, and find out who killed his fellow American. **TP \$28.95**

David Morrell & Hank Wagner Editor*Thrillers: 100 Must-Reads*

Edited by David Morrell and Hank Wagner, *Thrillers: 100 Must-Reads* examines 100 seminal works of suspense through essays contributed by such esteemed modern thriller writers as; David Baldacci, Steve Berry, Sandra Brown, Lee Child, Jeffery Deaver, Tess Gerritsen, Heather Graham, John Lescroart, Gayle Lynds, Katherine Neville, Michael Palmer, James Rollins, R.L. Stine, and many more.

Thrillers: 100 Must-Reads features 100 works --- from *Beowulf* to *The Bourne Identity*, *Dracula* to *Deliverance*, *Heart of Darkness* to *The Hunt for Red October* --- deemed must-reads by the International Thriller Writers organization.

Much more than an anthology, *Thrillers: 100 Must-Reads* goes deep inside the most notable thrillers published over the centuries. Through lively, spirited, and thoughtful essays that examine each work's significance, impact, and influence, *Thrillers: 100 Must-Reads* provides both historical and personal perspectives on those spellbinding works that have kept readers on the edge of their seats for centuries. **HC \$56.95**

Steve Mosby*Still Bleeding*

Sarah Pepper is dead: killed by her boyfriend in a drunken rage. He's confessed, but can't remember exactly where he dumped her body. The police appeal to the public for help finding Sarah's remains. They're looking for a field with a wooden gate, an empty bottle of vodka by the roadside. She will be partly concealed beneath a hedge... Shocked by the news, Alex Connor travels halfway round the world. He's coming home determined to say goodbye to Sarah, the friend who helped him through his darkest days. When he arrives, however, he finds only a mystery. The field has been located, but using the information provided by the police, someone else has got there first. Sarah's body has been taken. On the other side of the country, a killer is preying on young women. When a girl called Rebecca Wingate vanishes, Detective Paul Kearney knows they only have a week to find her - before her body turns up, drained slowly and completely of blood. **BPB \$22.99**

Walter Mosley*The Long Fall*

We follow former rule-breaker Leonid McGill as he's buffeted between the overlords of New York's underbelly, desperate to turn straight, but unable to say no to a nicely paid job. When we're introduced, he's calling in old favours and greasing NYPD palms to uncover seemingly harmless information for a high-paying client. But when the former schoolmates on his list are bludgeoned to death one by one, McGill realises that a friendly reunion wasn't quite what his taskmaster had in mind. And the awkward questions that follow seem almost welcome in comparison to a visit from Willie Sanderson, a trained killer and 'modern-day Frankenstein', now primed to ensure that McGill breathes his last. *THE LONG FALL* shows Walter Mosley at the height of his powers, breathing new life into American crime writing with sassy dialogue and unflinching social truths.

Vividly capturing a city not nearly as cleaned up as its politicians would have us believe, this is new Mosley - and it's just as good as the vintage kind. **BPB \$22.99**

Carla Neggers*The Whisper*

Nearly killed in an explosion a month ago, Boston detective Cyrus "Scoop" Wisdom has recovered from his injuries. He's after the bomber-and he thinks it's another cop. But when Sophie unknowingly leads him to a retired officer's body amid symbols of ritual sacrifice, it's clear nobody's safe, and everyone's a suspect.

Tough and stubborn, Scoop is the best on the force at detecting lies-except maybe those of Sophie Malone. Together Sophie and Scoop face the greatest challenge of their lives: someone is using ancient rituals to commit modern-day murder-and the killing has only just begun. **HC \$51.95**

Katherine Neville

The Fire

Katherine Neville's groundbreaking novel, *The Eight*, dazzled audiences more than twenty years ago and set the literary stage for the epic thriller. A quest for a mystical chess service that once belonged to Charlemagne, it spans two centuries and three continents, and intertwines historic and modern plots, archaeological treasure hunts, esoteric riddles, and puzzles encrypted with clues from the ancient past. Now the electrifying global adventure continues, in Neville's long anticipated sequel: **THE FIRE**

2003, Colorado: Alexandra Solarin is summoned home to her family's ancestral Rocky Mountain hideaway for her mother's birthday. Thirty years ago, her parents, Cat Velis and Alexander Solarin, believed that they had scattered the pieces of the Montglane Service around the world, burying with them the secrets of the power that comes with possessing it. But Alexandra arrives to find that her mother is missing and that a series of strategically placed clues, followed swiftly by the unexpected arrival of a mysterious assortment of houseguests, indicates that something sinister is afoot.

When she inadvertently discovers from her aunt, the chess grandmaster Lily Rad, that the most powerful piece of Charlemagne's service has suddenly resurfaced and the Game has begun again, Alexandra is swept into a journey that takes her from Colorado to the Russian wilderness and at last into the heart of her own hometown: Washington D.C.

1822, Albania: Thirty years after the French Revolution, when the chess service was unearthed, all of Europe hovers on the brink of the War of Greek Independence. Ali Pasha, the most powerful ruler in the Ottoman Empire, has angered the sultan and is about to be attacked by Turkish forces. Now he sends the only person he can rely upon—his young daughter, Haidee—on a dangerous mission to smuggle a valuable relic out of Albania, through the mountains and over the sea, to the hands of the one man who might be able to save it.

Haidee's journey from Albania to Morocco to Rome to Greece, and into the very heart of the Game, will result in revelations about the powerful chess set and its history that will lead at last to the spot where the service was first created more than one thousand years before: Baghdad.

Blending exquisite prose and captivating history with nonstop suspense, Neville again weaves an unforgettable story of peril, action, and intrigue.

PB \$19.95

P M Newton Australian Author

The Old School

Sydney, 1992. Nhu 'Ned' Kelly is a young detective making her way in what was, until recently, the best police force money could buy. Now ICAC has the infamous Roger Rogerson in the spotlight, and the old ways are out. Ned's sex and background still make her an outsider in the force, but Sydney is changing, expanding, modernising, and so is the Job.

When two bodies are found in the foundations of an old building in Sydney's west, Ned is drawn into the city's past: old rivalries, old secrets and old wrongs. As she works to discover who the bones belong to – and who dumped them there – she begins to uncover secrets that threaten to expose not only the rotten core of the police force, but also the dark mysteries of her own family.

P.M. Newton worked in the New South Wales Police Force for thirteen years. Her debut is both a gripping crime novel and a brilliant portrait of Sydney's recent past. **TP \$32.95**

Caro Peacock

A Family Affair

At the request of Queen Victoria's prime minister, Benjamin Disraeli, Liberty Lane is dispatched to Brinkburn Hall in search of answers. The deranged aristocrat Lord Brinkburn is nearing death, with his elder son, Stephen, eagerly waiting to inherit his title—until Lady Brinkburn's startling announcement that the heir is illegitimate. Chaos ensues.

The rivalry between Stephen and his younger brother, Miles, heats up dangerously. Liberty's arrival only stirs an already volatile mix, and she is greeted soon after by the odd disappearance of one brother . . . and by a shocking murder within the family's circle. Secrets and scandal run rampant throughout the cold and loveless Buckinghamshire estate far from the polish of London's aristocracy—as the plucky young investigator races to separate truth from falsehood, villains from victims, before death takes up a more permanent residence. **TP \$28.95**

Ridley Pearson

Killer Summer (Walt Fleming 03)

Overseeing an annual wine auction that attracts high-competition connoisseurs from all over the country, Blaine County Sheriff Walt Fleming provides security for a trio of invaluable bottles that have been targeted by thieves, an assignment that turns deadly when a bomb is detonated at the auction's start. **PB \$21.95**

Barbara Pope

The Blood of Lorraine (Bernard Martin 02)

After an infant boy is found dead in the town of Nancy in historical Lorraine, France, and the townspeople, thinking a Jew was responsible for the murder, whip up a frenzy of anti-Semitism, it is up to Bernard Martin to find the true killer before a vigilante mob carries out a spree of racial violence. **HC \$54.95**

Douglas Preston

Cemetery Dance

FBI Special Agent Aloysius Pendergast - recently returned to New York - and Lieutenant Vincent D'Agosta find themselves investigating the murder of a friend when reporter William Smithback and his wife Nora are brutally attacked in their apartment. The assailant is identified by eyewitnesses as their strange, sinister neighbour - a man who, by all accounts, died ten days earlier. Shunning the official inquiry, Pendergast and D'Agosta undertake their own private - and unorthodox - quest for the truth. Their journey takes them deep into the dark and mysterious underbelly of Manhattan, to a secretive, reclusive cult of Obeah and voodoo which no outsiders have ever survived... **PB \$22.99**

Bill Pronzini

Betrayers (Nameless Detective)

We're told that there are seven deadly sins; not on the list is the deadliest of them all: Betrayal. For each of the detectives at the agency, a betrayal—personal, against a child, against the elderly—becomes not only the driving force behind an investigation, but the source of the kind of resolve that cannot be derailed by threats of any kind.

Tamara's case began as something personal but explodes as her investigation of her former lover Lucas Zeller leads to a scam bilking charities in the name of helping the homeless and indigent. For Nameless, with a case he doesn't want but can't turn down, trying to find out who is gaslighting an old woman only exposes the ugly side of family. When he goes home, tired and annoyed, he discovers that his adopted daughter, Emily, has a secret of her own. Runyon has a different difficulty: his case of a bailjumper with some bad family ties is easy enough as these things go, but he's being confronted by a demon that is going to try to force him into a betrayal... Three people who care, three people devoted to helping others trying to help themselves, three people finding themselves in a world of hurt because of the betrayers. **HC \$51.95**

John Rector*The Cold Kiss*

All Nate and Sara want is a new life in a new town, away from the crime and poverty of their past. So, after being approached at a roadside diner by a man offering \$500 for a ride to Omaha, they wonder if their luck might be changing.

At first it seems like easy money, but within a few hours the man is dead.

Now, forced off the road by a blizzard and trapped in a run-down motel on the side of a deserted highway, Nate and Sara begin to uncover the man's secrets. Who he was, how he died, and most importantly, why he was carrying two million dollars in his suitcase.

Before they know it, Nate and Sara are fighting for their lives, and in the end, each has to decide just how far they are willing to go to survive.

The Cold Kiss is an everyman psychological thriller that pits a young couple against moral corruption, greed, betrayal, and love. More simply, for two characters who may have used up all their chances, it's the classic final trip down the dark tunnel that might lead to heaven, but drags them through hell. **HC \$51.95**

Christopher Reich*Rules of Betrayal*

In 1980, a secret American B-52 crashes high in a remote mountain range on the Pakistan–Afghanistan border. Nearly thirty years later, and spanning locales from those peaks to New York City, a terrible truth will be revealed.

Jonathan Ransom returns as the resourceful doctor thrown into a shadowy world of double and triple agents where absolutely no one can be trusted. To stay alive, Ransom must unravel the mystery surrounding his wife—an enigmatic and lethal spy who plays by her own rules—and discover where her loyalties truly lie.

