



# Infinitas Bookshop

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## Featured Books



**Mike Shepherd**  
**John Flanagan**  
**Ann Leckie**  
**Scott Lynch**  
**Terry Pratchett**  
**Cherie Priest**  
**Jack Campbell**  
**Michelle Sagara**  
**Larry Correia & Mike Kupari**  
**David Weber & Jane Lindskold**  
**Eric Flint & David Carrico**  
**Ian Douglas**  
**Joe Abercrombie**  
**Sharon Lee & Steve Miller**

*Kris Longknife: Defender* in paperback.  
*The Royal Ranger Ranger's Apprentice 12* in paperback.  
*Ancillary Justice* in paperback.  
*The Republic of Thieves Gentlemen Bastards 3* in trade paperback.  
*Raising Steam Discworld 34* in hardcover.  
*Fiddlehead Clockwork Century 5* in trade paperback.  
*Perilous Shield Lost Stars 2* in hardcover.  
*Cast in Sorrow Chronicles of Elantra 9* in trade paperback.  
*Swords of Exodus Dead Six 2* in paperback.  
*Treecat Wars Honorverse Star Kingdom 3* in hardcover.  
*1636: The Devil's Opera Ring of Fire* in hardcover.  
*Abyss Deep Star Corpsman 2* in paperback.  
*Red Country First Law* in paperback.  
*Trade Secret Liaden Universe* in hardcover.



## The bookshop has closed but Infinitas continues online

Yes, the bookshop in Parramatta has closed permanently, alas. However, Infinitas Bookshop continues to provide readers with books via website and email orders.

Scan through this newsletter and allow yourself to be tempted by books.

## Infinitas Groups

**Review Group:** The Urban Fantasy Book Club and the Review Group have combined. We now meet at Mars Hill Café in George St Parramatta, near the Lennox Bridge over the river, at 6:30pm on the third Thursday of each month. We use their basement which has great ambiance. Author of discussion for September is Richard Morgan. All welcome.

**Dungeons & Dragons:** Currently includes Pathfinder and 4<sup>th</sup> edition D&D. Other games depending upon willing leaders. The Infinitas Gaming Group has a new venue: Parramatta Council Library, Retro Room. This is on the mezzanine level off the stairwell and suits gaming well with soundproofing, kitchenette and tables. Games are on fortnightly Saturday mornings starting at 10am, finishing up around 2pm. Bring your own dice.

See: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/DungeonsAndDragonsAtInfinitas.php>

To co-ordinate attendance and games some players have set up: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/157405127769146/>

We could use another DM to run a low level table, preferably Pathfinder or 1<sup>st</sup> edition – any keen volunteers? You would need to bring prepared characters and module as until players join a game they would not be able to generate their character.

**Writers' Group:** The Infinitas Writers' Group has a new website at <http://www.infinitaswriters.com/> to encourage communication and new recruits. There is a forum for discussing their writing. They have a new venue for meetings - the Shakespeare Hotel in Surry Hills, the previous pub proved unsuitable. Meetings are every second month, on odd months. NEXT MEETING: 12pm - 2pm Saturday 16th November, 2013 at the Shakespeare Hotel, Surry Hills.

## Readers' Reviews

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

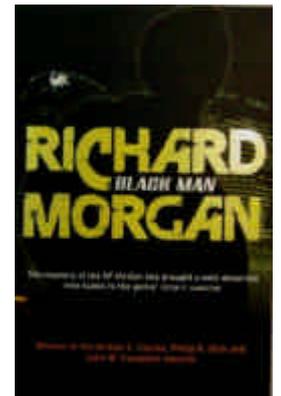
*Black Man* by **Richard Morgan** reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575078130>

Manhunt thriller set in 2107. The USA has split into the Union (northeast states), the Rim States, and between them the Confederated Republic ("Jesusland", populated by bible-bashing white supremacist racists); other parts of Earth are also described. Mars is being settled by the Union-based Colony Initiate ("COLIN"), a world power organisation, as is the United Nations. Human variants have been genetically engineered, of which variant thirteen (super soldiers, now disused and held in reservations) is dangerous. In this story, a thirteen (Merrin) escapes from Mars to carry out a murderous escape on Earth, and another thirteen (Marsalis, especially licensed by the UN to catch or kill escapee thirteens) is recruited by COLIN to help stop him.

Author Morgan claims up front to "hate bigotry, cruelty and injustice", and this novel is heavily into criticism of it: even more than Jesuslanders hate black people, they hate supporters of abortion, and more still they hate genetic variants; Marsalis is all three. The cover blurb says the title refers to Marsalis's psyche as well as his skin (that is, arising from his being a thirteen), but I didn't see that within the novel; I thought the title beside the point, and I've heard that the US edition is retitled (I read a British edition dated 2007). The story line is solid, though: there are reasons for Merris's escape from Mars and for the subsequent spate of killings; Marsalis has to use his head to determine these reasons and get to the bottom of the full plot. The background is solid, as well: Morgan has clearly put much effort into designing it, and it addresses many issues besides bigotry. I particularly liked the technology descriptions, such as the virtual-reality forensic reconstructions.

At 630 pages, though, I found this a long and slow novel, and I thought it bloated: much of the writing seemed irrelevant or only incidental to the story line. Considering the other literary shortfalls as well, many common to current thriller novels, it appears this novel is aimed at what I've heard referred to as the Airport Lounge market. This is a pity, because I thought both the story and the setting worth a broader readership. Notwithstanding that, four previous novels by the same author and several notable awards to him as well say that plenty of readers will enjoy the novel.



## Short Story: Moon River by Brenda Anderson

The day before their birthday, Snip, Morth and Ceez completed all the formal ceremonies required of eleven year olds on the brink of manhood. Dreary stuff like walking the Processional Path to the Square, presenting their birth certificates, drinking unfermented mares' milk to the applause of parents and relatives and making oaths of loyalty to the High King of Dron.

Unresisting, they obeyed the letter of the law and waited impatiently for nightfall.

When the sun set, wriggling with excitement, they gathered in the scrub near the river and got to work. Hours later, under the light of a full moon, the three boys marched their uprooted trees down to the river bank.

"Me first," said Snip.

"You've only got a bogberry," said Morth. "What's with that?"

"You'll see." Snip clicked his fingers. The short stocky tree covered in dark green bogberries drew up its sturdy roots and stepped forward. "Listen, Bogs. This is your big chance. We've put in the practice, right?"

The bogberry dipped its branches.

"Right. Get ready."

The bogberry drew up its roots and quivered.

"Get set."

The bogberry leaned forward.

"Go!"

The bogberry jumped all the way to the water's edge, where it leapt up, somersaulted over the water and landed a good two metres from the water on the other side. It bowed, drew itself upright and preened.

The others nodded with approval.

"Not bad," said Snip. "Nice technique. The somersault ..."

"For the short tree, yeah, it maximises strengths," agreed Ceez. "Me next."

"This'll be good," muttered Snip. "That lumbering waterlogged pack-tree of yours..."

"Lumbering?" said Ceez. "You'll eat those words. Here, Odie."

Like an overgrown octopus, the sprawling tree-mass lurched forward on a frenzy of aerial roots. The others snickered.

"Bargain basement tree sale?" said Snip.

"I'll have you know, I bred this little beauty for its figs, which are just a-maaaz-ing," said Ceez in haughty tones. "I sell 'em, too."

The others looked impressed.

"Profitmaking tree, not bad," conceded Snip. "Still, those roots."

"Those roots indeed," said Ceez loftily. "Odie, get ready."

The banyan-derivative raised itself on hundreds of prop roots.

"Get set."

It leaned forward.

"Go!"

The massive tree, its fibrous grey roots as inelegant as pudgy fingers, powered down the river bank with so much speed it formed a wave as it hit the water. Keeping a good two inches above the surface it glided across, as graceful as a lady raising her crinoline.

"That's cheating!" cried Snip.

"Is not!" cried Ceez.

"It was using its prop roots! I saw! It sent them down. Your tree was walking, even if it looked like it was skimming over the surface. That's not fair! This is a jumping contest!"

"So? My tree has aerial roots," said Ceez, "and knows how to use them. You can't go against nature, can you?"

The others watched the tree scramble up the bank on the other side and shuffle up to the bogberry.

"It didn't exactly clear the water," said Morth. "Still, bonus points for effort. Big trees don't usually move like dancers."

The others nodded.

"My turn," said Morth. "Watch." He clicked his fingers, and an inconspicuous fan tree skittered forward on spindly roots.

"Okay, FiFi?"

The tree shook itself, releasing long elegant fan-shaped leaves from the sheathing stalk that formed its trunk.

"Whoah," said Snip, with suspicion. "Where'd you get that: the Off-Limits Shop? How'd you get in?"

Morth grinned. "I got my sister to pretend she was married. They're only supposed to be used for therapy, you know."

"You're taking a risk," said the others. "If we get caught, it's public service for a month."

"FiFi's worth it," said Morth. "Besides, in an hour she'll be back in her pot, you know that."

The others frowned.

The tree's sheathing stalk released two more fans, which beat the air and sent a wave of intoxicating perfume at the boys.

"Wow," said Ceez. "See what you mean. What, she's a jumper, too?"

Morth chuckled. "FiFi," he said in a commanding voice, "get ready."

The tree sheathed all but one of its fans.

"Get set."

The tree sheathed its remaining fan, and stood rigid.

"Go!"

FiFi drew herself up and cartwheeled towards the river, up and over the water, landed with precision on the other side, unsheathed her fans, bowed and joined her companions.

A blast of perfume hit them.

"Wow." They inhaled greedily.

"Not exactly a jump but ..."

"It cartwheels. It does flips. Get over it," said Morth. "Good, huh?"

The others nodded.

"I reckon no-one's a clear winner," said Snip, with reluctance. "Hey, look at the time. We've got to take the trees back now. At sunrise we turn twelve."

The others looked downcast and kicked the sand.

"I wish we could stay like this forever, with the trees and all," said Morth, with longing. "I wish we didn't lose our magic when we get to be real men, tomorrow. I wish we could stay like this, forever."

"Yeah."

"Me too."

Soberly, they retrieved their trees and took them home.

# Science Fiction, Fantasy, Urban Fantasy and Horror

## Rachel Aaron

***The Revenge of Eli Monpress (Legend of Eli Monpress 04, 05)*** B Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356501840](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356501840)  
An omnibus containing *The Spirit War* and *Spirit's End*. An new omnibus edition of this fast-paced, furious and witty fantasy adventure - completing the tale that began in *THE LEGEND OF ELI MONPRESS*.

Eli Monpress is vain. He's cocky. And he's a thief.

But he's a thief who has just seen his bounty topped and he's not happy about it. The bounty topper, as it turns out, is his best friend and master swordsman, Josef. He's been keeping secrets from Eli. Apparently, he's the only prince of a rather feisty country, and he's been ordered to come home to do his duty. This means throwing over personal ambitions like proving he's the greatest swordsman who ever lived.

Family drama aside, Eli and Josef have their hands full. The Spirit Court has been usurped by the Council of Thrones and someone calling herself the Immortal Empress is staging a massive invasion. But it's not just politics - the Immortal Empress has a specific target in mind: Eli Monpress, the greatest thief in the world.

## Joe Abercrombie

***Red Country (First Law)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575095847](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575095847)

The past never stays buried.

They burned her home.

They stole her brother and sister.

But vengeance is following.

Shy South hoped to bury her bloody past and ride away smiling, but she'll have to sharpen up some bad old ways to get her family back, and she's not a woman to flinch from what needs doing. She sets off in pursuit with only a pair of oxen and her cowardly old stepfather Lamb for company. But it turns out Lamb's buried a bloody past of his own, and out in the lawless Far Country, the past never stays buried.

Their journey will take them across the barren plains to a frontier town gripped by gold fever, through feud, duel and massacre, high into the unmapped mountains to a reckoning with the Ghosts. Even worse, it will force them into alliance with Nicomo Cosca, infamous soldier of fortune, and his feckless lawyer Temple, two men no one should ever have to trust. . .

The past never stays buried. . .

