



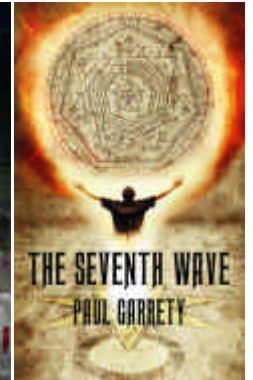
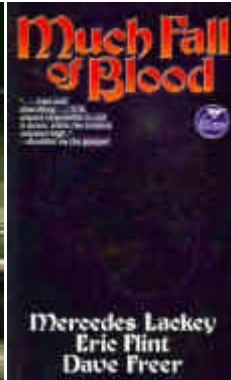
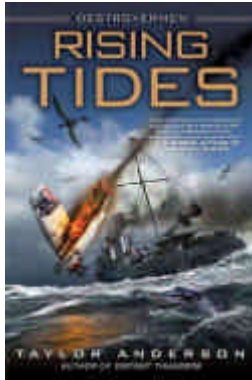
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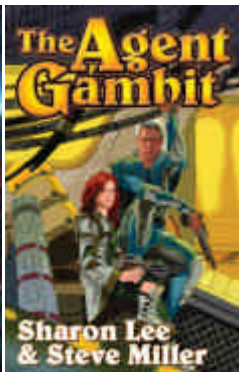
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## Featured Books



**Taylor Anderson**  
**Elizabeth Bear**  
**Rachel Caine**  
**Mercedes Lackey, Eric Flint & Dave Freer**  
**Yasmine Galenorn**  
**Paul Garrety**  
**Jon Courtenay Grimwood**  
**Katharine Kerr**  
**Sharon Lee & Steve Miller**  
**Nalini Singh**  
**Lilith Saintcrow**  
**David Weber (editor)**

*Rising Tides Destroyermen 5* in hardcover.  
*Grail Jacob's Ladder 3* in paperback.  
*Unseen Outcast Season 3* in paperback.  
*Much Fall of Blood Heirs of Alexandria 3* paperback.  
*Blood Wyne Otherworld 9* in paperback.  
*The Seventh Wave Helix Prophecy 1* in paperback.  
*The Fallen Blade Assassini* in trade paperback.  
*License to Ensorcell Nola O'Grady 1* in paperback.  
*The Agent Gambit Liaden 1 & 3* in paperback.  
*Archangel's Consort a Guild Hunter* paperback.  
*Taken* in paperback.  
*In Fire Forged Worlds of Honor* hardcover



## News

**Shaun Tan's** short film *The Lost Thing* has been nominated for an Oscar. The film is based on his book of the same title. <http://www.thelostthing.com/>

**ABC Radio National's Future Tense** radio programme is producing a series on Sci-Fi. Listen in over the next few weeks. They interviewed me (Tim) for the show. <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/futuretense/stories/2011/3092658.htm>

**Brandon Sanderson** has contracted to write another *Mistborn* novel *The Alloy of Law* to Tor.

**Charles Stross** has sold a new *Laundry* novel and a sequel to *Saturn's Children*

**Shelf Life**, a book show on TVS (channel 44 community TV), in filming their second series will be interviewing me (Tim) at the shop 1pm Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. We need some extras so turn up and get on TV.

## 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.

### *Walking the Tree* by Kaaron Warren, reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007322442>

How many ways can you twist small retrogressed human cultures? Author Warren explores quite a few in this novel, which (although she gives a SF-ish basis in an appendix) is a coming-of-age allegory rather like *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Here people live in a number of small communities ringing the Tree, which dominates an isolated Pacific island. The Tree is big: up to a hundred days' walk from one community to the next, and (counting stopovers) five years to walk right around. Men remain in their communities; approved young women walk the circuit, most dropping out along the way to marry and bear children. This movement is to minimise inbreeding, women being forbidden childbirth in their home communities, while the approval requirement is to prevent overpopulation. The women take children of their communities along for educational purposes, which maintains a tenuous link between all the communities. The single point-of-view character, Lillah, is one such young travelling woman, and as she explores the communities in sequence, she grows sexually and personally, and finishes with her decision on the purpose of her life.



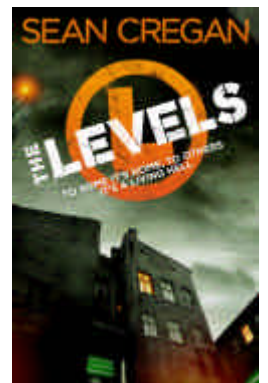
I thought the novel generally well written, so I'd give it five stars out of five, although Lillah seems oddly unaware of the danger to expect in Douglas given that she's been there in her own childhood and that her current young charges get the willies from this visit; I'd think a place like Douglas would be too infamous to mistake. Apart from the novel itself, I wish publishers would indicate up front when there are appendices so the reader knows in advance. Among the appendices here, the beginning of the downloadable version of the story from the point of view of one of the children is fair marketing, but the list of characters in order of appearance isn't in the order of their appearance, and the rest of the appendices are author's notes that, as is usual with author's notes, are better left on the Internet.

I found a refreshing naïveté in this novel. For instance, the young women don't hide their sexual activities from the children, who take this in their stride; not that the women are demonstrative about it, but the attitudes to physical human nature in the novel are in pleasant contrast with the world I live in. Everything isn't rosy, though, in Douglas or elsewhere: the women need to make choices. In all, a delightful novel that I quite enjoyed reading.

### *The Levels* by Sean Cregan, reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780755371143>

Nate Turner, ex-CIA agent, is dead. He knows this because he's seen the pictures of his corpse on the news, shot twice in the head. Now he wants to know why someone ordered his killing, and who was the poor bastard the Police are claiming to be him. To find a place to hide, he runs for the Levels, an abandoned housing project, occupied by the homeless, and ruled with an iron fist by the mysterious figure called Sorrow. There he meets Ghost, a fourteen year old girl who's been turned into a drug addicted, trained assassin & enforcer, who just wants to get her life back. Meanwhile a serial killer called the Beast is prowling the streets, slaughtering those he is hunting in revenge for infecting him with a lethal virus. Kate, ex-cop, busted for corruption, has been infected with the Beast's sickness. Now all she wants is a cure before it kills her, too. 4 people, drawn together by circumstance, must try to figure out what is happening, and try to fix it. Being alive at the end would be a nice bonus.....

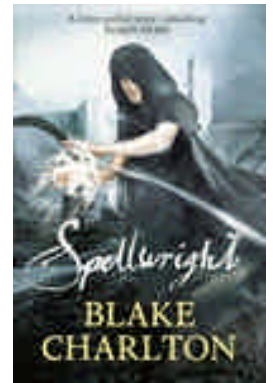


Cregan has written a hard core first novel, with a style reminiscent of Gibson cyberpunk crossed with Lansdale or Child, creating a gritty, realistic look at the near future, where corruption & mismanagement rule, and all you can do is try to stay alive. With the emphasis on 'try'. Escaping Police, avoiding assassins from the Tower, deals with underworld figures, designer drugs, high tech weapons & a quest for answers, all combine to make this a fascinating read and a good indicator of an author to keep an eye on for future books. It will definitely be interesting to see whether he can maintain the pace & style in future novels.

## **Spellwright** by **Blake Charlton**, reviewed by Anna

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007332755>

Blake Charleton is a medical student and a new author. After looking through a list of new titles, "Spellwright" caught my attention and I picked it up on a whim. Being a new author in my mental library, I was unsure as to how I would react to the work. However, from the first page, I found that I completely enjoyed this book! Usually, when the author is setting up the new universe and getting things rolling, the momentum takes a while to pick up... To say this was untrue for this work would be a euphemism. I got completely bowled over by the premise... and the nouns are completely fantastic - as is the language and vocabulary. Maybe I found the sudden dynamism of Nicodemus' character toward the end a bit abrupt - but that would be asking for perfection :) I totally loved this book and am waiting for the next one! Thank you Blake Charlton for transporting me to a hilarious, yet completely viable and solid fantasy world!



## **Manifold: Time** by **Stephen Baxter**, reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780345430762>

Science fiction, beginning rather like Robert A. Heinlein's *The Man Who Sold The Moon* and ending with similarity to Arthur C. Clarke's *2001: A Space Odyssey*. In the beginning, wealthy American entrepreneur Malenfant sets up his own space program. The cover blurb claim that he "gambles the very existence of time" is overstatement: his actual plan is to mine an asteroid, use the profits to mine the next one, and so on until ultimately (well after his death) humans will expand through the galaxy. His reason is that Earth has a closed economy with increasing population and depleting resources, which must collapse. He is opposed by the US government (only NASA can run space programs; that dirty word OH&S [American OSHA] also comes into it). A message from the future tells Malenfant which asteroid to mine first. His initial pilot cum mining operator is a genetically brain-enhanced Caribbean squid. I'll leave you to discover how this beginning develops to the ending.



One highlight of many is a guided tour of the future universe through its heat death, complete with mad scientist to explain it to the reader. The science is generally good, with sources cited at the end. The cited science, however, includes the "Carter hypothesis", which causes international panic, but which as presented here is a gross misapplication of statistics notwithstanding how it might appear in science literature. The English is generally good, but with some political clunks and some rapid-writing quaintness. Point of view switching is wide ranging, including dying characters and squid whose feelings could be known to no narrator but God, making this novel a yarn rather than a story, and also making the reader uncertain as to whose story it is: Malenfant, his ex-wife, the politician, the squid, the blues, the human race or the squid race. The answer is none of the above; read it as God's story.

Despite the appearance of "Manifold:" in two other novel titles by author Baxter, this novel stands alone (as *2001* was), and I'd give it three stars of a possible five in my arcane system. The novel develops well from universe to manifold (you're told what that is), although I did get the feeling at some points that the author wrote from beginning to end in where-can-I-possibly-take-this-from-here mode. Nevertheless, if you enjoy having your horizons extended or did enjoy *2001* then you should find this novel interesting.

## **Best Sellers for January 2011**

### General Release

<i>Torch of Freedom</i>	David Weber & Eric Flint
<i>The Tuloriad</i>	John Ringo
<i>The Good, the Bad and the Uncanny</i>	Simon R Green
<i>Managing Death</i>	Trent Jamieson *
<i>The Emperor of Nihon-Ja</i>	John Flanagan *
<i>The Silver Mage</i>	Katharine Kerr
<i>Frostfire</i>	Lynn Viehl
<i>Starbound</i>	Joe Haldeman
<i>When Duty Calls</i>	William C Dietz
<i>Written in Time</i>	Jerry & Sharon Ahern

(\* = Australian Author)

### Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Prospero Burns</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>God King</i>	Warhammer
<i>Purging of Kadillus</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Dead Men Walking</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Zero Sum Game</i>	Star Trek
<i>The First Heretic</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Garro Oath of Moment</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Roleplaying Starter Set</i>	D&D
<i>Vortex</i>	Star Wars
<i>Dungeon Tiles Master Set: The Wilderness</i>	

### Jerbilliru by Thoraiya Dyer

A week after accepting a place at Elizabeth Farm, Mary was summoned on account of some unknown misdemeanour.

Afternoon sun striped the banks of the Parramatta River. Mary followed the groundskeeper across stubbly grass made brittle by a week without rain, wringing her hands at the thought of what her young daughter, Hope, might have done. A squabble with the Macarthur children seemed likely. Hope was a fisherman's daughter, nothing like the delicate flowers of the affluent Macarthur family. Had she perhaps struck one of them? What would happen next?

In the shade of the servant's quarters, the cook held Hope by the scruff of her neck. Half a dozen women servants, several gardeners and a stableman all stood around watching. None of the Macarthur children were there.

Mrs Macarthur spun to face Mary.

"When you first came here," she said, "you were indignant at being mistook for convicts, Mrs White. Now I wonder if it was, indeed, a mistake, or if your daughter has spent so much time away from civilised company that she does not know right from wrong."

"Please tell me what's happened, Ma'am."

"Butter has gone missing from the store. An entire firkin, destined for Sydney Town. Enough to butter your bread til the end of your days, Mrs White. And Cook says when she came in from the house, young Hope was busy helping herself to another. Dragging it up the stairs, as it was apparently too heavy for her to lift."

"Hope?" Mary prompted.

"I took it, Mama," Hope admitted, not lifting her eyes from the floor.

"But why?"

Hope didn't answer.

"Where is it? Tell Cook where it is so she can fetch it back."

"It's all melted."

"Melted? What were you thinking? What use could you possibly have for all that butter?"

But the girl only gazed sadly at the lawn.

"You will have to leave this estate," Mrs Macarthur said, turning away, but Mary forestalled her.

"A childish notion," she said. "A foolish impulse, now regretted. Children must be allowed to be children, you said yourself, Ma'am."

Mrs Macarthur gritted her teeth.

"I'll give her a whipping, Ma'am," Cook suggested. "If she do it agin, then send them both away."

"Very well," Mrs Macarthur said.

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Mary's throat felt tight.

She had carried her near-unconscious daughter away from the gathered folk, out into the sheep paddocks towards the shearer's quarters.

Hope now lay sleeping face down on their shared bed. Cool cloths covered her abused shoulders and thighs.

"All will be well," Mary murmured, smoothing her daughter's hair. "All will be well."

She went to stand in the doorway, gazing at the silver glimmer of the river, feeling the hot, humid air turn to a cool breeze that dried the material of her dress and tugged her hair loose from its pins.

Clouds swept in over Parramatta, rumbling and tossing horizontal lightning that never reached the ground. Keeping whatever water they held to themselves, they passed over Elizabeth Farm and eastwards away from the formidable mountains that stretched like a wall from north to south. Purple sky faded to lemon yellow, and Mary marvelled that there should still be so much light, so late. It was more like the Western Isles than London, that feeling of being perched on the edges of a map.

Days were long. Nights were short. She should be resting, but instead she stared at the sheep and wondered if she had changed that future that she had seen, the one where Hope became a magician like her Scottish father, calling the selkies and sirens to the fishing boats as they moved out of the bay. Since her husband's death, Mary had travelled so far. That vision could surely never come to pass, not now.

Hope was shielded from that dangerous path.

There would be no selkies or sirens. Life in the colony was hard but ordinary. There were lambs to raise. Cows to milk. Everything felt solid and real. All the rules made sense again.

Even being punished for stealing butter. Mary went inside the hut.

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It was still dark when Mary woke.

Hope shook her shoulders, again. Mary rubbed her eyes. Cloths hung over the windows to keep out the insects had barely succeeded. Mary scratched at half a dozen new bites, pulling her clothes away from sticky skin. Hope's face hovered a few inches from hers.

"Come and I'll show you, now, Mama," Hope whispered.

"Show me what, my darling?" Mary answered sleepily. "Hope, it's not daylight yet. Not even close."

"Close enough. Come on."

Mary followed the girl out the door and into the already warm pre-dawn. Sheep dozed on the round, rolling hills. The river whispered. Creaks and jingles of a lone wagon echoed in little gullies.

"What is it?"

"Come and see."

Hope dashed off in the near-dark. Mary dashed after her, biting back a cry. Her bare feet became wet with dew. As they ran, the sky became the slightest bit paler along the horizon. The grass turned to diamond-spangled indigo.

Mary gasped at the beauty of it.

When it seemed they stood at the centre of a jewelled blanket thrown over the world, Hope came to a sudden standstill.

She took a native flower out of her pocket and laid it on a stone.

A faery creature flew down to it. It was furry, with long ears and a long nose. All of its slender body was black, but for a white tuft on the tip of its long, curling tail. It furred wings that in a mortal beast

would not have been able to hold air currents; they were skeletal and perforated, a web of hooked tendrils that gleamed red.

The thing regarded her with enormous ruby eyes, unafraid, before picking up the flower in its mouselike hands and chewing it up with relish.

"This is Jerbilliru," Hope said triumphantly. "Jerbilliru is a water spirit. She lives where there is dew on the flowers in the morning."

The creature finished eating the flower. It dug in a pouch that was not dissimilar to Mary's front apron pocket and pulled out an empty wooden tub, which it held plaintively up towards Hope.

"She eats the wax from the flowers, but she also likes melted butter. Very, very much."

"I see," Mary said.

Finally, she did see. She saw that what she thought was her choice, to encourage or prevent Hope from following in her father's footsteps, was not her choice at all. It never had been.

"I like it here, Mama. This was the right place for us to come. I know it."

"Yes," Mary replied, surrendering all her illusions. "This was the right place for us to come."

THE END

## External Events

**Winterfest 2011:** Winterfest is a medieval fair with re-enactments, archery, full contact jousting, falconry, sword play, fight scenes, craft displays, clothing, food, knights, knaves and lots of fun. It will be held the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011 at Parramatta park (north of the river.). Winterfest 2010 was great fun with Infinitas running a stall. <http://www.winterfest.com.au/>

**Armageddon Expo Sydney** is a expo of SF, anime, comic, gaming, TV, cosplay, collectables, etc held at The Dome, Sydney Showground 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 <http://www.armageddonexpo.com/au/>

**Nullus Anxietas 3** is a Discworld convention to be held At Panthers Penrith 8th – 10th April 2011. Terry Pratchett will be attending! <http://ausdwcon.org/>

**2011 Australian Romance Readers Convention** will be on 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> March at Bondi. Guest speakers include Nalini Singh. <http://www.australianromancereaders.com.au/2011.html>

**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.



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### Rewards Scheme - Infinitas Guild

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### New Release Information

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

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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

Legend: PB = paperback  
HC = hardcover  
TP = trade paperback (C format)  
Cass = cassette  
CD = compact disc  
GN = Graphic Novel, usually TP or BPB  
APB = mass market paperback (A format paperback)  
BPB = B format paperback approx 20cm x 13cm

### Information on the Infinitas Groups

New members always welcome at all the groups, if interested just come along. For current detailed information on these groups, visit our forums.

**SF Discussion Group:** At the request of regular members, and as a result of low attendance (due to life and death), this group will not meet after February until September. They have been meeting monthly for years in the shop but now want reinvention. <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php>  
Thursday 3rd Feb: The best and worst of 2010  
Thursday 1st September: Re-Launch

**Urban Fantasy Book Club:** Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. A title is selected to start the discussion  
Thursday 10th February 2010:  
*Grave Witch* by Kalayna Price  
Thursday 10th March 2010:  
*Black Wings* by Christina Henry

**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 17th February 2010:

*Time* by Stephen Baxter  
*Working for the Devil* by Lilith Saintcrow

Thursday 17th March 2010:  
*The Diamond Age* by Neal Stephenson  
*Outback Stars* by Sandra McDonald  
Thursday 21st April 2010:  
*The Cardinal's Blades* by Pierre Pevel  
*Marsbound* by Joe Haldeman

**Writers' Group:** We are currently looking for new members to revitalise our writers' group. Contact Tim at the shop. The group is for people who are currently writing (or even trying to write) science fiction, fantasy and horror related stories and pieces. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of some months - get on the email list to confirm meetings.  
<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. Every second Saturday morning starting at 9:30am. BYO dice. Games this month Saturdays Feb 5th and 19th

**Pathfinder:** Casual games occasional Saturdays, ask for dates.

**Magic the Gathering:** Play Magic Cards at the shop. Current schedule is a limited booster draft on the fourth Thursday of the Month at 5.30pm (not Dec). Please contact us if you are running late. Next MTG game 24th Feb 2011.

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

# Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

## Ben Aaronovitch

*Midnight Riot (aka Rivers of London) (Peter Grant 01)*

When his ability to speak with the lingering dead brings him to the attention of Detective Chief Inspector Thomas Nightingale, who investigates paranormal crimes, Probationary Constable Peter Grant is drawn into a world where an ancient evil is making a comeback on a rising tide of murder and dark magic. **PB \$19.95**

## Joe Abercrombie

*Heroes (First Law stand alone sequel)*

Three men. One battle. No Heroes. This is war. The new standalone from Joe Abercrombie.

They say Black Dow's killed more men than winter, and clawed his way to the throne of the North up a hill of skulls. The King of the Union, ever a jealous neighbour, is not about to stand smiling by while he claws his way any higher. The orders have been given and the armies are toiling through the northern mud. Thousands of men are converging on a forgotten ring of stones, on a worthless hill, in an unimportant valley, and they've brought a lot of sharpened metal with them.

Bremer dan Gorst, disgraced master swordsman, has sworn to reclaim his stolen honour on the battlefield. Obsessed with redemption and addicted to violence, he's far past caring how much blood gets spilled in the attempt. Even if it's his own.

Prince Calder isn't interested in honour, and still less in getting himself killed. All he wants is power, and he'll tell any lie, use any trick, and betray any friend to get it. Just as long as he doesn't have to fight for it himself.