Rules of Betrayal is a masterfully plotted novel that cements Christopher Reich's reputation as one of the most admired espionage thriller writers today. **HC \$54.95**

Cynthia Robinson*The Dog Park Club*

Visiting Berkeley to comfort a recently dumped friend, opera singer Max takes his friend's dog to the park and befriends a circle of dog walkers, who band together in an increasingly whimsical campaign of spying and misadventure when one of their number disappears. **HC \$51.95**

James Rollins*The Devil Colony (Sigma Force 07)*

During a sweat lodge ceremony in an Indian cave in the Rocky Mountains, a horrible massacre ensues. Bodies are found blistered and burned and purposefully positioned to form two shapes: a five-pointed star and a sickle-shaped moon. One man recognises the warning behind the gruesome murders: Painter Crowe, director of Sigma. He has seen these two symbols before and knows the deaths were a personal threat - one of the dead is his beloved cousin. From the frozen volcanic peaks of Iceland to the blistering deserts of the American Southwest, from the tombs of dead presidents to the gold vaults of Fort Knox, Painter Crowe joins forces with Commander Grayson Pierce and an unlikely ally - a woman who may have had a hand in the murders - to penetrate the shadowy heart of a dark cabal that has been manipulating American history since the founding of the thirteen colonies. **TP \$32.99**

Karen Rose*I Can See You*

In Karen Rose's brilliant new thriller a killer is targeting the participants of an online role playing game called Shadowland. Each of the victims is be-friended by the killer online. He then stalks them in real life, murdering them in the way that they worst fear. Eve Wilson, who we previously met in NOTHING TO FEAR, is researching the game as part of her thesis on how self-esteem is affected by violence. Now she must work with Detective Noah Webster to find the murderer before the killings escalate out of all control and Eve herself becomes a target. **APB \$19.99**

David Rosenbelt*New Tricks*

Andy Carpenter gains possession of an adorable Bernese puppy whose owner was brutally murdered. Few can rival Andy's affection for dogs, and he will do whatever it takes to insure that this little pup doesn't fall into the wrong hands. However, his playful new friend is valued by several people, many of whom are willing to resort to violence to get what they want. It will take more than Andy's usual courtroom theatrics to save this dog, including a little help from his beloved golden retriever, Tara. Andy soon discovers that anyone around him is in danger, including his long-time girlfriend Laurie, and he will have to muster all of his wits to save those he holds most dear. **PB \$19.95**

S J Rozan*Trail of Blood*

A LETHAL INHERITANCE...

China, 1938. Eighteen-year-old Rosalie Gilder flees Nazi-occupied Austria with her younger brother. Hidden among their belongings are a few precious family heirlooms, their only protection against the hard times that await them as they join Shanghai's growing population of Jewish refugees.

New York, present day. Chinese-American detective Lydia Chin is hired by an old friend to investigate the recent theft of a cache of holocaust assets, thought to once belong to the Gilders.

However, before she makes much headway, her friend is shot dead. Neither Lydia nor her partner, Bill, believe the NYPD's theory that his death was a robbery gone bad. Both fear they are no longer looking for a thief but a ruthless killer who will stop at nothing to reclaim the past... **BPB \$21.95**

John Sandford*Storm Prey (Prey)*

A daring drugs raid on a Minneapolis hospital, during which a medical orderly is kicked to death, takes place on the same day that Lucas Davenport's surgeon wife, Weather, is due to perform a high-profile operation to separate conjoined twin girls. Investigating the raid, Davenport concludes that it must have been an inside job and - as a witness to the criminals' desperate getaway - Weather is now in grave danger. **TP \$32.99**

Wicked Prey (Prey 19)

Having spent the past two years in hiding following a daring and successful heist, a big -time robber is back in Minneapolis, having spotted the opportunity for an even greater steal. It's a couple of weeks before the big Republican party convention: thousands of people spending cash, which is flowing into a relatively inadequate Brinks warehouse, protected by only three or four armed guards. The robber's plan is to distract the cops by manipulating and alerting them to a possible assassination attempt.

Lucas Davenport meanwhile has problems of his own, targeted by a psychopathic pimp, who blames Davenport for the fact he's in a wheelchair. Only it's not Davenport he's going after; it's his innocent daughter, Letty. **APB \$19.99**

Alex Scarrow

Afterlight

The world lies devastated after the massive oil crisis that was described in LAST LIGHT. Human society has more or less entirely broken down and millions lie dead of starvation and disease. There are only one or two beacon communities that have managed to fashion a new way of living. Jenny Sutherland runs one of these groups. Based on a series of decaying offshore oil-rigs - for safety - a few hundred people have rebuilt a semblance of normality in this otherwise dead world. But as she and her people start to explore their surroundings once again, they start to realise not every survivor has the same vision of a better future than their catastrophic past. There are people out there who would take everything they have. War is coming and the stakes are truly massive... **TP \$32.99**

Theresa Schwegel

Last Known Address

Detective Sloane Pearson is new to the Sex Crimes Division and her first big case is as tough as they come: A rapist is on the loose, dragging women to deserted buildings in downtown Chicago and forcing them to fight-knowing, of course, that he'll win...

From the slums of Chicago's west side to the glittering Loop skyscrapers, Sloane tries-and fails-to follow a steady lead. Meanwhile, she is approached by a hungry young reporter who's latched on to the story. Sloane offers help in declaring the case serial, only to lose support: Her bosses demand she get a suspect-or move on. But when someone Sloane knows is attacked, she finds herself on a case that's officially turned personal. Now Sloane will do whatever it takes to capture this violent predator...even if that means risking becoming a victim herself. **PB \$19.95**

Gerald Seymour

Collaborator

Deadlier than the Mafia, the Camorra never forget, and never forgive. She is an Italian accountancy student in London, and her boyfriend Eddie teaches at a language school. But the prime reason Immacolata Borelli came to Britain was to look after her gangster brother, wanted for multiple murders back home in Naples. For the Borelli clan are major players in the Camorra, a crime network more close-knit and ruthless than the Sicilian Mafia. Mario Castrolami is a senior Carabinieri investigator of the Camorra, his career dedicated to destroying the corruption and violence of the clans. When Immacolata calls from London to say she is prepared to collaborate with justice - to betray her own family - he knows she is setting in motion a terrifying and unpredictable series of events. The Borellis will not lose their criminal empire without a vicious fight. They will use anything and anyone to prevent her from giving evidence against them. Even Eddie, and Eddie's life. **BPB \$22.99**

Maggie Shayne

Killing me Softly (Secrets of Shadow Falls 01)

The Nightcap Strangler, who terrorized the town of Shadow Falls sixteen years ago, has finally been executed. Case closed. Until Bryan Kendall's lover is murdered in the notorious killer's unique style and the rookie cop stands accused. Has someone committed the perfect copycat crime...or was the wrong man put to death?

A continent away, Dawn Jones hears that her first love has been accused of murder and knows that only she can help him. But to do so, she'll have to face the very fears that drove them apart.

Together they'll work to uncover secrets someone's willing to kill to keep, and renew a love as dangerous as it is inevitable. And their best lead is the girl found dead in Bryan's bed, reeking of the whiskey poured down her throat before her killer squeezed it shut.

A killer who thinks that Dawn, too, could use one last drink... **PB \$19.95**

Stav Sherez

The Black Monastery

When Nikos, a detective in the final years of his career, is persuaded back to his home town he is faced with the gory murder of a young boy near the old monastery. Echoing two murders committed 33 years previously in the exact same spot, and a mass cult suicide, it brings back a part of the island's history that it has tried hard to forget.

There is a lot at stake - the island's lucrative tourist trade and the open secret of the drugs trade that goes hand in hand with the hordes of mainly young British holiday makers.

As Nikos begins his investigation, two British crime writers arrive on the island. The best selling Kitty Carson, on a break from the pressures of writing and her strained relationship, and Jason an aspiring writer whose aim is to strike up a friendship with her and convince her to help him get published.

As the two writers are thrown together in an unexpected way, another murder is committed and Jason and Kitty are drawn into an investigation of their own. As they discover more about the island's dark past what began as a diversion becomes a dangerous pursuit ... **PB \$17.99**

Daniel Silva

The Rembrandt Affair

Severing his ties with the Office to care for his traumatized wife after a violent showdown with Ivan Kharkov, Gabriel is reluctantly drawn into a case involving a murdered art restorer and discovers unsettling links between the killers and a recently discovered Rembrandt. **HC \$54.95**

Chris Simms

Cut Adrift

DI Jon Spicer's investigation into the vicious slaying of a Russian asylum-seeker grinds to a halt when the man's identity turns out to be false. It seems the only truth to his story was the fact he was found drifting off the British coast in a small boat. Before the man's true identity can be discovered, more asylum-seekers start to die - each murdered in the same horrific way. By the time Spicer realises what links the men, he knows there's a trained assassin at large who's desperate to guard a secret of enormous magnitude. And when he ignores MI5's warnings to back-off, Jon also realises, too late, he's now the target of a man whose sole purpose is to kill. And all the while, a series of heartbreaking and enigmatic messages are being found after drifting in from the sea - slowly revealing the horrific plight of a group of refugees trapped on a raft. **BPB \$32.99**

Harrison Gradwell Slater

Nocturne

With her life in New York unraveling, Artemisia Talbot receives a commission to photograph Chopin's Paris. There she discovers unconditional love for the first time with a young musicologist, Matthew Pierce. In Warsaw, Matthew purchases a diary that describes Chopin's ill-fated love affair, but the diary also holds disturbing parallels to contemporary events--in Paris, Warsaw and Nohant--and obscures the grim reality that Artemisia is being followed by an obsessive killer bent on revenge.

Contains an 80 minute music CD. Piano music of Chopin. **TP \$58.95**

Karin Slaughter

Broken

When the body of a young woman is discovered deep beneath the icy waters of Lake Grant, a note left under a rock by the shore points to suicide. But within minutes, it becomes clear that this is no suicide. It's a brutal, cold-blooded murder.

All too soon former Grant County medical examiner Sara Linton – home for Thanksgiving after a long absence – finds herself unwittingly drawn into the case. The chief suspect is desperate to see her but when she arrives at the local police station she is met with a horrifying sight – he lies dead in his cell, the words 'Not me' scrawled across the walls.

Something about his confession doesn't add up and deeply suspicious of the detective in charge, Lena Adams, Sara immediately calls the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Shortly afterwards, Special Agent Will Trent is brought in from his vacation to investigate. But he is immediately confronted with a wall of silence. Grant County is a close-knit community with loyalties and ties that run deep. And the only person who can tell the truth about what really happened is dead... **TP \$32.95**

Genesis

Three and a half years ago former Grant County medical examiner Sara Linton moved to Atlanta hoping to leave her tragic past behind her. Now working as a doctor in Atlanta's Grady Hospital she is starting to piece her life together. But when a severely wounded young woman is brought in to the emergency room, she finds herself drawn back into a world of violence and terror. The woman has been hit by a car but, naked and brutalised, it's clear that she has been the prey of a twisted mind.