## Cat Adams

***To Dance With the Devil*** Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765328755](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765328755)

Celia Graves's newest client is one of the last surviving members of a magical family that is trapped in a generations-old feud with other magic-workers. She's supposed to die at the next full moon unless Celia can broker peace between the clans or break the curse before it can take effect. For the first time in a long while, Celia's personal life is looking up. Her vampire abilities seem to be under control, her Siren abilities have gotten more reliable, and even though her office was blown up, her services are more in demand than ever now that she's fought off terrorists and been part of the royal wedding of the year. Her friends all seem to be finding love and her grandmother has--finally--agreed to go to family therapy. The only trouble spot is Celia's love life. Not long ago, she had two boyfriends. Now she barely has one and she isn't sure she wants him. But Bruno DeLuca is a powerful mage and Celia needs his help...especially after she's attacked and her client is kidnapped.

## Michael Adams

***The Last Girl (Last Girl 01)*** Trade Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781743316368](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781743316368)

The end of the world happened quickly. The sun still shone, there was no explosion - just a tsunami-sized wave of human thought drowning the world in telepathic noise as everyone's inner-most secrets became audible. Everyone's thoughts, that is, except sixteen-year-old Danby.

Everyone looked like bad actors in a poorly dubbed movie. Their expressions didn't match their emotions and their lips didn't sync with what they were saying. But they were all so loud.

God-he-looks-hot-Can't-she's-my-best-friend-How'd-she-lose-that-weight-No-don't-you-dare-Oh-no-please-

The end of the world happens in the blink of an eye.

When The Snap sweeps the globe, everyone can instantly hear everything that everyone else is thinking. As secrets and lies are laid bare, suburbs and cities explode into insanity and violence. What might have been an evolutionary leap instead initiates the apocalypse.

Sixteen-year-old Danby Armstrong's telepathy works very differently. She can tune into other people but they can't tune into her. With only this slender defence, Danby must protect her little brother and reach the safety of her mother's mountain retreat. But it's 100 kilometres away and the highways are blocked by thousands of cars and surrounded by millions of people coming apart at the psychic seams.

Danby's escape is made even more dangerous by another cataclysm that threatens humanity's extinction. And her ability to survive this new world will be tested by a charismatic young man whose power to save lives may be worse than death itself.

## Piers Anthony

***Esrever Doom (Xanth 37)*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765331366](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765331366)

Piers Anthony's 37th adventure in Xanth changes the Mood to one of Doom!

Kody woke up in a hospital bed, not knowing how he got there. Before his questions could be answered, he was told that he was about to undergo surgery, and that there could be some side effects. And then he woke up again, this time in Xanth.

Kody is the only person in Xanth who has not been affected by a dreadful spell that reverses how people see each other. What was adorable is now loathsome. What was ugly is now beautiful. What was loved is now hated. Kody has clearly arrived just in time! Only he has any hope of reversing the spell, turning *Esrever Doom* into *Reverse Mood*.

## Keri Arthur (Australian Author)

***Darkness Splintered (Dark Angels)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780349401652](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780349401652)

***Darkness Splintered (Dark Angels)*** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451419590](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451419590)

Keri Arthur continues her *Dark Angels* series as half-werewolf, half-Aedh Risa Jones races to save the world from descending into ultimate chaos... Risa has angered several powerful people, and she's starting to feel the pressure from all sides. She also finds herself under the scrutiny of the vampire council, some of whom consider her a monster who should be destroyed. But they offer her a bloody bargain: Take on the lethal head of the council and others will support her.

As the search for the keys to hell heats up, Risa realizes that she has no choice. For the sake of the people she loves, she must find the keys - and get rid of Hunter - before the next gate is opened and brings the world closer to all hell breaking loose....

**Neal Asher**

***The Jupiter War (Owner)*** Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781447245957](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781447245957)

Alan Saul is now part-human and part-machine, and our solar system isn't big enough to hold him. He craves the stars, but can't leave yet. His sister Var is trapped on Mars, on the wrong side of a rebellion, and Saul's human side won't let her die. He must leave Argus Station to stage a dangerous rescue - but mutiny is brewing onboard, as Saul's robots make his crew feel increasingly redundant. Serene Galahad will do anything to prevent Saul's escape. Earth's ruthless dictator hides her crimes from a cowed populace as she readies new warships for pursuit. She aims to crush her enemy in a terrifying display of interstellar violence. Meanwhile, The Scourge limps back to earth, its crew slaughtered, its mission to annihilate Saul a disaster. There are survivors, but while one seeks Galahad's death, Clay Ruger will negotiate for his life. Events build to a climax as Ruger holds humanity's greatest prize - seeds to rebuild a dying Earth. This stolen gene-bank data will come at a price, but what will Galahad pay for humanity's future?

**Robert Asprin & Jody Lynn Nye**

***Robert Asprin's Dragons Run (Dragon 04)*** Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425256978](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425256978)

Griffen McCandles is about to give the forces of evil a run for their money; Griffen already has his hands full running his gambling operation in New Orleans and dealing with his dragon heritage. Now his pregnant sister, Valerie, is missing-possibly kidnapped-and his uncle, Malcolm McCandles, has flown into town for a mysterious meeting with a powerful man who's been dead for almost eight decades. And Griffen certainly hasn't got the time to protect Councilwoman Penny Dunbar, a dragon who's running for governor of Louisiana-if malign forces don't take her out first. Griffen learned a long time ago to play the hand fate has dealt him, but with many lives at stake-including Val's unborn dragon-he's hoping for an ace in the hole.

**David Barnett**

***Gideon Smith and the Mechanical Girl*** Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765334244](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765334244)

Nineteenth century London is the center of a vast British Empire. Airships ply the skies and Queen Victoria presides over three-quarters of the known world - including the East Coast of America, following the failed revolution of 1775.

London might as well be a world away from Sandsend, a tiny village on the Yorkshire coast. Gideon Smith dreams of the adventure promised him by the lurid tales of Captain Lucian Trigger, the Hero of the Empire, told in Gideon's favorite 'penny dreadful.' When Gideon's father is lost at sea in highly mysterious circumstances Gideon is convinced that supernatural forces are at work. Deciding only Captain Lucian Trigger himself can aid him, Gideon sets off for London. On the way he rescues the mysterious mechanical girl Maria from a tumbledown house of shadows and iniquities. Together they make for London, where Gideon finally meets Captain Trigger.

But Trigger is little more than an aging fraud, providing cover for the covert activities of his lover, Dr. John Reed, a privateer and sometime agent of the British Crown. Looking for heroes but finding only frauds and crooks, it falls to Gideon to step up to the plate and attempt to save the day...but can a humble fisherman really become the true Hero of the Empire?

David Barnett's Gideon Smith and the Mechanical Girl is a fantastical steampunk fable set against an alternate historical backdrop: the ultimate Victoriana/steampunk mash-up!

**Stephen Baxter**

***Iron Winter (Northland 03)*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451240125](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451240125)

Many generations ago, the Wall was built to hold back the sea. A simple dam, it grew into a vast linear city, home to scholars, builders, and merchants. Northland's prosperity survived wars and unrest and brought the whole of Europe together.

But now darkness is falling. Days grow shorter, temperatures colder, and in the wake of long winters come famine, destruction, and terror. As a mass exodus to warmer climes threatens to fracture Northland, one man believes he can outwit the cold, and even salvage some scraps of the great civilization - before interminable gloom settles over the land; before the fires of war lay waste to an empire; before the ice comes....

**Steve Bein**

***Year of the Demon (Fated Blades)*** Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451465191](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451465191)

A MASK OF DESTRUCTION Detective Sergeant Mariko Oshiro has been promoted to Japan's elite Narcotics unit-and with this promotion comes a new partner, a new case, and new danger. The underboss of a powerful yakuza crime syndicate has put a price on her head, and he'll lift the bounty only if she retrieves an ancient iron demon mask that was stolen from him in a daring raid. However, Mariko has no idea of the tumultuous past carried within the mask-or of its deadly link with the famed Inazuma blade she wields. The secret of this mask originated hundreds of years before Mariko was born, and over time the mask's power has evolved to bend its owner toward destruction, stopping at nothing to obtain Inazuma steel. Mariko's fallen sensei knew much of the mask's hypnotic power and of its mysterious link to a murderous cult. Now Mariko must use his notes to find the mask before the cult can bring Tokyo to its knees-and before the underboss decides her time is up...

**Beth Bernobich**

***Allegiance (River of Souls 03)*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765322197](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765322197)

King Leos of Karovi; the tyrannical despot whose magic made him near immortal and who controlled a tattered empire for centuries through fear and intimidation, is finally dead. Ilse Zhalina watched as the magical jewels that gave him such power reunited into a single essence, a manifestly God-like creature who then disappeared into the cosmic void. Ilse is now free to fulfill her promise to Valara Baussay, the rogue Queen of Morennio, who wants to return to her kingdom and claim her throne. Ilse will do all in her power to help Valara if only as a means to get to her home. Home to her lover, Raul Kosenmark, who is gathering forces in their homeland of Veraene now that Leos is dead in order to save them from an ill-advised war. Pulled by duty and honor, Ilse makes this long journey back to where her story began, to complete the journey she attempted lives and centuries before and bring peace between the kingdoms. Along the way she learns some hard truths and finally comes to a crossroads of power and magic. She must decide if duty is stronger than a love that she has sought through countless lifetimes. Will Ilse give up her heart's desire so that her nation can finally know lasting peace?

**Kit Berry**

***Shaman of Stonewylde (Stonewylde 05)*** B Paperback \$16.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575098954](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575098954)

In the dramatic conclusion to the Stonewylde series, the future of the community teeters on a cliff-edge.

The Outside World clamours at the wrought iron gates, while the evil alliance within Stonewylde threatens to destroy everything. With their new business and their relationship in tatters, Yul and Sylvie find their once-beautiful world has been desecrated by the dark forces.

But Stonewylde is as old as the hills themselves, and the landscape endures. Leveret has at last discovered her true calling and is determined to lead the community back into a golden age of magic and prosperity.

As the enchanting tale of Stonewylde draws to its end, Sylvie finally realises why she was brought here and Yul understands his true destiny. Whilst Leveret sees exactly what lies ahead for Stonewylde. . .

This cult series is a magical tale of love, anger and loss - but also, finally, of triumph against all adversity.

## **Michael Bishop**

*No Enemy But Time* (SF Masterworks) B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575093119](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575093119)

The NEBULA AWARD-winning novel of time travel and the nature of humanity.

Joshua Kampa is torn between two worlds - the Early Pleistocene Africa of his dreams and the 20th-century reality of his waking life. These worlds are transposed when a government experiment sends him over a million years back in time. Here, John builds a new life as part of a tribe of protohumans. But the reality of early Africa is much more challenging than his fantasies. With the landscape, the species, and John himself evolving, he reaches a temporal crossroads where he must decide whether the past or the future will be his present.

## **E C Blake**

*Masks (01)* Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756407599](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756407599)

Masks, the first novel in a mesmerizing new fantasy series, draws readers into a world in which cataclysmic events have left the Autarchy of Aygrima - the one land blessed with magical resources?cut off from its former trading partners across the waters, not knowing if any of those distant peoples still live. Yet under the rule of the Autarch, Aygrima survives. And thanks to the creation of the Masks and the vigilance of the Autarch's Watchers, no one can threaten the security of the empire.

In Aygrima, magic is a Gift possessed from birth by a very small percentage of the population, with the Autarch himself the most powerful magic worker of all. Only the long-vanquished Lady of Pain and Fire had been able to challenge his rule.

At the age of fifteen, citizens are recognized as adults and must don the spell-infused Masks - which denote both status and profession - whenever they are in public. To maintain the secure rule of the kingdom, the Masks are magically crafted to reveal any treasonous thoughts or actions. And once such betrayals are exposed, the Watchers are there to enforce the law.

Mara Holdfast, daughter of the Autarch's Master Maskmaker, is fast approaching her fifteenth birthday and her all-important Masking ceremony. Her father himself has been working behind closed doors to create Mara's Mask. Once the ceremony is done, she will take her place as an adult, and Gifted with the same magical abilities as her father, she will also claim her rightful place as his apprentice.

But on the day of her Masking something goes horribly wrong, and instead of celebrating, Mara is torn away from her parents, imprisoned, and consigned to a wagon bound for the mines. Is it because she didn't turn the unMasked boy she discovered over to the Night Watchers? Or is it because she's lied about her Gift, claiming she can only see one color of magic, when in truth she can see them all, just as she could when she was a young child?

Whatever the reason, her Mask has labeled her a traitor and now she has lost everything, doomed to slavery in the mines until she dies. And not even her Gift can show Mara the future that awaits her - a future that may see her freed to aid a rebel cause, forced to become a puppet of the Autarch, or transformed into a force as dangerous to her world as the legendary Lady of Pain and Fire.