Curnden Crow, the last honest man in the North, has gained nothing from a life of warfare but swollen knees and frayed nerves. He hardly even cares who wins any more, he just wants to do the right thing. But can he even tell what that is with the world burning down around him?

Over three bloody days of battle, the fate of the North will be decided. But with both sides riddled by intrigues, follies, feuds and petty jealousies, it is unlikely to be the noblest hearts, or even the strongest arms that prevail. **TP \$32.99**

## Mario Acevedo

*Werewolf Smackdown (Felix Gomez 05)*

The claws—and the fangs—are coming out!

Felix Gomez, undead P. I., doesn't have a hellhound in this fight—which is just one reason why he's not willing to help an alpha werewolf attorney eliminate his shapeshifting rival . . . permanently. So now there's a civil war brewing between two vicious lycanthrope factions—and it's threatening to explode into a blood-bath that'll engulf all creatures, living and undead.

Adding to the intrigue is the sudden reappearance of an ex-girlfriend and a gang of rogue bloodsuckers determined to take Felix's head off. So it looks like one vampire detective extraordinaire is going to be fangs deep in trouble when the fur begins to fly. **APB \$19.99**

## Taylor Anderson

*Distant Thunders (Destroyermen 04)*

Lieutenant Commander Matthew Reddy waits for his destroyer, the Walker, to be repaired after battling alongside their Lemurian allies to repel the savage Grik, and questions the loyalties of Commodore Jenks, who may be devoted to those representing an even greater danger. **PB \$19.95**

*Rising Tides (Destroyermen 05)*

In Taylor Anderson's acclaimed Destroyermen series, a parallel universe adds an extraordinary layer to the drama of World War II. Now, as Lieutenant Commander Matthew Reddy and the crew of the U.S.S. Walker continue their battle for both freedom and survival, the stakes become much more personal...and much more perilous. **HC \$49.95**

## Jean M Auel

*Valley of the Horses (Earth's Children 02)*

Second novel in Jean M. Auel's magnificent epic of life 25,000 years ago when two kinds of human beings, Neanderthal and Cro-Magnon, shared the earth. Forced to leave the Clan and her young son, Ayla sets out alone to travel the frigid steppes until she finds the valley of horses. Unable to find people like herself, the Cro-Magnons, she settles there and seeks friendship elsewhere. First she adopts a young filly, then a wounded lion cub.

But far to the west, two young Cro-Magnon brothers have begun a journey. One of them is Jondalar, whose destiny is bound inextricably with Ayla's. Jean Auel's imaginative reconstruction of pre-historic life, rich in detail of language, culture, myth and ritual, has become a set text in schools and colleges around the world. **BPB \$22.99**

*Mammoth Hunters (Earth's Children 03)*

Leaving the valley of horses with Jondalar, the handsome man she has nursed back to health and come to love, Ayla embarks on a journey that will lead her to the Mamutoi; the Mammoth Hunters. But as she settles into this new life among a people at first strange and disturbingly different, Ayla finds herself irresistibly drawn to Ranec, their master-carver. Ultimately, she is compelled to make a fateful choice between the two men.

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*Plains of Passage (Earth's Children 04)*

Fourth novel in Jean M Auel's magnificent epic of life 25,000 years ago when two kinds of human beings, Neanderthal and Cro-Magnon, shared the earth.

Ayla and Jondalar leave the safety of the lands of the Mammoth Hunters and embark on a seemingly impossible journey across an entire continent. Their goal is the Cro-Magnon settlement in what is now southern France where Jondalar lived as a young man. Accompanied by the half-tame Wolf, the superb stallion, Racer, and the mare, Whinney, they brave both savage enemies and the elemental dangers of weather and terrain in their search for the place that will become Home.

Jean Auel's imaginative reconstruction of pre-historic life, rich in detail of language, culture, myth and ritual, has become a set text in schools and colleges around the world. **BPB \$22.99**

*Shelters of Stone (Earth's Children 05)*

Ayla and Jondalar have reached home: the Ninth Cave of the Zelandonii, the old stone age settlement in the region known today as south-west France. Ayla has much to learn from the Zelandonii as well as much to teach them. Jondalar's family are initially wary of the beautiful young woman he has brought back, with her strange accent and her tame wolf and horses. She is delighted when she meets Zelandoni, the spiritual leader of her people, a fellow healer with whom she can share her medicinal skills. After the rigours and dangers that have characterised her extraordinary life, Ayla yearns for peace and tranquillity; to be Jondalar's mate and to have children. But her unique spiritual gifts cannot be ignored, and even as she gives birth to their eagerly-awaited child, she is coming to accept that she has a greater role to play in the destiny of the Zelandonii. **BPB \$22.99**

## **James Axler**

### *Cradle of Destiny (Outlanders 56)*

Reborn after near nuclear eradication, humanity struggles in a world defined by a secret history of conspiracy, rivalry and inhuman domination. As an ancient powerful race attempts to retake planet Earth, a courageous and sophisticated band of freedom fighters, the Cerberus rebels, leads the resistance in a daring battle to free humanity from the grips of an alien power struggle.

In the Middle East's legendary Fertile Crescent, millennia-old artifacts are unearthed. Shockingly, they appear to belong to one of Cerberus's own. As events converge to play out a destiny forged in cross-dimensional currents, Grant is plunged back through the shimmering vortex of time. Part phantasm, part warrior known as Enkidu, the man bull, he is hunted by humanity's oldest enemy. Kane, Brigid and Domi lead a rescue party across a parallax to destroy the legendary god beast Humbaba—before Grant is lost forever... **PB \$17.95**

## **L A Banks**

### *The Hunted (Vampire Huntress 03)*

A Neteru - a hunter or a huntress - is born every thousand years to lead the Warriors of Light as they fight against the dark realms. Damali Richards lives in modern day L.A. and she is the huntress.

Damali has been to hell and back. Literally. A war between the Vampires should have been good for mankind but Damali believes she has lost her vampire lover Carlos in the carnage.

And then comes word of a spree of horrific killings in Brazil. The war between the vampires has opened a door from the darker realms of hell and something has come through... **BPB \$19.99**

## **Anya Bast**

### *Jewelled*

Defined by magick. Ruled by desire.

In the Court of Edaeii, magick-imbued Evangeline is rewarded for her gift in manipulating emotion with a sapphire stone set into the perfect curve of her lower back. Her greatest rival in the royal court is the enigmatic Anatol, instilled with the power of illusion. He may best her in magick, but he is her absolute equal in passion.

They share something else—they're both targets of lowborn revolutionaries bent on overthrowing the palace of the privileged few. Rescued from the mobs by Gregorio, the brilliant revolutionary mastermind, they are given sanctuary. But in this warm refuge, Evangeline soon finds herself torn between the magick of one man she has always desired, and the excitingly new and radical moves of another. For her, there is only one choice:

Evangeline, Anatol and Gregorio come together as one to explore the possibilities of love beyond reason, and to indulge in pleasure without limits.

**TP \$19.95**

## **Elizabeth Bear**

### *The Sea Thy Mistress (Children of Light 02)*

This direct sequel to Elizabeth Bear's highly acclaimed *All the Windwrecked Stars* picks up the story some fifty years after Muire went into the sea and became the new Bearer of Burdens.

Beautiful Cathoair, now an immortal warrior angel, has been called back to the city of Eiledon to raise his son—Muire's son as well, cast up on shore as an infant. It is seemingly a quiet life. But deadly danger approaches...the evil goddess Heythe, who engineered the death of Valdyrgard, has travelled forward in time on her rainbow steed. She came expecting to gloat over a dead world, the proof of her revenge, but instead she finds a Rekindled land, renewed by Muire's sacrifice.

She will have her revenge by forcing this new Bearer of Burdens to violate her oaths and break her bounds and thus bring about the true and final end of Valdyrgard. She will do it by tormenting both Cathoair and his son Cathmar. But Mingan, the gray wolf, sees his old enemy Heythe's return. He will not allow it to happen again. **HC \$52.95**

### *Grail (Jacob's Ladder 03)*

When the generation ship *Jacob's Ladder* arrives on the planet they have come to call Grail, they discover that it is already populated by humans who are wary of sharing their world, while Captain Percevel discovers that there is an enemy among his crew after a murder occurs. **APB \$19.95**

## **Greg Bear**

### *Eternity*

Here, from the other side of time, come:

THISTLEDOWN, the asteroid starship of a future that is not quite our future;

GAIA, a parallel reality where Alexander the Great's empire has ruled for two thousand years; and

THE WAY, an infinite corridor through space-time which traverses and encompasses whole universes.

As the strands of these mysteries are unravelled, so the ordering and the end of mankind - and our entire Universe - come into question. **BPB \$22.99**

## **Ben Bova**

### *Leviathans of Jupiter*

Several years after his Jupiter ocean exploration team is rescued by a native creature in an act that proved the species' intelligence, physicist Grant Archer prepares for a new expedition that is threatened by both the hostile environment of the giant planet and sabotaging humans. **HC \$49.95**

## **Ann Brashares**

### *My Name is Memory*

You have been with me from the very first life. You are my first memory every time, the single thread in all of my lives. My Name is Memory is a heartbreaking, mysterious and completely unforgettable story of true love.

Daniel tells me that he's always loved me. That I feel the same. That I always have. Not just in this life, but in my last life, and all my lives before. But I don't remember him. He says he is always searching for me. Always hoping that one day I will remember. But it is only he that carries the memory of our love. I know that finding true love is never easy. Perhaps you have fought for it. Perhaps, like Daniel, you have endured the pain of it being unrequited. I hope you never have to face the heartbreak that inevitably awaits us. **BPB \$22.99**

**Allison Brennan**

*Original Sin (Seven Deadly Sins 01)*

What if the Seven Deadly Sins were seven fallen angels - and they were about to wreak havoc on earth?

Haunted by chilling memories of demonic possession and murder, Moira O'Donnell has spent seven years hunting down her mother, Fiona, whose command of black magic has granted her unprecedented control of the underworld. Now Moira's global search has led her to a small California town that's about to become hell on earth.

Tormented by his own terrifying past and driven by powers he can't explain, ex-seminarian Rafe Cooper joins Moira's dangerous quest. But Fiona is one devilish step ahead. Hungry for greater power, eternal youth, and stunning beauty, the sorceress is unleashing upon the mortal world the living incarnations of the Seven Deadly Sins.

Together with a demonologist, a tough female sheriff, and a pair of star-crossed teenagers, Moira and Rafe are humanity's last chance to snatch salvation from the howling jaws of damnation. **BPB \$24.99**

**Patricia Briggs**

*Silver Borne (Mercy Thompson 05)*

Mechanic and shapeshifter Mercy Thompson never knows what the next day (or night) may bring. After all, her world is inhabited by witches, werewolves, and vampires. But now a book of fae secrets has come to light, and Mercy's about to find out just how implacable-and dangerous- the fae can be. **APB \$19.95**

**Kristen Britain**

*Blackveil (Green Rider 04)*

The long-awaited sequel to Green Rider, First Rider's Call, and The High King's Tomb.

Once a simple student, Karigan G'ladheon finds herself in a world of deadly danger and complex magic, compelled by forces she cannot understand when she becomes a legendary Green Rider-one of the magical messengers of the king. Forced by magic to accept a dangerous fate she would never have chosen, headstrong Karigan has become completely devoted to the king and her fellow Riders.

But now, an insurrection led by dark magicians threatens to break the boundaries of ancient, evil Blackveil Forest-releasing powerful dark magics that have been shut away for a millennium. **HC \$49.95**

**Nina Bruhns**

*Vampire Sheikh*

Demigod Seth is enraged. The recent defections of his two favorite lieutenants have sparked a conflagration of fury within him and a bitter need for vengeance. Someone will pay, and pay dearly!

Who better than Josslyn Haliday? Her two scheming sisters seduced and destroyed his friends, luring them straight into the camp of his mortal enemy.

What Seth doesn't count on is Joss's own anger. After losing her parents as a child, she'll now do anything to find her two dear sisters and bring them back to safety. Anything.

Including making a deal with the devil—him. But how far is the soft, pliant temptress willing to go? **PB \$14.95**

**Rachel Caine**

*Unseen (Outcast Season 03)*

After Cassiel and Warden Luis Rocha rescue an adept child from a maniacal Djinn, they realize two things: the girl is already manifesting an incredible amount of power, and her kidnapping was not an isolated incident.

This Djinn-aided by her devoted followers-is capturing children all over the world, and indoctrinating them so she can use their strength for herself. With no other options, Cassiel infiltrates the Djinn's organization-because if Cassiel cannot stop the Djinn's apocalyptic designs, all of humanity may be destroyed. **PB \$19.95**

**Steve Cash**

*The Remembering (Meq 03)*

A final installment in the trilogy that includes Time Dancers concludes the story of late-19th-century boy Zianno Zezen, who struggles with the realization of his identity as a member of a forgotten immortal race that lives anonymously among humans **TP \$29.95**

**Adam-Troy Castro**

*Z is for Zombie*

A is for Apocalypse,

B is for Buried,

C is for Cannibalistic . . .

A stunningly illustrated and hilarious A-to-Z guide that bears witness to the zombie horde as it slowly overruns us. Assemble a motley crew of any survivors you can. Barricade your doors and windows against the relentless shambling masses hungry for your flesh. Grab a hammer, chain saw, clothing iron, or whatever household weapon is at hand . . .

The war has begun! **TP \$29.95**

**Ashlyn Chase**

*The Werewolf Upstairs*

Desperate for change, public defender Roz Wells decides moving into a new apartment is just what she needs to shake things up. But she'll get more than she bargained for when she starts dating the drop dead gorgeous boy next door, who just happens to be a shape-shifter...and quite possibly a criminal. Security salesman Konrad Wolfensen has made a living staging break-ins to spook people into buying his security system, but when he's accused of a much more serious crime, he'll have to enlist the help of his sexy new neighbor/girlfriend to keep his cute, slightly wild rear end out of jail. **PB \$17.95**

**Douglas Clegg**

*Neverland*

For years, the Jackson family has vacationed at Rowena Wandigaux Lee's old Victorian house on Gull Island, a place of superstition and legend off the southern coast of the U.S. One particular summer, young Beau follows his cousin Sumter into a hidden shack in the woods--and christens this new clubhouse "Neverland." The rundown shack in the woods is the key to an age-old mystery, a place forbidden to all. But Neverland becomes the place where children begin to worship a creature of shadows, which Sumter calls "Lucy." When Neverland itself is threatened with destruction, the children's games take on a horrifying reality--and Gull Island becomes a place of unrelenting terror. **PB \$19.95**

**Kresley Cole**

*Dreams of Dark Warrior (Immortals After Dark)*

HE VOWED HE'D COME FOR HER . . .

Murdered before he could wed Regin the Radiant, warlord Aidan the Fierce seeks his beloved through eternity, reborn again and again into new identities, yet with no memory of his past lives.

SHE AWAITS HIS RETURN . . .

When Regin encounters Declan Chase, a brutal Celtic soldier, she recognizes her proud warlord reincarnated. But Declan takes her captive, intending retribution against all immortals—unaware that he belongs to their world.

TO SATIATE A DESIRE MORE POWERFUL THAN DEATH . . .

Yet every reincarnation comes with a price, for Aidan is doomed to die when he remembers his past. To save herself from Declan's torments, will Regin rekindle memories of the passion they once shared—even if it means once again losing the only man she could ever love? **APB \$19.95**

**Aliette de Bodard**

*Harbinger of the Storm (Obsidian and Blood 02)*

Death, magic and intrigue in this hotly-anticipated follow-up to *Servant of the Underworld*. A sumptuously-detailed Aztec world, which will appeal to fans of magical fantasy, historical drama, political intrigue and murder mysteries.

THE AZTEC EMPIRE TEETERS ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION.

As the political infighting starts within the imperial court, Acatl, High Priest for the Dead, makes a macabre discovery in the palace: a high-ranking nobleman has been torn to pieces by an invocation - and it looks like the summoner belongs to the court itself... **PB \$19.95**

**Stephen Deas**

*The King of the Craggs (Memory of Flames 02)*

Prince Jehal has had his way—now his lover Zafir sits atop the Realms with hundreds of dragons and their riders at her beck and call. But Jehal's plots are far from over, for he isn't content to sit back and watch Zafir command the earth and sky. He wants that glory for himself—no matter who he must sacrifice to get it. The one thing Jehal fears is that the white dragon still lives—and if that is so, then blood will flow, on all sides... **HC \$52.95**

**Kristina Douglas**

*Raziel (Fallen)*

Going against Uriel's orders, Raziel rescues Allie Watson, a woman who stirs within him a longing he hasn't felt in centuries, from hellfire and unleashes the fury of the Fallen, forcing them to work together to survive and conquer the forces of darkness. **PB \$19.95**

**Doranna Durgin**

*Storm of Reckoning*

When ghost hunter Lisa McGarrity and her team, along with a bounty hunter from another dimension who has been exiled from his homeworld, are summoned by an old friend in Sedona who desperately needs some occult assistance, all hell breaks loose as Sedona's ghosts rise up against them.

**PB \$17.95**

**Dianne Duvall**

*Darkness Dawns (Immortal Guardians)*

When she rescues a wounded stranger, teacher Sarah Bingham, landing in the middle of a battle between rogue vampires and powerful immortals, is drawn to this compelling man who needs her as much as she needs him. **PB \$17.95**

**M J Engh**

*Arslan (SF Masterworks)*

A classic of political science fiction.

Arslan is a young Asian general who has conquered the USA and then the world, with a small town in Illinois as the capital of his new empire. Praised by the likes of Orson Scott Card and Samuel R Delany, ARSLAN is a thoughtful but uncompromising work, one which still retains the power to shock. **BPB \$22.99**

**Ian Cameron Esslemont**

*Stonewielder (Malazan Empire 03)*

Picking up the story a few years after the events of *Return of the Crimson Guard*, *Stonewielder* centres on the character of Greymane, one of the Malazan army's most revered commanders whose prowess in the field earned him the name 'Stonewielder'. But success breeds envy and Greymane has been denounced by the Malazan high command and sentenced to death by the Stormguard - the military cult who hold the stormwall against the alien sea-borne Stormriders who have threatened Korel - and the island of Malaz itself - for millennia. As various mysterious forces, sects and vested interests jockey for position and power, long-hidden secrets are revealed and ancient entities once more walk abroad. It seems there will be a monumental reckoning from which none will emerge unscathed... **TP \$32.95**

**Eric Flint, Dave Freer & Mercedes Lackey**

*Much Fall of Blood (Heirs of Alexandria 03)*

Prince Manfred and his mentor and bodyguard, the deadly warrior Erik, have survived dangers and enemies both natural and supernatural, and if they thought that their new mission was going to be anything but more of the same, they soon gave up on that hope. Returning from Jerusalem, they and their escort of knights of the Holy Trinity are escorting an envoy of Il Khan Mongol to the lands of the Golden Horde—between the Black Sea and the Carpathians, which happen to be the eastern bastion against their old enemies, the demon Chernobog and his possessed puppet, the Jangellion.

Unfortunately, what began as a diplomatic mission leads to Manfred and his knights being caught up in an inter-clan civil war, rescuing a fugitive woman and her injured brother, and becoming involved in the problems of Prince Vlad, Duke of Valahia, who has been held as a hostage by King Emeric of Hungary until freed by Countess Elizabeth Batholdy to use as bait to capture a group of nonhumans. Instead, the wolflike nonhumans, who masquerade as gypsies, free Prince Vlad, and help him to return to his homeland to raise revolt against Hungary and to renew age-old magics.

Manfred and Erik are forced into an alliance of convenience between the Golden Horde and the ancient magical forces of Valahia, as directed by the troubled Vlad. The magic calls for blood and Vlad is deathly afraid of it—and at the same time, is irresistibly drawn toward it . . . **HC \$19.95**

## **Michael Flynn**

### *Up Jim River (January Dancer)*

Robert A. Heinlein Award-winning SF writer Michael Flynn returns to space opera and to the world of *The January Dancer*

The Hound Bridget ban has vanished and the Kennel (the mysterious superspy agency) has given up looking for her. But her daughter, the harper Mearana, has not, and she has convinced the scarred man, Donovan, to aid in her search.

But Donovan's mind has been shattered by Those of Name, the rulers of the Confederacy, and no fewer than seven quarreling personalities now inhabit his skull. How can he hope to see Mearana safely through her quest?