When Special Agent Will Trent of the Criminal Investigation Team returns to the scene of the accident, he stumbles on a torture chamber buried deep beneath the earth. And this hidden house of horror reveals a ghastly truth – Sara's patient is just the first victim of a sick, sadistic killer. Wrestling the case away from the local police chief, Will and his partner Faith Mitchell find themselves at the centre of a grisly murder hunt. And Sara, Will and Faith – each with their own wounds and their own secrets – are all that stand between a madman and his next crime... **APB \$21.95**

Frank Smith

A Killing Resurrected (DCI Neil paget)

The original super-sleuth, Sherlock Holmes, is back on the case - When James Wilson retires from journalism, he decides to settle down in Herefordshire with a room-mate, a Mr Cedric Coombes, and at first thinks little of his new friend's eccentric behaviour. But he can't shake the feeling that he knows him from somewhere else. As Coombes displays his magnificent deductive prowess, and becomes embroiled in the police investigation of the apparent murder of a man in bathtub, Wilson, or should we say Watson, begins to wonder just who this Coombes really is . . . **HC \$58.95**

Michael Stanley

Deadly Trade

Set amid the beauty and darkness of modern Botswana, the second in the fantastic crime series featuring the opera-loving wine connoisseur Assistant Superintendent David 'Kubu' Bengu of the Botswana Police Force. When a mutilated body is found at a tourist camp in northern Botswana, the corpse displays the classic signs of a revenge killing. But when fingerprints are analysed Detective Kubu Bengu Kubu makes a shocking discovery: the victim is already dead. He was slain in the Rhodesian war thirty ago. Kubu soon realises that nothing at the camp is as it seems. And as the guests are picked off one by one, time is running out. With rumours of horrifying war crimes, the scent of a drug-smuggling trail and mounting pressure from his superiors to contend with, Kubu forgets there is one door left unguarded his own. And as he sets a trap to find a murderer, the hunters are closing in on him... **PB \$22.99**

Chevy Stevens

Still Missing

On the day she was abducted, Annie O'Sullivan, a thirty-two year old realtor, had three goals—sell a house, forget about a recent argument with her mother, and be on time for dinner with her ever-patient boyfriend. The open house is slow, but when her last visitor pulls up in a van as she's about to leave, Annie thinks it just might be her lucky day after all. Interwoven with the story of the year Annie spent as the captive of psychopath in a remote mountain cabin, which unfolds through sessions with her psychiatrist, is a second narrative recounting events following her escape—her struggle to piece her shattered life back together and the ongoing police investigation into the identity of her captor.

The truth doesn't always set you free. **HC \$51.95**

Whitley Strieber

The Omega Point

When a supernova's energy cloud expands throughout the solar system in fulfillment of 2012 doomsday prophecies, ensuing solar storms and increasing asteroid activity threaten life on Earth until a fated group possessing knowledge of how to save humanity is targeted by good and evil survivors. **HC \$51.95**

Neville Stuart

The Twelve

Sooner or later, everybody pays – and the dead will set the price...

Former paramilitary killer Gerry Fegan is haunted by his victims, twelve souls who shadow his every waking day and scream through every drunken night. Just as he reaches the edge of sanity they reveal their desire: vengeance on those who engineered their deaths. From the greedy politicians to the corrupt security forces, the street thugs to the complacent bystanders who let it happen, all must pay the price.

When Fegan's vendetta threatens to derail Northern Ireland's peace process and destabilise its fledgling government, old comrades and enemies alike want him gone. David Campbell, a double agent lost between the forces of law and terror, takes the job. But he has his own reasons for eliminating Fegan; the secrets of a dirty war should stay buried, even if its ghosts do not.

Set against the backdrop of a post-conflict Northern Ireland struggling with its past, *The Twelve* takes the reader from the back streets of the city, where violence and politics go hand-in-hand, to the country's darkest heart. Stuart Neville's gripping thriller marks the emergence of a brilliant new voice. **TP \$34.95**

Dennis Tafoya

The Wolves of Fairmont Park

The details of a drive-by shooting of two teenagers in a rough Philadelphia neighborhood are filled in from four perspectives: Brendan Donovan, a cop and the father of the boy shot and left comatose; George Parkman Sr., another father, this one of the boy who was killed; Danny Martinez, a cop whose job it is to investigate the killing; and Orlando Donovan, the junkie uncle of the cop's kid, who happens to live nearby.

No one knows what the two boys were doing in front of a dope house on Roxborough Avenue in the middle of the night, what business they might have had with gangs like Green Lane or the Tres Nortés. Even though they had a thousand dollars with them, they were good boys. Everyone says, "They were good boys." **HC \$52.95**

Frank Tallis*Darkness Rising*

Vienna 1903. Outside one of the cities most splendid baroque churches the decapitated body of a monk is found. Shortly after, the remains of a municipal councillor are discovered in the grounds of another church – his head also ripped from his body. It transpires that both men were rabid anti-semites and suspicions fall on Vienna's close-knit community of Hassidic Jews. In a city riven by racial tensions and extremism, the situation is potentially explosive. Detective Inspector Rheinhardt turns to his trusted friend, the young psychoanalyst Doctor Max Liebermann, for assistance. As the investigation progresses, Liebermann is drawn into the world of Jewish mysticism – a magical world dominated by the rites and secret lore of the Kabbalah. Liebermann, a man who rejects all forms of superstition, is forced to embrace his own cultural origins to understand the meaning of the murders. In the old ghetto district of Prague, he learns of folk legends concerning a great Kabbalist which will ultimately provide him with the key to the mystery. At the same time, Liebermann's life is in crisis. Political forces conspire against him, resulting in his suspension from the General Hospital – and the unobtainable object of his romantic desires has become an unhealthy obsession. **APB \$26.95**

Robert K Tanenbaum*Betrayed*

While Marlene inadvertently risks her life to prove the innocence of a Tourette's Syndrome patient who has been wrongly accused of murder, New York District Attorney Butch Karp works to convict a mosque leader responsible for an attack on the New York Stock Exchange. **PB \$52.95**

Johan Theorin*The Darkest Room*

'The dead are our neighbours everywhere on the island, and you have to get used to it.'

It is bitter mid-winter on the Swedish island of Oland, and Katrine and Joakim Westin have moved with their children to the boarded-up manor house at Eel Point. But their remote idyll is soon shattered when Katrine is found drowned off the rocks nearby. As Joakim struggles to keep his sanity in the wake of the tragedy, the old house begins to exert a strange hold over him.

Joakim has never been in the least superstitious, but from where are those whispering noises coming? To whom does his daughter call out in the night? And why is the barn door for ever ajar?

As the end of the year approaches, and the infamous winter storm moves in across Oland, Joakim begins to fear that the most spine-chilling story he's heard about Eel Point might indeed be true: that every Christmas the dead return... **BPB \$24.95**

Brad Thor*Foreign Influence*

Recruited as a field operative for a new Department of Defense spy agency that reports only to a secret panel of military insiders, former Navy SEAL Scot Harvath investigates the bombing death of a group of American students in Rome, an act with possible ties to a past colleague. **HC \$54.95**

Margaret Truman*Murder Inside the Beltway (Capital Crimes)*

In an esteemed writing career spanning nearly three decades, Margaret Truman penned twenty-four thrilling Capital Crimes novels, which The Atlanta Journal-Constitution called a "dazzling series." Now, in her crowning achievement, *Murder Inside the Beltway*, Truman brilliantly shows that politics can be not only dirty but downright deadly.

Rosalie Curzon, a Washington, D.C., call girl, is found bludgeoned to death in her Adams-Morgan apartment. Investigating the grisly homicide are Walt Hatcher, a tough, sour, intolerant twenty-three-year veteran of the D.C. police department; Detective Mary Hall, who, unhappy with the way women are treated on the force, is conflicted about her career; and rookie cop Matthew Jackson, an introspective young man and the product of a mixed-race marriage, whom Hatcher looks down on.

The murder scene is in a disturbing state of disarray, suggesting that Rosalie had fought to the bitter end. Then Hall discovers a video camera nestled high on a bookshelf. Had the victim taped some of her clients during their sexual liaisons?

As the investigation proceeds, so does business inside the Beltway. President Burton Pyle is running for reelection. His opponent, consummate politician Robert Colgate, is expected to easily defeat Pyle, whose administration has been rife with corruption and scandal. Colgate, though, is not without cracks in his slick exterior. Rumors swirl about his failing marriage and various dalliances. Moreover, there's no love lost between the two candidates: The campaign has morphed into one of the most distasteful and nasty in memory.

Then, on a bright Saturday afternoon on the Washington Mall, the daughter of Colgate's closest friend is kidnapped. The abduction rocks the nation's capital, but no one is prepared for the bombshell about to hit the city, an explosive development that erupts when Detectives Hall and Jackson uncover a shocking connection between the kidnapping and the Curzon case—and a killer whom no one will see coming. **PB \$19.95**

James Twining*The Geneva Deception*

It begins with a young man hanging from the Ponte Sant' Angelo Rome, his pockets weighed down with lead whilst the current of the river below slowly tightens the noose around his neck.

Meanwhile, in Las Vegas, retired art thief Tom Kirk is asked by an old friend to investigate a case involving the theft of a long lost Caravaggio painting. When tragedy strikes Tom is left holding a blood-soaked body.

Back in Rome police photographer Flavia Salvatore has been called to the Parthenon where a second body has been found, but this time the body is surrounded by mannequins. When a third body is found crucified upside down in the middle of the ancient forum Flavia realises there is a sinister link between the murders. Someone is staging famous Caravaggio paintings. Suspecting the detective leading the case is corrupt Flavia begins her own investigation.

Spurred on by grief and the desire to avenge the murder of his friend, Tom follows a trail to Rome where he finds Flavia piecing together a similar mystery. Before long they both find themselves submerged in a vast criminal conspiracy involving the police, politicians, the church and a secret society born of a pact between two Mafia families decades before. **APB \$19.99**

Nicola Upson*Angel with Two Faces (Josephine Tey)*

Exhausted and disillusioned with the world of theater in May 1935, Josephine Tey has traveled to Cornwall to spend the summer with her friends the Motleys at their run-down but beautiful country estate. Ready to begin work on her second mystery novel, Tey finds much to inspire her in the landscape and its legends. Meanwhile, the Motleys have become involved in an amateur production at the nearby Minack Theater.