## **John Boyne**

*This House Is Haunted* Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781590516799](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781590516799)

Written in Dickensian prose, *This House Is Haunted* is a striking homage to the classic nineteenth-century ghost story. Set in Norfolk in 1867, Eliza Caine responds to an ad for a governess position at Gaudlin Hall. When she arrives at the hall, shaken by an unsettling disturbance that occurred during her travels, she is greeted by the two children now in her care, Isabella and Eustace. There is no adult present to represent her mysterious employer, and the children offer no explanation. Later that night in her room, another terrifying experience further reinforces the sense that something is very wrong.

From the moment Eliza rises the following morning, her every step seems dogged by a malign presence that lives within Gaudlin's walls. Eliza realizes that if she and the children are to survive its violent attentions, she must first uncover the hall's long-buried secrets and confront the demons of its past. Clever, captivating, and witty, *This House Is Haunted* is pure entertainment with a catch.

## **Steven Brust**

*The Book of Dzur* (Vlad Taltos 10, 11) Trade Paperback \$24.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765328953](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765328953)

In Dzur, Vlad is back in the great city of Adrilankha, with a price on his head. The rackets he used to run are now under the control of the mysterious 'Left Hand of the Jhereg' - a cabal of women who report to no man. His ex-wife needs his help. His old enemies aren't sure whether they want to kill him, or talk to him and then kill him. A goddess appears to be playing tricks with his memory. And the Great Weapon he's carrying appears to have plans of its own - .

In Jhegala, Vlad decides to hide out among his relatives in faraway Fenario, in a papermaking town called Burz. At first it's not such a bad place, though the mill reeks to high heaven. But the longer he stays there, the stranger it becomes. Then a grisly murder takes place. And in its wake, far from Dragaera, without his usual organization working for him, Vlad has to do his sleuthing amidst an alien people - his own.

## **Jim Butcher**

*Side Jobs* (Dresden Files anthology) Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451463845](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451463845)

A compendium of cases that Harry and his cadre of allies managed to close in record time. The tales range from the deadly serious to the absurdly hilarious. Also included is a novella exclusive to this collection that takes place after the cliff-hanger ending of the April 2010 hardcover, *Changes*. This is a must-have collection for every devoted Harry Dresden fan as well as a perfect introduction for readers ready to meet Chicago's only professional wizard.

## **Jack Campbell**

*Perilous Shield* (Lost Stars 02) Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425256312](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425256312)

A thrilling spin-off from Jack Campbell's *The Lost Fleet* series, *The Lost Stars: Tarnished Knight* delivered excellent tales of space battles and struggles against tyrants and aliens. Now the New York Times bestselling author returns with the next chapter in the overthrow of the Syndicate Worlds' oppression.

Following a successful coup, the leaders of the rebel Midway Star System struggle to forge a government free enough to please its citizens yet strong enough to secure power. But in a world where former rulers have become new foes, an alien threat to humanity may turn old adversaries into uncertain allies.

General Artur Drakon knows three words describe someone who confides in a Syndicate CEO: Stupid. Betrayed. Dead. Despite his misgivings, he partnered with another former CEO to overthrow Syndic forces. Now, with an enigma fleet menacing their hard-earned independence, he can ill afford to trust her - or lose her support.

President Gwen Icen believes Midway is humanity's defense against the enigmas. Syndicate training taught her self-preservation in a crisis, yet she's determined to fight for the star system's fate - even if it means joining forces with Drakon - and an officer of the hated Alliance.

Their plan places the Midway flotilla at great risk in hopes of greater reward: recruiting the personnel necessary to man warships against the enigmas. But before facing the alien advance, Drakon and Icen must survive hidden dangers closer to home: all-too-human threats that could jeopardize Midway's freedom - and their own lives.

### **Jacqueline Carey**

*Autumn Bones (Agent of Hell 01)* Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451465184](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451465184)

Jacqueline Carey returns to the curious Midwest tourist community where normal and paranormal worlds co-exist - however tenuously - under the watchful eye of a female hellspawn.

Fathered by an incubus, raised by a mortal mother, and liaison to the Pemkowet Police Department, Daisy Johanssen pulled the community together after a summer tragedy befell the resort town she calls home. Things are back to normal - as normal as it gets for a town famous for its supernatural tourism, and presided over by the reclusive Norse goddess Hel.

Not only has Daisy now gained respect as Hel's enforcer, she's dating Sinclair Palmer, a nice, seemingly normal human guy. Not too shabby for the daughter of a demon. Unfortunately, Sinclair has a secret. And it's a big one.

He's descended from Obeah sorcerers and they want him back. If he doesn't return to Jamaica to take up his rightful role in the family, they'll unleash spirit magic that could have dire consequences for the town. It's Daisy's job to stop it, and she's going to need a lot of help. But time is running out, the dead are growing restless, and one mistake could cost Daisy everything...

### **Gail Carriger**

*Curtsies and Conspiracies (Finishing School 02)* B Paperback \$16.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781907411601](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781907411601)

Set in the world of Gail Carriger's bestselling Parasol Protectorate series, this is the perfect series for old and new fans alike.

Does one need four fully-grown foxgloves for decorating a dinner table for six guests? Or is it six foxgloves to kill four fully-grown guests?

Sophronia's first year at school has certainly been rousing. First, her finishing school is training her to be a spy (won't Mumsy be surprised!).

Secondly, she gets mixed up in an intrigue over a stolen device and has a cheese pie thrown at her. Now, as Sophronia sneaks around the dirigible school, eavesdropping on the teachers' quarters and making clandestine climbs to the ship's boiler room, she learns that there may be more to a school trip to London than at first appears. . .

Vampires, werewolves, and humans are all after the prototype Sophronia recovered in ETIQUETTE & ESPIONAGE, which has the potential to alter human and supernatural travel. Sophronia must try to uncover who is behind a dangerous plot to control the prototype. . . as well as survive the London season with a full dance card.

### **Rae Carson**

*The Crown of Embers (02)* B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575099203](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575099203)

Princess Elisa is back! And in a tale that's bigger and badder than ever for fans of Kristin Cashore.

She does not know what awaits her at the enemy's gate.

Elisa is a hero. She led her people to victory over a terrifying, sorcerous army. Her place as the country's ruler should be secure. But it isn't.

Her enemies come at her like ghosts in a dream, from both foreign realms and within her own court. And her destiny as the chosen one has not yet been fulfilled.

To conquer the power she bears once and for all, Elisa must follow the trail of long-forgotten - and forbidden - clues from the deep, undiscovered catacombs of her own city to the treacherous seas. With her goes a one-eyed spy, a traitor, and the man who - despite everything - she is falling in love with.

If she's lucky, she will return from this journey. But there will be a cost.

### **P C Cast**

*Revealed (House of Night 11)* Paperback \$24.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780349001739](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780349001739)

Drastically altered after her fall at the end of HIDDEN, Neferet is now more dangerous than ever - and her quest for vengeance will wreak havoc on humans as well as Zoey and her friends. Chaos is loosed in Tulsa and the House of Night is blamed. Can Zoey stop Neferet in time to keep her anger from escalating to full-on war? Or will someone else have to step in to take the fall?

### **Elizabeth Chadwick**

*The Outlaw Knight* Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781402274626](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781402274626)

A Deadly Rival.

An Ancient Family Dispute.

An Impossible Love.

He should have known better than to fight with the future King John. Ruthless and feared, John is not one to forget or forgive. But Fulke FitzWarin couldn't help himself, and now the vindictive John has insured that Fulke will never become lord of the castle he loves.

Instead of accepting his fate, Fulke rebels. He begins an affair with Maude Walter, the wealthy widow desired by John himself. Negotiating a maze of deceit, treachery, and shifting alliances, Fulke's route to success is blocked at every turn. And when the turmoil of the Magna Carta rebellion combines with a shocking tragedy, everything Fulke has fought for is thrown into the path of destruction.

### **Kylie Chan (Australian Author)**

*Journey to Wudang (Journey to Wudang 01, 02, 03)* Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732298050](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732298050)

In the acclaimed Dark Heavens series, Emma Donohoe learned about martial arts, magic and the true nature of John Chen. It is now eight years since Xuan Wu, God of the Northern Heavens, living in Hong Kong as wealthy businessman John Chen, was exiled from the mortal realm. Emma and Simone, John's daughter, are facing a new series of threats, while their best fighter, Leo, sits in Hell. They must persuade him to come home ... but, in Hell, nothing is as it appears.

Human and demon, heaven and hell battle for the fate of the world in this trilogy of bestselling books from Kylie Chan.

### **Karen Chance**

*Tempt the Stars (Cassie Palmer)* A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451419057](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451419057)

Being a goddess is a lot less fun than you might think. Especially when you're only a half goddess, and you only found out about it recently, and you still don't know what you're doing half the time. And when you've just used your not-so-reliable powers to burglarize the booby-trapped office of a vampire mob boss.

Yeah, that part sucks.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg for Cassandra Palmer, aka the Pythia, the freshly minted chief seer of the supernatural world. After all, Cassie still has to save a friend from a fate worse than death, deal with an increasingly possessive master vampire, and prevent a party of her own acolytes from unleashing a storm of fury upon the world. Totally just your average day at the office, right?

**J Kathleen Cheney**

***The Golden City*** Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451417749](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451417749)

For two years, Oriana Paredes has been a spy among the social elite of the Golden City, reporting back to her people, the sereia, sea folk banned from the city's shores....

When her employer and only confidante decides to elope, Oriana agrees to accompany her to Paris. But before they can depart, the two women are abducted and left to drown. Trapped beneath the waves, Oriana's heritage allows her to survive while she is forced to watch her only friend die.

Vowing vengeance, Oriana crosses paths with Duilio Ferreira - a police consultant who has been investigating the disappearance of a string of servants from the city's wealthiest homes. Duilio also has a secret: He is a seer and his gifts have led him to Oriana.

Bound by their secrets, not trusting each other completely yet having no choice but to work together, Oriana and Duilio must expose a twisted plot of magic so dark that it could cause the very fabric of history to come undone....

**Eoin Colfer**

***Artemis Fowl and the Last Guardian (Artemis Fowl 08)*** B Paperback \$16.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780141340760](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780141340760)

IS THIS ARMAGEDDON FOR ARTEMIS FOWL?

Opal Koboi, power-crazed pixie, is plotting to exterminate mankind and become fairy queen.

If she succeeds, the spirits of long-dead fairy warriors will rise from the earth, inhabit the nearest available bodies and wreak mass destruction. But what happens if those nearest bodies include crows, or deer, or badgers - or two curious little boys by the names of Myles and Beckett Fowl?

Yes, it's true. Criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl's four-year-old brothers could be involved in destroying the human race. Can Artemis and Captain Holly Short of the Lower Elements Police stop Opal and prevent the end of the world?

**Nancy A Collins**

***Magic and Loss (Golgotham 03)*** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451464927](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451464927)

Located on Manhattan's Lower East Side, Golgotham has been the city's supernatural district for centuries. Populated by creatures from myth and legend, the neighborhood's most prominent citizens are the Kymera, a race of witches who maintain an uneasy truce with the city's humans . . .

It has been several months since Tate Eresby developed her new magical ability to bring whatever she creates to life, but she is still learning to control her power. Struggling to make a living as an artist, she and Hexe can barely make ends meet, but they are happy.

That is until Golgotham's criminal overlord Boss Marz is released from prison, bent on revenge against the couple responsible for putting him there. Hexe's right hand is destroyed, leaving him unable to conjure his benign magic. Attempts to repair the hand only succeed in plunging Hexe into a darkness that can't be lifted—even by news that Tate is carrying his child.

Now, with her pregnancy seeming to progress at an astonishing rate, Tate realizes that carrying a possible heir to the Kymeran throne will attract danger from all corners, even beyond the grave . . .

**Tina Connolly**

***Ironskin (Ironskin 01)*** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765330611](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765330611)

Jane Eliot wears an iron mask. It's the only way to contain the fey curse that scars her cheek. The Great War is five years gone, but its scattered victims remain--the ironskin. When a carefully worded listing appears for a governess to assist with a "delicate situation"--a child born during the Great War--Jane is certain the child is fey-cursed, and that she can help. Teaching the unruly Dorie to suppress her curse is hard enough; she certainly didn't expect to fall for the girl's father, the enigmatic artist Edward Rochart. But her blossoming crush is stifled by her scars and by his parade of women. Ugly women, who enter his closed studio...and come out as beautiful as the fey. Jane knows Rochart cannot love her, just as she knows that she must wear iron for the rest of her life. But what if neither of these things are true? Step by step Jane unlocks the secrets of a new life--and discovers just how far she will go to become whole again.