Together, they follow Bridget ban's trail to the raw worlds of the frontier, edging ever closer to the de-civilized and barbarian planets of the Wild. Along the way, they encounter evidence that they too are being followed--by a deadly agent of Those of Name. **PB \$19.95**

## **Dave Freer Australian Author**

### *Dragon's Ring*

Tasmarin is a place of dragons, a plane cut off from all other worlds, where dragons can be dragons and humans can be dinner. It's a place of islands, forests, mountains and wild oceans, filled with magical denizens. Fionn—the black dragon—calmly tells anyone who will listen that he's going to destroy the place. Of course he's a joker, a troublemaker and a dragon of no fixed abode. No one ever believes him.

He's dead serious.

Others strive to refresh the magics that built this place. To do so they need the combined magics of all the intelligent species, to renew the ancient balance and compact. There is just one problem. They need a human mage, and dragons systematically eliminated those centuries ago. Their augury has revealed that there is one, and they seek her desperately. Unfortunately, she's fallen in with Fionn, who really doesn't want them to succeed. He has his own reasons and dark designs.

The part he hadn't worked out is that she will affect his plans too. Chaos, roguery, heroism, theft, love, kidnapping, magic and war follow. And more chaos. **PB \$19.95**

## **Jeaniene Frost**

### *This Side of the Grave (Night Huntress)*

Danger waits on both sides of the grave.

Half-vampire Cat Crawfield and her vampire husband Bones have fought for their lives, as well as for their relationship. But just when they've triumphed over the latest battle, Cat's new and unexpected abilities threaten to upset a long-standing balance . . .

With the mysterious disappearance of vampires, rumors abound that a species war is brewing. A zealot is inciting tensions between the vampires and ghouls, and if these two powerful groups clash, innocent mortals could become collateral damage. Now Cat and Bones are forced to seek help from a dangerous "ally"—the ghoulish queen of New Orleans herself. But the price of her assistance may prove more treacherous than even the threat of a supernatural war . . . to say nothing of the repercussions Cat never imagined. **APB \$19.95**

## **Jeaniene Frost**

### *Destined For an Early Grave (Night Huntress 04 Audio)*

Hoping for a break from her undead-fighting duties, half-vampire Cat Crawfield experiences disturbing visions about a powerful vampire with ties to her past who would claim Cat for his own, a situation that triggers a deadly battle between the vampire and Cat's undead boyfriend, Bones. Read by Tavia Gilbert. **MP3 CD \$60**

## **Kimberly Frost**

### *Halfway Hexed (Southern Witch 03)*

First, there are the local residents who form a scripture-spouting posse and kidnap Tammy to "defend" Duvall, Texas, against witchcraft. Next, someone saddles her with a secret package chock full of dangerous visions, just as the president of WAM—the World Association of Magic—arrives with his entourage to investigate her. And who worse to examine Tammy's entanglement with off-limits and drop-dead gorgeous wizard Bryn Lyons than his ex-girlfriend? Not to mention that the clash between the locals and the magical visitors leads to a series of unnatural disasters that may doom them all.

While the fate of the town hangs in the balance, one thing's certain: this would-be witch is ready to rumble, Texas style. **TP \$28.95**

## **P R Frost**

### *Forest Moon Rising (Tess Noncoire Adventure 04)*

Tess Noncoire, successful fantasy writer and Celestial Blade Warrior, has made a deal with the Powers That Be, forfeiting her own dreams in order to save those nearest and dearest to her. Having survived this unprecedented experience, Tess, along with her imp Scrap, is determined to hunt down a demonic intruder from another dimension, the Norglein, who seems bent on ravishing young women, leaving them pregnant, and waiting for the proper time to steal their babies away for his own purposes. **TP \$29.95**

## **Yasmine Galenorn**

### *Blood Wyne (otherworld 09)*

The D'Artigo sisters have just turned in their badges to the Otherworld Intelligence Agency. Now that they're free agents they're hoping things will be easier, but when you're half-human, half-Fae, things can go astray at the most inopportune times...especially if you're attempting to go undercover and penetrate the underworld of a vamp society on the brink of war. **PB \$19.95 MP3 CD \$49.95**

## **Paul Garrety Australian Author**

### *The Seventh Wave (Helix Prophecy 01)*

The Plate, the thief, the supernatural, strange things happen when you least expect it.

An ancient alien artefact, the Plate, has been stolen from Helix and its members almost destroyed by The Club.

Callum is barely hours ahead of the unknown forces trying to kill him when he is caught up in the occult world of Helix. Battling a deadly army of The Club's assassins, vampires and sorcerous Robes, Callum must work out who he can trust in a world he no longer recognises. There can only be one winner.

If Callum loses so do we all. **APB \$22.99**

## **Kathleen O'Neal Gear & W Michael Gear**

### *People of the Longhouse (People)*

Six hundred years ago in what would become the northeastern United States and southeastern Canada, five Iroquois tribes were locked in bitter warfare. From the ashes of violence, a great Peacemaker was born...

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, their only hope is that their parents will rescue them.

Their mother, War Chief Koracoo, and their father, Deputy Gonda, think they are tracking an ordinary war party herding captive children to an enemy village. Koracoo and Gonda do not know that Odion and Tutelo have fallen into the hands of a legendary evil: Gannajero the Trader. Known as the Crow, she is a figure out of nightmare, a witch who captures children for her own nefarious purposes. No one can stand against her powers—except perhaps the mysterious Forest Spirit whose tracks have crisscrossed their own throughout their journey.

Odion and the other children struggle to survive their brutal captivity. They, too, have seen the Forest Spirit. But like their parents, they can't be sure if the Spirit is a friend—or is in league with Gannajero.... **PB \$19.95**

## **Emily Gee**

### *The Sentinel Mage*

Her magic may be the only thing that can save a prince—and the Seven Kingdoms. In a distant corner of the Seven Kingdoms, an ancient curse festers and grows, consuming everything in its path. Only one man can break it: Harkeld of Osgaard, a prince with mage's blood in his veins. But Prince Harkeld has a bounty on his head—and assassins at his heels. Innis is a gifted shapeshifter. Now she must do the forbidden: become a man. She must stand at Prince Harkeld's side as his armsman, protecting and deceiving him. But the deserts of Masse are more dangerous than the assassins hunting the prince. The curse has woken deadly creatures, and the magic Prince Harkeld loathes may be the only thing standing between him and death. **PB \$19.95**

## **Laura Anne Gilman**

### *Pack of Lies (Cosa Nostradamus Paranormal Scene Investigations 02)*

My name is Bonita Torres, and eight months ago I was an unemployed college graduate without a plan. Now I'm an investigator with the Private Unaffiliated Paranormal Investigations team of New York. Pretty awesome, right?

The Cosa Nostradamus, the magical community, isn't quick to give up its secrets, though. Not even to fellow members. Not even when it's in their best interests. So we've been busting our tails, perfecting our forensic skills, working to gain acceptance. The team's tight... but we have our quirks, too. And our Big Dog, Benjamin Venec... well, he's a special case, all right.

But we can't give up. We're needed, especially when a case comes along that threatens to pit human against fatae. But one wrong move could cost us everything we've worked for.... **TP \$29.95**

## **Terry Goodkind**

### *The Omen Machine (Sword of Truth)*

A new Kahlan and Richard fantasy novel from bestselling author, Terry Goodkind. THE OMEN MACHINE An accident leads to the discovery of a mysterious machine that has rested hidden deep underground for countless millennia. The machine awakens to begin issuing a series of increasingly alarming, if minor, omens. The omens turn out to be astonishingly accurate, and ever more ominous. As Zedd tries to figure out how to destroy the sinister device, the machine issues a cataclysmic omen involving Richard and Kahlan, foretelling an impending event beyond anyone's ability to stop.

As catastrophe approaches, the machine then reveals that it is within its power to withdraw the omen . . .

In exchange for an impossible demand. **TP \$32.99**

## **Jon Courtenay Grimwood**

### *Fallen Blade (Assassini 01)*

Venice in the early 15th century is at the height of its power. In theory Duke Marco commands. But Marco is a simpleton so his aunt and uncle rule in his stead. They command the seas, tax the colonies, and, like those in power before them, fear assassins better than their own...

On the night their world changes, Marco's fifteen-year-old cousin is praying for deliverance from a forced marriage. It is her bad fortune to be alone in the chapel when Mamluk pirates break in to steal a chalice, but it is the Mamluks' good luck - a Millionaire princess is a much greater prize. In the gardens behind the chapel, Atilo, the Duke's chief assassin, dispatches his latest victim. Having cut the man's throat, he hears a noise and turns back.

He finds a boy crouched over the dying man, drinking from the wound. The speed with which the boy dodges a thrown dagger and scales a wall stuns Atilo. And the assassin knows he has to find the boy. Not to kill him, but because he's finally found what he thought he would never find. Someone fit to be his apprentice... **TP \$29.99 MP3 CD \$49.95**

## **Deborah Harkness**

### *A Discovery of Witches (01)*

A richly inventive novel about a centuries-old vampire, a spellbound witch, and the mysterious manuscript that draws them together.

Deep in the stacks of Oxford's Bodleian Library, young scholar Diana Bishop unwittingly calls up a bewitched alchemical manuscript in the course of her research. Descended from an old and distinguished line of witches, Diana wants nothing to do with sorcery; so after a furtive glance and a few notes, she banishes the book to the stacks. But her discovery sets a fantastical underworld stirring, and a horde of daemons, witches, and vampires soon descends upon the library. Diana has stumbled upon a coveted treasure lost for centuries—and she is the only creature who can break its spell.

Debut novelist Deborah Harkness has crafted a mesmerizing and addictive read, equal parts history and magic, romance and suspense. Diana is a bold heroine who meets her equal in vampire geneticist Matthew Clairmont, and gradually warms up to him as their alliance deepens into an intimacy that violates age-old taboos. This smart, sophisticated story harks back to the novels of Anne Rice, but it is as contemporary and sensual as the Twilight series—with an extra serving of historical realism. **HC \$55 CD-Unabridged \$95**

## **Charlaine Harris**

### *The Sookie Stackhouse Companion (Sookie Stackhouse)*

THE SOOKIE STACKHOUSE COMPANION is a unique guide to Sookie Stackhouse and her dark fantasy southern-Gothic world, as well as an in-depth look at the award-winning HBO series TRUE BLOOD. The book will feature a brand-new Sookie story and Charlaine's own map of Bon Temps, never before published, with every place of interest in the town, including Merlotte's bar and Sookie's home. Other treats include: \* An introduction by Charlaine about the impact Sookie Stackhouse has had on her writing career, and the influence on the genre at large \* A large section on the award-winning HBO series TRUE BLOOD \* Detailed summaries of each novel and entries on every important character, event and setting in the series, in Sookie's voice.

\* An overview of Sookie's world, including information on the vampires, shapeshifter/wereanimal, and fairie factions \* Interviews with Charlaine Harris and Alan Ball \* A selection of favourite Bon Temps recipes **HC \$55**

## **Colin Harvey**

### *Winter Song*

THE PLANET HAD FALLEN OFF THE MAP.

Lost on an unknown and forgotten planet, scientist Karl Allman discovers himself hunted by an ancient race. The descendants of earlier colonists have reverted to a savage tribal culture of sacrifice, pillage and violence. When Karl falls in love with an outcast girl, he has only one goal: escape. But escape is a distant dream on this nightmare planet. **APB \$19.95**

## **Regan Hastings**

### *Visions of Magic (Awakening 01)*

In the ten years since magic has reemerged in the world, witches have become feared and hunted. For weeks Shea Jameson has been haunted by visions of fire. When she unintentionally performs a spell in public, she becomes one of the hunted. Her only hope is Torin, a dangerously sensual man who claims to be her eternal mate. **PB \$19.95**

## **Michele Hauf**

### *Seducing the Vampire*

In Marie Antoinette's Paris, the beautiful vampire Viviane seeks a male patron who will allow her to live on her own terms. Courted by two feuding brothers, Viviane succumbs to the handsome rebel, Rhys, unaware that he has other, darker, motives. He seeks revenge against his brother Constantine by stealing Viviane and tainting her with his blood. But just as Rhys realises the depth of his love for Viviane, his brother takes his revenge. By casting a spell on the woman they both desire, he condemns her to a living death inside a glass coffin.

Two centuries later, Rhys hears the legend of the Snow White vampiress, imprisoned deep in the tunnels under Paris. He must find her and set her free, but will he be able to save her from the evil still intent on destroying them? **TP \$32.99**

## **John Twelve Hawks**

### *The Golden City (Fourth Realm 03)*

A world that exists in the shadow of our own . . . John Twelve Hawks's previous novels about the mystical Travellers and the Brethren, their ruthless enemies, generated an extraordinary following around the world. In *The Golden City*, Twelve Hawks delivers the climax to his spellbinding epic. Struggling to protect the legacy of his Traveller father, Gabriel faces troubling new questions and relentless threats. His brother Michael, now firmly allied with the enemy, pursues his ambition to wrest power from Nathan Boone, the calculating leader of the Brethren. And Maya, the Harlequin warrior pledged to protect Gabriel at all costs, is forced to make a choice that will change her life forever. **APB \$21.95**

## **P C Hodgell**

### *Bound in Blood (Kencyrath 02)*

When Jame returned to Knorth hall to help her brother Torisen name all the fallen fighters' death banners stored there, she made the disturbing discovery that those banners splattered with their owners' blood also have trapped their owners' souls. She also found a contract proving her cousin Kindrie to be legitimate, proving that there are three full-blooded Knorth. Three full-blooded Knorth means that the Three-Faced God can be manifested—something that none of the three are likely to want to do, if they have any choice in the matter. .

Returning with this unwelcome knowledge to school at Tentir, Jame continued to dodge the attentions of an unwanted admirer, strengthen her link to her feline hunting ounce, work with the rathorn colt Death's-head to insure that it doesn't resume its attempts to kill her, and, of course, kept causing plenty of unintended havoc. She also had to help fight off attacks from hillmen, repel a stampede of yarkcarn (think warthogs the size of mammoths), fight in the Winter War (a mock conflict—or, at least, that's how it was supposed to be), and solve the mystery behind the death of her evil uncle, who somehow is still spectrally manifesting himself in nasty ways.

No doubt about it—Jame is back, and with a vengeance, as the popular and critically-praised fantasy adventure series continues. **PB \$19.95**

## **James P Hogan**

### *Moon Flower*

Something strange is happening on the planet Cyrene, which is in the early phases of being "developed" by the mammoth Interworld Restructuring Corporation. Terrans from the base there have been disappearing. Myles Callen, a ruthlessly efficient "Facilitator," is sent to investigate. Also with the mission is Marc Shearer, a young, idealistic quantum physicist, disillusioned with the world, who's on his way to join a former colleague, Evan Wade. On arrival he finds that Wade too has vanished and doesn't want to be found by the Terran authorities. Wade has arranged contact via the Cyreneans, however, and accompanied by two companions that he has befriended, Shearer embarks on a journey to find his friend that will change Cyrene—and Earth itself. **PB \$19.95**

## **Emma Holly**

### *Demon's Fire*

Escaping a routine life, Beth joins an archaeological dig with her longtime friend Charles in a desert city perfect for adventures—especially when it comes to exploring forbidden appetites like Charles's shameful desire for a Yamish demon. But as Charles and Beth are about to learn, some demons find humans equally irresistible.

Once a sexual captive, Prince Pahndir now exploits his talents as proprietor of a most infamous brothel. Not content with simply selling fantasy to others, he's long dreamed of finding his own erotic fulfilment. These two young humans may hold the key to answering his secret demon needs. Soon Beth and Charles are ushered into a passionate triangle that redefines the limits of pleasure—and unexpectedly challenges the meaning of love. **APB \$12.95**

## **Robert E Howard**

### *Conan's Brethren (Conan)*

Robert E Howard was a pulpwriter who turned his hand to everything from historical adventure and detective stories to Western and boxing fiction - and invented the genre now known as sword-and-sorcery: it is for these tales of heroic fantasy and horror that he is best remembered. In the pages of WEIRD TALES and other pulp magazines his mighty heroes - the vengeful Puritan swashbuckler Solomon Kane, Kull, King of Atlantis, Bran Mak Morn, the last chieftain of the Picts, followed later by Conan the Cimmerian and many others. Following on from the success of THE COMPLETE CONAN, this companion volume will contain Robert E Howard stories featuring Conan's brothers-in-arms, collected together in chronological order, as fresh and atmospheric today as when they were first published in the pulp magazines of more than eighty years ago. **HC \$55**

### *Sword Woman and Other Historical Adventures*

Lavishly illustrated with black-and-white art by the team behind Dark Horse Comic's "The Adventures of Two-Gun Bob," an anthology of Howard's classic desert adventures featuring legendary swordsman Dark Agnes restores each tale to its earliest, most definitive version. **TP \$36.95**

**M K Hume** *Australian Author*

*Clash of Kings (Prophecy 01)*

Amid the bloody battlefields of Britain, Merlin is marked for greatness...

In the town of Segontium, a fugitive is washed ashore. He brutally rapes the granddaughter of the king of the Deceangli tribe, leaving her to bear his son, Myrddion. Spurned as a demon seed, the boy is raised by his grandmother and he is apprenticed to a skilled healer who hones his remarkable gift. Meanwhile, the High King of the Celts, Vortigern, is rebuilding the ancient fortress at Dinas Emrys. According to a prophecy, he must use the blood of a demon seed to make the towers stand firm. Myrddion's life is in jeopardy. But the boy has a prophecy of his own and a richer destiny to fulfil. Soon Vortigern shall be known as the harbinger of chaos, and Myrddion must use his gifts for good in a kingdom besieged by evil. So begins the healer's journey to greatness... **TP \$29.99**

**Darynda Jones**

*First Grave on the Right (Charley Davidson 01)*

A smashing, award-winning debut novel that introduces Charley Davidson: part-time private investigator and full-time Grim Reaper

Charley sees dead people. That's right, she sees dead people. And it's her job to convince them to "go into the light." But when these very dead people have died under less than ideal circumstances (i.e. murder), sometimes they want Charley to bring the bad guys to justice. Complicating matters are the intensely hot dreams she's been having about an Entity who has been following her all her life...and it turns out he might not be dead after all. In fact, he might be something else entirely.

This is a thrilling debut novel from an exciting newcomer to the world of paranormal romantic suspense. **HC \$45.95**

**Howard Andrew Jones**

*The Desert of Souls*

A thrilling, inventive cross between One Thousand and One Nights and Sherlock Holmes

In 9th century Baghdad, a stranger pleads with the vizier to safeguard the bejeweled tablet he carries, but he is murdered before he can explain. Charged with solving the puzzle, the scholar Dabir soon realizes that the tablet may unlock secrets hidden within the lost city of Ubar, the Atlantis of the sands. When the tablet is stolen from his care, Dabir and Captain Asim are sent after it, and into a life and death chase through the ancient Middle East.

Stopping the thieves—a cunning Greek spy and a fire wizard of the Magi—requires a desperate journey into the desert, but first Dabir and Asim must find the lost ruins of Ubar and contend with a mythic, sorcerous being that has traded wisdom for the souls of men since the dawn of time.

Debut author Howard Jones breathes new life into the glittering tradition of sword-and-sorcery, combining the masterful fantasy of Robert E. Howard with the high-speed action of Bernard Cornwell. **HC \$49.95**

**Sofie Kelly**

*Curiosity Thrilled the Cat (Magical Cats Mysteries 01)*

When librarian Kathleen Paulson moved to Mayville Heights, Minnesota, she had no idea that two strays would nuzzle their way into her life. Owen is a tabby with a catnip addiction and Hercules is a stocky tuxedo cat who shares Kathleen's fondness for Barry Manilow. But beyond all the fur and purrs, there's something more to these felines.

When murder interrupts Mayville's Music Festival, Kathleen finds herself the prime suspect. More stunning is her realization that Owen and Hercules are magical—and she's relying on their skills to solve a purr-fect murder. **PB \$17.95**

**Katharine Kerr**

*License to Enspell (Nola O'Grady 01)*

Psychic Agent Nola O'Grady isn't sure returning to San Francisco, and living near her unusual family, is a good idea. Her job, with a psychic agency so obscure even the CIA doesn't know it exists, can be perilous, and she's afraid of the relatives getting involved.

Then the Agency saddles her with Israeli secret agent Ari Nathan, and she has a bigger problem on her hands, because tact and compromise are not Ari's strong points. Their mission is to track down a serial killer obsessed with werewolves. He sees them everywhere and shoots whenever he thinks he has one in his sights. Ari assumes the man's psychotic, but in truth he's murdering actual werewolves. Nola should know. Her younger brother Pat, a lycanthrope, was the first victim.