Detective Inspector Archie Penrose has returned to his roots in Cornwall to attend the funeral of a family friend, a young estate worker who died in a tragic riding accident. Penrose has a few questions about the circumstances surrounding the fatal occurrence. And when the Minack Theater proves to be the stage for a real-life tragedy, Penrose and Tey together must investigate an audacious murder and confront an evil suggesting that there are darker things than death. **TP \$28.95**

Juan Gabriel Vasquez

The Informers

When a biography he penned about a family friend is scathingly and embarrassingly reviewed by the writer's own father, Gabriel Santoro delves into his subject's past once again to discern the source of his father's wrath, which is finally brought to light years later after his father's suspicious death. **TP \$32.95**

Martin Walker

The Dark Vineyard: A Novel of the French Countryside (02)

The riveting sequel to Martin Walker's internationally acclaimed *Bruno, Chief of Police*, in which the Dordogne's great pleasures—wine, romance, and intrigue—threaten Bruno's beloved village of Saint-Denis.

It's been only a few weeks since Bruno said goodbye to Isabelle, his lover and partner in justice, and a mystery is precisely what he needs to distract him from heartbreak. And that's what he gets when a research station for genetically modified crops is burned down. Bruno suspects the fervent environmentalists who live nearby, but the fire is only the first in a string of intrigues centering on the fertile soil of Saint-Denis.

Soon winemakers from outside the town are competing with the villagers for its land. The town's rivals—Max, who hopes to make organic wine; Jacqueline, a flirtatious, newly arrived Quebecois; and Fernando, the heir to a wine fortune—are acting increasingly suspicious. Events grow darker and darker, culminating in two mysterious deaths.

Secrets will be revealed, romances kindled, and murders solved, but Bruno will also find time for his famous truffle omelette, a community grape-crushing will end with cassoulet, and at a bonfire wake, mourners will share a whole roast lamb.

A splendid mystery—and a delectable serving of the sensual pleasures of France. **HC \$49.95**

Tony Wilson Australian Author

Making News

'The photo was clearly sexual, all skin and limbs. It was a CCTV image, which looked to be from security footage. Lucas leaned forward to read the accompanying paragraph. Within half a sentence it was as though a foot had crashed through the monitor and kicked his teeth in. He closed his eyes and willed himself to wake up. He checked again. The image was still there. My god, look at the goofy smiles. No wonder the world was laughing. Under normal circumstances, he'd be laughing too. If the face that was front-and-centre didn't belong to a member of his family.' Lucas Dekker is celebrity offspring, twice over. His Australian father, Charlie, has recently retired from a stellar football career in the Premier League. His English mother, Monica, is a self-help guru, who has sold millions of books with her pro-family message. But when Charlie's involvement in a bizarre sex scandal hits the tabloids, the Dekkers' own family dynamic will never be the same again. *Making News* is a darkly hilarious story about celebrity culture, the media and what really goes on behind the smutty front pages that everyone loves to read. **TP \$32.95**

Laura Wilson

An Empty Death

1944. After almost five years of conflict, London's inhabitants are war weary - and DI Ted Stratton is no exception. After a long night digging a bomb victim out of rubble, he's called to investigate a doctor's death. The circumstances seem suspicious: an affair turned sour? Revenge? As Stratton digs deeper, he begins to suspect something more sinister is going on - that a faceless shadow is stalking the hospital corridors... Meanwhile, Ted's wife Jenny meets a bombed-out woman claiming her soldier husband is an impostor. Jenny thinks she must be in shock, but the truth is stranger and far more dangerous... **BPB \$22.99**

Don Winslow

Savages

A breakthrough novel that pits young kingpins against a Mexican drug cartel, *Savages* is a provocative, sexy, and sharply funny thrill ride through the dark side of the war on drugs and beyond.

Part-time environmentalist and philanthropist Ben and his ex-mercenary buddy Chon run a Laguna Beach-based marijuana operation, reaping significant profits from their loyal clientele. In the past when their turf was challenged, Chon took care of eliminating the threat. But now they may have come up against something that they can't handle—the Mexican Baja Cartel wants in, and sends them the message that a "no" is unacceptable. When they refuse to back down, the cartel escalates its threat, kidnapping Ophelia, the boys' playmate and confidante. O's abduction sets off a dizzying array of ingenious negotiations and gripping plot twists that will captivate readers eager to learn the costs of freedom and the price of one amazing high. **HC \$51.95**

Inger Ash Wolfe

The Taken (Hazel Micallef 02)

Detective Inspector Hazel Micallef is having a bad year. After major back surgery, she has no real option but to move into her ex-husband's basement and suffer the humiliation of his new wife bringing her meals down on a tray. As if that weren't enough, Hazel's octogenarian mother secretly flushes Hazel's stash of painkillers down the toilet.

It's almost a relief when Hazel gets a call about a body fished up by tourists in one of the lakes near Port Dundas. But what raises the hair on the back of Micallef's neck is that the local paper has just published the first installment of a serialized story featuring such a scenario. Even before they head out to the lake with divers to recover the body, she and DC James Wingate, leading the police detachment in Micallef's absence, know they are being played. But it's not clear who is pulling their strings and why, nor is what they find at the lake at all what they expected. It's Micallef herself who is snared, caught up in a cryptic game devised by someone who knows how to taunt her into opening a cold case, someone who knows that nothing will stop her investigation.

The second novel featuring Hazel Micallef, "a compelling, unlikely hero". **HC \$51.95**

Anne Zouroudi

The Messenger of Athens (Mysteries of the Greek Detective 01)

Idyllic but remote, the Greek island of Thiminos seems untouched and untroubled by the modern world. So when the battered body of a young woman is discovered at the foot of a cliff, the local police - governed more by archaic rules of honor than by the law - are quick to close the case, dismissing her death as an accident. Then a stranger arrives, uninvited, from Athens, announcing his intention to investigate further into the crime he believes has been committed. Refusing to accept the woman's death as an accident or suicide, Hermes Diaktoros sets out to uncover the truths that skulk beneath this small community's exterior. Hermes's methods of investigation are unorthodox, and his message to the islanders is plain - tell the truth or face the consequences. Before long, he's uncovering a tale of passion, corruption and murder that entangles many of the island's residents. But Hermes brings his own mystery into the web of dark secrets and lies - and as he travels the rugged island landscape to investigate, questions and suspicions arise amongst the locals. Who has sent him to Thiminos, and on whose authority is he acting? And how does he know of dramas played out decades ago? Rich in images of Greece's beautiful islands and evoking a life unknown to most outsiders, this wonderful novel leads the reader into a world where the myths of the past are not forgotten and forbidden passion still has dangerous consequences. **HC \$49.95**

Other Books

Books in this section are unlikely to be held as stock, but are available by request.

The Official Top Gear Highway Code (Top Gear)

As everyone knows, there are three ways of doing things. The right way, the wrong way and the Top Gear way. Although, on reflection, that's usually just the wrong way, but faster and with more shouting. Anyway, the good news is that this third way of doing things can be applied to almost anything, and that includes motoring in general. All you need is the right guidance, which is where the brand new Official Top Gear Highway Code comes in.

The Official Top Gear Highway Code will show you how to bring the ambitious but rubbish philosophies of the world's most popular TV programme to your driving, containing advice on general motoring, as well as specific tips on how to deal with common eventualities like a rapidly sinking amphibious camper van, a caravan airship that's just crashed into a small bush, or a stupid home-made limousine that's snapped in half while transporting a top celebrity to an awards ceremony.

Road users should not leave home without it. **HC \$29.95**

Chuck Norris Cannot be Stopped

The Legend of Chuck Norris Lives On

After the deadly duo of *The Truth About Chuck Norris* and *Chuck Norris vs. Mr. T* roundhouse-kicked bestseller lists, Ian Spector returns to complete the thrillology that has become just as unstoppable, herculean, and legendary as Chuck Norris himself. *Chuck Norris Cannot Be Stopped* reveals 400 all-new facts about the roughest, toughest, and buffest man to ever stalk the face of the Earth.

This third testament about the master of macho manliness uncovers such unknown facts as:

* Jesus follows Chuck Norris on Twitter.

* The reason we haven't found Osama Bin Laden is because Chuck Norris found him first.

* When Chuck Norris tells time, time obeys.

* A solar eclipse is the sun's attempt to hide from Chuck Norris.

* Someone once put Chuck Norris on hold. That's where the term choke-hold comes from.

* A man once broke every bone in his body to avoid Chuck Norris doing it for him.

Brimming with brawn and full of fortitude, *Chuck Norris Cannot Be Stopped* contains everything you ever wanted to know about Chuck Norris but were too terrified to ask. **PB \$16.95**

Chuck Norris V Mr T

In November 2007, Gotham Books unleashed *The Truth about Chuck Norris* upon the world and changed publishing forever. Containing 400 farcical facts about pop culture icon Chuck Norris, the book burned through thirteen printings, roundhouse kicked the New York Times bestseller list, and left readers delighted (and a little bit terrified)...

Now Ian Spector has returned to his voluminous vault to bring readers 200 new Chuck Norris facts alongside 200 facts about his longtime antagonist Mr. T, in a battle that pits foot against fist, beard against mohawk, and Delta Force against A-Team. Included in this fearsome tome are such startling observations as:

There is nothing to fear but fear itself, and fear itself fears Chuck Norris.

• King Kong once challenged Godzilla to an arm-wrestling match. Mr. T won.

• The reason newborn babies cry is because they know they have just entered a world with Chuck Norris.

• The last man to make eye contact with Mr. T was Stevie Wonder.

• Chuck Norris is a man's man's man.

• Mr. T once beat a man to death with his own corpse.

A hilarious tribute to two of the greatest humans who have ever lived, *Chuck Norris vs Mr. T* is the one book that can finally reveal what happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object. **BPB \$16.95**

The Value of Nothing

Credit has crunched, debt has turned toxic, the gears of the world economy have ground to a halt. Yet despite its failures, the same market-driven ideas are being applied to everything from the food crisis to climate change. It's time to ask one of the most fundamental questions a society can address: why do things cost what they do? Radical and original, *The Value of Nothing* uses basic but forgotten economics and cutting-edge neuroscience to show how the price we pay for everything, from burgers to ballistic missiles, is systematically distorted and to explore some rich alternatives to market fundamentalism. **BPB \$24.95**

Cherry Adair, Lorie O'Clare & Gena Showalter

The Bodyguard

"Temptation on Ice"

When paranormal operative Sebastian Tremayne heads to the Arctic Circle to keep an eye on red-hot physicist Michaela Giese, the polar ice cap isn't the only thing in danger of melting. This beautiful brainy woman could spark a nuclear disaster he cannot stop—even with magic—and ignite a fiery passion he cannot resist...

"Temptation in Shadows"

Tall, lean, muscular—and definitely rough around the edges—Sean Walker is not your typical nightclub bodyguard. He's a controller of shadows, able to wield darkness at will. But when a mysterious woman at the club turns out to have powers greater than his own, he has no choice but seduction...