**Tina Connolly**

***Copperhead (Ironskin 02)*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765330604](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765330604)

Copperhead is the sequel to Tina Connolly's stunning historical fantasy debut.

Helen Huntingdon is beautiful--so beautiful she has to wear an iron mask. Six months ago her sister Jane uncovered a fey plot to take over the city. Too late for Helen, who opted for fey beauty in her face--and now has to cover her face with iron so she won't be taken over, her personality erased by the bodiless fey. Not that Helen would mind that some days. Stuck in a marriage with the wealthy and controlling Alistair, she lives at the edges of her life, secretly helping Jane remove the dangerous fey beauty from the wealthy society women who paid for it. But when the chancy procedure turns deadly, Jane goes missing--and is implicated in a murder. Meanwhile, Alistair's influential clique Copperhead--whose emblem is the poisonous copperhead hydra--is out to restore humans to their "rightful" place, even to the point of destroying the dwarven who have always been allies. Helen is determined to find her missing sister, as well as continue the good fight against the fey. But when that pits her against her own husband--and when she meets an enigmatic young revolutionary--she's pushed to discover how far she'll bend society's rules to do what's right. It may be more than her beauty at stake. It may be her honor...and her heart.

**Robert Conroy**

***Rising Sun*** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476736143](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476736143)

It is the summer of 1942 and what our historians have called the Incredible Victory in the Battle of Midway has become a horrendous disaster in the world. Two of America's handful of carriers in the Pacific have blundered into a Japanese submarine picket line and have been sunk, while a third is destroyed the next day. The United States has only one carrier remaining in the Pacific against nine Japanese, while the ragtag remnants of U.S. battleships - an armada still reeling from the defeat at Pearl Harbor - are in even worse shape.

Now the Pacific belongs to the Japanese. And it doesn't stop there as Japan thrust her sword in to the hilt. Alaska is invaded. Hawaii is under blockade. The Panama Canal is nearly plugged. Worst of all, the West Coast of America is ripe for destruction as bombers of the Empire of the Sun bombard West Coast American cities at will.

Despite these disasters, the U.S. begins to fight back. Limited counterattacks are made and a grand plan is put forth to lure the Japanese into an ambush that could restore the balance in the Pacific and give the forces of freedom a fighting chance once more.

**Evan Currie**

***Homeworld*** Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781477808832](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781477808832)

War comes home to the Sol system when the Drasin track a human ship back to Earth, with devastating consequences. Facing massive force of invading alien ships wielding terrible power, the crew of the NAC spacecraft, their allies, and the people of Earth must mount a desperate effort to stop them. Doomed from the start, but with nowhere to retreat, Captain Eric Weston commits his ship to the defense of the human race even as the human outposts in Sol system fall one by one before the unrelenting Drasin onslaught. A first-rate military science fiction epic that combines old-school space opera and modern storytelling, *Homeworld: Odyssey One*, the third installment of the *Odyssey One* series, continues the exhilarating, hard-pressed action as the Captain Weston faces an overwhelming enemy threatening not just his ship and crew, but the future of Earth as well.

### **William C Dietz**

*Andromeda's Fall (Legion of the Damned Prequel 01)* A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425262344](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425262344)

Hundreds of years in the future, much has changed. Advances in medicine, technology, and science abound. Humanity has gone to the stars, found alien life, and established an empire.

But some things never change...

All her life, Lady Catherine Carletto (called Cat) has lived for nothing but the next party, the next lover, the next expensive toy. Until, in a bloodthirsty power grab, Imperial Princess Ophelia and her cadre of synth assassins murder her brother the emperor, and go on to purge the galaxy of his friends and supporters - including Cat's family. The Carlettos are known to be staunch supporters of the Emperor and Carletto Industries has been in the forefront of his pet project - developing cybernetic technology for use by the masses.

Now Cat, one of the last surviving Carlettos, is on the run. And, like countless others before her, she finds her sanctuary among the most dangerous of society's misfits.

Welcome to the Legion.

Cat Carletto vanishes, and in her place stands Legion recruit Andromeda McKee. A woman with a mission - to bring down Empress Ophelia - or die trying.

### **Cory Doctorow & Charles Stross**

*The Rapture of the Nerds* Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765329110](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765329110)

A tale set at the end of the twenty-first century finds the planet's divided hominid population subjected to the forces of a splintery metaconsciousness that inundates networks with plans for cataclysmic technologies, prompting an unwitting jury member to participate in a grueling decision.

### **Stephen Donaldson**

*The Last Dark (Last Chronicles of Thomas Covenant 04)* Hardcover \$49.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780399159206](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780399159206)

Compelled step by step to actions whose consequences they could neither see nor prevent, Thomas Covenant and Linden Avery have fought for what they love in the magical reality known only as "the Land." Now they face their final crisis. Reunited after their separate struggles, they discover in each other their true power--and yet they cannot imagine how to stop the Worm of the World's End from unmaking Time. Nevertheless they must resist the ruin of all things, giving their last strength in the service of the world's continuance.

### **Ian Douglas**

*Abyss Deep (Star Corpsman 02)* A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780061894770](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780061894770)

Ian Douglas's virtuosic Star Corpsman series proves one thing: The Marines are still the toughest sons of guns in the galaxy.

As Bravo Company defuses a hostage crisis on an orbiting mining station, Navy Corpsman Elliot "Doc" Carlyle not only saves the lives of a wounded Marine and two extraterrestrial friendlies - he averts a terrorist strike intended to kill billions. His reward? Deployment on a recon mission into the darkest depths known to man.

Abyss Deep is a foreboding ocean planet torn by extremes: boiling storm world on one side, unbroken glacier on the other. Humans established a research colony there to study the planet's giant sea serpents - but the colony has gone ominously silent. When Carlyle's team arrives, they discover a vessel belonging to a warlike alien species hovering above the atmosphere. But below the ice lurks a mystery so chilling it will make even Elliot Carlyle's blood run cold.

### **Susan Ee**

*World After (Penryn and the End of Days 02)* B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444778533](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444778533)

In this sequel to the bestselling fantasy thriller, *Angelfall*, the survivors of the angel apocalypse begin to scrape back together what's left of the modern world. When a group of people capture Penryn's sister Paige, thinking she's a monster, the situation ends in a massacre. Paige disappears. Humans are terrified. Mom is heartbroken.

Penryn drives through the streets of San Francisco looking for Paige. But why are the streets so empty? Where is everybody? Her search leads her into the heart of the angels' secret plans, where she catches a glimpse of their motivations, and learns the horrifying extent to which the angels are willing to go.

Meanwhile, Raffae hunts for his wings. Without them, he can't rejoin the angels, can't take his rightful place as one of their leaders. When faced with recapturing his wings or helping Penryn survive, which will he choose?

### **Greg Egan (Australian Author)**

*The Eternal Flame (Orthogonal 02)* B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575105737](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575105737)

Classic hard science fiction from a master. The generation ship Peerless is running out of space, and fuel - and prospects for survival. . .

The generation ship Peerless is suffering from a population explosion, and the only way to reduce the number of children is by drastically limiting the females' food intake. So population control consists of two barbaric choices: starvation, or suicide.

Trying to find a better way, a biologist starts experimenting with animals, and stumbles on a technique that radically alters the reproductive cycle. But while the advantages are obvious, there's a major drawback: while it spares women from their old role - reproduction without hope of survival - it will essentially wipe out an entire sex.

Amid the turmoil created by this new possibility, physicists on the ship are working to develop the technology they will need to complete the mission of the Peerless. One of the expedition's founders dreamed of discovering the Eternal Flame: a way to generate thrust without consuming any fuel at all.

The inhabitants on board the Peerless have some hard choices to make - and the wrong one could spell extinction for their entire race.

### **Ian Cameron Esslemont**

*Blood and Bone (Malazan Empire 05)* Paperback \$19.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553824735](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553824735)

In the western sky the bright emerald banner of the Visitor descends like a portent of annihilation. On the continent of Jacuruku, the Thaumaturgs have mounted another expedition in a bid to tame the neighbouring wild jungle. Yet this is no normal wilderness. It is called Himatan, and it is said to be half of the spirit-realm and half of the earth. And it is said to be ruled by a powerful entity who some name the Queen of Witches and some a goddess: the ancient Ardata.

Saeng grew up knowing only the rule of the magus Thaumaturgs - but it was the voices from that land's forgotten past that she listened to. And when her rulers launch their invasion of this jungle, those voices send her and her brother on a desperate mission.

To the south, the desert tribes are united by the arrival of a foreign warleader, a veteran commander in battered ashen mail men call the Grey Ghost. This warrior leads these tribes on a raid unlike any other, deep into the heart of Thaumaturg lands.

While word comes to K'azz, and mercenary company the Crimson Guard, of a contract in Jacuruku. And their employer? Could it be the goddess herself...

## **Jaine Fenn**

***Queen of Nowhere*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575097001](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575097001)

When paranoia is a way of life, trust doesn't come easily. This is a compelling space opera from 'a star in the making'.

The Sidhe look like us. They live amongst us. What they lack in numbers they make up with their fearsome mental abilities and the considerable physical resources at their disposal. And their biggest advantage No one believes they exist.

Almost no one.

Bez, the best hacker in human-space, is fighting a secret war against them. Always one step ahead, never lingering in one place, she's determined to bring them down. But she can't expose the Hidden Empire alone and when the only ally she trusted fails her she must accept help from an unexpected quarter.

Just one misstep, one incorrect assumption, and her Sidhe trap - her life's work - could end in vicious disaster. Worse, if Bez fails then humanity may never have another chance to win free of the manipulative and deadly Sidhe. . .

## **John Flanagan (Australian Author)**

***The Royal Ranger (Ranger's Apprentice 12)*** B Paperback \$17.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781864718195](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781864718195)

John Flanagan makes a spectacular return to the world of Ranger's Apprentice - but what has happened since you last saw Will and his friends might shock you!

Will took an oath when he joined the Ranger Corps. Does it mean nothing to him now?

After a senseless tragedy destroys his life, Will is obsessed with punishing those responsible - even if it means leaving the Ranger Corps. His worried friends must find a way to stop him taking such a dark path.

It is Halt who suggests the solution: Will must take an apprentice. The candidate Halt has in mind surprises everyone - and it's a request Will cannot refuse.

Training a rebellious, unwilling apprentice is hard enough. But when a routine mission uncovers a shocking web of crime, Will must decide where his priorities lie - finishing his quest for revenge, or saving innocent lives?

The final book of the Ranger's Apprentice series raises the stakes higher than ever. Is Will on his last mission for the Ranger Corps?

## **Eric Flint & David Carrico**

***1636: The Devil's Opera (Ring of Fire)*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639285](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639285)

A new addition to the multiple New York Times best-selling Ring of Fire series. After carving a place for itself in war-torn 17th century Europe, citizens of the modern town of Grantville, West Virginia take on a murderous conspiracy of operatic proportions in Magdeburg, the capital of the United States of Europe.

Eric Flint and David Carrico serve up the latest entry in the best-selling alternate history saga of them all, the Ring of Fire!

It is the year 1636. The United States of Europe, the new nation formed by an alliance between the Swedish king Gustavus Adolphus and the West Virginians hurled back in time by a cosmic accident, is on the verge of civil war. His brain injured in the war with Poland, the USE's emperor Gustavus Adolphus is no longer in command. Enter Swedish chancellor Oxenstierna, a leader of aristocratic reaction against democracy. His goal: to assemble the forces of the hidebound ruling class in Berlin and drown the revolution in a bloodbath.

In Magdeburg, the capital of the USE, Mike Stearns' wife Rebecca Abrabanel is organizing popular resistance to Oxenstierna's plot. As part of the resistance, the American musician Marla Linder and her company of down-time musical partners are staging an opera that will celebrate the struggle against oppression. Princess Kristina, the heir to the USE's throne, is now residing in Magdeburg and is giving them her support and encouragement. But another plot is underway--this one right in the heart of the capital itself, and with murder as its method. The only people standing in the way are a crippled boy and the boxing champion who befriended him, and an unlikely pair of policemen. Can the American detective Byron Chieske and his down-timer partner Gotthilf Hoch thwart the killers before they succeed in their goal?