Can Nola's psychic talents and Ari's skill with guns keep them alive long enough to unravel the greater mystery behind the killings? Can they save the werewolves and the world while stopping Nola's family from running headlong into danger? **PB \$19.95**

**J Robert King**

*Death's Disciples*

A very up-to-the-minute novel with the taboo-busting confidence of modern horror's finest, delivered with the blissful pace of a techno-thriller...

SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS DEAD.

When she woke up in the hospital, she could barely remember getting on the flight, let alone the terrorist bomb of which she was the only survivor.

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**E E Knight**

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### *Lost Souls (Frankenstein)*

Dean Koontz brings his fertile imagination and unparalleled storytelling abilities to one of the most timeless—and terrifying—creations in all of fiction: the legend of Frankenstein. In *Lost Souls*, Koontz puts a singular twist on this classic tale of ambition and science gone wrong and forges a new legend uniquely suited to our times—a story of revenge, redemption, and the razor-thin line that separates humanity from inhumanity as we consider a new invitation to apocalypse.

The work of creation has begun again. Only now things will be different. Victor Leben, once Frankenstein, has not only seen the future—he's ready to populate it. Using stem cells, "organic" silicon circuitry, and nanotechnology, he will engender a race of superhumans—the perfect melding of flesh and machine. With a powerful, enigmatic backer eager to see his dream come to fruition and a secret location where the enemies of progress can't find him, Victor is certain that this time, nothing and no one can stop him.

It is up to five people to prove him wrong. In their hands rests nothing less than the survival of humanity itself.

They are drawn together in different ways, by omens sinister and wondrous, to the same shattering conclusion: Two years after they saw him die, the man they knew as Victor Helios lives on. Detectives Carson O'Connor and Michael Maddison; Victor's engineered wife, Erika 5, and her companion Jocko; and the original Victor's first creation, the tormented Deucalion, have all arrived at a small Montana town where their old alliance will be renewed—and tested—by forces from within and without, and where the dangers they face will eclipse any they have yet encountered. Yet in the midst of their peril, love will blossom, and joy, and they will discover sources of strength and perseverance they could not have imagined.

They will need all these resources, and more. For a monumental battle is about to commence that will require all their ingenuity and courage, as it defines what we are to be . . . and if we are to be at all. **PB \$21.95**

## **Michael Koryta**

### *The Cypress House*

Arlen Wagner has seen it in men before - a trace of smoke in their eyes that promises imminent death. He is never wrong. When Arlen awakens on a train one hot Florida night and sees death's telltale sign in the eyes of his fellow passengers, he tries to warn them. Only 19-year-old Paul Brickhill believes him, and the two abandon the train, hoping to escape certain death. They continue south, but are soon stranded at the Cypress House - an isolated Gulf Coast boarding house run by the beautiful Rebecca Cady - directly in the path of an approaching hurricane. The storm isn't the only approaching danger, though. A much deadlier force controls the county and everyone living in it, and Arlen wants out - fast. But Paul refuses to abandon Rebecca to face the threats alone, even though Arlen's eerie gift warns that if they stay too long they may never leave. From its chilling beginning to terrifying end, *The Cypress House* **TP \$32.99**

## **Tom Kratman**

### *Countdown: Liberators (Countdown)*

Old soldiers never die...except inside...when they lack a reason to live. Old soldier Wes Stauer is dying inside, from sheer lack of purpose. And then comes the knock on the door: "Our leader's son and heir has been kidnapped. We don't know where he is. We need you to get him back for us. The people who have him are numerous, warlike, and well armed. But money is no object."

And then old soldiers—sailors and airmen, too—stop fading away and come back into sharp focus. **PB \$19.95**

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### *Yearn*

A collection of nine sensual, witty and mystical stories marking Tobsha Learner's return to the short story format after the international success of both *QUIVER* and *TREMBLE*, and exploring the universal experiences of obsession, romantic encounters and secret regrets. A movie star longs for anonymity; a Sydney sculptor wonders whether a lover can be summoned by the act of artistic creation; a California call-centre worker seeks an online release in *Second Life*; a London weatherman inspires both obsessive lust and devastating storms; and an eighteenth-century biographer discovers a magic, erotic ritual which will change his life forever ... In *YEARN*, the line between reality and imagination is blurred by the power of fantasy and desire. **TP \$32.99**

## **Stephen Leather**

### *Midnight (Jack Nightingale 02)*

Jack Nightingale found it hard enough to save lives when he was a cop. Now he needs to save a soul his sister's. But to save her he has to find her, and they've been separated since birth.

When everyone Jack talks to about his sister dies horribly, he realises that someone, or something, is determined to keep them apart.

If he's going to save his sister, he's going to have to do what he does best - negotiate. But any negotiation with the forces of darkness comes at a terrible price. And first Jack must ask himself the question: is every soul worth saving? **TP \$32.99**

## **Sharon Lee & Steve Miller**

### *Agent Gambit (Liaden 01, 03)*

Two space adventure novels in the popular Liaden Universe? series in one popularly-priced Omni-trade edition:

*Agent of Change*: Once a brilliant First-in-Scout, Val Con yos'Phelium was "recruited" by the shadowy Liaden Department of Interior and brainwashed into an Agent of Change—a ruthless covert operative who kills without remorse. Val Con has been playing a deep game, far from the orderly life of clan and kin. Fleeing his latest mission, he saves the life of ex-mercenary Miri Robertson, a Terran on the run from interplanetary assassins. Thrown together by circumstances, Val Con and Miri struggle to elude their enemies and stay alive without killing each other-or surrendering to the unexpected passion that flares between them. Which name ? or face ? will the agent choose when the game gets tough and an escape for only one of them seems possible?

*Carpe Diem*: On the run from interplanetary assassins and a ruthless interstellar crime cartel, covert operative Val Con yos'Phelium and former mercenary sergeant Miri Robertson formed an alliance of necessity and wound up stranded on a planet with no rescue in sight. Their on-world problems were looking manageable after they assumed new identities as musicians, that is until a local war forced them to reveal their alien combat skills ? and doubt their own growing partnership of trust and love. By then the relentless hound of an agent on Val Con's trail was closing in with the very weapon Val Con and Miri most feared, and the game got very rough indeed. **BPB \$24.95**

## **John Levitt**

### *Play Dead (Dog Days 04)*

Mason used to be an enforcer, ensuring that those magic practitioners without a moral compass walked the straight and narrow. But now he just wants to keep his head down, play guitar, and maintain a low profile with Lou, his magical canine companion. But Mason is down on his luck, and when a job with a large payout comes along, he finds the offer hard to resist-not knowing it might mean sacrificing what both man and his best friend hold most dear. **PB \$19.95**

## **Laurie London**

### *Bonded by Blood (Sweetblood 01)*

Movie location scout Mackenzie Foster-Shaw has always known that she's cursed to die young. No one can protect her from the evil that has stalked her family for generations—vampires who crave her rare blood type. Until one afternoon in a wooded cemetery, she encounters an impossibly sexy stranger, a man she must trust with her life.

For Dominic, a man haunted by loss, Mackenzie satisfies a primal hunger that torments him—and the bond they share goes beyond heat, beyond love. She alone can supply the strength he needs to claim his revenge. But in doing so, he could destroy her.... **PB \$19.95**

## **Juliet Marillier Australian Author**

### *The Well of Shades (Bridei Chronicles 03)*

Juliet Marillier continues the epic fantasy begun with *The Dark Mirror*, which Interzone called: "A fascinating evocation of life in Pictish England and an emotional roller coaster of a story." King Bridei is a man with a mission. His wish to unite his kingdom seems almost within his grasp but there are forces working to undo his dream. He sends Faolan, his most trusted advisor (who is also a master assassin and spymaster) out into the world to ferret out the truth of who is friend and who is foe. Along the way Faolan will uncover many truths. Some may hold the key to Bridei's future. But more important, they may unlock the secrets that Faolan has held deep within his soul for decades. And offer him the chance of redemption. **APB \$19.95**

## **Ari Marmell**

### *Conqueror's Shadow (01)*

Fantasy just got a new anti-hero.

They called him the Terror of the East. His past shrouded in mystery, his identity hidden behind a suit of enchanted black armour and a skull-like helm, Corvis Rebaine carved a bloody path through Imphallion, aided by Davro, a savage ogre and Seilloah, a witch with the taste for human flesh. No weapon could stop his demon-forged axe. No magic could match the spells of his demon slave, Khanda. Instead of ruling Imphallion, Rebaine settles down with the young noblewoman Tyannon to live in obscurity and raise a family. But, when his daughter is assaulted by the warlord Audriss' goons, Rebaine once more dons the armour of the Terror of the East and seeks out his former allies to rescue the country he once tried to conquer. **PB \$22.99**

### *The Warlord's Legacy (02)*

A follow-up to *The Conqueror's Shadow* finds Corvis Rebaine working to clear his name and stop the work of a killer bent on framing him for the murders of leading aristocrats and Guild members, a situation that is further complicated by the abduction of his daughter. **HC \$52.95**

## **Sean McCabe**

### *Uprising (Vampire Federation)*

A gruesome ritual murder has stained the Oxfordshire countryside. It's just the first incident in a chain of events awakening Detective Inspector Joel Solomon to his worst nightmare—and a dreadful omen of things to come. Because Joel has a secret: he believes in vampires.

Alex Bishop is an agent of the Vampire Intelligence Agency. She's tasked with enforcing the laws of the global Vampire Federation, and hunting rogue members of her race. A tough job made tougher when the Federation comes under attack by traditionalist vampires. They have a stake in old-school terror—and in an uprising as violent as it is widespread.

Now it's plunging Alex and Joel into a deadly war between the living and the unloving—and against a horrifying tradition given new life by the blood of the innocent. **PB \$21.95**

## **Liane Merciel**

### *The River Kings' Road*

Liane Merciel's *The River Kings' Road* takes us to a world of bitter enmity between kingdoms, divided loyalties between comrades, and an insidious magic that destroys everything it touches. . . .

The wounded maidservant thrust the knotted blankets at him; instinctively, Brys stepped forward and caught the bundle before it fell. Then he glimpsed what lay inside and nearly dropped it himself.

There was a baby in the blankets. A baby with a tear-swollen face red and round as a midsummer plum. A baby he knew, even without seeing the lacquered medallion tucked into the swaddling—a medallion far too heavy, on a chain far too cold for an infant who had not yet seen a year.

A fragile period of peace between the eternally warring kingdoms of Oakharn and Langmyr is shattered when a surprise massacre fueled by bloodmagic ravages the Langmyrne border village of Willowfield, killing its inhabitants—including a visiting Oakharne lord and his family—and leaving behind a scene so grisly that even the carrion eaters avoid its desecrated earth. But the dead lord's infant heir has survived the carnage—a discovery that entwines the destinies of Brys Tarnell, a mercenary who rescues the helpless and ailing babe, and who enlists a Langmyr peasant, a young mother herself, to nourish and nurture the child of her enemies as they travel a dark, perilous road . . . Odoose, the peasant woman whose only weapons are wit, courage, and her fierce maternal love—and who risks everything she holds dear to protect her new charge . . . Sir Kelland, a divinely blessed Knight of the Sun, called upon to unmask the architects behind the slaughter and avert war between ancestral enemies . . . Bitharn, Kelland's companion on his journey, who conceals her lifelong love for the Knight behind her flawless archery skills—and whose feelings may ultimately be Kelland's undoing . . . and Leferic, an Oakharne Lord's bitter youngest son, whose dark ambitions fuel the most horrific acts of violence. As one infant's life hangs in the balance, so too does the fate of thousands, while deep in the forest, a Maimed Witch practices an evil bloodmagic that could doom them all. . . . **PB \$21.95**

## **Lucy Monroe**

### *Moon Burning (Children of the Moon 03)*

On a mission to save her people from extinction, Sabine pretends she has no memory in order to gain access to her enemies: the Donegal clan. A raven shifter, she is determined to retrieve the sacred stone that rightfully belongs to her people. But soon she'll be engulfed in her burning desire and growing love for the Donegal laird who believes he saved her—and the dangerous and inescapable secrets destined to keep them apart. **PB \$19.95**

**David Moody***The City (Autumn 02)*

A bastard hybrid of War of the Worlds and Night of the Living Dead, the Autumn series chronicles the struggle of a small group of survivors forced to contend with a world torn apart by a deadly disease. After 99% of the population of the planet is killed in less than 24 hours, for the very few who have managed to stay alive, things are about to get much worse. Animated by "phase two" of some unknown contagion, the dead begin to rise. At first slow, blind, dumb and lumbering, quickly the bodies regain their most basic senses and abilities... sight, hearing, locomotion... As well as the instinct toward aggression and violence. Held back only by the restraints of their rapidly decomposing flesh, the dead seem to have only one single goal - to lumber forth and destroy the sole remaining attraction in the silent, lifeless world: those who have survived the plague, who now find themselves outnumbered 1,000,000 to 1...

While the first Autumn novel focused on those who escaped the city, Autumn: The City focuses on those who didn't.

Without ever using the 'Z' word, the Autumn series offers a new perspective on the traditional zombie story. There's no flesh eating, no fast-moving corpses, no gore for gore's sake. Combining the atmosphere and tone of George Romero's classic living dead films with the attitude and awareness of 28 Days (and Weeks) later, this horrifying and suspenseful novel is filled with relentless cold, dark fear. **TP \$29.95**

**Bradford Morrow***The Diviner's Tale*

Walking a lonely forested valley on a spring morning in upstate New York, having been hired by a developer to dowse the land, Cassandra Brooks comes upon the shocking vision of a young girl hanged from a tree. When she returns with authorities to the site, the body has vanished, leaving in question Cassandra's credibility if not her sanity. The next day, on a return visit with the sheriff to have another look, a dazed, mute missing girl emerges from the woods, alive and the very picture of Cassandra's hanged girl.

What follows is the narrative of ever-deepening and increasingly bizarre divinations that will lead this gifted young woman, the struggling single mother of twin boys, hurtling toward a past she'd long since thought was behind her. **TP \$32.99**

**Trevor Munson***Angel of Vengeance (Moonlight)*

The novel that inspired the TV series Moonlight puts a twist on the classic Dracula vampire tale and blends it with Chandler hardboiled P.I. detective fiction.

LA-based P.I. and vampire Mick Angel has been hired by a beautiful red-headed burlesque dancer to find her missing sister. But the apparently simple case of a teenage runaway is soon complicated by drug dealers, persistent cops, murder, and Mick's own past. Mick must learn the hard way what every vampire should know - nothing stays buried for ever, especially not the past. **PB \$21.95**

**Pati Nagle***Heart of the Exiled*

When the elvin clans send Eliani, a young female warrior and gifted mindspeaker, to the distant Fireshore to learn why their governor has not responded to the call to war, she becomes a pawn in a deadly power struggle orchestrated by Shalar, the ruler of exiled Clan Darkshore. **PB \$19.95**

**Chloe Neill***Twice Bitten (Chicagoland Vampires 03)*

They killed me. They healed me. They changed me. And they they put me to work...

Merit, Chicago's newest vampire, is learning how to play nicely with others. Other supernaturals, that is. 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. Merit is supposed to protect the Alpha, Gabriel Keene - and to spy for the vamps while she's at it. Luckily Ethan's offering some steamy, one-on-one combat training sessions to help her prepare for the mission.

Merit has to accept the assignment, even though she knows that she'll probably regret it. And she's not wrong. Someone is gunning for Gabriel Keene 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. **BPB \$22.99**

*Dark Elite (Hexbound 02)*

They say absolute power corrupts absolutely. But it turns out even a little bit of magic can turn you to the dark side. That's why Lily has to learn how to control her newly discovered abilities and quickly, on top of avoiding the snobs who think they run her school, nursing a crush on a cute sophomore with a big, werewolfy secret and fighting the good fight with her best friend Scout as they take on Chicago's nastiest nightlife - including the tainted magic users known as the Reapers. All that's even before Lily's invited to a private meeting with Sebastian. He's hot, he's powerful and he's offering to help her harness the magic flowing through her veins in a way that no one else can. He's also a Reaper. Lily can't help but be suspicious of his offer. But she also needs his help. It seems that the line between good and evil isn't quite so clear as she thought... **HC \$49.99**

**Tracey O'Hara Australian Author***Death's Sweet Embrace (Dark Brethren 02)*

After centuries of secret conflict, humans and parahumans have reached an uneasy truce. But unspeakable evil now threatens the tenuous peace. Teenaged shapeshifters are being slaughtered by a sadistic serial killer who rips their still-beating hearts from their paralyzed bodies. A task force forms to halt the madness, including the vampiric Aeternus Antoinette Petrescu, as well as Kitt Jordan and Raven Matokwe, members of enemy Animalian tribes . . . and forbidden lovers.

A centuries-old blood feud has divided their shapeshifting peoples, and if their passion is discovered it will doom them both. But past hostilities must be put aside, for the killer they seek is but the first sign of the all-consuming nightmare of The Dark Brethren. **APB \$19.95**

**Lauren Oliver***Delirium*

There was a time when love was the most important thing in the world. People would go to the end of the earth to find it. They would tell lies for it. Even kill for it.

Then, at last, they found the cure.

Now, everything is different. Scientists are able to eradicate love, and the government demands that all citizens receive the cure upon turning eighteen. Lena Haloway has always looked forward to the day when she'll be cured. A life without love is a life without pain: safe, measured, predictable, and happy.

But then, with only ninety-five days left until her treatment, Lena does the unthinkable... **TP \$27.99**

**Allison Pang***A Brush of Darkness*

Armed with an enchanted iPod and a miniature unicorn, Abby Sinclair, the manager of a magical marketplace, must form an uneasy alliance with a seductive shape-shifter when her faery boss and some of her friends mysteriously vanish. A first novel. **PB \$19.95**

**Kate Pearce***Blood of The Rose (Tudor Vampire Chronicles 02)*

When vampire slayer Rosalind Llewellyn had to join forces with her enemy Christopher Ellis to defeat a rogue vampire threatening Henry VIII, their alliance led to a surprising passion. Reunited after a year's separation, they now face a new threat that could destroy their last chance at happiness. **PB \$17.95**

**Cherie Priest***Bloodshot*

A first installment in a new series by the author of the Hugo Award-nominated *Boneshaker* finds sophisticated thief and vampire Raylene Pendle in pursuit of secret government documents about research that has rendered her client, an attractive fellow vampire, virtually sightless.

**TP \$29.95 MP3 CD \$49.95**

**Devyn Quinn***Siren's Surrender (Dark Tides 02)*

Never embracing her mermaid heritage, Gwen Lonike lives in the human world as the owner of a Maine B&B. But when the gateway to a lost mermaid kingdom is opened, freeing its dangerous queen, Gwen can no longer hide, nor keep her secret from covert agent Blake Whittaker, who's assigned to trail a strange thread of paranormal activity.

How long can Gwen and her sisters remain safe from a destructive queen, and from Blake's superiors, whose ultimate mission could prove the greatest threat of all? **PB \$19.95**

**Rod Rees***Winter (Demi-Monde 021)*

The Demi-Monde is the most advanced simulation ever devised. Thirty million people ruled by history's cruellest tyrants, locked in eternal civil conflict. The intention: to create the closest thing to Hell, and prepare soldiers for the nightmarish environment of war.

But something has gone badly wrong. Reinhard Heydrich – or at least a simulacrum resembling the Nazi monster – has kidnapped the President's daughter from the Real-World and concealed her within the Demi-Monde, making it impossible for the program to be switched off. This achieved, he has cut off all contact with reality.

It falls to Ella Thomas, a young jazz singer, to infiltrate Heydrich's virtual domain and rescue the missing girl. But once inside she will discover that everything in the Demi-Monde is not as it seems, and that the Real-World may be in more danger than everyone outside realises...

The Demi-Monde: Winter introduces readers to one of the most believable, almost extravagantly detailed worlds ever created, where history's most fascinating figures and cruellest tyrants rub shoulders with a rich cast of characters. In a fast-paced, action-packed narrative Rod Rees manages to explore some of life's deepest dilemmas, and suffuses the story throughout with wit and humour. **HC \$49.99**

**Justina Robson***Down to the Bone (Quantum Gravity 05)*

Lila Black, half robot, all attitude, returns in her fifth all-action adventure.