"Hunting Temptation"

A manhunter by trade, Seth is on the trail of his most dangerous prey yet: a living, breathing, maneating werewolf. But the last thing he expects to catch in his trap is a beautiful, beguiling woman—with some wild animal urges of her own... **PB \$19.95**

Alex Archer

Tribal Ways (Rogue Angel 25)

When a Native American archaeological dig explodes in violence, leaving five people dead and one man gravely wounded, archaeologist Annja Creed, witnessing the man's final words, must solve the mystery of the skinwalker by delving into an underworld of ruthless radicals armed with legend and sociopathic intent. **APB \$17.95**

Max Arthur*We Will Remember Them: Voices from the Aftermath of the Great War*

For Britain and her empire, the human cost of the First World War was worse than any other conflict in history. Almost a million British people died in the war, with a further quarter of a million from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India and Africa. Almost twice as many again were injured in battle and forced to live the rest of their lives with missing limbs, damaged lungs and mental disorders. The legacy of the Great War was just as deeply felt as the war itself and was much longer lasting. An entire generation of children grew up without fathers. In some areas, women were doomed to a life of spinsterhood because there simply were not any young men left. Every community supported dozens of damaged men, sometimes the butt of cruel jokes, but more often the object of silent pity. Most managed to forge a life for themselves again, despite their disabilities, traumas and disfigurements. Many rebuilt relationships with their families that had been all but destroyed by their experiences of war. **TP \$35**

Chuck Asay & Sharon Cooper*Taxpayer's Tea Party*

In living rooms across America, citizens are struggling to pay their taxes and also struggling to believe that the same congressmen they elected on promises of not increasing those taxes are not planning to do just the opposite. Sally Jefferson is one of those Americans, but she's not just going to mouth off to her coworkers about how tough it is. She and her friends are going to DO something about it this time, and prove that democracy still works in the process.

Taxpayers' Tea Party is more than a manual for political revenge; it's step-by-step guide in cartoon form to carry out our own American Revolution. **TP \$24.95**

David C Bell*A Nautical Odyssey*

A glorious celebration of ships and the sea by one of the world's most accomplished maritime artists.

David Bell has been painting ships and the sea for more than forty years. From smacks to schooners, from whalers to warships his investigations have taken him on a remarkable pictorial journey through the history of the sea. The accuracy of his painting is infused with that vital ingredient 'artistic vision'.

Finding inspiration in all sorts of areas through time and place he has drawn on his outstanding talent as an artist and his tremendous experience of the sea during his time and travels around the world as a navigator.

This book is a product of David Bells' two passions - painting and maritime history. It charts his journey through time from Elizabethan galleons, to the last days of the trawling industry, picking out the ships whose line and design captivates him and the mariners for whom he has the utmost admiration. This odyssey has been illustrated and annotated by him to produce a book that will be coveted by anyone with an interest in the art of the sea. He has linked text with paintings inspired by artistic vision to create a book which is not only fascinating to read but also a pleasure to behold, an aesthetically stunning marriage of words and pictures. **HC \$65**

Simon Benson*Betrayal*

The story everyone is talking about...The book that helped trigger the change of Prime Minister

A story that some in the Australian Labor Party would prefer to keep buried. But to others, including former Labor giants, it's a story that needs telling.

BETRAYAL is a shocking, often crude, even hilarious war-story about politics, policy and petty personal ambition.

More important, it's about the train wreck of the NSW Labor Party & the policy reform framework that past Labor leaders fought hard to make it stand for. **HC \$49.99**

Jessica Bird*An Unforgettable Lady*

Grace Hall is a society beauty-but her fortune has made her the target of a madman killing off Manhattan's most influential women. Her new live-in bodyguard is uncompromising, hard-hearted John Smith. Moving into Grace's penthouse is the last thing he wants, but saying no isn't an option. As he lays down the rules for his new client, angry sparks ignite between them-as does an incendiary desire. As the warm nights grow hot, and the killer closes in, Grace and Smith face a crucial choice: follow the rules or follow their hearts. **PB \$19.95**

Richard Blake*Blood of Alexandria*

The tears of Alexander shall flow, giving bread and freedom . . .612 AD. Egypt, the jewel of the Roman Empire, seethes with unrest, as bread runs short and the Persians plot an invasion. In Alexandria, a city divided between Greeks and Egyptians by language, religion and far too few soldiers, the mummy of the Great Alexander, dead for six hundred years, still has the power to calm the mob - or inflame it . . .Aelric, the young British clerk who has become a senator and the trusted henchman of Emperor Heraclius, has come to Alexandria to send Egypt's harvest to Constantinople and to force the unwilling viceroy to give its land to the peasants. But the city - with its factions and conspirators - thwarts him at every turn. And when an old enemy from Constantinople arrives, supposedly on a quest for a religious relic that could turn the course of the Persian war, he will have to use all his cunning, his charm and his talent for violence to survive. **TP \$32.99**

Honey Brown Australian Author*Good Daughter*

Rebecca Toyer and Zach Kincaid each live on the outskirts of town, but come from very different sides of the tracks. When Zach's wealthy mother goes missing, Rebecca - the truckie's daughter - is implicated in her disappearance.

In the weeks that follow, Rebecca and Zach are drawn into a treacherous, adult world. Eager to please, Rebecca finds herself in danger of living up to the schoolyard taunts she so hates, while Zach channels his feelings through the sights of his gun.

In the fading summer light, grudges are nursed and tempers fray, and as old lies unravel it seems nobody can be relied on. But beyond the fallout, the hard lessons in love and betrayal have not been wasted. Rebecca and Zach realise that judgements can be flawed - and that trust is better earned than given.

Original, unsettling and compelling, *The Good Daughter* is the much-anticipated second novel from Honey Brown. **TP \$32.95**

Bruce Caldwell & Friedrich A. Von Hayek

Road to Serfdom

An unimpeachable classic work in political philosophy, intellectual and cultural history, and economics, *The Road to Serfdom* has inspired and infuriated politicians, scholars, and general readers for half a century. Originally published in 1944—when Eleanor Roosevelt supported the efforts of Stalin, and Albert Einstein subscribed lock, stock, and barrel to the socialist program—*The Road to Serfdom* was seen as heretical for its passionate warning against the dangers of state control over the means of production. For F. A. Hayek, the collectivist idea of empowering government with increasing economic control would lead not to a utopia but to the horrors of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

First published by the University of Chicago Press on September 18, 1944, *The Road to Serfdom* garnered immediate, widespread attention. The first printing of 2,000 copies was exhausted instantly, and within six months more than 30,000 books were sold. In April 1945, *Reader's Digest* published a condensed version of the book, and soon thereafter the Book-of-the-Month Club distributed this edition to more than 600,000 readers. A perennial best seller, the book has sold 400,000 copies in the United States alone and has been translated into more than twenty languages, along the way becoming one of the most important and influential books of the century.

With this new edition, *The Road to Serfdom* takes its place in the series *The Collected Works of F. A. Hayek*. The volume includes a foreword by series editor and leading Hayek scholar Bruce Caldwell explaining the book's origins and publishing history and assessing common misinterpretations of Hayek's thought. Caldwell has also standardized and corrected Hayek's references and added helpful new explanatory notes. Supplemented with an appendix of related materials ranging from prepublication reports on the initial manuscript to forewords to earlier editions by John Chamberlain, Milton Friedman, and Hayek himself, this new edition of *The Road to Serfdom* will be the definitive version of Friedrich Hayek's enduring masterwork. **PB \$34.95**

Jeremy Clarkson

Driven to Distraction

Brace yourself, Clarkson's back. And he'd like to tell you what he thinks about some of the most awe-inspiring, earth-shatteringly fast and jaw-droppingly gorgeous cars in the world (alongside a few irredeemable disasters ...). Or he would, if there weren't so many things competing for his attention first. So much to get off his chest. The world according to Clarkson is a perplexing place, filled with thorny subjects like:

- * The prospect of having Terry Wogan as president
- * Why you'll never see a woman driving a Lexus
- * The unforeseen consequences of inadequate birth control
- * Why everyone should spend a weekend with a digger

Fearless, independent, surprising and laugh-out-loud funny, *Driven to Distraction* is full-throttle Clarkson at his best; a unique look at the joys, absurdities and frustrations of modern life. With wheels. Buckle up, get comfortable, and hold on tight. There's no one who writes about cars like Jeremy ... **TP \$26.95**

Blanche d'Alpuget

Robert J Hawke

Since its first publication in 1982, Blanche d'Alpuget's *Robert J Hawke: A Biography* has remained the benchmark by which other political biographies are measured.

Hawke: The Prime Minister begins as Bob Hawke wrestles the Labor leadership from Bill Hayden and a few weeks later wins the 1983 federal election, thus achieving his life's goal of becoming Prime Minister of Australia.

With a novelist's eye, a political scientist's acumen and based on exhaustive research and interviews, d'Alpuget brings to life ministers, political advisers and previously invisible but powerful mandarins, and their byzantine struggles. Here are leaders with vision and ideals, but prey to ego, ambition and human frailties -yet all committed to reforming a country and an economy that, at the time Hawke took over, was heading towards becoming 'the poor white trash of Asia'.

Throughout the struggles inside his government, with the opposition and with an electorate that yearned for reform but hated its pain, Hawke maintained his vision for the country. With four consecutive terms in office he changed Australia irrevocably.

D'Alpuget's analysis of how power is deployed, and how elections are won, is nothing less than epic, rich with intrigue and drama. In *Hawke: The Prime Minister*, she has produced a portrait of a remarkable political leader, determined to steer his country through the international forces pounding down on its economy and the ever-present but imperceptible dangers of the Cold War. It explores the role he played in the precarious game of international politics in the last days the Cold War, and at the awakening of the sleeping giant, China. Unknown until now, the book also reveals Hawke's involvement in international reconciliation, recovery and reconstruction - the 'Three Rs' he set out to deliver to Australia in 1983.