## **Max Gladstone**

***Two Serpents Rise*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765333124](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765333124)

In *Two Serpents Rise* by Max Gladstone, shadow demons plague the city reservoir, and Red King Consolidated has sent in Caleb Altemoc - casual gambler and professional risk manager - to cleanse the water for the sixteen million people of Dresediell Lex. At the scene of the crime, Caleb finds an alluring and clever cliff runner, Crazy Mal, who easily outpaces him.

But Caleb has more than the demon infestation, Mal, or job security to worry about when he discovers that his father - the last priest of the old gods and leader of the True Quechal terrorists - has broken into his home and is wanted in connection to the attacks on the water supply.

From the beginning, Caleb and Mal are bound by lust, Craft, and chance, as both play a dangerous game where gods and people are pawns. They sleep on water, they dance in fire...and all the while the Twin Serpents slumbering beneath the earth are stirring, and they are hungry.

## **William Goldman & Michael Manomivibul (Illustrator)**

***The Princess Bride*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780544173767](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780544173767)

For its 40th anniversary, this beloved tale of romance and adventure is given a beautiful four-color illustrated treatment.

Here William Goldman's beloved story of Buttercup, Westley, and their fellow adventurers finally receives a beautiful illustrated treatment.

A tale of true love and high adventure, pirates, princesses, giants, miracles, fencing, and a frightening assortment of wild beasts - *The Princess Bride* is a modern storytelling classic.

As Florin and Guilder teeter on the verge of war, the reluctant Princess Buttercup is devastated by the loss of her true love, kidnapped by a mercenary and his henchman, rescued by a pirate, forced to marry Prince Humperdinck, and rescued once again by the very crew who absconded with her in the first place. In the course of this dazzling adventure, she'll meet Vizzini - the criminal philosopher who'll do anything for a bag of gold; Fezzik - the gentle giant; Inigo - the Spaniard whose steel thirsts for revenge; and Count Rugen - the evil mastermind behind it all. Foiling all their plans and jumping into their stories is Westley, Princess Buttercup's one true love and a very good friend of a very dangerous pirate.

## **Mira Grant**

***Parasite*** Hardcover \$29.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316218955](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316218955)

***Parasite (Parasitology 01)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356501925](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356501925)

A decade in the future, humanity thrives in the absence of sickness and disease.

We owe our good health to a humble parasite - a genetically engineered tapeworm developed by the pioneering SymboGen Corporation. When implanted, the tapeworm protects us from illness, boosts our immune system - even secretes designer drugs. It's been successful beyond the scientists' wildest dreams. Now, years on, almost every human being has a SymboGen tapeworm living within them.

But these parasites are getting restless. They want their own lives. . . and will do anything to get them.

### **David Hair**

***Mage's Blood (Moontide Quartet 01)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781780871974](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781780871974)

Most of the time the Moontide Bridge lies deep below the sea, but every 12 years the tides sink and the bridge is revealed, its gates open for trade. The Magi are hell-bent on ruling this new world, and for the last two Moontides they have led armies across the bridge on 'crusades' of conquest. Now the third Moontide is almost here and, this time, the people of the East are ready for a fight... but it is three seemingly ordinary people that will decide the fate of the world.

### **David Hair**

***The Scarlet Tides (Moontide Quartet 02)*** Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781780871998](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781780871998)

The Moontide has come, and a scarlet tide of Rondian legions is flooding into the East, slaughtering and pillaging in the name of Emperor Constant. But the Scytale of Corineus, the source of ultimate magical power, has slipped through the emperor's fingers. His ruthless Inquisitors are desperately seeking the artefact, before it falls into the hands of those who would bring down the Empire. But there are some who have pledged to end the cycle of war and restore peace to Urte. They are the unlikeliest of heroes: a failed mage, a gypsy and a lowly market-girl. As East and West clash more violently than ever before, Urte will discover that love, loyalty and truth can be forged into weapons as deadly as swords and magic.

### **Joe Haldeman**

***Joe Haldeman SF Gateway Omnibus (Bound 01, 02, 03)*** Trade Paperback \$35 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575129016](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575129016)

3 novels from Joe Haldeman, one of SF's most decorated authors.

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### **Charlaine Harris**

***Deadlocked (Sookie Stackhouse 12)*** Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425257050](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425257050)

Felipe de Castro, the vampire King of Louisiana (and Arkansas and Nevada), is in town. It's the worst possible time for a human body to show up in Eric Northman's front yard - especially the body of a woman whose blood he just drank. Now it's up to Sookie and Bill, the official Area Five investigator, to solve the murder. Sookie thinks that, at least this time, the dead girl's fate has nothing to do with her. But she is wrong. She has an enemy, one far more devious than she would ever suspect, who has set out to make Sookie's world come crashing down.

### **Charlaine Harris**

***After Dead (Sookie Stackhouse companion book)*** Hardcover \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425269510](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425269510)

***After Dead (Sookie Stackhouse companion book)*** Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781473200500](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781473200500)

Dead Ever After marked the end of the Sookie Stackhouse novels-a series that garnered millions of fans and spawned the hit HBO television show *True Blood*. It also stoked a hunger that will never die...a hunger to know what happened next. With characters arranged alphabetically-from the Ancient Pythoness to Bethany Zanelli-bestselling author Charlaine Harris takes fans into the future of their favorite residents of Bon Temps and environs. You'll learn how Michele and Jason's marriage fared, what happened to Sookie's cousin Hunter, and whether Tara and JB's twins grew up to be solid citizens. This coda provides the answers to your lingering questions-including details of Sookie's own happily-ever-after.... The book will feature extensive interior art by acclaimed Sookie artist Lisa Desimini, including a Sookieverse Alphabet, color endpapers, and several full-page black and white interior illustrations.

### **Charlaine Harris & Amanda Stevens**

***Dead of Night: Dancers in the Dark | The Devil's Footprints*** Trade Paperback \$22.95

[www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780778314769](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780778314769)

From bestselling author Charlaine Harris and rising star Amanda Stevens come two otherworldly tales sure to haunt readers well after the last page is turned.

**Dancers in the Dark**

Layla Rue Le May is no ordinary dancer - her partner, Sean McClendon, is a three-hundred-year-old redheaded vampire. When Layla Rue acquires a stalker, she's forced to face the music?and wonder if this will finally be her last dance.

**The Devil's Footprints**

Years after her sister's unsolved murder, Sarah DeLaune is haunted by the mysteries of her past when two mutilated bodies are found near Sarah's New Orleans home, the crime scene desecrated by cloven footprints. Sarah has always believed that her sister was killed by a man named Ashe Cain. But no one else has ever seen Ashe. Until now.

### **Thea Harrison**

***Kinked (Elder Races 06)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780749958329](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780749958329)

Two opponents must confront the cause of their obsessive fury in the latest Novel of the Elder Races. . .

As a harpy, Sentinel Aryal is accustomed to dealing with hate, but Sentinel Quentin Caeravorn manages to inspire in her a burning ire unlike anything she's ever known. Aryal believes the new Sentinel to be a criminal, and vows to take him out as soon as the opportunity arises. But the harpy's incessant wrath has pushed Quentin to the limit, and forces him to make a deadly vow of his own. To put an end to the conflict, Dragos, Lord of the Wyr, sends them on a reconnaissance mission to the Elven land of Numenlaur.

Forced to work together, Aryal and Quentin's antagonism escalates. Each fight draws forth more passion-culminating in an explosively sexual confrontation. But when their mission reveals real danger, Aryal and Quentin must resolve their differences in ways beyond the physical, before the entire Wyr is threatened.

### **Nathan Hawke**

***Gallow: Cold Redemption (Gallow 02)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575115101](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575115101)

Fantasy needs a new hero. Meet Gallow - Truesword, Griefbringer and trouble for anyone who crosses him.

I fought against your people, and I have fought for them. I have killed, and I have murdered. I betrayed my kin and crippled my king. I led countless warriors to their deaths and fought to save one worthless life. I have stood against monsters and men and I cannot always tell the difference.

Fate carried me away from your lands, from the woman and the family I love. Three hellish years but now, finally, I may return. I hope I will find them waiting for me. I hope they will remember me while all others forget. Let my own people believe me dead, lest they hunt me down. Let me return in the dark and in the shadows so no one will know.

But hope is rare and fate is cruel. And if I have to, I will fight.

## **Chris Hejmanowski**

***Collider*** Trade Paperback \$24.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780985718008](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780985718008)

Fin Canty, a thirty six year-old professor of particle physics at UC Davis, is struggling to raise his three year-old daughter, Eva, after the untimely death of his wife. Seeking spiritual guidance from long time friend Father Moriel, Fin is unable to reconcile his faith with his scientific beliefs. At a time when his sadness and doubt are at their greatest, Fin receives a phone call from his mentor, Dr. Edvard Krunowski. Edvard, now the director of Europe's preeminent particle physics lab at CERN, tells Fin of an unexpected breakthrough at the Large Hadron Collider. Fin agrees to take a sabbatical and join Edvard in Geneva to explore what may prove to be a discovery of the greatest theological magnitude: the creation of matter from nothing.

On the eve of his departure, a contract paid for with Vatican money mistakenly targets Fin and Eva. In what appears to be a random car jacking, Fin is killed by the L.A. faction of the violent Salvadorian gang, MS-13. In the melee, Salvador, the gang's financial officer, flees to Mexico in Fin's car, desperately attempting to escape gang life. As Salvador and Fin's life become entwined forever, Salvador vows to protect Eva for eternity, just as her father would have.

The story's protagonist, Canty finds his faith and assumptions of reality challenged after his murder. Through seemingly random interactions between socially diametric cultures, science and religion collide for the living as well as in the afterlife to produce answers to our most lasting scientific and philosophical questions: What is dark matter? Are we alone? What if heaven is an alternate dimension? What if this reality exists, and is overlapped right on top of the next one? In a saga that spans continents as well as planes of existence, one man's will conquers all to reunite his family and give the world evidentiary proof of the afterlife.

## **Christina Henry**

***Black City (Black Wings 05)*** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425256589](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425256589)

Former Agent of death Madeline Black may have been stripped of her wings - but she hasn't lost her purpose.

When Maddy finally killed her father, Azazel, she thought his depraved experiment died with him. But now Chicago has been infested with vampires immune to the effects of the sun, and the bloodbath is worse than she could have ever imagined. While the Agency refuses to interfere with other supernatural courts, Maddy is determined to do everything within her power to save her city - wings or no wings.

But when the leader of the vampires requests that she turn herself in or risk more deaths, Maddy becomes a target for the very people she's trying to save. Left with no other choice, she turns to Lucifer, the one creature who has the power to help her. But her grandfather's aid has always come at a price...

## **Christina Henry**

***Black Heart (Black Wings 06)*** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425256596](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425256596)

As a former Agent of Death, Madeline Black is no stranger to witnessing violent ends. But being the one to cause them is an entirely different story? Despite her having saved Chicago from a vampire invasion, the Agency wants to get Maddy off their payroll - permanently. With the deadly Retrievers hot on her trail, she has no choice but to trust Nathaniel to port her to safety. But even the exotic and dangerous world that she winds up in is not as peaceful as she would have hoped. Caught in a turf war between a group of fae and a disturbingly familiar foe, Maddy soon discovers that the twisted plots of her grandfather, Lucifer, and his brothers extend even into this unknown realm.

Now, with enemies gathering on all sides, Maddy's fate is looking darker than ever. And to protect her unborn son from her adversaries, she may have to tap into a power she hoped never to access?

## **Joe Hill & Gabriel Rodriguez (Illustrator)**

***NOS4A2*** Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062200587](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062200587)

NOS4A2 is a spine-tingling novel of supernatural suspense from master of horror Joe Hill, the New York Times bestselling author of Heart-Shaped Box and Horns.

Victoria McQueen has a secret gift for finding things: a misplaced bracelet, a missing photograph, answers to unanswerable questions. On her Raleigh Tuff Burner bike, she makes her way to a rickety covered bridge that, within moments, takes her wherever she needs to go, whether it's across Massachusetts or across the country.

Charles Talent Manx has a way with children. He likes to take them for rides in his 1938 Rolls-Royce Wraith with the NOS4A2 vanity plate. With his old car, he can slip right out of the everyday world, and onto the hidden roads that transport them to an astonishing - and terrifying - playground of amusements he calls 'Christmasland.'