Lila Black faces her greatest challenge yet as she takes herself, her dead lover and the AI in her head into death's realm. The Quantum Gravity series, set in a world where our reality mixes with other dimensions that are the homes to Faeries, elementals and demons, is unique in modern SF - a series that is willing to incorporate legend, myth and magic while maintaining a rigorous approach to scientific and psychological reality. And in Lila Black Justina Robson has created an enduringly strong yet quirkily human and flawed heroine. **HC \$55**

**Michelle Rowen***Nightshade*

Jillian Conrad never believed in vampires-until she was unwillingly injected with a serum that was supposed to act as a deadly poison to them. Now, tormented half-vampire Declan Reese wants her blood to destroy the undead kingdom. Unfortunately, the serum has also made her blood irresistible to all vampires-including Declan, whose desire for Jillian is more than mere hunger. **PB \$19.95**

**Fred Saberhagen***Golden Reflections*

Mike Gabrieli's brother Tom has always had one talent: getting into trouble. But this time, Tom has disappeared after mysteriously gaining possession of a priceless Aztec artifact. Mike sets out to find Tom, never suspecting that he is about to be shuttled back and forth in time, and between alternate universes. The descendants of the Incas have a plan to keep Pizarro and his conquistadors from overthrowing their ancestors' empire. In spite of Mike's sympathy for their cause, he faces the possibility that, instead of creating an alternate world with the Incas ascendant, he may be wiping out the world he was born into, and himself along with it.

In addition to Fred Saberhagen's novel, *The Mask of the Sun*, seven top writers have contributed stories set in the same universe. The contributors include New York Times best-selling authors David Weber and Harry Turtledove, as well as Walter Jon Williams, John Maddox Roberts, Jane Lindskold, and more, expanding on Fred Saberhagen's concept and bringing their own perspectives to this volume of exciting alternate universe adventure. **HC \$39.95**

**Lilith Saintcrow***Taken*

Sophie never believed she was special. Avoiding a violent ex, she can't remember the last time she truly felt safe. Then vampires murder her best friend and Sophie is kidnapped by a dangerously sexy shape-shifter. Zach insists that Sophie is a Shaman—someone with a rare gift for taming his savage side—and he needs her to help him save his pack. Now, with a malevolent enemy closing in, Sophie and Zach must risk everything on a bond that may be their only salvation.... **PB \$14.95**

## **Lynsay Sands**

### *A Quick Bite (Argeneau 01)*

True love: good from the first bite... Lissianna has been spending her centuries pining for Mr Right, not just a quick snack and this sexy guy she finds in her bed looks like he might be a candidate. But there's another, more pressing issue: her tendency to faint at the sign of blood...an especially annoying quirk for a vampire. Her mother thinks she has the perfect solution and serves up the therapist on a silver platter (or at least a wrought iron bed). Of course it doesn't hurt that this psychologist has a delicious looking neck.

What kind of cold-blooded vampire woman could resist a bite of that? Dr Gregory Hewitt recovers from the shock of waking up in a stranger's bedroom pretty quickly -once he sees a gorgeous woman about to treat him to a wild night of passion. But is it possible for the good doctor find true love with a hemophobic vampire vixen, or will he be just a good meal? **BPB \$22.99**

## **Gena Showalter**

### *The Darkest Lie*

Forced to his knees in agony whenever he speaks the truth, Gideon can recognise any lie — until he captures Scarlet, a demon-possessed immortal who claims to be his long-lost wife. He doesn't remember the beautiful female, much less wedding (or bedding) her.

But Scarlet is Keeper of Nightmares, too dangerous to roam free. A future with her could mean ultimate ruin. Especially as Gideon's enemies draw closer — and the truth threatens to destroy all he's come to love... **BPB \$22.99**

## **Eve Silver**

### *Sins of the Soul*

Alastor Krayl's world shattered when he learnt that his father was the Underworld god of chaos and evil. All that saved him from self-destruction were his newfound brothers and the bond they shared as soul reapers. So when one of his brothers is murdered, vengeance becomes Alastor's obsession. The enigmatic Naphré Kurata has the answers he seeks. But is she just a witness? Or is she the killer?

A reluctant Underworld enforcer, Naphré trusts no one, especially not a seductive soul reaper who makes her burn with lust. Torn between duty and desire, she fights to keep her secrets safe from Alastor, even as she longs to surrender. **BPB \$22.99**

## **Nalini Singh**

### *Archangel's Consort (Guild Hunter 03)*

When vampire hunter Elena Deveraux became an angel, with magnificent wings the colours of midnight and dawn, it turned her world upside down. Her lover, the stunningly dangerous archangel Raphael, is used to being in control even when it comes to the woman he considers his own. But Elena has never done well with authority...especially not when it seems Raphael is the one who needs her help.

The archangels may be almost all-powerful, but there are some things that only a Guild Hunter can get done and Elena and Raphael may be heading for their most dangerous investigation yet. **BPB \$22.99**

## **John Skipp**

### *Werewolves and Shapeshifters*

Werewolves and shapeshifters have morphed into the latest pop culture stars. This mind-bending collection includes thirty-two new and classic stories from the best writers in the genre. Werewolves and shapeshifters are the latest literary craze following vampires and zombies. The phenomenal success of the Twilight series, and the blockbuster movies that followed, has spawned a new obsession with these supernatural beings. From John Skipp, the master of horror, comes this definitive collection of thirty-two classic and new stories, written by favorites of the genre including George R.R. Martin, Charlaine Harris, Chuck Palahniuk, Neil Gaiman, H.P. Lovecraft, Joe R. Lansdale, Angela Carter, David J. Schow, Kathe Koja, Bentley Little, and more. Skipp provides fascinating insight and details, through two nonfiction essays, into the history and presence of shape shifting in popular culture. Resources at the end of the book include lists of the genre's best long-form fiction, as well as movies, websites, and writers. **PB \$24.99**

## **Paul Stewart**

### *The Midnight Hand*

It was only when he woke up that Tom realized he'd been asleep. It was still night-time, and outside a raging wind was buffeting the windows and howling down the chimney - not that it was the wind which had woken Tom...When Tom starts at Styles Grange Boarding School, he knows he will feel a little lonely, but he never dreamed he'd experience such pure terror! For at midnight, when the bronze bell tolls, Tom feels something stroking his cheek, something cold and dry...a skeletal hand! This is a gripping and chilling mystery from popular author Paul Stewart. **PB \$17.95**

## **James Swallow**

### *The Icarus Effect (Deus Ex)*

A prequel to Deus Ex is set in a near-future world of sophisticated technology and corruption where the innovations designed to push the limits of human potential are threatening global stability, prompting the emergence of unlikely heroes. Video game tie-in. **TP \$29.95**

## **S Andrew Swann**

### *Messiah (Apotheosis 03)*

Humanity's last hope against the seemingly unstoppable alien AI Adam lies with the remaining Bakunin fleets, a man in the heart of the Vatican and a Moreau who has believed, all his life, that the human race is damned beyond redemption. **PB \$19.95**

## **Bryan Talbot**

### *Grandville Mon Amour (Detective Inspector LeBrock)*

The Badger is back! Set three weeks after the finale of Grandville, Grandville Mon Amour pits Detective Inspector Archie LeBrock of Scotland Yard against an old adversary and ruthless urban guerrilla, Edward "Mad Dog" Mastock, - a psychotic serial killer whose shocking escape from his execution by guillotine at the Tower of London begins this fast-paced, Hitchcockian steampunk thriller.

LeBrock embarks on a quest to redeem himself by tracking down Mastock and bringing to an end his horrific murder spree. Aided by his adjunct and old friend, Detective Roderick Ratz, he follows the trail of carnage to Paris. Otherwise known as Grandville, it's the largest city in a world dominated by France, a city used to violence following the years of terrorist bombings by the extreme fanatic wing of the British resistance during the occupation, the notorious Angry Brigade, of which Mastock was the sadistic leading light. With his customary tenacity, LeBrock stalks his prey through a world populated by anthropomorphic animals, an underclass of humans and automaton robots where advanced steam technology powers everything from hansom cabs to iron flying machines. It's a trail that leads to the demimonde of Parisian prostitution and an atrocity perpetrated twenty-three years ago.

With a range of new and fascinating characters and a mix of Holmesian deduction, knowing humour and edge of the seat action, Grandville Mon Amour continues the vein of high-octane adventure begun in the first volume. Can even LeBrock escape the past or do heroes have feet of clay? Follow the badger! **HC \$45**

### **Sheri S Tepper**

*The Waters Rising (Plague of Angels 02)*

The long-awaited sequel to A PLAGUE OF ANGELS.

When Abasio comes across little orphan Xulai from Tingawan, one of the Ten Thousand Islands, far away over the Western Sea, she implores his help carrying out the last request of the Princess Xu-i-lok, who has been dying since the day she married Duke Justinian. Xulai is Princess Xu-i-lok's Soul Carrier and the task she must complete means visiting the scary forest in the dead of night - but it is the only thing that will bring the princess a measure of peace. Abasio, helper of orphans, promises though she must do this alone, he will be near, to aid her if necessary...and it is, for there are dark things abroad...And Xulai's job is not yet done, for with the princess now dead, the grieving Duke is left a widower - and Alicia, Duchess Altamont wishes to marry him. It's not just the man she wants, but his lands too and her plans do not bode well for anyone except her... **HC \$55**

### **Elizabeth Thornton**

*Bewitching Bride*

A man and woman are haunted by dreams and united by secrets in Elizabeth Thornton's new novel of breathless intrigue and starling romance.

Gavin Hepburn is a true psychic. As yet he is untested, but when he locks eyes with a beautiful stranger, Gavin knows he's found his quarry—a woman he's destined to save.

All her life, Kate Cameron has battled the childhood demons of her dreams. When those around her begin meeting tragic fates, Kate knows she's next—until the deliverance of a man she's never met. But after a night in hiding, Gavin and Kate are bound by more than just their secret visions.

Branded a fallen woman, Kate is forced into marriage with Gavin—an arrangement that suits Gavin's purpose to do anything it takes to keep Kate safe from a killer haunting her past. For this enigmatic and lonely beauty has become the unexpected love of his life . . . **APB \$12.95**

### **Mary Victoria**

*Samiha's Song (Chronicles of the Tree 02)*

Tymon leaves his new home and his beloved Samiha to complete his Grafting studies with the famous Oracle of Nur. But Tymon and fellow traveller Jedda find that locating the Oracle in a corrupt and lawless city run by pirates and slave drivers is no easy matter.

Samiha's fate has been predicted by Grafters down the ages. When she is captured in Cherk Harbour and charged with grand heresy, there seems to be no way out, but Tymon does not believe in fate and is desperate to save her life.

As chaos hums through the Tree, survival revolves on the fate of just one. **APB \$22.99**

### **Jovanka Vuckovic**

*Zombies! An Illustrated History of the Undead*

Celebrates zombie pop culture that has evolved since the release of George A. Romero's "Night of the Living Dead," tracing early mythological origins in African folklore and Haitian voodoo as well as modern incarnations in film, literature and video gaming. **TP \$34.95**

### **David Weber Editor**

*In Fire Forged (Honorverse Worlds of Honor 05)*

Honor Harrington is arguably the most popular character in modern science fiction, but there are many other stories in the Honorverse besides those in which she has the central role. This fifth volume in the popular Worlds of Honor series explores some of those stories with the help of such top writers as best-selling author Jane Lindskjold, New York Times best-selling author Timothy Zahn, and more—including an all-new Honor Harrington adventure, set in her younger years, when a mob of space pirates made the mistake of tangling with Commander Harrington. That was a fatal mistake—for the pirates . . . **HC \$49.95**

### **Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman**

*Secret of the Dragon (Dragonships 02)*

Skylan Ivorson and the Vindrasi clan embark on a mission to reclaim the spiritbone of a Vektia dragon, which was taken by the traitor Sund, God of Stone, as a token of his new allegiance to the Gods of the New Dawn, enemies of the Vindrasi gods. **PB \$19.95**

### **Mike Wild**

*The Trials of Trass Kathra (Twilight of Kerberos 08)*

"CHILD OF TRASS KATHRA. WELCOME HOME." One year after Kali Hooper defeated the Pale Lord, Bastian Redigor lives on in the body of Jakob Freel. The mysterious entity known as the Hel'ss, meanwhile, moves closer to Twilight, welcomed as a herald of their Ascension by the spellbound Final Faith. Only Kali and her friends know the deadly reality of what the Hel'ss will bring but they have been declared outlaws, hunted by the Order of the Swords of Dawn and the sinister spheres, the Eyes of The Lord. So begins Kali's penultimate adventure, a quest far beyond the Stormwall to the mythical Trass Kathra, the Island of the Lost. Here she will suffer the Trials of Four to discover the true nature of Twilight's gods and her own shocking origin in the chaotic depths of the Thunderflux. Kali Hooper is dead, and this is the beginning of the end . . . **TP \$29.95**

### **Conrad Williams**

*Loss of Separation*

After he miraculously survives a car accident in a coastal village, former pilot Paul Roman is seen as a talisman by the local villagers and is haunted by terrifying visions of a crippled black jetliner. By the author of *The Unblemished*. **PB \$19.95**

## **Anthologies**

### **Jessica Andersen, Shannon K Butcher, Dierdre Knight & Gena Showalter**

*On the Hunt*

A collection of paranormal romances includes Gena Showalter's "Ever Night," Shannon K. Butcher's "The Collector," Jessica Andersen's "Crystal Skull," and Dierdre Knight's "Red Angel," in which Jamie Angel, the leader of the deadly Nightshades, falls in love with one of the creatures he's been trained to destroy **PB \$19.95**

### **Stephen L Antczak, James C Bassett & Martin H Greenberg Editors**

*Zombiesque*

From a tropical resort where visitors can become temporary zombies, to a newly-made zombie determined to protect those he loves, to a cheerleader who won't let death kick her off the team, to a zombie seeking revenge for the ancestors who died on an African slave ship-- *Zombiesque* invites readers to take a walk on the undead side in these tales from a zombie's point of view. **PB \$19.95**

## H Badger

### *The Kid Kingdom (Space Scout)*

Kip is off to a planet without any adults! It's every kid's dream - a world full of rollercoasters, hover-boarding ramps and chocolate fountains. But when disaster strikes, are the kids too busy playing to save the planet? **PB \$9.95**

### *The Dark World (Space Scout)*

As soon as Kip lands on this weird, dark planet, the aliens there are struck down by a mysterious sickness. Either Kip is deadly to the aliens, or there's something more sinister going on... **PB \$9.95**

## Jenna Black

### *Shadowspell (Faeriewalker 02)*

Shadowspell is the eagerly awaited sequel to Glimmerglass published in July 2010.

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.

The Erlking, and his pack of murderous minions known as the Wild Hunt, has descended upon Avalon. He has been long been the nightmare of Faerie, the Fae realm, and now he has his sights set on Dana.

But does he seek to kill her, or does he have something much darker in mind? **BPB \$16.99**

## Holly Black

### *Kith (Good Neighbour 02)*

Rue Silver's life is not what it appears to be. Her mother is a faerie, and has been taken back to the faerie realm. As Rue goes to bring her back, she must travel deep into an inhuman world. At the same time, the faerie realm is venturing into our world too, and taking its toll on those Rue loves.

When her grandfather's plans threaten Rue's city, she realises that she's the only one who can stop him. But is Rue a human or a faerie? Where does she fit? How does she know the difference between love and enchantment? **TP \$16.99**

### *Kin (Good Neighbours 01)*

Rue Silver's mother has disappeared . . . and her father has been arrested, suspected of killing her. But it's not as straightforward as that. Because Rue is a faerie, like her mother was. And her father didn't kill her mother-instead, he broke a promise to Rue's faerie king grandfather, which caused Rue's mother to be flung back to the faerie world.

Now Rue must go to save her-and must also defeat a dark faerie that threatens our very mortal world. **TP \$16.99**

## Sarah Blakely-Cartwright

### *Red Riding Hood*

Valerie is in love with the dangerous and unlikable Peter (a woodcutter, of course) but is betrothed to the rich hot blacksmith in town. **PB \$18.99**

## Francesca Lia Block

### *Dangerous Angels (Weetzie Bat Books)*

Love is a dangerous angel. . . .

In five luminous novels, acclaimed writer Francesca Lia Block spins a saga of interwoven lives and beating hearts. These postmodern fairy tales take us to a magical Los Angeles, a place where life is a mystery, pain can lead to poetry, strangers become intertwined souls, and everyone is searching for the most beautiful and dangerous angel of all: love. **TP \$16.95**

## Elizabeth C Bunce

### *Starcrossed*

16-year-old Digger thrives as a spy and sneak-thief among the feuding religious factions of Gerse. But when a routine job goes horribly wrong and her partner and lover Tegen is killed, she disguises herself in a group of young nobles and sneaks out of the city. Accepted as a lady-in-waiting at the stronghold of the powerful Nemair, she finds new peace and friendship (and some new targets). But when an old client from the city comes to the castle, she realises her hosts may be planning the ultimate uprising against the king-and rather than true peace, she may be at the heart of the rebellion. **HC \$27.99**

## Rachel Caine

### *Glass Houses (Morganville Vampires 01)*

Welcome to Morganville. Just don't stay out after dark.

Morganville is a small town filled with unusual characters - when the sun goes down, the bad come out. In Morganville, there is an evil that lurks in the darkest shadows - one that will spill out into the bright light of day.

For Claire Danvers, high school was hell, but college may be murder. It was bad enough that she got on the wrong side of Monica, the meanest of the school's mean girls, but now she's got three new roommates, who all have secrets of their own. And the biggest secret of all isn't really a secret, except from Claire: Morganville is run by vampires and they are hungry for fresh blood. **BPB \$16.95**

### *Dead Girls Dance (Morganville Vampires 02)*

Good news, girls: your dates are here!

Claire Danvers has had her share of challenges - like being a genius in a school that favours beauty over brains, dealing with the homicidal girls in her dorm and, above all, finding out that her college town is overrun with blood-sucking fiends. On the plus side, so far Claire and her friends have managed to survive getting on the wrong side of some Morganville VIPs . . . Vampire Important Persons. But their temporary peace is in danger of collapsing, thanks to the arrival of her new boyfriend's scary father and his vampire-fighting supporters.

Bad news, girls: they're dead. **BPB \$16.95**

### *Midnight Alley (Morganville Vampires 03)*

Morganville is such a nice place to live . . . And die. If you don't mind that sort of thing.

When Claire Danvers learnt that her college town was run by vampires, she did what any intelligent, self-preserving student would do: she applied for a transfer and stocked up on garlic. The transfer is no longer an option, but that garlic may come in handy.

Now Claire has pledged herself to Amelie, the most powerful vampire in town. The protection her contract secures does little to reassure her friends. All of a sudden, people are turning up dead, a stalker resurfaces from Claire's past, and an ancient bloodsucker extends a chilling invitation for private lessons in his secluded home. **BPB \$16.95**

## **Rachel Caine**

### *Feast of Fools (Morganville vampires 04)*

It was hard to imagine how Claire's day could get any worse . . . And then the vampires holding her hostage wanted breakfast.

In the town of Morganville, vampires and humans have learnt to live in relative peace. Still, Claire Danvers knows that after dark, her homework can take a backseat to staying alive. But this tenuous harmony is turned on its head with the arrival of Mr Bishop.

Bad to the bone, the ancient old-school vampire cares nothing about keeping the peace; staying at the top of the food chain is enough. What he wants from the town's living and dead is unthinkable sinister. It's only at a formal ball attended by vampires and their human dates that Claire realises Bishop's plan – and the elaborately evil trap he's set for the warm-blooded souls of Morganville . . . **BPB \$16.95**

### *Lord of Misrule (Morganville Vampires 05)*

Morganville. Texas. Just south of normal.

In the college town of Morganville, vampires and humans coexist in (relatively) bloodless harmony. Then comes Bishop, a master vampire who threatens to abolish all order, revive the forces of the evil dead, and let chaos rule. But Bishop isn't the only threat.