Hawke: The Prime Minister is a meticulous portrait of a wily, brilliant politician, uncompromisingly ambitious and at the height of his political powers. **HC \$54.99**

Taylor Downing

Churchill's War Lab

As a young boy he re-enacted historic battles with toy soldiers, as a soldier he saw action on three continents and as the Prime Minister only a direct edict from King George VI could keep him from joining the troops on D-Day. *CHURCHILL'S WAR LAB* will reveal how Churchill's passion for military history, his unique leadership style and his patronization of radical new ideas would lead to new technology and new tactics that would save lives and enable an Allied victory. No war generated more incredible theories, more technical advances, more scientific leaps or more pioneering work that lay the foundation for the post-war computer revolution. And it was Churchill's dogged determination and enthusiasm for revolutionary ideas that fuelled this extraordinary outpouring of British genius. From the co-author of *COLD WAR* comes an exciting new take on Churchill's war leadership and the story of a complex, powerful and inventive war leader. **TP \$35**

Sarah Edelman PhD Australian Author

Change Your Thinking

2nd Edition

All of us experience complicated thoughts and feelings as we negotiate the day, and these feelings can be difficult to manage. Sometimes we are aware that the way we think contributes to our difficulties, but don't know what to do about it. *CHANGE YOUR THINKING* demonstrates how we tend to respond to stressful events with self-defeating thoughts and behaviours. It explains how it is within our ability to interrupt and challenge these patterns and change habitual responses. Learning to recognise when negative perceptions contribute to stressful situations and how to dispute these thoughts can lead to much greater personal contentment and a sense of control. The methods outlined in *CHANGE YOUR THINKING* are based on the principles of cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT), the standard psychological technique used by therapists. It brings these principles within the grasp of the non-specialist and shows how to apply them to deal with such difficult emotions as anger, depression, anxiety and guilt. **TP \$32.95**

Tom Egeland

Guardians of the Covenant

In the year 1013, Viking warriors raided an Egyptian tomb and unknowingly stole the greatest secret of the Old Testament. When a quirky archaeologist finds ancient Viking parchments containing runes and riddles, his mundane life is changed for good. These codes lead him on a quest for clues in mysterious places, from Egyptian tombs to antiquarian bookshops. Powerful forces are against him, but he manages to unveil a religious cover-up with potentially fatal consequences. **BPB \$22.99**

Suzanne Enoch

A Lady's Guide to Improper Behaviour

The Rules:

A lady should always make polite conversation . . .

Theresa Weller understands the rules of decorum, and is appalled when Colonel Bartholomew James disrupts a perfectly civilized dinner. This rude, insensitive man is the complete opposite of everything a gentleman should be—but with one searing kiss, Tess can think of no one else.

A lady should never lose her temper . . .

Aggravated beyond bearing by a man who speaks his mind, Tess wishes there was a guide to men like Bartholomew. Surely, with such an assortment of handsome, polite suitors to choose from, Tess should not ache for him.

And a lady should never pursue a gentleman.

She invites him on carriage rides and dares him to dance, and almost makes him want to return to Society. Bartholomew knows Tess wants to be seen as a proper miss, but deep down, he knows she is precisely the sort to spark his desire . . . A most improper lady. **APB \$14.99**

Jonathan Fenby

Generalissimo: Chiang Kai-shek and the China He Lost

Following his acclaimed studies of the state of modern France and how Hong Kong has changed since the 1997 handover, Jonathan Fenby now turns his attention to one of the most interesting yet under-reported figures of twentieth-century history.

Chiang Kai-shek was the man who lost China to the Communists. As leader of the nationalist movement, the Kuomintang, Chiang established himself as head of the government in Nanking in 1928. Yet although he laid claim to power throughout the 1930s and was the only Chinese figure of sufficient stature to attend a conference with Churchill and Roosevelt during the Second World War, his desire for unity was always thwarted by threats on two fronts. Between them, the Japanese and the Communists succeeded in undermining Chiang's power-plays, and after Hiroshima it was Mao Zedong who ended up victorious.

Brilliantly re-creating pre-Communist China in all its colour, danger and complexity, Jonathan Fenby's magisterial survey of this brave but unfulfilled life is destined to become the definitive account in the English language. **BPB \$29.95**

Peter Fitzsimons Australian Author

A Simpler Time

A memoir of love, laughter, loss and billycarts. It still amazes me what they allowed us to do without their supervision or help while remaining deeply loving parents. Climb trees from the age of four or five? No problem. Drive the tractor from the age of eight or nine onwards? Good luck to you. Haul on the hoist to pull the half-ton bins filled with oranges off the trailer? Yes. Take your bike out on the Pacific Highway and ride to school? Just be careful, but okay ... Their rough reckoning was that if we thought we could do something, we probably could - and if we thought we couldn't do something, we probably still could, if we applied ourselves. Peter FitzSimons's account of growing up on the rural outskirts of Sydney in the 1960s is first and foremost a tribute to family. But it is also a salute to times and generations past, when praise was understated but love unstinting; work was hard and values clear; when people stood by each other in adversity. Above all, in the FitzSimons home, days were for doing. In this rollicking and often hilarious memoir, Peter describes a childhood of mischief, camaraderie, eccentric characters, drama - and constant love and generosity. The childhood of a simpler time. **TP \$35**

Malcolm Folley

Senna Versus Prost

In the late eighties and early nineties, Formula One was at its most explosive, with thrilling races, charismatic drivers, nail-biting climaxes - and the most deadly rivalry ever witnessed in sport. Two of Formula One's most honoured champions and iconic figures drove together for McLaren for two seasons, and their acrimonious and hostile relationship extended even after one of them had left the team.

ALAIN PROST, France's only F1 world champion, the intelligent, smooth driver with the epithet 'Le Professeur'.

AYRTON SENNA, the mercurial kid from a privileged background in Sao Paolo who would become the most intense and ruthless racing driver the world has ever seen.

It was a story that would have a tragic ending.

As the great rivals raced to victory, their relationship deteriorated badly, beginning with the breaking of a gentleman's agreement, and public spats followed, culminating in Prost accusing Senna of deliberately trying to ride him off the circuit, and fearful that the Brazilian would get someone killed with his daring overtaking feats. And the final, sad act of this drama happened at the San Marino Grand prix at Imola in May 1994, when Senna was killed.

Featuring a rare interview with Prost, and insight from Martin Brundle, Damon Hill, Sir Frank Williams, Bernie Ecclestone, Derek Warrick, Johnny Herbert, Gerhard Berger, plus McLaren insiders and other F1 figures, Malcolm Folley provides us with a breath-taking account of one of the all-time classic sporting rivalries. **BPB \$24.95**

Lori Foster

Unbelievable

Two steamy romances--Fantasy, in which Brandi's sister gifts her a five-day lovers' retreat with a stranger, and Tantalizing, in which Josie Jackson is surprised when one of the blind dates her sister finds for her actual turns out to be tall, dark and handsome. **PB \$19.95**

Pamela Freeman Australian Author

The Black Dress

She is old now and dying but once she was young — young and poor and smart and drawn desperately to another life.

This is the story of an unconventional woman who was born into a time and a religion bound by convention.

What Mary MacKillop did with her life is part of history

Winner of Young People's History Prize 2006 NSW Premier's History Awards

Notable Book: Book of the Year (Older Readers) 2006 CBCA Awards **APB \$18.99**

Richard Guillatt & Peter Hohnen *Australian Author*

The Wolf

ONE OF THE MOST ACCLAIMED NAVAL HISTORY TITLES OF 2009 IS OUT NOW IN PAPERBACK.

July 1917: the First World War is about to enter its fourth horrendous year and ships are mysteriously disappearing off Australia and New Zealand as a young Australian woman named Mary Cameron sails with her husband and daughter across the Pacific Ocean from San Francisco to Sydney. Less than a thousand miles from Sydney, a black-hulled freighter appears out of the vast blue emptiness, and Mary and her daughter rush to the deck to greet her. Suddenly, two hinged iron sections of the freighter's bulwarks drop down to reveal she is bristling with guns. She is in fact the German warship the Wolf, and the Cameron family are about to find themselves captive on one of the century's most extraordinary wartime sea voyages.

Sent by Germany on a suicide mission to the far side of the world, the Wolf was a formidable and ingenious commerce-raider. Her task was to inflict maximum destruction on Allied shipping using all the latest technology of warfare - torpedoes, mines, cannons, smokescreens, wireless receivers, even a seaplane. It was an assignment so secret that she could never pull in to port or transmit any radio signal. In one continual 64,000-mile voyage, the ship caused havoc across three oceans, launched Germany's first direct attacks on Australia and New Zealand and captured over 400 men, women and children.

Surviving on fuel and food plundered from other ships, the Wolf became a world in miniature as her 350-strong crew and their prisoners crowded together in an improbable survival story. Drawn from eyewitness accounts, declassified government files and unpublished diaries and correspondence discovered during five years of research, this is the story of the Wolf's voyage, one of the most remarkable but little-known episodes of the First World War. An extraordinary adventure story, THE WOLF is also a portrait of a world undergoing profound transformation. **PB \$24.95**

Robert Harris

Lustrum

Rome, 63 BC. In a city on the brink of acquiring a vast empire, seven men are struggling for power. Cicero is consul, Caesar his ruthless young rival, Pompey the republic's greatest general, Crassus its richest man, Cato a political fanatic, Catilina a psychopath, Clodius an ambitious playboy.

The stories of these real historical figures - their alliances and betrayals, their cruelties and seductions, their brilliance and their crimes - are all interleaved to form this epic novel. Its narrator is Tiro, a slave who serves as confidential secretary to the wily, humane, complex Cicero. He knows all his master's secrets - a dangerous position to be in.

From the discovery of a child's mutilated body, through judicial execution and a scandalous trial, to the brutal unleashing of the Roman mob, Lustrum is a study in the timeless enticements and horrors of power. **BPB \$24.95**

Max Hastings & Simon Jenkins

Battle for the Falklands

A vivid chronicle of a call to arms and a thoughtful and informed analysis of an astonishing chapter in the history of our times.

The Falklands War was one of the strangest in British history - 28,000 men sent to fight for a tiny relic of empire 8,000 miles from home. At the time, many Britons saw it as a tragic absurdity, but the British victory confirmed the quality of British arms and boosted the political fortunes of the Conservative government. But it left a chequered aftermath; it was of no wider significance for British interests and taught no lessons. It has since been overshadowed by the two Gulf Wars, however, its political ramifications cannot be overestimated.

Max Hastings' and Simon Jenkins' account of the conflict is a modern classic of war reportage and the definitive book on the war. Republished as part of the Pan Military Classics series, The Battle for the Falklands is a vivid chronicle of a call to arms and a thoughtful and informed analysis of an astonishing chapter in the history of our times. **BPB \$26.99**

Max Hastings

Overlord

Max Hastings classic account of the famous D-Day landings

The famous D-Day landings of 6 June 1944 marked the beginning of Operation Overlord, the battle for the liberation of Europe. Republished as part of the Pan Military Classics series, Max Hastings' acclaimed account overturns many traditional legends in this memorable study.