Then, one day, Vic goes looking for trouble - and finds Manx. That was a lifetime ago. Now Vic, the only kid to ever escape Manx's unmitigated evil, is all grown up and desperate to forget. But Charlie Manx never stopped thinking about Victoria McQueen. He's on the road again and he's picked up a new passenger: Vic's own son.

Exclusive to the print editions of NOS4A2 are more than 15 illustrations by award-winning Locke & Key artist Gabriel Rodriguez.

## **Hugh Howey**

***Dust*** Trade Paperback \$29.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781780891880](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781780891880)

In the aftermath of the uprising, the people of Silo 18 are coming to terms with a new order. Some embrace the change, others fear the unknown; none have control of their fate. The Silo is still in danger. There are those set on its destruction. Jules knows they must be stopped.

The battle has been won.

The war is just beginning.

## **Sarah A Hoyt**

***Darkship Renegades (Darkship 02)*** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476736174](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476736174)

Echoes of Heinlein and nonstop action as a cloned heroine must raid a hostile Earth and steal the secret to energy production among the space-based Powertrees that all humanity depends on.

Sequel to Darkship Thieves, and winner of the Prometheus Award.

After rescuing her star pilot husband and discovering the dark secret of her own past on Earth, Athena Hera Sinistra returns to space habitat Eden to start life anew. Not happening. Thena and Kit are placed under arrest for the crime of coming back alive. The only escape from a death sentence: return to Earth and bring back the lost method for creating the Powertrees, the energy source of both Eden and Earth whose technological origins have been lost to war. But that mission is secondary to a greater imperative. Above all else, Thena must not get caught. If she does, then suicide is to be the only option.

With the odds heavily stacked against not only success, but survival, Thena comes to understand what her cynical accusers do not: it is not merely one woman's life on the line anymore. For it's on Earth where the adventure truly begins. Thena realizes that what is truly at stake is the fate of Eden and Earth alike, the continuance of the darkship fleet - and freedom for all in the Solar system - and beyond.

Darkship Renegades has been nominated for the Prometheus Award for Best Novel.

### **Valtat Jean-Christophe & Singh Mahendra (Illustrator)**

**Luminous Chaos** (*Mysteries of New Venice 02*) Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781612191416](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781612191416)

It's 1907 in the icily beautiful New Venice, and the hero of the city's liberation, Brentford Orsini, has been deposed by his arch-rival -- who immediately assigns Brentford and his friends on a dangerous diplomatic mission to Paris.

So, Brentford recruits his old friend and louche counterpart, Gabriel d'Allier, underground chanteuse and suffragette Lillian Lake, and the mysterious Blankbate--former Foreign Legionnaire and leader of the Scavengers, the city's garbage collecting cult--and others, for the mission.

But their mode of transportation--the untested "transaerian psychomotive"--proves faulty and they find themselves transported back in time to Paris 1895 ... before New Venice even existed. What's more, it's a Paris experiencing an unprecedented and crushingly harsh winter.

They soon find themselves involved with some of the city's seediest, most fascinating inhabitants. But between attending soirees at Mallarmé's house, drinking absinthe with Proust, trying to wrestle secrets out of mesmerists, and making fun of the newly-constructed Eiffel Tower, they also find that Paris is a city full of intrigue, suspicion, and danger.

For example, are the anarchists they encounter who are plotting to bomb the still-under construction Sacre Coeur church also the future founders of New Venice? And why are they trying to kill them? And, as Luminous Chaos turns into another lush adventure told in glorious prose rich in historical allusion, there's the biggest question of them all: How will they ever get home?

### **Wolfgang Jeschke**

**Cusanus Game** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765319081](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765319081)

Biologist Domenica Ligrina fears her planet is dying. She might be right.

An atomic disaster near the French-German border has contaminated Northern Europe with radioactivity. Economic and political calamities are destroying the whole planet. Human DNA is mutating, plant species are going extinct, and scientists are feverishly working on possible solutions. It becomes increasingly apparent that the key to future salvation lies in the past. In 2052 a secret research facility in the Vatican is recruiting scientists for a mission to restore the flora of the irradiated territories. The institute claims to have time travel. When Domenica's sometime-lover tells her that he knows her future but that she must decide her own fate, she enlists despite his ambiguous warning.

The Middle Ages hold Domenica spellbound. She immerses herself in the mysteries, puzzles, and peculiarities of a culture foreign to her, though she risks changing the past with effects far more disastrous than radiation poisoning. Perhaps there is more than one Domenica, and more than one catastrophe.

In the tradition of Stanislaw Lem and Philip K. Dick, Wolfgang Jeschke's *The Cusanus Game* is a novel of future disaster in Europe by the grand master of German science fiction.

### **K W Jeter**

**Fiendish Schemes** (*Infernal Devices (stand alone sequel)*) Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765374028](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765374028)

In 1986 K. W. Jeter coined the term "steampunk," applying it to his first Victorian-era science fiction alternate-history adventure. At last he has returned, with a tale of George Dower, son of the inventor of Infernal Devices, who has been in new self-imposed exile...accumulating debts. The world Dower left when he went into hiding was significantly simpler than the new, steam-powered Victorian London, a mad whirl of civilization filled with gadgets and gears in the least expected places. After accepting congratulations for his late father's grandest invention--a walking, steam-powered lighthouse--Dower is enticed by the prospect of financial gain into a web of intrigue with ominously mysterious players who have nefarious plans of which he can only guess. If he can locate and make his father's Vox Universalis work as it was intended, his future, he is promised, is assured. But his efforts are confounded by the strange Vicar Stonebrake, who promises him aid, but is more interested in converting sentientwhales to Christianity--and making money--than in helping George. Drugged, arrested, and interrogated by men, women, and the steam-powered Prime Minister, Dower is trapped in a maelstrom of secrets, corruption, and schemes that threaten to drown him in the chaos of this mad new world.

### **Paulette Jiles**

**Lighthouse Island** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062232502](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062232502)

Paulette Jiles, the bestselling author of the highly praised novels *The Color of Lightning*, *Stormy Weather*, and *Enemy Women*, pushes into new territory with *Lighthouse Island* - a captivating and atmospheric story set in the far future - a literary dystopian tale resonant with love and hope.

In the coming centuries the world's population has exploded. The earth is crowded with cities, animals are nearly all extinct, and drought is so widespread that water is rationed. There are no maps, no borders, no numbered years, and no freedom, except for an elite few.

It is a harsh world for an orphan like Nadia Stepan. Growing up, she dreams of a green vacation spot called Lighthouse Island, in a place called the Pacific Northwest.

When an opportunity for escape arises, Nadia embarks on a dangerous and sometimes comic adventure. Along the way she meets a man who changes the course of her life: James Orotov, a mapmaker and demolition expert. Together, they evade arrest and head north toward a place of wild beauty that lies beyond the megapolis - Lighthouse Island.

### **Steven L Kent**

**The Clone Assassin** (*Clone 09*) A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425264492](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425264492)

Earth, A.D. 2519. The clone soldiers of the Enlisted Man's Empire, formerly members of the Unified Authority's powerful military, maintain a tenuous grasp on the power they fought so hard to gain. But the U.A. will not be so easy to suppress as they had hoped?

A provocateur attacks the Pentagon. Gunships converge on the penitentiary where Unified Authority war criminals are held. And a clone assassin murders Admiral Don Cutter, commander in chief of the Enlisted Man's Empire...

It all happens at once?and five minutes later, more assassins attack Wayson Harris as he prepares for a summit with delegates of Olympus Kri. With Harris missing and their most deadly enemies on the loose, the remaining officers of the Empire must uncover a plot to overthrow their government while preparing for war...

### **Nate Kenyon**

**Day One** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781250013217](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781250013217)

THE FUTURE IS HERE AND IT DOESN'T NEED YOU

In Nate Kenyon's *Day One*, scandal-plagued hacker journalist John Hawke is hot on the trail of the explosive story that might save his career. James Weller, the former CEO of giant technology company Eclipse, has founded a new start-up, and he's agreed to let Hawke do a profile on him. Hawke knows something very big is in the works at Eclipse--and he wants to use the profile as a foot in the door to find out more.

After he arrives in Weller's office in New York City, a seemingly normal day quickly turns into a nightmare as anything with an Internet connection begins to malfunction. Hawke receives a call from his frantic wife just before the phones go dead. Soon he and a small band of survivors are struggling for their very lives as they find themselves thrust into the middle of a war zone---with no obvious enemy in sight.

The bridges and tunnels have been destroyed. New York City is under attack from a deadly and brilliant enemy that can be anywhere and can occupy anything with a computer chip. Somehow Hawke must find a way back to his pregnant wife and young son. Their lives depend upon it . . . and so does the rest of the human race.

**Stephen King**

***The Gunslinger (Dark Tower 01)*** A Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723441](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723441)

In this first novel in his epic fantasy masterpiece, Stephen King introduces readers to one of his most enigmatic heroes, Roland of Gilead, the Last Gunslinger. He is a haunting figure, a loner, on a spellbinding journey into good and evil, in a desolate world which frighteningly echoes our own. In his first step towards the powerful and mysterious Dark Tower, Roland encounters an alluring woman named Alice, begins a friendship with Jake, a kid from New York, and faces an agonising choice between damnation and salvation as he pursues the Man in Black. Both grippingly realistic and eerily dreamlike, THE GUNSLINGER leaves readers eagerly awaiting the next chapter. And the Tower is closer...

**Stephen King**

***The Drawing Of The Three (Dark Tower 02)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723458](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723458)

In the second novel of King's bestselling fantasy masterpiece, Roland of Gilead, the Last Gunslinger, encounters three doors which open to 1980s America. Here he joins forces with the defiant Eddie Dean and courageous, volatile Odetta Holmes. And confronts deadly serial killer Jack Mort. As the titanic forces gather, a savage struggle between underworld evil and otherworldly enemies conspire to bring an end to Roland's quest for the Dark Tower... And the Tower is closer...

**Stephen King**

***The Waste Lands (Dark Tower 03)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723465](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723465)

In the third novel in King's epic fantasy masterpiece, Roland, the Last Gunslinger, is moving ever closer to the Dark Tower, which haunts his dreams and nightmares. Pursued by the Ageless Stranger, he and his friends follow the perilous path to Lud, an urban wasteland. And crossing a desert of damnation in this macabre new world, revelations begin to unfold about who - and what - is driving him forward. A blend of riveting action and powerful drama, The Waste Lands leaves readers breathlessly awaiting the next chapter. And the Tower is closer...

**Stephen King**

***Wizard and Glass (Dark Tower 04)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723472](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723472)

In the fourth powerful novel in Stephen King's bestselling fantasy quest, The Dark Tower beckons Roland, the Last Gunslinger, and the four companions he has gathered along the road. And, having narrowly escaped one world, they set out on a terrifying journey across the scarred urban wasteland to brave a new world where hidden dangers lie at every junction: a malevolent computer-run monorail hurtling towards self-destruction, Roland's relentlessly cunning old enemy, and the temptation of the wizard's diabolical glass ball, a powerful force in Roland's first love affair. A tale of long-ago love and adventure involving a beautiful and quixotic woman named Susan Delgado. And the Tower is closer...

**Stephen King**

***Wolves of the Calla (Dark Tower 05)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723489](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723489)

In the fifth novel in King's bestselling epic fantasy series, the farming community in the fertile lands of the East has been warned the wolves are coming back. Four gunslingers, led by Roland of Gilead, are also coming their way. And the farmers of the Calla want to enlist some hard calibers. Torn between protecting the innocent community and his urgent quest, Roland faces his most deadly perils as he journey through the Mid-World towards the Dark Tower.

**Stephen King**

***Song of Susannah (Dark Tower 06)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723496](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723496)

The pivotal sixth instalment in King's bestselling epic fantasy saga provides the key to the quest that defines Roland's life. In the next part of their journey to the tower, Roland and his band of followers face adversity from every side: Susannah Dean has been taken over by a demon-mother and uses the power of Black Thirteen to get from the Mid-World New York City. But who is the father of her child And what role will the Crimson King play Roland sends Jake to break Susannah's date with destiny, while he himself uses 'the persistence of magic' to get to Maine in the Summer of 1977. It is a terrible world: for one thing it is real and bullets are flying. For another, it is inhabited by the author of a novel called 'SALEM'S LOT. SONG OF SUSANNAH is driven by revelation and by suspense. It continues THE DARK TOWER series seamlessly from WOLVES OF THE CALLA and the dramatic climax will leave readers desperate to read the quest's conclusion.