Violent black clouds promise a storm of devastating proportions. As student Claire Danvers and her friends prepare to defend Morganville against the elements - both natural and unnatural - the unexpected happens: Morganville's vampires begin to vanish one by one. Discovering why leads Claire to one last choice: swear allegiance to Bishop . . . or die. **BPB \$16.95**

### *Carpe Corpus (Morganville Vampires 06)*

**INCLUDES A BRAND NEW AND EXCLUSIVE MORGANVILLE SHORT STORY ONLY AVAILABLE IN THIS EDITION**

In the small town of Morganville, vampires and humans lived in (relative) peace - until all the rules got rewritten when the evil vampire Bishop arrived, looking for the lost book of vampire secrets. He's kept a death grip on the town ever since. Now an underground resistance is brewing, and in order to contain it, Bishop must go to even greater lengths. He vows to obliterate the town and all its inhabitants - the living and the undead. Claire Danvers and her friends are the only ones who stand in his way. But even if they defeat Bishop, will the vampires ever be content to go back to the old rules, after having had such a taste of power? **BPB \$16.95**

## **Patrick Carman**

### *The Tenth City (Land of Elyon 03)*

The Land of Elyon has begun to fail, poisoned by the evil that creeps across the Dark Hills and into Bridewell. As she moves toward a thrilling conclusion, Alexa must find a way to overcome the Lonely Sea, rescue Yipes from the clutches of Victor Grindall, and unlock the mystery of the Tenth City. But can she find the answers she needs in time to save the Land of Elyon? **PB \$12.99**

## **Patrick Carman**

### *Skeleton Creek & The Crossbones (Skeleton Creek 03)*

Strange things happen in Skeleton Creek...and when they do, Ryan writes them down and Sarah captures them on video. Now, the spookiness is spreading, and the mystery is going to take them far beyond Skeleton Creek-into places both unexpectedly sinister and spine-chillingly haunted. Patrick Carman broke new ground for publishing with the first two Skeleton Creek stories, creating the most successful hybrid of text and web video yet. Now he ups the ante even further, taking the suspense to new places, and taking his legions of readers with him. **PB \$19.99**

## **Shannon Delany**

### *Secrets and Shadows (13 to Life)*

When creatures other than werewolves begin prowling the streets of Junction, Jess Gillmansen watches new alliances form and others fall apart as hard choices must be made. **PB \$21.95**

## **Diana Wynne Jones**

### *Power of Three*

This is the story of Ayna and Ceri, who both had Gifts, and of Gair, who thought he was ordinary. Gair spent his time gazing out onto the Moor and brooding. Ayna could answer questions about the future, Ceri could find things which were lost. Gair seems to have no Gift and knew he was a disappointment to his jovial, heroic father - who is Chief. Perhaps his feelings of not fitting in were what made him so curious about these other different sorts of beings who lived on the Moor - the Giants and the Dorig. Certainly it was because he believed he was ordinary that he did his best to become wise, and to learn as much as he could about the three great Powers of Sun, Moon and Earth. And when the crisis came, Gair found that the knowledge he had gained would help save not only his own life but those of all his people. Ages 9+ **BPB \$14.99**

## **Orlando Jordan**

### *7 Souls*

When popular schoolgirl Mary wakes up on her seventeenth birthday she is shocked to find herself naked with scratches down her back in a sofa warehouse in downtown Manhattan and a street full of people staring up at her. What on earth was she doing the night before? This isn't like the usual hangover. The day gets progressively weirder from there. At school, no one treats her like the popular girl she's always been. Her boyfriend drops her for no reason. Everyone is behaving strangely. Mary finds herself in a wildly confusing world that keeps getting stranger and scarier. Eventually, she inhabits the bodies of seven people who were close to her, and finds out just what each of them thought of her -- and it isn't pretty. **BPB \$19.95**

## **Julie Kagawa**

### *The Iron Queen (Iron Fey 03)*

In less than twenty-four hours I'll be seventeen. Although technically, I won't actually be turning seventeen. I've been in the Nevernever too long. When you're in Faery, you don't age. So while a year has passed in the real world, age wise I'm probably only a few days older than when I went in. In real life, I've changed so much I don't even recognise myself. I thought it was over. That my time with the fey, the impossible choices I had to make, the sacrifices of those I loved, was behind me. But a storm is approaching, an army of Iron fey that will drag me back, kicking and screaming. Drag me away from the banished prince who's sworn to stand by my side. Drag me into conflict so powerful, I'm not sure anyone can survive it. This time, there will be no turning back. **BPB \$19.99**

## **Sherrilyn Kenyon**

### *Invincible (Chronicles of Nick 02)*

When teenager Nick Gautier was saved from almost-certain death by a mysterious warrior, he had a feeling his life was set to change. Fighting the undead has taken the place of fighting with his teachers (well...almost) and Nick is learning to rely on his powers to protect the world from evil he could never before have imagined. Then, just when he thought things couldn't get any worse, he wakes up to find himself enslaved in a world of shapeshifters and demons out to claim his soul. He's being groomed by the darkest of powers and if he doesn't learn how to raise the dead by the end of the week, he will become one of them... **TP \$29.99**

**Mike Lancaster***0.4*

It's a brave new world. 'My name is Kyle Straker. And I don't exist anymore.' So begins the story of Kyle Straker, recorded on to old audio tapes. You might think these tapes are a hoax. But perhaps they contain the history of a past world...If what the tapes say are true, it means that everything we think we know is a lie. And if everything we know is a lie does that mean that we are, too? **PB \$16.95**

**Karen Mahoney***The Iron Witch*

FREAK. That's what her classmates call seventeen-year-old Donna Underwood. When she was seven, a horrific fey attack killed her father and drove her mother mad. Donna's own nearly fatal injuries from the assault were fixed by magic, which branded her hands and arms with iron tattoos. The child of alchemists, Donna feels cursed by the magical heritage that destroyed her parents and any chance she had for a normal life. The only thing that keeps her sane and grounded is her relationship with her best friend, Navin Sharma.

When the vicious wood elves - the darkest outcasts of Faerie - abduct Navin, Donna finally has to accept her role in the centuries-old war between the humans and the fey. Assisted by Xan, a gorgeous half-fey dropout with secrets of his own, Donna races to save her friend - even if it means betraying everything her parents fought to protect. **BPB \$18.95**

**Amy Meredith***Fever (Dark Touch 03)*

Deepdene has been swept by what seems to be a vicious tropical disease. Luckily Eve and Jess are both healthy so they're taking their chance to enjoy the unseasonal heat wave. But then teenagers start to disappear. The spread of the disease worsens and the town is placed under lockdown. A demon is among them. It could be anybody. And now there's nowhere to go... The third title in this successful series. For all fans of Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Charmed and Twilight. **BPB \$17.95**

**Kaleb Nation***The Farfield Curse (Bran Hambric 01)*

The city of Dunce has all of the modern conveniences the world can offer; but, as is clearly explained on the city gate, the three things it will not allow, ever, are mages, gnomes, or anything that might be an "etcetera." Which might explain why Bran Hambric is having a really tough childhood. At age fourteen, Bran finds himself at the center of an even greater mystery, one that started years before he was born and must surely explain his strange arrival in Dunce. It involves a deadly curse his mother created...and that her former masters are hunting for Bran to complete. Haunted by the spirit of his mother's master and living in a city where magic is illegal, Bran must somehow undo the unknown crimes of his past before it's too late. **PB \$13.99**

**William Nicholson***The Wind Singer (Wind on Fire 01)*

Kestrel can't stand the structure and rules of Aramanth. In defiance, she climbs the wooden tower known as the wind singer and brings the wrath of the Chief Examiner on her family. Her beloved father is taken, and only Kestrel and her twin brother Bowman can save him . . . and themselves. It is a terrifying quest, travelling along the Great Way and into the fire. Kestrel and Bowman must defeat the power of the Morah and retrieve the voice of the wind singer to release Aramanth from the grip of evil. **BPB \$19.95**

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Five years have passed. The city of Aramanth has become kinder but with that, weaker. When the ruthless soldiers of the Mastery strike, the city is burned, and the Manth people are taken into slavery. Kestrel Hath is left behind, separated from her beloved brother Bowman, and vowing revenge. Now Kestrel must find Bowman again, and Bowman must learn the secrets of the Singer people. Only then will they break the power of the Mastery. **BPB \$19.95**

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In the time of cruelty, the Manth people march back to their homeland. They grow weak with starvation. Ira Hath, the prophetess, is the only one who knows the way - but she is dying. Bowman eagerly awaits his calling to join the Singer people, but when his sister Kestrel, is taken by bandits he must use his powers to find her. Together they fight . . . But their destinies will lead them apart. All the while they wait for the wind to rise . . . Only one will sing the firesong. **BPB \$19.95**

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Riley Blackthorne just needs a chance to prove herself – and that's exactly what the demons are counting on...

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But then a Grade Five Geo-Fiend crashes Riley's routine assignment at a library, jeopardizing her life and her chosen livelihood. And, as if that wasn't bad enough, sudden tragedy strikes the Trappers' Guild, spinning Riley down a more dangerous path than she ever could have imagined. As her whole world crashes down around her, who can Riley trust with her heart – and her life? **PB \$21.95**

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Meanwhile, the tension between Elena and Damon mounts until Elena is faced with a terrible decision: which brother does she really want to be with?

The drama, danger and star-crossed love that fills each *Vampire Diaries* book is in full effect here, with Elena Gilbert once again filled with supernatural powers. **BPB \$19.99**

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A boy discovers a bizarre-looking creature while out collecting bottle-tops at a beach. Having guessed that it is lost, he tries to find out who owns it or where it belongs, but the problem is met with indifference by everyone else, who barely notice its presence. Each is unhelpful in their own way; strangers, friends, parents are all unwilling to entertain this uninvited interruption to day-to-day life. In spite of his better judgement, the boy feels sorry for this hapless creature, and attempts to find out where it belongs. **TP \$17.99**

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Granted superpowers by the mysterious Fall virus that has put so many in an irreversible coma and chased by the rogue international agency HIDRA, mind-controller Sarah and her band of super-powers kids are in hiding. And they're not the only ones. Given the power of invisibility by the virus, Alex has committed one bank robbery too many - now the police are on his trail. And somewhere out in the desert an old enemy is biding his time... But from the distant wilds of Russia comes an unexpected offer to help. A mysterious stranger claims to know the truth about the virus. But the truth can be a very dangerous thing. Introducing mesmerizing heroes with mind-blowing powers, this roller-coaster read of chilling conspiracies and secret organizations is the perfect escape for anyone who's longed to be just a little bit special... Age 10+ **BPB \$14.99**

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The next-door neighbours should've known better than to rob a family of witches and wizards. But they did, and they're about to find out what the Floods do to bad neighbours... **BPB \$5**

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Willow knows she's different from other girls. She has a gift. She can look into people's futures, know their dreams, their hopes and their regrets, just by touching them. Gorgeous, mysterious Alex knows Willow's secret and is on a mission to stop her. The dark forces within Willow make her dangerous - and irresistible. **BPB \$17.99**

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Ollie really has his work cut out for him this time. Getting safely to the Fixers' home world is just the first step. Then he has to find out what their plan is, seal up the holes in the multiverse, and get home again, all before his parents wake up and find him gone. Psychic typewriter - check. Telepathic TV - check. Wicked widget - check. He needs every advantage imaginable-and all the help from himself he can get. **BPB \$12.99**

# Television, Movie and Comic Related

## Doctor Who

### *Backlash*

Paul Magrs

It's the 1980s and David has just started secondary school. He's becoming a teenager, while hanging onto the rituals of childhood, particularly his addiction to Doctor Who: sharing the books with his best friend and neighbour, Robert, and watching the TV show.

But adolescence is as strange and alien to David as anything the good Doctor encountered, so he's mystified when Robert begins to reject his hero in favour of girls, free weights and new music. Is it time for David to make a choice and move on too? Read by the author, this is a touching tale of fandom, friendship and the tricky transition from childhood to adulthood. This is a moving and evocative story about a boy finding his place in the world, set against a backdrop of Bowie, Blackpool and Breville toasters. **CD \$29.99**

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Paul Magrs

Tom Baker reprises the role of the Fourth Doctor, with Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibbsey and Richard Franklin as Mike Yates. Two things arrive on the same night in Central Park, New York, 1976. The first is a fireball from space, bringing with it a new identity for one Alice Trefusis.

The second is the Tardis, carrying the Doctor and his friends on the trail of an unusual comic book cover. The Doctor's strength is sapped by something in the New York air - but what could cause such a malaise? As he and Mike are first mixed up with the police and then taken on an aerial ride over the city, Mrs Wibbsey comes face to face with the legendary Talkies film star Mimsy Loyne. And all the while, long multicoloured scarves and floppy felt hats are climbing the stairs of the Dakota Building...With Tom Baker as the Doctor, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibbsey, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Trevor White as Buddy, Laurel Lefkow as Alice, Lorelei King as Mimsy Loyne, Rupert Holliday Evans as the Cop, and John Chancer as the Cultist, "Starfall" is the fourth of five linked stories written by the acclaimed Paul Magrs. **CD \$24.99**

## Star Trek

### **Typhon Pact 03: Diary of a Doctor Who Addict**

David R George

On a diplomatic mission to the planet Andor, Captain Picard and the crew of the Enterprise-E bear witness to the devastation resulting from the Borg invasion. With the reproductive issues that have long plagued the Andorian people reaching crisis level, avenues of research that at first held great promise have proven largely unhelpful, and may well indeed be worsening the problem.

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The race is on to free Lord Stelan from the grip of a wasting curse, and only his old elven mercenary companion Elyana has the wisdom—and swordcraft—to solve the mystery of his tormentor and free her old friend before three days have passed and the illness takes its course. When the villain turns out to be another of their former companions, the elf sets out with a team of adventurers across the Revolution-wracked nation of Galt and the treacherous Five Kings Mountains to discover the key to Stelan's salvation in a lost valley warped by weird magical energies and inhabited by terrible nightmare beasts.

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Averland burns. An army of cultists rises in the corrupted city of Averheim. The Theognist Volkmar marches towards the city in a race to snuff out the rebellion before it grows too widespread to defeat. Schwarzhelm races to return to the site of his recent battles, as does the spy Pieter Verstohlen, evading assassins while trying to discover the truth of the conspiracy that drew him away. But none of these holds the key. Out in the wilderness is Kurt Helborg, Grand Marshal of the Reiksguard. Only he has the indomitable strength of will to hold together the province in its hour of need. Only he can rally the terrified citizens of Averland to resist the infernal powers that beset them. **PB \$18**

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#### ***Purging of Kadillus***

*Gav Thorpe*

Faced with an ork invasion of Piscina IV, the 3rd Company of the Dark Angels believes the threat to be minimal. As enemy numbers continue to increase, their commander, Captain Belial, insists that his Company are strong enough to resist. But Scout-Sergeant Naaman knows just how dangerous this foe can be, and when a renewed greenskin offensive takes the Dark Angels by surprise, the orks swarm towards Kadillus Harbour. Little do the Dark Angels know of the technological power available to the xenos, and the true scale of the threat they face. Belial, Naaman and their fellow Astartes fight a desperate siege at Kadillus, knowing that they must hold out until Imperial reinforcements arrive or the planet will be lost.

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The world of Idos is on the verge of destruction, wracked by catastrophic storms and plagued by ravaging tyranids. Into this maelstrom come the Raven Guard 4th Company, the warzone perfectly suited to their lightning-strike methods of combat. Led by Veteran Sergeant Grayvus, their mission is simple - to rescue the planet's last survivors.

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## Ars Magica

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An Ars Magica Player's Sourcebook

The third and final volume in the Houses of Hermes series, Societates covers Houses Flambeau, Jerbiton, Tytalus, and Ex Miscellanea. These houses are formed of wizards who have come together out of shared interests and philosophies.

House Flambeau includes the champions and knights of the Order, individual warriors who fight for glory and honor, both their own and that of the Order as a whole. The House admires bold adventurers who seek out and overcome fearsome opponents. Worthy opponents are chosen according to the magus's sense of honor, not external rules. As a result, many of the Order's Hoplitae are from House Flambeau, as are many of the magi they hunt down.

House Jerbiton live lives in pursuit of beauty, and in pursuit of living beautifully. This requires interaction with the world beyond the Order of Hermes, both for the sake of the beauty found there and to avoid the stunted lives that result from a life lived entirely within a covenant. Experts in the use of Mentem and Imaginem, followers of Jerbiton generally prefer to interact subtly with the world. The fall of Constantinople has, however, been a great shock to them, and has pushed the House onto a more active path.

House Tytalus thrive on, and admire, conflict. The main conflict they see is between an individual's nature and the rules imposed by surrounding society, but this central conflict plays out in many, less abstract, contests. They are renowned for long-running rivalries with their Housemates, convoluted political schemes, and activities that skirt the edges of legality.

House Ex Miscellanea gathers together magi who do not fit into any other House, normally because they are still tied to elements of a pre-Hermetic tradition. The House claims to embody unity in diversity, but the emphasis is definitely on the diversity. **TP \$54**

## d100

### *Basic Roleplaying*

Chaosium's BASIC ROLEPLAYING is a core rulesbook that gathers in one place the rules, modules, and options for one of the original and most influential role playing gaming systems in the world. BASIC ROLEPLAYING is designed to be intuitive and easy to play. While character attributes follow a 3D6 curve, most of the other BASIC ROLEPLAYING mechanics are even simpler. Virtually all rolls determining success or failure of a task are determined via the roll of percentile dice.

The core virtues of the system are timeless. Primary characteristics of BASIC ROLEPLAYING that have emerged from decades of play, across many different varieties of the system are as follows:

The system is remarkably friendly to newcomers. It is easy to describe the basics of the game system, and the percentile mechanics, to non-gamers.

Players of other game systems often find BASIC ROLEPLAYING to be much less mechanistic and less of a barrier to the actual act of roleplaying. Less time spent on game systems usually equals more time available for roleplaying and thinking in character.

Most of the information players need to know is present on their character sheets.

Characters tend to evolve based on practicing the skills they use the most. They do not arbitrarily gain experience in skills and qualities based on ephemeral elements such as levels or experience ranks.

Combat can be very quick and deadly, and often the deciding blow in a conflict is the one to land first.

BASIC ROLEPLAYING is remarkably modular: levels of complexity can be added or removed as needed, and the core system works equally well with considerable detail as it does with a minimal amount of rules.

The internal consistency of BASIC ROLEPLAYING allows for rules judgments to be made rapidly and with little searching through the rulebook for special cases.

This book represents a first for BASIC ROLEPLAYING—a system complete in one book, without a defined setting. Previously, BASIC ROLEPLAYING has been an integral part of standalone games, usually with rich and deep world settings. Due to differences in these settings, BASIC ROLEPLAYING has had many different incarnations. Variant and sometimes contradictory rules have emerged between versions, to better support one particular setting over another.

Chaosium's BASIC ROLEPLAYING system reconciles these different flavors of the system and brings many variant rules together into the covers of one book, something that has never been done before. Some of these rules are provided as optional extensions, some as alternate systems, and others have been integrated into the core system. By design this work is not a reinvention of Basic Roleplaying or a significant evolution of the system, but instead a collected and complete version, without setting, provided as a guide to players and gamemasters everywhere and compatible with most Basic Roleplaying games. It also allows the gamemaster the ability to create his or her own game world (or worlds), to adapt others from fiction, films, or even translate settings from other roleplaying games into Basic Roleplaying. **TP \$80**

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### Jefferson Bass

*The Bone Thief*

Bill Brockton is exhuming a body to obtain a bone sample for a paternity test. A simple enough job until he discovers that the body's limbs have all been removed. Digging deeper, he soon finds himself embroiled in the massive and very illegal market for human body parts. He becomes drawn into the enterprise, selling donated corpses to the postmortem chop shop – in league with the FBI, hoping to bring the organization down. All the while, his friend and Medical Examiner, Eddie Garcia, is struggling with the aftermath of their last case. A massive dose of radiation has left him missing one hand and most of the fingers from the other. He's on the waiting list for a transplant, but with so many parts around, Brockton is sorely tempted to jeopardize the investigation – and his own principles – to help his friend. Will he be able to live with himself if he does? Will he be able to live with himself if he doesn't? **BPB \$22.99**

### M C Beaton

*Death of a Chimney Sweep (Hamish McBeth)*

HC \$49.95

### Lou Berney

*Gutshot Straight*

TP \$29.95

### Noah Boyd

*The Bricklayer*

Steve Vail is a maverick. A trained killer and former agent, Vail despises authority and he's never met a rule he didn't break. These days he's working as a bricklayer. Now, Deputy Kate Bannon of the FBI desperately wants his help.

Because someone is killing their operatives - in complex, subtle, twisted ways - and the body count is rising fast. Someone holds a fatal grudge against the agency; someone who knows how it works, and wants a bloody revenge. And it might be an inside job.