Drawing together the eyewitness accounts of survivors from both sides, plus a wealth of previously untapped sources and documents, Overlord provides a brilliant, controversial perspective on the devastating battle for Normandy. **BPB \$26.99**

Jack Hight

Siege (01)

For more than a thousand years the mighty walls of Constantinople have protected the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, the furthest outpost of Christianity. But now the Turkish army, the largest their Sultan has ever assembled, stands before them, their massive cannons including the new 'dragon' - a mediaeval super gun - trained on the ramparts. No European army will help: the last crusaders had been cut to pieces by the Turks on the plains of Kosovo. Constantinople is on its own. And treachery is in the air. Three people will fight to hold back the tide of history: a stubborn princess, the young emperor - and a mercenary captain with a personal score to settle. Sofia must sacrifice everything - and everyone - she loves to save her city; her uncle, the emperor, too. But Giovanni Longo will face the worst choice: just as he prepares to make his final stand, he finds he has something to live for after all. From the intrigues within the Emperor's household to the Sultan's harem and the savage fights on the battlements, Siege is a full-blooded historical adventure novel in the tradition of Warrior of Rome, Pilgrim or Crusade. **TP \$29.99**

James Holland

The Odin Mission (Jack Tanner 01)

April 1940. Nazi Germany has invaded neutral Norway. Fleeing north from their brutal Blitzkrieg advance are three officers of the King's Guard - men who have been entrusted by the Norwegian King with a vitally important mission.

The only military force which stands between the Nazi forces and total victory are the poorly equipped, undertrained squaddies of the British 148th Brigade. Among them is Sergeant Jack Tanner, recently returned from the Middle East. As the British are pushed back from Lillehammer, Sergeant Tanner and his patrol are left stranded in the mountains in the chaos of retreat. Trying to rejoin their unit, they stumble first across Sandvold and his protectors, and then a French patrol of alpine troops.

Trekking through snow-clad mountains with the Germans dogging their every move, Tanner is forced to try and out-fox and out-fight not only their pursuers but the best efforts of his own side. And as the Allies' resistance collapses, it quickly becomes clear that the small band of fugitives can rely on no-one but themselves. **BPB \$22.95**

Michael Howe

Threat Level (trident Force 03)

Off the coast of Africa, modern-day pirates are striking at will. But when they kill the young daughter of an influential friend of the U.S. President, they go over the line. Because now Trident Force has been sent in to find the bloodthirsty brigands and put them out of business-permanently.

PB \$17.95

David Ignatius

The Increment

An anonymous email arrives via the CIA's website: someone on the inside of Iran's nuclear program is apparently ready to talk. Harry Pappas, head of the Agency's Iran desk, knows that if the contact is real, he's looking at the intelligence coup of the decade. But the unconfirmed information his informant brings starts a clock ticking in Washington: the government hawks want to use it to justify a pre-emptive strike against Iran. Harry lost a son in Iraq, and has no desire to start another war on incomplete intelligence. Finding no allies in Washington, Harry contacts an old friend in MI-6, and together they plan to identify the source, extract him from Iran and debrief him before it is too late. For such a job they must turn to the 'Increment': a shadowy, elite group of British undercover intelligence operatives recruited from the SAS. Racing against the threat of war and facing a potential treason charge should his actions come to light, Harry is going to discover that his is not the only game in town. **BPB \$24.95**

Tove Jansson

Moomin and the Birthday Button (Moomin)

The Moomin family and their friends are the delightful creation of Tove Jansson, and are full of a particular humour and magic that has enchanted generations of children and adults alike. Using the author's original characters and artwork, Moomin and the Birthday Button is part of a stunning new range of children's titles launching in the year of the Moomins' 65th anniversary celebrations. **\$19.95**

Moomin's Brilliantly Busy Colouring Book (Moomin)

Moomins love adventures, and today the Moomin family have a busy day ahead - building sandcastles at the beach, eating a picnic in the woods, playing games in the Moominhouse and even fishing for treasure. **\$8.95**

Moomin's Lift-The-Flap Hide and Seek (Moomin)

'Coming, Little My, ready or not!'

Meet Moomintroll's family and friends in this intriguing lift-the-flap game of hide-and-seek. Moomintroll cannot find Little My anywhere - and his friends don't seem to know where she is either. Nor does Moominmamma . . . but what is Moominpappa keeping under his hat?

The first in a new range of appealing novelty books for the very young using Tove Jansson's original characters and artwork, published to coincide with the Moomins' 65th anniversary celebrations. **\$12.95**

Moomin's Little Book of Numbers (Moomin)

One Moomin, two trees, three umbrellas, four clouds . . .

Count along with Moomintroll all the way from one to ten, and beyond. A companion volume to Moomin's Little Book of Words, this chunky little board book is just right for little hands and early learning - and there's plenty of Moomin magic along the way. **\$12.95**

Moomin's Little Book of Words (Moomin)

Apple, cup, flower, shell . . .

Discover Moomin's favourite first words as you share his busy day all the way to bedtime. A companion volume to Moomin's Little Book of Numbers, this chunky little board book is just right for little hands and early learning - and there's plenty of Moomin magic along the way. **\$12.95**

Moomin's Splendid Summer Sticker (Moomin)

Pee-hoo! Have you met the Moomin family, and all their wonderful friends? There's so much to do in Moominvalley, from swimming in the sea to camping in the woods. Readers can use their stickers and join in all the summer fun! **\$9.95**

Julia London

One Season of Sunshine

Should some questions be left unanswered?

Adopted as an infant, Jane Aaron longs to know the identity of her birth mother and why she gave her up. Her only clue is the name of the small Texas town where she was born, so she's come to Cedar Springs for answers.

Handsome ad executive Asher Price lost his wife, the beautiful, mysterious Susanna, in a terrible car crash eighteen months ago. When he hires Jane as the nanny for his two children, sparks fly. Jane finds herself falling in love with both Asher and his children, but begins to suspect that Susanna was not the perfect mother and wife the family portrays her to have been.

As Jane gets closer and closer to finding out the truth about both her own and Susanna's past, devastating secrets begin to emerge that may be more than anyone can bear. Will the truth bring Jane and Asher closer together or tear them apart forever? **APB \$14.95**

Karen Maitland

The Owl Killers

England, 1321

Welcome to the Dark Ages

In the heart of the countryside lies an isolated village, where pagan Owl Masters rule through fear, superstition and murder.

When a group of religious women ill-advisedly settles outside the village, they awaken dangerous jealousies. Why do their crops succeed? How do their cattle survive the plague? Are they concealing a holy relic which protects them from harm?

The Owl Masters cry 'Witchcraft' and sharpen their talons. As torment and hellfire rain down, the women must look to their faith to save them from the darkness spreading across the land.

Fear is a question of what you believe.

And death alone the answer. **BPB \$24.95**

Andrew Marr

Making of Modern Britain

In *The Making of Modern Britain*, Andrew Marr paints a fascinating portrait of life in Britain during the first half of the twentieth century as the country recovered from the grand wreckage of the British Empire.

Between the death of Queen Victoria and the end of the Second World War, the nation was shaken by war and peace. The two wars were the worst we had ever known and the episodes of peace among the most turbulent and surprising. As the political forum moved from Edwardian smoking rooms to an increasingly democratic Westminster, the people of Britain experimented with extreme ideas as they struggled to answer the question 'How should we live?' Socialism? Fascism? Feminism? Meanwhile, fads such as eugenics, vegetarianism and nudism were gripping the nation, while the popularity of the music hall soared. It was also a time that witnessed the birth of the media as we know it today and the beginnings of the welfare state.

Beyond trenches, flappers and Spitfires, this is a story of strange cults and economic madness, of revolutionaries and heroic inventors, sexual experiments and raucous stage heroines. From organic food to drugs, nightclubs and celebrities to package holidays, crooked bankers to sleazy politicians, the echoes of today's Britain ring from almost every page. **BPB \$26.99**

Erin McCarthy*Hard and Fast (Fast Track 02)*

Sociology student Imogen Wilson gets more than she bargained for when she attempts to study the dating--and mating--habits of stock car drivers and instead become infatuated with Southern gentleman driver Ty McCordle. By the author of Flat-Out Sexy. **PB \$19.95**

Cormac McCarthy*The Sunset Limited*

A novel in dramatic form - set to become a film starring Tommy Lee Jones and Samuel L. Jackson.

A startling encounter on a New York subway platform leads two strangers to a run-down tenement where a life-or-death decision must be made.

In that small apartment, 'Black' and 'White', as the two men are known, begin a conversation that leads each back through his own history - mining the origins of two diametrically opposing world views, they begin a dialectic redolent of the best of Beckett.

White is a professor whose seemingly enviable existence of relative ease has left him nonetheless in despair. Black, an ex-con and ex-addict, is the more hopeful of the men - though he is just as desperate to convince White of the power of faith as White is to deny it.

Their aim is no less than this: to discover the meaning of life.

Deft, spare, and full of artful tension, *The Sunset Limited* is a beautifully crafted, consistently thought-provoking, and deeply intimate work by one of the most insightful writers of our time. **HC \$28.99**

Andy McNab*Bravo Two Zero*

In January 1991, eight members of the SAS regiment embarked upon a top secret mission that was to infiltrate them deep behind enemy lines. Under the command of Sergeant Andy McNab, they were to sever the underground communication link between Baghdad and north-west Iraq, and to seek and destroy mobile Scud launchers. Their call sign: BRAVO TWO ZERO. Each man laden with 15 stone of equipment, they patrolled 20km across flat desert to reach their objective. Within days, their location was compromised. After a fierce firefight, they were forced to escape and evade on foot to the Syrian border. In the desperate days that followed, though stricken by hypothermia and other injuries, the patrol 'went ballistic'. Four men were captured. Three died. Only one escaped. For the survivors, however, the worst ordeals were to come. Delivered to Baghdad, they were tortured with a savagery for which not even their intensive SAS training had prepared them. BRAVO TWO ZERO is a breathtaking account of Special Forces soldiering, a chronicle of superhuman courage, endurance and dark humour in the face of overwhelming odds. Believed to be the most highly decorated patrol since the Boer War, BRAVO TWO ZERO is already part of SAS legend. **BPB \$24.95**

Fern Michaels*Game Over (Sisterhood)*

The best-selling author of *Deadly Deals* and *Vanishing Act* has a new offering that her fans are sure to love, in which the Sisters worry that Lizzie Fox's impending Supreme Court nomination-approval hearings may jeopardize the pardon that the president promised the Sisterhood. **PB \$19.95**

Guy Murphy*Mars: A Survival Guide*

Put on your spacesuit and prepare for takeoff...

Everyone's talking about it, but you're actually going to do it! That's right, you're moving to Mars, our most Earth-like neighbour in the solar system.

And you're going to be one of the first people there, actually living on the red planet and paving the way for future settlers.

But it's not as simple as packing your bags and hiring a removalist truck. To live on Mars you've got to be tough and you've got to be prepared. If you're going to survive, you'll need answers to questions like:

How fast can I get to Mars, and what will I need to pack?

What sort of shelter will I be living in, and will it protect me from meteor showers?

How do I find air and water, and can I grow food in Martian soil?

What will happen to me if I go outside without my space suit on?

Can I call Earth if I get homesick?

And to help you avoid embarrassing accidents:

How will I recognise Martian life so that I don't step on it?

Based on the latest Mars research, this is a must-have guide for all aspiring interplanetary travellers - don't leave Earth without it! **TP \$29.99**

Richard Overy*1939: A Countdown to War*

24 August 1939: The fate of the world is hanging in the balance. Hitler has ambitions to invade Poland and hopes Stalin will help him. The West must stop them. If they fail, the world will go to war.