**Stephen King**

***The Dark Tower (Dark Tower 07)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723502](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444723502)

The final volume sees gunslinger Roland on a roller-coaster mix of exhilarating triumph and aching loss in his unrelenting quest to reach the dark tower. Roland's band of pilgrims remains united, though scattered. Susannah-Mia has been carried off to New York to give birth, Terrified of what may happen, Jake, Father Callahan and Oy follow. Roland and Eddie are in Maine, looking for the site which will lead them to Susannah. As he finally closes in on the tower, Roland's every step is shadowed by a terrible and sinister creation. And finally, he realises, he may have to walk the last dark strait alone... You've come this far, Come a little farther, Come all the way, The sound you hear may be the slamming of the door behind you. Welcome to The Dark Tower.

**Stephen King**

***The Wind through the Keyhole (Dark Tower)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444731729](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444731729)

It is a story within a story, which features both the younger and older gunslinger Roland on his quest to find the Dark Tower. Fans of the existing seven books in the series will also delight in discovering what happened to Roland and his ka-tet between the time they leave the Emerald City and arrive at the outskirts of Calla Bryn Sturgis. This Russian Doll of a novel, visits Mid-World's last gunslinger, Roland Deschain, and his ka-tet as a ferocious storm halts their progress along the Path of the Beam. Roland tells a tale from his early days as a gunslinger, in the guilt ridden year following his mother's death. Sent by his father to investigate evidence of a murderous shape shifter, a 'skin man,' Roland takes charge of Bill Streeter, a brave but terrified boy who is the sole surviving witness to the beast's most recent slaughter. Roland, himself only a teenager, calms the boy by reciting a story from the Book of Eld that his mother used to read to him at bedtime, 'The Wind through the Keyhole.' 'A person's never too old for stories,' he says to Bill. 'Man and boy, girl and woman, we live for them.' And stories like these, they live for us.

## **Stephen King**

**Doctor Sleep** (*Shining*) Hardcover \$39.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444761160](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444761160)

**Doctor Sleep** (*Shining*) Trade Paperback \$32.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444761177](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444761177)

STEPHEN KING returns to the characters and territory of one of his most popular novels ever, *THE SHINING*.

An epic war between good and evil, a gory, glorious story that will thrill the millions of hyper-devoted readers of *THE SHINING* and wildly satisfy anyone new to the territory of this icon in the King canon.

King says he wanted to know what happened to Danny Torrance, the boy at the heart of *THE SHINING*, after his terrible experience in the Overlook Hotel. The instantly riveting *Doctor Sleep* picks up the story of the now middle-aged Dan, working at a hospice in rural New Hampshire, and the very special twelve-year old girl he must save from a tribe of murderous paranormals.

On highways across America, a tribe of people called The True Knot travel in search of sustenance. They look harmless - mostly old, lots of polyester, and married to their RVs. But as Dan Torrance knows, and tween Abra Stone learns, The True Knot are quasi-immortal, living off the 'steam' that children with the 'shining' produce when they are slowly tortured to death.

Haunted by the inhabitants of the Overlook Hotel where he spent one horrific childhood year, Dan has been drifting for decades, desperate to shed his father's legacy of despair, alcoholism, and violence. Finally, he settles in a New Hampshire town, an AA community that sustains him and a job at a nursing home where his remnant 'shining' power provides the crucial final comfort to the dying. Aided by a prescient cat, he becomes 'Doctor Sleep.'

Then Dan meets the evanescent Abra Stone, and it is her spectacular gift, the brightest shining ever seen, that reignites Dan's own demons and summons him to a battle for Abra's soul and survival...

## **Tom Kratman**

**Come and Take Them** (*Carrera 05*) Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639360](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639360)

Number five in the Carrera military science fiction series that started with *A Desert Called Peace*. Military leader Carrera faces down a threat from progressive totalitarians and wins the freedom of his country on a frontier planet.

The Carrera saga continues with entry number five, and the sequel to *Amazon Legion*. Carrera. Relentless. Machiavellian. Without compunction. Victorious. Pity his enemies. Be thankful he is on the side of freedom from totalitarian domination.

On the colony planet of Terra Nova, soldier turned political leader Carrera has achieved his revenge, destroying those who killed his wife and children in a terrorist strike, and helping to establish a free country. But Carrera's fight is not over.

War with the Tauran Union is inevitable. Carrera has been preparing his new country for this all-out conflict for years, intending to drive out the last vestige of foreign imperialism in Balboa, the Tauran Union Security Force. He doesn't care that he's outnumbered one hundred to one. He doesn't care that the Taurans are one thousand times wealthier. A true Machiavellian, Carrera is convinced that gold cannot always find good soldiers, but that good soldiers can always find gold. After all, his good soldiers have already found quite a bit. Moreover, he's been preparing for the war he intends to start and fight on his own terms, while the TU has been preparing for a progressive fantasy.

But then his own government calls a halt even as the commander of the United Earth Peace Fleet, High Admiral Marguerite Wallenstein, injects a dose of realism and spine into the Tauran Union. Any other government, giving similar orders, Carrera would overthrow without hesitation. But this is his own creation; he must follow these orders.

But the Taurans are provoking Balboa mercilessly, and Carrera knows that sooner or later, he must fight - only now the task will be more difficult and more bloody. No matter. When that time comes, Carrera knows he will do whatever it takes to win. He is, after all, Carrera.

## **Snorri Kristjansson**

**Swords of Good Men** (*Valhalla Saga 01*) Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781782063315](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781782063315)

Ulfar Thormodsson has spent two years travelling as envoy and bodyguard to his high-born cousin. They have one last stop - the walled town of Stenvik - before they can finally go home. Audun Arngrimsson works his forge and lives a secretive, solitary life.

No one knows about his past, and he'd like to keep it that way. But the Old Gods have other ideas. The factions within Stenvik are about to come to blows, but a far bigger battle is approaching: a young king is bringing the White Christ at point of sword and edge of blade.

And on the horizon are the sails of another, more mysterious enemy...

## **Mercedes Lackey**

**Bastion** (*Valdemar Collegium Chronicles 05*) Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756409449](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756409449)

Mags returns to the Collegium, but there are mixed feelings--his included--about him actually remaining there. No one doubts that he is and should be a Herald, but he is afraid that his mere presence is going to incite more danger right in the heart of Valdemar. The heads of the Collegia are afraid that coming back to his known haunt is going to give him less protection than if he went into hiding. Everyone decides that going elsewhere is the solution for now. So since he is going elsewhere--why not return to the place he was found in the first place and look for clues? And those who are closest to him, and might provide secondary targets, are going along. With Herald Jadrek, Herald Kylan (the Weaponsmaster's chosen successor), and his friends Bear, Lena, and Amily, they head for the Bastion, the hidden spot in the hills that had once been the headquarters of a powerful band of raiders that had held him and his parents prisoner. But what they find is not what anyone expected.

## **Stephen Lawhead**

**Tuck** (*King Raven 03*) B Paperback \$16.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781904233756](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781904233756)

As King Raven, Bran is Lord of the Forest. But his true crown seems out of reach. Bran is still fighting to bring his people justice from the shadows of the green wood. But Abbot Hugo is used to playing the long game and has been watching - and learning. Abbot Hugo plans to bring the invading Norman marchogi to the forest in force, heralding the start of a campaign to wipe out King Raven and his band once and for all. Their merciless attack, the first of many, marks a dark day for the realm. And the dream of seeing a true king take the throne of Elfael seems increasingly remote. Bran and his few stalwarts desperately need encouragement and reinforcement if they are to survive. But Friar Tuck, a most unconventional priest, may just have a solution to their dilemma...

### **Ann Leckie**

*Ancillary Justice* Trade Paperback \$19.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316246620](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316246620)

*Ancillary Justice* B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356502403](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356502403)

On a remote, icy planet, the soldier known as Breq is drawing closer to completing her quest.

Breq is both more than she seems and less than she was. Years ago, she was the Justice of Toren--a colossal starship with an artificial intelligence linking thousands of corpse soldiers in the service of the Radch, the empire that conquered the galaxy.

An act of treachery has ripped it all away, leaving her with only one fragile human body. And only one purpose--to revenge herself on Anaander Mianaai, many-bodied, near-immortal Lord of the Radch.

Inventive and intelligent space opera for fans of Iain M. Banks - the story of a warship trapped in a human body, and her search for revenge.

They made me kill thousands, but I only have one target now.

The Radch are conquerors to be feared - resist and they'll turn you into a 'corpse soldier' - one of an army of dead prisoners animated by a warship's AI mind. Whole planets are conquered by their own people.

The colossal warship called The Justice of Toren has been destroyed - but one ship-possessed soldier has escaped the devastation. Used to controlling thousands of hands, thousands of mouths, The Justice now has only two hands, and one mouth with which to tell her tale.

But one fragile, human body might just be enough to take revenge against those who destroyed her.

### **Sharon Lee & Steve Miller**

*Trade Secret (Liaden Universe 17)* Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639292](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639292)

The Liaden Universe Saga Continues! Star-spanning galactic trader Jethri Gobelyn adventures are the focus in book 17 by master storytellers Sharon Lee and Steve Miller.

In a universe full of interstellar intrigue and burgeoning commerce novice Terran trader Jethri Gobelyn, adopted by a Liaden clan after an ill-directed bow of honor insulted the scion of a major Liaden house, is alive and whole to tell the tale. Convinced that the adoption has saved his life and made his future he settles into a comfortable and even elite routine, a Trader's Ring his goal.

Even as Jethri's initiation into the mysteries and joys of Liaden Festival bring him to manhood he's forced to face Necessity and the facts of life: his adoption has also invigorated a net of unfinished Balance far more complex and potentially deadly than a simple Terran blood feud. He must embrace his Terran birthright as well as his Liaden connections while leaving behind the safety of the great Liaden trade ship Elthoria to defend his honor and that of shipmates past and present. Forced to sit Second Board as a back-up pilot on a Liaden Scout ship, Jethri's convinced he's already at wit's end - when several familiar faces threaten all that he knows of himself, and all that he wishes to do.

### **Bentley Little**

*The Influence* Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781587674198](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781587674198)

Everything is about to change...When Ross Lowry moves into his cousin's guest house in the small community of Magdalena, Arizona, he expects nothing more than breathing room and a brief respite from his economic woes. But something is not right in the desert. After a raucous party on New Year's Eve, the luck of the attendees undergoes an immediate U-turn. The rich and successful suddenly find themselves facing catastrophic failure while the less well-off are unexpectedly flush with good fortune. This is only the beginning...Soon the citizens of Magdalena are experiencing unnatural desires. Next their children begin to disappear and freakish creatures emerge from the surrounding wilderness. The community is unraveling at a frightening pace. But these are merely the early warning signs of a showdown with a powerful force of darkness that could obliterate the world forever, and only Ross Lowry sees the danger that lurks ahead...

### **Kate Locke**

*Long Live the Queen* Hardcover \$24.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316196147](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316196147)

*Long Live the Queen (Immortal Empire 03)* B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356501451](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356501451)

Newly-crowned goblin queen Xandra Vardan maneuvers through the politics of vampires, werewolves, and humans while battling a weapon created in a secret aristocrat lab and keeping the human zealots from eliminating all supernatural beings.

The final novel in this frightfully fun urban fantasy series full of goblins, corsets and undead aristocrats - set in an alternate world where the Victorian age never ended. . .

Xandra Vardan thought life would be simpler when she accepted the goblin crown and became their queen, but life has only become more complicated. The vampires, werewolves and humans all want the goblins on their side, because whoever has the goblins - wins. With human zealots intent on ridding the world of anyone with plagued blood and supernatural politics taking Britain to the verge of civil war, Xandra's finding out that being queen isn't all it's cracked up to be, and if she doesn't do something fast, hers will be the shortest reign in history.

### **Davide Longo**

*The Last Man Standing* Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781623650346](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781623650346)

In this dystopian, post-apocalyptic literary novel, Italy is on the brink of collapse: borders are closed, banks are refusing to distribute money to their clients, the postal service is shuttered, and food supplies are running short. Armed gangs of drug-fueled youth rampage through the countryside as the nation descends into chaos.

Leonardo was once a famous writer and professor before a sex scandal ended his marriage and his career. With society collapsing around them, his ex-wife leaves their daughter and son in his care as she sets off in search of her new husband, who is missing. Ultimately, Leonardo is forced to evacuate and take his children to safety, but to do so he will have to summon a quality he has never exhibited before: courage.