To stem the tide of murders, Vail must re-enter a world he hoped he left behind long ago - his own past. **BPB \$24.99**

### Agent X

Steve Vail visits Kate Bannon, Assistant Director of the FBI, for a well-earned and romantic New Years Eve in Washington, DC, but he suddenly finds himself knee-deep in a very complicated and unusual case. A man known simply as Calculus, an intelligence officer at the Russian embassy, approaches the FBI claiming he knows of several Americans who are supplying confidential government information to the Russian secret service. In exchange for this list, he asks for \$250,000 for each traitor the FBI arrests. But when Calculus is suddenly recalled to Moscow, the Bureau suspects the worst. The Russians have probably captured Calculus, and might have access to his list -- which means they'll soon track down the informants and murder them. That is, unless the FBI can find them first, but without knowing exactly who is on the list, they must keep the operation quiet. Once again, Vail is their man. He's the ideal candidate for this kind of stealth recon mission. It soon becomes clear that finding Calculus and his list of traitors isn't going to be quick or quiet. In fact, it's going to be downright deadly ... **TP \$32.99 HC \$49.95**

### Alan Bradley

*A Red herring Without Mustard (Flavia de Luce 03)*

HC \$47.95

### Rita Mae Brown & Sneaky Pie Brown

*Cat of the Century (Mrs Murphy Mysteries 18)*

PB \$19.95

### Anthony Burgess

*A Dead Man in Deptford*

A Dead Man in Deptford re-imagines the riotous life and suspicious death of Christopher Marlowe. Poet, lover and spy, Marlowe must negotiate the pressures placed upon him by theatre, Queen and country. Burgess brings this dazzling figure to life and pungently evokes Elizabethan England. Murder mystery based on the infamous life and death of Christopher Marlowe. **BPB \$12.95**

### Ellen Byerrum

*Shot Through Velvet (Crime of Fashion Mysteries)*

PB \$19.95

### Tania Carver

*Surrogate*

PB \$19.99

*Creeper*

TP \$32.99

### Harlan Coben

*Caught*

Seventeen-year-old Haley McWaid never gave her parents a moment's worry. Until one morning her mother wakes to find that Haley didn't come home the night before. Three months quickly pass without a word and everyone assumes the worst.

Wendy Tynes is a reporter on a mission: to identify and bring down sexual predators via televised sting operations. Her latest target is Dan Mercer, a social worker known as a friend to troubled teens. But his story soon becomes more complicated than Wendy could have imagined.

CAUGHT tells the story of a missing girl, the community stunned by her loss, the predator who may have taken her and the reporter who suddenly realises she can't trust her own instincts about this story - or the motives of the people around her... **BPB \$22.99**

## **Martina Cole**

### *Ladykiller*

George Markham has a nasty little hobby, one that erupts into an orgy of vicious sexual depravity. Patrick Kelly is a hard man. His one soft spot is his daughter, and when she falls victim to the Grantley Ripper, Kelly wants revenge. The DI in charge of the case is Kate Burrows. She feels for Kelly but her growing involvement with a known villain is putting her career at risk... As the forces of law and order and London's underworld converge in a huge manhunt, Kate fears she'll lose everything she's ever cared about... to the ladykiller. **BPB \$19.99**

### *Broken*

DI Kate Burrows thought she'd never face a killer like the Grantley Ripper again. But she was wrong. One by one, children are being abandoned. Thankfully, they're rescued from harm. Then one victim is not so lucky, and Kate knows she's in a race against time to save lives. As a parent herself, Kate's finding the case tough and she needs the support of her lover, Patrick, more than ever. But Patrick's got problems of his own... **BPB \$19.99**

### *Runaway*

When Cathy Connor and Eamonn Docherty are thrown together as children in the sleazy streets of London's east End their fate is sealed. Cathy's miserable life as a prostitute's child leads to a terrifying ordeal that leaves her with no choice... Entering the world of Soho as a runaway, she is rescued and taught to survive in a criminal underworld by Desrae. Meanwhile, Eamonn, who fled to America with his father, has gained a reputation as one of the most ruthless villains in New York. It's only a matter of time before their paths cross and, when they do, Cathy's an equal match for Eamonn. She's beautiful, clever and tough. And nothing's going to make her run away again... **BPB \$19.99**

### *Faceless*

Eleven years ago Marie Carter was convicted of killing her two best friends. And she's paid the price. Now she is being released from prison. It's time to go home. But life has moved on, and Marie has nowhere to go. Her parents have disowned her; her friends have abandoned her; even her kids don't want to know. But some people out there are watching her, following her every move they know that Marie wants retribution. **BPB \$19.99**

### *Maura's Game*

Maura Ryan was the queen of the criminal underworld when she pulled off the most audacious gold bullion robbery of all time. Since then she's retired from a life of crime to be with the only man she's ever loved. But enemies from her past are closing in and they're about to learn that they should never cross Maura Ryan. The dangerous lady is back and she's as lethal as ever... **BPB \$19.99**

### *Know*

Joanie Brewer's children meant the world to her. She'd do anything to protect them, even resorting to prostitution and petty crime in order to feed and clothe them. So when her beautiful teenage daughter is raped and murdered, only one thing will stop Joanie's pain - seeing her daughter's killer brought to justice. Joanie knows who he is and she'll do whatever it takes to nail him... **BPB \$19.99**

### *Graft*

Looking back, Nick Leary couldn't say exactly what kept him awake that night. He'd had a lot on his mind; perhaps he'd been thinking about the 'respectable' Essex business that he ran, or about his two young sons sleeping in the room next door. Or was it simply the sound of his beautiful wife's steady breathing beside him... Whatever it was, he was awake when he heard someone's footsteps downstairs, and Nick's instinct was to fight. It had always been that way, to protect the things he treasured most: his family, his privacy, his reputation. He'd grafted for these things all his life and no one was going to jeopardise them now. Unless, of course, Nick's instinct is wrong, and what happens this time is the start of something even he cannot stop... **BPB \$19.99**

### *Close*

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Patrick Brodie knows exactly how far he's prepared to go to get what he wants. And he wants it all. Now. Before long, Patrick has become a legend in his own lifetime. Violently.

Lily Diamond is different from the kind of woman Patrick is normally attracted to. But together they are determined that their children will have everything they didn't. Until the unthinkable happens and Lily is left on her own to look after their family in a dangerous world. The Brodies must stay close to survive. But as everyone knows, your sins will always find you out. **BPB \$19.99**

## **Jessica Conant-Park**

*Cook the Books (Gourmet Girl Mysteries 05)*

**PB \$19.95**

## **Alex Connor**

### *The Rembrandt Secret*

History's biggest conspiracy is about to be revealed. But not if a brutal murderer has anything to do with it...

Marshall Ziegler's father runs a gallery in London, which Marshall has always ignored. But when his father is beaten to a pulp, disembowelled and left to die, Marshall suddenly needs to know every last detail of his life.

He discovers that his father knew a dark secret at the heart of Rembrandt's life, one that has the potential to bring down one of the world's most lucrative industries. But a sadistic murderer is on the case, killing in increasingly brutal ways to keep it hidden.

Will Marshall beat the killer to the truth? Who can he trust? Will he stay alive long enough to reveal the greatest secret never told? **TP \$32.99**

## **Deborah Coonts**

*Wanna Get Lucky? (Luck O'Toole 01)*

**PB \$15.95**

*Lucky Stiff*

**HC \$49.95**

## **Robert Crais**

### *The Sentry*

Dru Rayne and her uncle are Louisiana refugees who relocated to Los Angeles after Hurricane Katrina. Now, five years after the storm, their struggling restaurant faces a different danger. When Joe Pike witnesses Dru's uncle beaten by a neighborhood gang intent on extorting protection money, he offers his own brand of protection. But neither Dru nor her uncle want his help - and neither do the federal agents mysteriously watching their store - agents who seem more than willing to let the gang have their way.

But Pike is falling for Dru and won't back away whether she wants his help or not. As the violence escalates, the gang targets Pike, who, with Elvis Cole's help, learns that Dru and her uncle are not who they seem. It soon emerges that everything Pike thought he knew about them, their relationship to the gang and the reasons they fled New Orleans have been lies. **TP \$32.99**

## **Lila Dare**

### *Polished Off*

**PB \$19.95**

**Jeffrey Deaver***Burning Wire*

PB \$22.99

**Tim Dorsey***Electric Barracuda (Serge Storms)*

HC \$49.95

**Michael Duffy** *Australian Author**The Simple Death*

A man falls off a ferry and dies and an elderly lady dies after a long painful illness - could the two deaths be linked? Are they mercy killings or is Detective Nicholas Troy on the trail of a serial killer? A smart, sophisticated, hugely entertaining mystery, with a plot ripped straight out of tomorrow's headlines.

'Duffy is indisputably a writer to watch. He will soon be ranked alongside the likes of international behemoths Michael Connelly, George Pelecanos and Don Winslow. There is no higher praise.' Winsor Dobbin, Sun-Herald

A man has come off the Manly Ferry and Detective Nicholas Troy investigates but he is distracted. His mentor Father Luke Corelli has been accused of abusing a young boy years before. To Troy's dismay he's not denying the charge and nor is the Catholic Church trying to defend his name. Troy's ambitious and attractive colleague Susan Conti is newly single and his eccentric boss, Jon McIver, would rather be singing the blues than following leads.

In another part of Sydney, successful bureaucrat Leila Scott's mother has bone cancer. She asks for help to die and Leila seeks the advice of a voluntary euthanasia group. She finds herself caught up in a police investigation when Troy comes across members of the group and begins to suspect voluntary euthanasia is being used as an excuse for something much darker. As Troy digs deeper into both cases, feeling instinctively that they are somehow connected, he realises that morality and the law might not always follow the same path. And that there is no such thing as a simple death. **TP \$29.99**

**Sam Eastland***Shadow Pass*

HC \$49.95

**David Ellis***Breach of Trust*

HC \$49.95

**R J Ellory***Saints of New York*

HC \$49.95

**Christy Evans***Drip Dead (Georgiana Neveral 03)*

When plumber's apprentice Georgiana Neverall crawls under her mother's house to check the pipes, she's horrified to find her mother's flashy fianc , real estate mogul Gregory Whitlock, dead in the dirt. Instead of a wedding ring, Georgiana's mother is soon wearing handcuffs, accused of killing the man she loved. To clear her mother's name, Georgiana's going to have to crawl into a few more dark spaces and uncover secrets Whitlock was hiding. **PB \$17.95**

**Joy Fielding***Now You See Her*

HC \$49.95

**T J Forrester***Miracles*

TP \$29.95

**Tom Franklin***Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter*

Amos, Mississippi, is a quiet town. Silas Jones is its sole law enforcement officer. The last excitement here was nearly twenty years ago, when a teenage girl disappeared on a date with Larry Ott, Silas' one-time boyhood friend. The law couldn't prove Larry guilty, but the whole town has shunned him ever since.

Then the town's peace is shattered when someone tries to kill the reclusive Ott, another young woman goes missing, and the town's drug dealer is murdered. Woven through the tautly written murder story is the unspoken secret that hangs over the lives of two men – one black, one white. **TP \$32.99**

**Gregory Funaro***The Impaler (Sam Markham 02)*

PB \$19.95

**Lisa Genova***Left Neglected*

HC \$52.95

**Elizabeth George***This Body of Death*

PB \$22.99

**Robert Goddard***Found Wanting*

TP \$29.95

**Christopher Gortner***The Tudor Secret*

HC \$49.95

**Barry Grant***Sherlock Holmes and the Shakespeare Letter*

HC \$54.95

**Jordan Gray***Stitch Me Deadly (Mystery Case Files 03)*

PB \$19.95

**Martha Grimes***The Black Cat (Richard Jury)*

PB \$21.95

*Fadeaway Girl*

HC \$49.95

**James Grippando**  
*Money to Burn* PB \$21.95

**Michael Gruber**  
*The Good Son* TP \$29.95

**Sophie Hannah**  
*Room Swept White* PB \$22.99

**Sophie Hannah**  
*Lasting Damage* TP \$32.99

**John Hart**  
*The King of Lies* TP \$29.95

**Mo Hayder**  
*Gone*

November in the West Country. Evening is closing in as murder detective Jack Caffery arrives to interview the victim of a car-jacking. He's dealt with routine car-thefts before, but this one is different. This car was taken by force. And on the back seat was a passenger. An eleven-year-old girl. Who is still missing. Before long the jacker starts to communicate with the police. And Caffery knows that he's going to do it again. Soon the jacker will choose another car with another child on the back seat. Caffery's a good and instinctive cop; the best in the business, some say. But this time he knows something's badly wrong. Because the jacker seems to be ahead of the police - every step of the way... **BPB \$24.99 HC \$47.95**

**B B Haywood**

*Town in a Lobster Stew (Candy Holliday 02)*

Things start to boil over at the annual Lobster Stew Cook-Off when an award-winning recipe is stolen and a seven-time contest champion mysteriously disappears-leaving Candy no choice but to find out who in Cape Willington, Maine, would get steamed enough to break the law. **PB \$19.95**

**Erin Healy**

*The Promises She Keeps* TP \$29.95

**Sara J Henry**

*Learning to Swim* HC \$49.95

**Joan Hess**

*Merry Wives of Maggody (Arly Hanks Mysteries)* PB \$19.95

**Keigo Higashino**

*The Devotion of Suspect X* HC \$49.95

**Tami Hoag**

*Ashes to Ashes*

Kate Conlan, ex FBI agent, finds herself protecting a teenage runaway from a serial killer who burns women alive...Known as the Cremator, the serial killer has already claimed three victims and there's only one witness, who's not talking. Kate Conlan can't tell if she's working with a reluctant witness, a potential victim, or something more sinister still. As she battles with demons of her own and amidst the frenzy of media attention, Kate finds herself on the trail of the Cremator. She's got what it takes to stop him. And he wants her alone... **BPB \$22.99**

*Guilty as Sin*

A terrifying game of life and death...

Assistant County Attorney Ellen North's assignment to the Kirkwood case has landed her in the hot seat - a position she thought she had left behind in the crime-choked Minneapolis court system. But politics and ulterior motives abound. As Ellen prepares for her toughest assignment yet, she faces not only a sensation-driven press corps, but an unwanted partner in Jay Butler Brooks, bestselling crime author and media star. Just as they are sure they have the right man, a second kidnapping occurs and Ellen receives threatening phone calls. Dr Garret Wright has already been arrested for the kidnapping of Josh Kirkwood - but all the indications are that the kidnapper is still at large. **BPB \$22.99**

*Night Sins*

A desperate hunt for a missing child...

Deer Lake is a small Minnesota town where people know their neighbours and crime is something that happens on the evening news. But the illusion of safety is shattered when eight-year-old Josh Kirkwood disappears. All the police find is his duffel bag with a note stuffed inside, 'Ignorance is not innocence but SIN'. With each passing hour the search for Josh takes on a more ominous intensity. For Megan O'Malley, the new regional officer of the state criminal investigative unit, it is a test of whether she can cut it in the all-male world of local cops. And for police chief Mitch Holt, it is a frightening reminder of the big city crime that devastated his life before he fled to Deer Lake... **BPB \$22.99**

*Dust to Dust*

A suspicious death - and someone wants the truth left dead and buried...

The death of internal affairs investigator Andy Paxton is a potential political bomb for the Minneapolis Police Department...Andy Paxton was gay and he was investigating a possible cop connection in the brutal murder of another gay officer. But Andy's death looks like suicide, or an unfortunate and embarrassing accident and the pressure is on from the top brass to close the case as soon as possible. But the investigation's lead detective Sam Kovac is not convinced the case is as straightforward as it appears. As he digs deeper, it is looking very much like Paxton discovered something that got him killed. And he might not be the final victim... **BPB \$22.99**

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**Anne Holt**

1222

A snowbound mountain pass, a derailed train, a locked, shuttered and heavily guarded carriage, an apocalyptic storm, an ancient hotel, old betrayals, murder and state secrets ...

1222 metres above sea level, train 601 from Oslo to Bergen careens off iced rails as the worst snowstorm in Norwegian history gathers force around it. Marooned in the high mountains with night falling and the temperature plummeting, its 269 passengers are forced to abandon their snowbound train and decamp to a centuries-old mountain hotel. They ought to be safe from the storm here, but as dawn breaks one of them will be found dead, murdered. With the storm showing no sign of abating, retired police inspector Hanne Wilhelmsen is asked to investigate. But Hanne has no wish to get involved. She has learned the hard way that truth comes at a price and sometimes that price just isn't worth paying. Her pursuit of truth and justice has cost her the love of her life, her career in the Oslo Police Department and her mobility: she is paralysed from the waist down by a bullet lodged in her spine.

Trapped in a wheelchair, trapped by the killer within, trapped by the deadly storm outside, Hanne's growing unease is shared by everyone in the hotel. Should she investigate, or should she just wait for help to arrive? And all the time rumours swirl about a secret cargo carried by train 601. Why was the last carriage sealed? Why is the top floor of the hotel locked down? Who or what is being concealed? And, of course, what if the killer strikes again? **TP \$29.99**

**J A Jance***Fatal Error (Ali Reynolds)***HC \$52.95****Toni L Kelner***Blast From the Past (Where Are They Now Mysteries 03)***PB \$17.95****Graeme Kent***Devil-Devil (Sergeant Kella & Sister Conchita)***HC \$49.95****Simon Kernick***The Payback*

Dennis Milne is a man with a past, and a past that involves murder. A former cop, he's earned his living killing the bad guys - drug-dealers, corrupt business men - people who, in his opinion, deserve to die. For the past two days, he's been in Manila, waiting for his next target: a young woman who's made herself some poor life-choices, and some even worse enemies. DI Tina Boyd is a woman on a mission. Tough, spiky and determined, she's looking for the man she holds responsible for the death of her lover. She knows he's ruthless. She knows he's dangerous. But he's in Manila, and she's determined to find and kill him - before he kills her. Two cops with pasts that haunt them - and a present that could see them both dead. They are about to meet. And when they do, it's payback time ... **TP \$32.95**

**Chris Knopf***Bad Bird***HC \$52.95****Simon Lelic***A Thousand Cuts***TP \$29.95****Paul Levine***Illegal***PB \$19.95****Elizabeth Lowell***Death Echo***PB \$19.95****Stuart MacBride***Dark Blood (Logan McCrae)*

Richard Knox has served his time, so why shouldn't he be allowed to live wherever he wants? Yes, in the past he was a violent rapist, but he's seen the error of his ways. Found God. Wants to leave his dark past in Newcastle behind him and make a new start. Or so he says. Detective Sergeant Logan McRae isn't exactly thrilled to be part of the team helping Knox settle into his new Aberdeen home. He's even less thrilled to be stuck with DSI Danby from Northumbria Police -- the man who put Knox behind bars for ten years - supposedly here to 'keep an eye on things'. Only things are about to go very, very wrong. Edinburgh gangster Malk the Knife wants a slice of the development boom Donald Trump's golf course is bringing to the Granite City, whether local crime lord Wee Hamish Mowat likes it or not. Three heavies from Newcastle want a 'quiet word' with DSI Danby about a missing mob accountant. And Richard Knox's dark past isn't done with him yet... **BPB \$24.99**

*Shatter the Bones*

"You will raise money for the safe return of Alison and Jenny McGregor. If you raise enough money within fourteen days they will be released. If not, Jenny will be killed". Alison and Jenny McGregor, Aberdeen's own mother-daughter singing sensation, are through to the semi-finals of TV smash-hit Britain's Next Big Star. They're in all the gossip magazines, they've got millions of YouTube hits, everyone loves them. But their reality-TV dream has turned into a real-life nightmare. The ransom demand appears in all the papers, on the TV, and the internet, telling the nation to dig deep if they want to keep Alison and Jenny alive. The media want action; the public displays of grief and anger are reaching fever-pitch. Time is running out, but DS Logan McRae and his colleagues have nothing to go on: the kidnappers haven't left a single piece of forensic evidence. The investigation is going nowhere. It looks as if the price of fame just got a lot higher... **TP \$32.99**

**Phillip Margolin***Supreme Justice***PB \$21.95****Liza Marklund***Red Wolf***HC \$49.95**

**Andy McDermott***Empire of Gold*

Nina Wilde and Eddie Chase are back for their seventh blockbusting adventure by the New York Times bestselling author Andy McDermott. Deep in the jungles of South America, an incredible treasure has been hidden for centuries. Archaeologist Nina Wilde possesses the key to finding it - but in her way stand revolutionaries and drug lords, all fighting for control over the riches from a lost empire.

Nina Wilde and Eddie Chase are back for their seventh blockbusting adventure. This time their goal is the legendary last outpost of the Inca Empire - which could point the way to an even greater discovery long thought to be just a myth: El Dorado, the lost city of gold. Corrupt soldiers, ruthless mercenaries - led by a man with a personal grudge against Eddie - and murderous rebels will stop at nothing to obtain the unimaginable fortune for themselves.

But even as they all battle to find the treasure, Nina and Eddie's greatest enemy may turn out to be someone much closer to home... **TP \$24.99**

**Craig McDonald***One True Sentence***HC \$49.95****G A McKeve***A Decadent Way to Die (Savannah Reid)***HC \$49.95****A D Miller***Snowdrops*

A. D. Miller's Snowdrops is an intensely riveting psychological drama that unfolds over the course of one Moscow winter, as a young Englishman's moral compass is spun by the seductive opportunities revealed to him by a new Russia: a land of hedonism and desperation, corruption and kindness, magical dachas and debauched nightclubs; a place where secrets - and corpses - come to light only when the deep snows start to thaw - Snowdrops is a chilling story of love and moral freefall: of the corruption, by a corrupt society, of a corruptible young man.