Richard Overy's dramatic account re-creates hour-by-hour the last days of peace, as politicians and the public braced themselves for a war they feared might spell the end of civilization. **BPB \$22.95**

Don Pendleton*Silent Threat (Executioner 380)*

When several German CEOs are murdered and their strategic companies are suddenly bought out, Mack Bolan, after red flags are raised in U.S. intelligence circles, must infiltrate a powerful cult to stop its powerful leader from launching a full-scale attack. **PB \$13.95**

Blood Play (SuperBolan 135)

When the Russian mafiya makes a murderous attempt to infiltrate the Native American casinos and gain access to the tribal reservations' nuclear waste plant, Mack Bolan and the Stony Man commando teams must race against time to stop the Russian gangsters from processing plutonium for nuclear warheads on American soil. **PB \$17.95**

Martin Prechtel*Long Life, Honey In the Heart*

Martin Prechtel continues the narrative of his unique life in Santiago, Atitlan in *Long Life, Honey in the Heart*, an eloquent memoir replete with the subtle intelligence and sophistication of Mayan culture. Set against the dramatic backdrop of Guatemala's political upheaval in the 1980s, this heady mix of magic, humor, and spirituality immerses the reader in the experiences of Mayan birth, courting, marriage, childrearing, old age, death, and beyond, using the true story of Prechtel's own family and friends. **BPB \$34.95**

Amanda Quick

Perfect Poison (Arcane Society 06)

Plagued by rumours that she poisoned her fiancé, Lucinda Bromley manages to live on the fringes of polite society, tending her beloved plants - and occasionally consulting on a murder investigation. For the notorious botanist possesses a unique talent: she can detect almost any type of poison. But the death of a lord has shaken Lucinda to her core. At the murder scene, she picks up traces of a poison containing a very rare species of fern - stolen from her conservatory just last month. To keep her name out of the investigation, and to find the murderer, Lucinda hires fellow Arcane Society member, Caleb Jones. As a nearly overwhelming desire blooms between them, they are drawn into a deadly conspiracy that can be traced to the early days of the Arcane Society - and to a legacy of madness that could plunge Caleb into the depths of his own tortured soul... **BPB \$22.99**

Burning Lamp (Arcane Society 08)

More than three centuries ago, Nicholas Winters irrevocably altered his genetic makeup in an obsession-fuelled competition with alchemist and Arcane Society founder Sylvester Jones. Driven to control their psychic abilities, each man's decision has reverberated throughout the family line, rewarding some with powers beyond their wildest dreams, and cursing others to a life filled with madness and hallucinations. At the heart of this curse is the Burning Lamp. In *BURNING LAMP* by Jayne Ann Krentz writing as Amanda Quick, *FIRE UP* by Jayne Ann Krentz and *MIDNIGHT CRYSTAL* by Jayne Ann Krentz writing as Jayne Castle, you will meet the three men - past, present and future - of the Burning Lamp, descendants of Nicholas Winters. There is only one hope for them: each must find the artefact and a woman who can work the dreamlight energy that the device produces in order to reverse the dangerous psychical changes brought on by the curse - or risk turning into a monster... **TP \$32.99**

Andrew Roberts

The Storm of War

On 2 August 1944 Winston Churchill mocked Adolf Hitler in the House of Commons by the rank he had reached in the First World War. 'Russian success has been somewhat aided by the strategy of Herr Hitler, of Corporal Hitler,' Churchill jibed. 'Even military idiots find it difficult not to see some faults in his actions.'

Andrew Roberts's previous book *Masters and Commanders* studied the creation of Allied grand strategy; *The Storm of War* now analyses how Axis strategy evolved. Examining the Second World War on every front, Roberts asks whether, with a different decision-making process and a different strategy, the Axis might even have won. Were those German generals who blamed everything on Hitler after the war correct, or were they merely scapegoating their former Führer once he was safely beyond defending himself? The book is full of illuminating sidelights on the principle actors that bring their characters and the ways in which they reached decisions into fresh focus. **BPB \$28**

Sean Thomas Russell

An Battle Won

Winter 1793 – the Reign of Terror rips through revolutionary France, as every able-bodied man is pressed into military service. The city of Toulon has turned itself over to the British – the red ensign of Lord Admiral Hood's flagship, *Victory*, offering a defiant symbol of protection to its people. In Plymouth, Master and Commander Charles Hayden is summoned to the port admiral – his orders are to return to the ill-fated frigate, *HMS Themis*. Placed in temporary command, he is to join the escort for the last convoy of the season – braving the wintry seas to supply Hood's fleet in the Mediterranean.

Hayden's uncanny knack for attracting the attention of the French navy sees the *Themis* thrown back into action only hours out of port. Soon, Hayden's captaincy and military skill are stretched to their utmost as he finds himself at the vanguard of this brutal clash of empires. **TP \$32.95**

Alex Rutherford

Brothers At War (Empire of the Moghul 02)

The thrilling story of the second great Moghul Emperor, whose fatal flaws threatened everything his dynasty had fought for.. 1530, Agra, Northern India. Humayun, the newly-crowned second Moghul Emperor, is a fortunate man. His father, Babur, has bequeathed him wealth, glory and an empire which stretches a thousand miles south from the Khyber pass; he must now build on his legacy, and make the Moghuls worthy of their forebear, Tamburlaine. But, unbeknown to him, Humayun is already in grave danger. His half-brothers are plotting against him; they doubt that he has the strength, the will, the brutality needed to command the Moghul armies and lead them to still-greater glories. Perhaps they are right. Soon Humayun will be locked in a terrible battle: not only for his crown, not only for his life, but for the existence of the very empire itself. **TP \$32.99**

Peter Smalley Australia / England

The Gathering Storm

Spring 1791

Though deeply disturbed by a terrible incident during his previous commission, James Hayter is nevertheless on the verge of taking command of *HMS Sloop Eglantine* as Master and Commander when personal tragedy shatters his life. The twin blows convince Hayter that he is not fit to command and he must turn his back on the sea forever. Even the intervention of his friend and former captain, William Rennie cannot not dissuade him from derelicting his duty.

Though repenting in the end of his decision, Hayter's career in the Navy appears to be over until the intervention of an agent, Mr Brough Mappin, working for Hayter's old nemesis, the British Secret Service Fund.

Mappin's plan offers Hayter a chance to revive his career on a special mission, with the promise of reinstatement in the Royal Naval List if he is successful. But it is also the single most dangerous mission of his life. He must sail for France with Rennie in *HMS Expedient* and there rescue some persons of interest from the grasp of the French Revolutionary forces searching for them.

What no one mentions is that the rescue will bring to bear on *Expedient* and her crew, a force so fierce and mighty that, if it can, it will wipe all trace of the incident, Hayter and the ship from the memory of everyone involved in the forthcoming struggle. **BPB \$24.95**

Kathryn Smith

When Marrying a Scoundrel

A lady must be prepared for anything . . . when marrying a scoundrel.

Sadie Moon once thought she was in love. Then her dashing husband left her to seek his fortune, and she had no choice but to transform herself from a heartbroken waif into London Society's favorite fortune-teller. But even she could not have foreseen Jack's return—until their paths cross in the last place either would have expected: London's most exclusive house of pleasure.

Now wealthy and successful, Jack Friday has everything he'd ever dreamed of . . . except Sadie. He swears he will never trust the woman who broke her promise to wait for him, though his passion for her burns as hotly as ever before. But love, like the past, comes back to haunt them—drawing them into a web of intrigue and betrayal that could save or destroy them both. **APB \$14.99**

Ian Spector*The Truth About Chuck Norris*

A zany compilation of factoids, cartoons, trivia, and exploits celebrates the life and times of Chuck Norris, the hero of Walker: Texas Ranger, with observations on the cobra that died after biting Chuck Norris, Norris's ability to charge a cell phone by rubbing it on his beard, and other wacky feats. The lowdown on the toughest, sexiest, and bearded man to ever stalk the earth. **PB \$16.95**

Terence Strong*That Last Mountain*

He is a sergeant-major in the SAS. His task is to snatch a defecting Russian 'Star Wars' scientist from Stockholm. She is the she-wolf. Leader of a crack Spetsnaz pack. Her task is to get the scientist back. Dead or alive. Their paths have crossed before. Now the score has to be settled.

In between is the scientist, ruthlessly manipulated by both sides, torn between loyalty to his country and the love of a woman.

That Last Mountain is a story of sweeping passion and betrayal, of endurance and breathtaking action in the Scandinavian mountains - the toughest terrain on earth. **APB \$19.99**

Peter H Wilson*The Thirty Years War: Europe's Tragedy*

A deadly continental struggle, the Thirty Years War devastated seventeenth-century Europe, killing nearly a quarter of all Germans and laying waste to towns and countryside alike. Peter Wilson offers the first new history in a generation of a horrifying conflict that transformed the map of the modern world.

When defiant Bohemians tossed the Habsburg emperor's envoys from the castle windows in Prague in 1618, the Holy Roman Empire struck back with a vengeance. Bohemia was ravaged by mercenary troops in the first battle of a conflagration that would engulf Europe from Spain to Sweden. The sweeping narrative encompasses dramatic events and unforgettable individuals—the sack of Magdeburg; the Dutch revolt; the Swedish militant king Gustavus Adolphus; the imperial generals, opportunistic Wallenstein and pious Tilly; and crafty diplomat Cardinal Richelieu. In a major reassessment, Wilson argues that religion was not the catalyst, but one element in a lethal stew of political, social, and dynastic forces that fed the conflict.

By war's end a recognizably modern Europe had been created, but at what price? The Thirty Years War condemned the Germans to two centuries of internal division and international impotence and became a benchmark of brutality for centuries. As late as the 1960s, Germans placed it ahead of both world wars and the Black Death as their country's greatest disaster.

An understanding of the Thirty Years War is essential to comprehending modern European history. Wilson's masterful book will stand as the definitive account of this epic conflict. **HC \$70**

Larry Writer Australian Author*Australian Book of Heroism*

Continuing on as a series from The Australian Book of True Crime, this book tells the amazing stories of Australian heroes throughout history. Each chapter focuses on a different hero—from the 19th century through to the modern day. Some heroes are ordinary people accomplishing extraordinary deeds in their daily jobs like Dr Fiona Wood who created plastic skin which has saved the lives of numerous burn victims, including those maimed in the Bali bombing. Other heroes display incredible bravery during times of war such as Tom "Diver" Derrick, a WWII hero who Major Peter Cosgrove has called Australia's greatest-ever soldier. From explorers, soldiers, doctors and nurses to charity workers, religious figures, and everyday mothers and fathers, Larry Writer offers a fascinating look into the life of some truly inspirational Australians. **TP \$29.95**

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