It is taut, intense and has a momentum as irresistible to the reader as the moral danger that first enchants, then threatens to overwhelm, its narrator.

**TP \$29.99****Richard Montanari***The Violet Hour*

Johnny Angel is found brutally murdered with a dead prostitute in his bed and a needle full of heroin in his arm. It's all the more shocking because he's a priest. But when Dr Bennett Marc Crane, a prestigious plastic surgeon, is the next victim of a vicious attack of the same manner, it becomes clear that there is a serial killer on the loose... And as this homicidal maniac exacts his vengeance upon more innocent victims, evidence of another long-buried crime is uncovered. One that starts with a Halloween celebration at an exclusive college party twenty years ago and ends with a murderous plan for delayed revenge. For Nicky Stella, a hungry journalist, this is just the sort of sordid story that could land him a cover article. But when he digs a bit too deep, the killer's attention turns towards Nicky and he must find the killer before he becomes the next victim... **BPB \$24.95**

**Boyd Morrison***The Ark*

A MODERN-DAY INTERNATIONAL THRILLER HAILED BY JAMES ROLLINS AS "ONE OF THE BEST DEBUTS I'VE READ THIS YEAR . . . HERE IS A NOVEL THAT WILL HAVE YOU HOLDING YOUR BREATH UNTIL THE LAST PAGE IS TURNED."

When brilliant archaeologist Dilara Kenner is contacted by Sam Watson, an old family friend who says that he has crucial information about her missing father, Dilara abandons her Peruvian dig and rushes to Los Angeles to meet him. But at the airport, Sam speaks instead of Noah's Ark—the artifact her father had long been searching for—and the possible death of billions. Before Sam can explain, he collapses. With his dying breath, he urges Dilara to find Tyler Locke—a man she's never heard of. Two days later Dilara manages to track down former combat engineer Tyler Locke on an oil rig off Newfoundland. Her helicopter transport goes down well short of the oil rig's landing pad and Dilara and those aboard nearly drown. No sooner is Dilara safely on the rig than she convinces Tyler the crash was no accident. Tyler agrees to help her uncover the secret behind Noah's Ark and, more important, her father's disappearance. As the picture begins to come into focus, they realize they have just seven days to find the Ark before its secret is used to wipe out civilization once again. With a chilling premise and a blistering pace, Boyd Morrison combines all the best elements of a blockbuster thriller with an intelligent and fascinating exploration of one of the Old Testament's great mysteries. **PB \$19.95**

**Tamar Myers***The Glass is Always Greener (Den of Antiquity Mysteries)* **PB \$19.95****Jo Nesbo***The Leopard*

In the depths of winter, a killer stalks the city streets. His victims are two young women, both found with twenty-four inexplicable puncture wounds, both drowned in their own blood. The crime scenes offer no clues, the media is reaching fever pitch, and the police are running out of options. There is only one man who can help them, and he doesn't want to be found. Deeply traumatised by an investigation that threatened the lives of those he holds most dear, Inspector Harry Hole has lost himself in the squalor of Hong Kong's opium dens. But with his father seriously ill in hospital, Harry reluctantly agrees to return to Oslo. He has no intention of working on the case, but his instinct takes over when an MP is found brutally murdered in a city park. The victims appear completely unconnected to one another, but it's not long before Harry makes a discovery: the women all spent the night in an isolated mountain hostel. And someone is picking off the guests one by one. A heart-stopping thriller from the critically-acclaimed Jo Nesbo, The Leopard is an international bestseller that will grip you until the final page. **TP \$32.95**

**Cate Noble***Deadly Gamesa***PB \$17.95****John Osborne***Kill Me Once*

At a tender and vulnerable young age, FBI Special Agent Dana Whitestone witnessed the brutal murders of her beautiful and loving parents. Her idyllic childhood instantly shattered, the loss was crushing and drove her towards a determined and deeply personal mission to fight the most evil and twisted of criminals - an obsession that has taken over her life. Tough and driven, she lives for her work, but now this expert investigator is stumped by her latest case - a sadistic serial killer who mocks her every step, and with immaculate precision, compulsively covers his own. This butcher makes no mistakes. His calling cards reveal nothing about who he is - rather, they recall the actions of others. What at first appears to be the work of a copy-cat soon evolves into an explosive game of cat and mouse, a shockingly personal battle between an agent with an agenda and a brilliantly demented killer with an axe to grind and a mess to clean up. Dana must force the hand of the crazed perfectionist she trails, whose capture rests solely on a chance mistake. Savvy, terrifying, and unputdownable, this is a smart and profoundly haunting thriller that will resonate, chill, and leave readers checking their doors and windows. **TP \$32.95**

**Michael Palmer**  
*A Heartbeat Away*

**HC \$49.95**

**Daniel Palmer**  
*Delirious*

**HC \$49.95**

**Robert B Parker**  
*Painted Ladies*

Spenser is approached by Ashton Prince, an art professor who wants him to help recover a stolen painting. The thieves will return the painting in exchange for a ransom, and so the professor wants Spenser along in case things turn nasty. The exchange goes seemingly without a hitch, but as Prince emerges carrying a rectangular object wrapped in brown paper and heads for the private detective's car, the package explodes and makes a dreadful mess of the hapless prof.

Spenser isn't going to let anyone get away with killing one of his clients, but first he's got to figure out who did it and why. Turns out that Professor Prince was giving extra tuition to his pretty young female students – and not just of the academic kind. But why go to such elaborate lengths to murder him? And is the painting still out there?

Soon Spenser will find that powerful men have their own reasons to suppress the answers to such questions; and they will think nothing of silencing a prying detective. **TP \$32.99**

**Brad Parks**  
*Eyes of the Innocent*

**HC \$49.95**

**Louise Penny**  
*Bury Your Dead (Inspector Gamache)*

**TP \$29.99**

**William Rabkin**  
*Mind-Altering Muder (Psych 05)*

**PB \$17.95**

**Robert J Randisi**  
*I'm a Fool to Kill You*

**HC \$58.95**

**Kathy Reichs**  
*Monday Mourning (Temperance Brennan 07)*

Three skeletons are found in the basement of a pizza parlour. The building is old, with a colourful past, and Homicide Detective Luc Claudel dismisses the remains as historic. Not his case, not his concern... But Forensic Anthropologist Tempe Brennan has her doubts. Something about the bones of these three young women suggests a different message: murder. A cold case, but Claudel's case nonetheless. Brennan is in Montreal to testify as an expert witness at a trial. Digging up more bones was not on her agenda. And to make matters worse, her sometime-lover Detective Andrew Ryan disappears just as Tempe is beginning to trust him. Soon Tempe finds herself drawn ever deeper into a web of evil from which there may be no escape: three women have disappeared, never to return. And Tempe may be next... **PB \$21.95**

**Imogen Robertson**  
*Instruments of Darkness*

**HC \$49.95**

**Peter Robinson**  
*Bad Boy*

**PB \$22.99**

**David Rosenfelt**  
*Down to the Wire*

**PB \$21.95**

**David Rosenfelt**  
*On Borrowed Time*

**HC \$49.95**

**James L Rubart**  
*Book of Days*

**TP \$29.95**

**Frank Schatzing**  
*Swarm: A Novel of the Deep*

**PB \$19.99**

**Bernhard Schlink**  
*The Gordian Knot*

Young lawyer Georg Polger gives up a comfortable existence in Germany to work as a freelance translator in the South of France. But business in the picturesque village is far from booming and Georg struggles to make ends meet. One day he is approached by a Mr Bulnakov, who wants Georg to take over a local translation agency whose previous owner has just died in mysterious circumstances.

Everything seems to be going perfectly: Georg falls in love with Bulnakov's attractive secretary, Françoise and takes on a lucrative project left unfinished by his predecessor, translating plans for military helicopters. But everything changes when Georg notices Françoise copying his plans. She tells Georg that Bulnakov has threatened to harm her brother, who lives in Poland, if she refuses to do his bidding. Georg quickly realises that he is stuck between the CIA and the KGB and further out of his depth than he can begin to comprehend. But which side was he working for? **TP \$32.99**

**Gerald Seymour**  
*The Collaborator*

**HC \$49.95**

**Zoe Sharp**  
*Fourth Day (Charlie Fox)*

**HC \$49.95**

**Jeffrey Siger**  
*Assassins of Athens (02)*

**PB \$19.99**

**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 Lena Adams, the detective in charge, Sara immediately calls in 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... **APB \$14.95**

**Alexander McCall Smith***Double Comfort Safari Club (No 1 Ladies Detective Agency 11)* **PB \$22.99****Erica Spindler***Blood Vines* **PB \$19.95****Dana Stabenow***Though Not Dead (Kate Shugak)* **HC \$49.95****Kelli Stanley***The Curse-Maker*

When Roman physician Arcturus and his stunning wife Gwyna arrive at Bath for a holiday, a dead body is floating in the sacred spring. It turns out that the murdered man is a curse maker whose curses actually come true, and as murder follows murder, it looks like there's now a curse on Arcturus.

An exciting and exotic look at the sideshow world of fake healers, ghost-raisers and medicine men, *The Curse-Maker* is the story of a spa town where people go to heal. . . only to wind up dead. And it takes the doctor protagonist on a dark road—into Roman cemeteries, silver mines, underground water tunnels, and the twisted mind of a killer bent on revenge. **HC \$51.95**

**Mary Stanton***Angel's Verdict (Beaufort & Company 04)* **PB \$19.95****Olen Steinhauer***The Nearest Exit* **TP \$29.95****P G Sturges***Shortcut Man* **HC \$49.95****William G Tapply***The Nomination*

*The Nomination* is a fast-paced action and suspense thriller that brings events from the final days of the Vietnam War into direct conflict with contemporary American politics. Vietnam War hero and Massachusetts Judge Thomas Larrigan is hand-picked by his friend the president to fill the upcoming vacancy on the Supreme Court. Larrigan seems like the perfect candidate: a family man with an uncontroversial judicial record. The president's credibility needs a sure bet. Larrigan will do anything to win the nomination, but he has some old skeletons rattling around in his closet. He calls his old Marine buddy, now a hit man, to sweep the closet clean. But there are a few skeletons Larrigan doesn't know are still alive. *The Nomination* is the story of how lives can intersect in deception, desperation, revelation, death, and, ultimately, redemption. **HC \$51.95**

**Brad Taylor***One Rough Man* **HC \$49.95****Leslie Tentler***Midnight Caller* **PB \$19.95****Peter Turnbull***Aftermath (Hennessey and Yellich)* **HC \$54.95****Urban Waite***The Terror of Living* **HC \$49.95****Randy Wayne White***Night Vision (Doc Ford)* **HC \$49.95****Kate White***Hush* **TP \$29.95****Jenny White***The Winter Thief* **TP \$29.95****Kate Wilhelm***Heaven is High*

Barbara Holloway is a low-key attorney in Eugene, Oregon who left her father's high powered firm to handle small legal problems for local residents and ponder her own next move. But while trying to sort out her own future, two people, desperate for help, show up on her doorstep: former pro football player Martin Owens and his wife Binnie. Binnie, who is mute, met her husband when she snuck aboard his boat while it was docked in Haiti and smuggled herself into the U. S. Now Immigration is seeking to deport her back to Haiti, which would be a death sentence. Born to a woman from Belize who was kidnapped and enslaved by pirates, Binnie's only hope is to prove her and her mother's real identity. With only days to find the truth and protect Binnie, Holloway sets off for Belize. But what she knows is only the tip of the iceberg in what turns out to be one of her most complex, compelling and dangerous cases yet. **HC \$49.95**

**Lois Winston***Assault With a Deadly Glue Gun* **TP \$30.95**

**Daniel Woodrell***Winter's Bone*

PB \$22.99

**Rick Yancey***The Highly Effective Detective Crosses the Line (Highly effective Detective 04)*

HC \$49.95

**Helene Young Australian Author***Shattered Sky*

When lives are in danger, she'll risk everything

On a routine surveillance flight east of the Australian coast, Captain Lauren Bennett's crew pick up a mayday call. A yacht is under fire. For the international smugglers operating below the radar of the navy and Border Watch, sinking a pleasure craft is just part of their day's work. Lauren has other ideas.

As she pursues the men into the isolated country of Cape York, she'll need all the help she can get. That will mean joining forces with the cynical navy officer Callam Granger, who's already shown his contempt for her. What will it take to convince him she's right this time?

Can they put aside their old animosities to outwit, outrun and ultimately out-fly the traffickers? Or will another death shatter Lauren's life completely? **TP \$29.99**

**Ginny Yttrup***Words*

TP \$29.95

## Other Books

Books in this section are unlikely to be held as stock, but are available by request.

**Anya Bast***Raven's Quest*

Branna ta Cattia is the Raven, a high priestess who has come to Numia to defeat its tyrant. It's a journey made on the strength of her prophetic dreams, visions of ancient rituals, sacred spells, and of a handsome stranger destined to help her. **TP \$29.95**

**Christian Cameron***Funeral Games (Tyrant)*

An action-packed tale of betrayal and revenge set amidst the war between Alexander the Great's generals and climaxing in the most spectacular battle of the ancient world.

Satyrus and Melitta, twin heirs to a rich kingdom on the Black Sea, become desperate fugitives when their mother, the Scythian warrior-princess Srayanka, is cut down in a savage act of betrayal. Accompanied by their tutor, the Spartan Philokles, they must make a perilous journey west, pursued by ruthless assassins, to find sanctuary with the army of their father's closest friend, Diodorus.

But Diodorus is caught up in the tangled web of alliances, betrayals and intrigue that followed Alexander the Great's death, as his generals fought over the huge empire he had created - and soon the twins will have their first taste of real battle as two Macedonian warlords clash. In this violent and unstable world, they must choose sides carefully, as Antigonus One-Eye and his brilliant son Demetrius, prepare to take on the might of Ptolemy's Egypt and the forces gather for the biggest and most spectacular battle the world had ever seen - Gaza. **BPB \$22.99**

**Ian Ferguson***Outback Stories - Tracks Further Out*

Outback Stories – Tracks Further Out explores the lives of outback Australians who shaped the cultural, political and artistic landscape. From Burke and Wills disastrous expedition across the continent to Eddie Mabo's historic land rights claim; from John Bradley Murdoch's chilling murders to horrific croc attacks in far North Queensland; from the studios Pro Hart and Sidney Nolan to the singing careers of Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter.

Ian Ferguson has compiled a comprehensive and enlivening collection of stories about Australia and some of its most interesting inhabitants. A great insight into Australia's history past and present, in an easy to read, snappy format. **BPB \$24.99**

**Kathleen O'Neal Gear & W Michael Gear***Fire the Sky (Contact Battle for America 02)*

Black Shell and Pearl Hand's continuing pursuit of Hernando de Soto's invading Spanish army is shaped by their assistance in an Apache guerilla war, a desperate race to warn the high rulers, and the vain ambition of a young princess. **HC \$52.95**

**Christopher Gortner***Confessions of Catherine de Medici*

PB \$22.99

*Tudor Secret*

TP \$32.99

**Peter Grose***An Awkward Truth*

The compelling and very human story of the first foreign assault on Australian soil since settlement - the attack on Darwin by the Japanese in February, 1942.

The bombing of Darwin on 19 February 1942 is the battle Australia tries to forget. Although there was much to be proud of that day - courage, mateship, determination and improvisation - the dark side of the story lingers: looting, desertion and a calamitous failure of Australian leadership.

The Japanese struck with the same carrier-borne force that devastated Pearl Harbor only ten weeks earlier. There was a difference: they dropped more bombs on Darwin, killed more civilians in Darwin, and sank more ships in Darwin than in Pearl Harbor. It remains the single deadliest event in Australian history. Yet the story has remained in the shadows.

Absorbing, spirited and fast-paced, *An Awkward Truth* is a compelling and revealing story of the day war first came to Australia, and of the under-armed and unprepared soldiers and civilians who faced their toughest test on home soil. **BPB \$24.99**

**Jan Guillou***Birth of the Kingdom (Crusades 03)*

BPB \$19.99

**Brenda Joyce***Deadly Illusions (01)*

PB \$19.95

*Deadly Kisses (02)*

PB \$19.95

**Robert Leckie***Challenge for the Pacific*

From Robert Leckie, the World War II veteran and New York Times bestselling author of *Helmet for My Pillow*, whose experiences were featured in the HBO miniseries *The Pacific*, comes this vivid narrative of the astonishing six-month campaign for Guadalcanal. From the Japanese soldiers' carefully calculated--and ultimately foiled--attempt to build a series of impregnable island forts on the ground to the tireless efforts of the Americans who struggled against a tenacious adversary and the temperature and terrain of the island itself, Robert Leckie captures the loneliness, the agony, and the heat of twenty-four-hour-a-day fighting on Guadalcanal. Combatants from both sides are brought to life: General Archer Vandegrift, who first assembled an amphibious strike force; Isoroku Yamamoto, the naval general whose innovative strategy was tested; the island-born Allied scout Jacob Vouza, who survived hideous torture to uncover the enemy's plans; and Saburo Sakai, the ace flier who shot down American planes with astonishing ease. Propelling the Allies to eventual victory, Guadalcanal was truly the turning point of the war. *Challenge for the Pacific* is an unparalleled, authoritative account of this great fight that forever changed our world. **TP \$27.95**

**Mack Maloney***Operation Caribe (Pirate Hunters 02)***PB \$19.95****Robert A Metzger***The Rogue's Handbook*

Profiles famous literary and historic rogues, with advice on living life with wit, humor, independence, and style.

A hilarious, hip and edgy guide for the rogue that women love and men want to be.

He is the mysterious gentleman that other men admire, that women swoon over, that every little boy wants to grow up to be. He is Mr. Darcy, Rhett Butler, Barney Stinson, Chuck Bass, and the Most Interesting Man in the World. He is the rogue. And now, you can know all his secrets. **PB \$22.99**

**Don Pendleton***Powder Burn (Executioner 387)*

A ruthless Colombian drug lord has launched a deadly campaign targeting DEA agents and U.S. diplomats. With the body count growing and the American government powerless, Mack Bolan is called in as a last resort to infiltrate the criminal syndicate and destroy the chain of command before more innocent blood is shed.

As the number of attacks grows, Bolan knows he must shut down the operation quickly. But the cartel's ruthless expansion plan is well under way, and surrendering is not an option. Backed up by a group of right-wing terrorists, the cartel's leader has declared war on any organization—or man—that stands in his way. There's just one flaw in the plan...no one expected the Executioner. **PB \$13.95**

*Critical Intelligence (Stony Man 111)*

Operating under covert presidential directive, the clandestine antiterrorist organization Stony Man doesn't officially exist. Unofficially, they fight the fires bureaucracy can't or won't touch. Off the grid, under the radar and 100 percent deniable, the commando and cyber specialists of Stony Man are the ultimate problem solvers—and the best defense the nation has....

Stony Man launch teams are rolling hot as convergent threats erupt across the globe. From South America to Somalia, Toronto and Kiev, the action is raging. Colombian narco-terrorists, Chinese Tongs, African warlords, a Russian kingpin, a cutthroat Saudi prince and a corrupt American lawyer are linked as agents of a shadow group called Seven. The ties and power of this nebulous organization go deep and dark—with the strength to leverage the ultimate power play against Stony Man itself. **PB \$17.95**

**Simon Scarrow***The Legion (Cato 10)*

Trouble is brewing in Egypt. Rebel gladiator Ajax and his men have been posing as Roman soldiers and attacking naval bases, merchant vessels and villages. Prefect Cato and Centurion Macro have been charged with the task of tracking down the renegade warrior before the problem gets out of control. Joining forces with Legion III, they hope to destroy their enemy on the battlefield. But the cunning gladiator has other ideas... **TP \$29.99**

**M C Scott***Rome: Emperor's Spy*

'Stop this fire, whatever it takes. I, your Emperor, order it.' The Emperor: Nero, Emperor of Rome and all her provinces, feared by his subjects for his temper and cruelty, is in possession of an ancient document predicting that Rome will burn. The Spy: Sebastos Pantera, assassin and spy for the Roman Legions, is ordered to stop the impending cataclysm. He knows that if he does not, his life - and those of thousands of others - are in terrible danger. The Chariot Boy: Math, a young charioteer, is a pawn drawn into the deadly game between the Emperor and the Spy, where death stalks the drivers - on the track and off it. **BPB \$24.95**

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