### **H P Lovecraft**

*The Thing on the Doorstep and Other Weird Stories* Hardcover \$29.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780143122326](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780143122326)

Part of a new six-volume series of the best in classic horror, selected by award-winning director Guillermo del Toro Filmmaker and longtime horror literature fan Guillermo del Toro serves as the curator for the Penguin Horror series, a new collection of classic tales and poems by masters of the genre. Included here are some of del Toro's favorites, from Mary Shelley's Frankenstein and Ray Russell's short story "Sardonicus," considered by Stephen King to be "perhaps the finest example of the modern Gothic ever written," to Shirley Jackson's The Haunting of Hill House and stories by Ray Bradbury, Joyce Carol Oates, Ted Klein, and Robert E. Howard. Featuring original cover art by Penguin Art Director Paul Buckley, these stunningly creepy deluxe hardcovers will be perfect additions to the shelves of horror, sci-fi, fantasy, and paranormal aficionados everywhere. The Thing on the Doorstep and Other Weird Stories Howard Phillips Lovecraft's unique contribution to American literature was a melding of traditional supernaturalism (derived chiefly from Edgar Allan Poe) with the genre of science fiction that emerged in the early 1920s. The Thing on the Doorstep and Other Weird Stories brings together a dozen of the master's tales--from his early short stories "Under the Pyramids" (originally ghostwritten for Harry Houdini) and "The Music of Erich Zann" (which Lovecraft ranked second among his own favorites) through his more fully developed works, "The Dunwich Horror," "The Case of Charles Dexter Ward," and "At the Mountains of Madness." The book presents the definitive corrected texts of these works, along with Lovecraft critic and biographer S. T. Joshi's illuminating introduction and notes to each story.

### **Scott Lynch**

*The Republic of Thieves (Gentlemen Bastards 03)* Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553804690](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553804690)

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*The Republic of Thieves (Gentlemen Bastards 03)* Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575084476](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575084476)

In the continuation of the series that began with *The Lies of Locke Lamora* and *Red Seas Under Red Skies*, wily thief Locke Lamora confronts his ultimate challenge, the return of Sabetha, his former rival, partner, and love of his life, who plans to challenge him for leadership of the thieves guild.

He's back! The long-awaited return of the most exciting new commercial fantasy writer of the 21st century.

After their adventures on the high seas, Locke and Jean are brought back to earth with a thump. Jean is mourning the loss of his lover and Locke must live with the fallout of crossing the all-powerful magical assassins the Bonds Magi.

It is a fall-out that will pit both men against Locke's own long lost love. Sabetha is Locke's childhood sweetheart, the love of Locke's life and now it is time for them to meet again. Employed on different sides of a vicious dispute between factions of the Bonds Sabetha has just one goal - to destroy Locke for ever.

The Gentleman Bastard sequence has become a literary sensation in fantasy circles and now, with the third book, Scott Lynch is set to seal that success.

### **Trish J MacGregor**

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Trish J. MacGregor returns to a mythic city high in the Ecuadorian Andes in *Apparition*.

Tess and Ian have been living in the high city of Esperanza for years, along with Tess's niece, Maddie, and her partner, Nick Sanchez. They thought they could rest, that they had defeated the brujo threat to our plane of existence. But they were wrong.

A new and greater threat has formed, a new tribe of the hungry dead, seeking to possess the bodies of the living in order to experience the passions of physical life. This new tribe has found the door to the physical plane that is Esperanza, and they threaten all human life. Only the outnumbered Light Chasers and their human allies can stand against the evil brujos.

### **Tim Manley**

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Disney meets Lena Dunham in this illustrated humor book featuring your favorite fairy-tale characters dating and finding their way in 21st-century America

The Ugly Duckling still feels gross compared to everyone else, but now she's got Instagram, and there's this one filter that makes her look awesome. Cinderella swaps her glass slippers for Crocs. The Tortoise and the Hare Facebook stalk each other. Goldilocks goes gluten free. And Peter Pan finally has to grow up and get a job, or at least start paying rent.

Here are more than one hundred fairy tales, illustrated and re-imagined for today. Instead of fairy godmothers, there's Siri. And rather than big bad wolves, there are creepy dudes on OkCupid. In our brave new world of social networking, YouTube, and texting, fairy tales can once again lead us to 'happily ever after' - and have us laughing all the way.

### **George R R Martin**

*A Dance with Dragons (Song of Ice and Fire 05)* Trade Paperback \$24.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553385953](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553385953)

*A Dance With Dragons (Song of Ice and Fire 05)* A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553582017](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553582017)

In the aftermath of a colossal battle, Daenerys Targaryen rules with her three dragons as queen of a city built on dust and death. But Daenerys has thousands of enemies, and many have set out to find her. Fleeing from Westeros with a price on his head, Tyrion Lannister, too, is making his way east - with new allies who may not be the ragtag band they seem. And in the frozen north, Jon Snow confronts creatures from beyond the Wall of ice and stone, and powerful foes from within the Night's Watch. In a time of rising restlessness, the tides of destiny and politics lead a grand cast of outlaws and priests, soldiers and skinchangers, nobles and slaves, to the greatest dance of all.

### **A Lee Martinez**

*Too Many Curses* A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765357953](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765357953)

Margle the Horrendous takes special pride in never killing his enemies. Instead, the wizard transforms them into various accursed forms and locks them away in his castle. His halls are filled with his collection of fallen heroes and defeated villains.

It's Nussy's duty to tend this castle. It's a lot of work, but she takes pride in housekeeping talents that keep the castle from collapsing into chaos. But when Margle suddenly dies, everything begins to unravel. Nussy finds herself surrounded by monsters, curses, a door that should never be opened, and one very deadly dark wizardess.

Nussy doesn't have might or magic on her side; she's just a kobold: short, furry, and sensible. It would be smarter to walk away, but taking care of the castle is Nussy's job, and that's just what she intends to do.

If only she could find time to polish the silver while beating back the forces of darkness.

### **Elizabeth May**

*The Falconer* Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575130418](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575130418)

Lady Aileana Kameron can sing, paint prettily, and murder the fae as easily as dancing a waltz. But how far is she prepared to go for vengeance. . .

Lady Aileana Kameron, the only daughter of the Marquess of Douglas, was destined for a life carefully planned around Edinburgh's social events - right up until a faery killed her mother.

Now it's the 1844 winter season and Aileana slaughters faeries in secret, in between the endless round of parties, tea and balls. Armed with modified percussion pistols and explosives, she sheds her aristocratic facade every night to go hunting. She's determined to track down the faery who murdered her mother, and to destroy any who prey on humans in the city's many dark alleyways.

But the balance between high society and her private war is a delicate one, and as the fae infiltrate the ballroom and Aileana's father returns home, she has decisions to make. How much is she willing to lose - and just how far will Aileana go for revenge?

## Todd McCaffrey & Anne McCaffrey

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Now, with all of Pern imperiled by the aftereffects of a plague that killed scores of dragons and left the planet helpless against the fall of deadly Thread, the only hope for the future lies in the past. There, on an unexplored island, a group of dragonriders led by Xhinna, a brave young woman who rides the blue dragon Tazith, must battle lethal Merows and voracious tunnel-snakes to build a safe home for themselves and the dragons, whose offspring will one day if they survive replenish Pern's decimated dragon population. But as the first female rider of a blue dragon, and the first female Weyrleader in the history of Pern, Xhinna faces an uphill battle in winning the respect and loyalty of her peers . . . especially after an unforeseen tragedy leaves the struggling colony reeling from a shattering loss.

Amid the grieving, one girl, Jirana, blessed - or cursed - with the ability to foresee potential futures, will help Xhinna find a way forward. The answer lies in time . . . or, rather, in timing it: the awesome ability of the dragons to travel through time itself. But that power comes with risks, and by venturing further into the past, Xhinna may be jeopardizing the very future she has sworn to save.

## Jack McDevitt

*Starhawk (Priscilla Hutchins 07)* Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425260852](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425260852)

*Starhawk (Priscilla Hutchins 07)* Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781472207555](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781472207555)

Interstellar pilot Priscilla 'Hutch' Hutchins has seen a lot of action. But now, multi award-winning science-fiction master Jack McDevitt gives us the thrilling, edge-of-your-seat tale of how it all began...

Hutch has finally realised her dream: she's completed a nerve-bending qualification flight for a pilot's licence.

Her timing is far from optimal, however. Faster-than-light travel has only recently become a reality and the World Space Authority is still learning how to manage long-range missions safely. To make matters worse, efforts to prepare two planets for colonization are killing off native life forms, outraging people on Earth. So interstellar pilots are not exactly in demand.

Although Hutch fears her career may be over before it has begun, her ambition won't be denied and soon she is on the bridge of an interstellar ship, working for the corporation that is responsible for the terraforming. Her working conditions include bomb threats, sabotage, clashes with her employers... and a mission to a world adrift between the stars which harbours a life form unlike anything humanity has ever seen.

Ultimately, she will be part of a life and death struggle which will test not just her capabilities, but also her character.

## Emily McKay

*The Lair* Paperback \$19.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425264126](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425264126)

In the battle against the vampiric Ticks, humanity was slowly but certainly headed for extinction. For months, twin sisters Lily and Mel had been 'quarantined' with thousands of other young people being harvested for their blood - food for the Ticks. Finally escaping with a few friends, the twins are separated - and must continue the fight on their own . . .

After making it to a resistance base camp in Utah, Lily learned to survive at all costs. But when a Tick attack decimates the fighters, Lily and her pregnant friend, McKenna, decide to make the hard trek north to Canada - and safety.

Meanwhile, Mel is being taught how to survive by the very vampire that turned her. Living without her sister is hard, but dealing with the fact that her autism was cured by the vampire bite is an even bigger challenge. But when a monstrous betrayal places Lily in mortal danger, Mel must set out to find her, save her, and begin to unravel the empire of destruction that the Ticks have built.

## Richelle Mead

*The Indigo Spell (Bloodlines 03)* Trade Paperback \$19.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781595146137](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781595146137)

Sydney Sage is an Alchemist, one of a group of humans who dabble in magic and serve to bridge the worlds of humans and vampires. They protect vampire secrets - human lives.

In the aftermath of a forbidden moment that rocked Sydney to her core, she finds herself struggling to draw the line between her Alchemist teachings and what her heart is urging her to do. Then she meets alluring, rebellious Marcus Finch - a former Alchemist who escaped against all odds, and is now on the run. Marcus wants to teach Sydney the secrets he claims the Alchemists are hiding from her. But as he pushes her to rebel against the people who raised her, Sydney finds that breaking free is harder than she thought. There is an old and mysterious magic rooted deeply within her. And as she searches for an evil magic user targeting powerful young witches, she realizes that her only hope is to embrace her magical blood - or else she might be next.

*The Fiery Heart (Bloodlines 04)* Hardcover \$29.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781595143204](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781595143204)

Sydney Sage is an Alchemist, one of a group of humans who dabble in magic and serve to bridge the worlds of humans and vampires. They protect vampire secrets - and human lives.

In *The Indigo Spell*, Sydney was torn between the Alchemist way of life and what her heart and gut were telling her to do. And in one breathtaking moment that Richelle Mead fans will never forget, she made a decision that shocked even her. . . .

But the struggle isn't over for Sydney. As she navigates the aftermath of her life-changing decision, she still finds herself pulled in too many directions at once. Her sister Zoe has arrived, and while Sydney longs to grow closer to her, there's still so much she must keep secret. Working with Marcus has changed the way she views the Alchemists, and Sydney must tread a careful path as she harnesses her profound magical ability to undermine the way of life she was raised to defend. Consumed by passion and vengeance, Sydney struggles to keep her secret life under wraps as the threat of exposure - and re-education? looms larger than ever.

Pulses will race throughout this thrilling fourth installment in the New York Times bestselling Bloodlines series, where no secret is safe.

## R M Meluch

*Tour of the Merrimack Volume One (Tour of the Merrimack 01, 02)* Paperback \$17.95

[www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756409548](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756409548)

The U.S.S. Merrimack was the finest battleship class spaceship in Earth's fleet, able to stand up against the best the Palatine Empire could throw at them. They were even able to survive an attack by the deadly swarms of the seemingly unstoppable Hive. Only her sister ship, the Monitor, was her equal. However, with the Palatine forces preparing a massive offensive, and the Hive targeting every living organism in the galaxy for destruction, even these two great battleships may fall.... This omnibus edition includes the first two novels, *The Myriad* and *Wolf Star*.

*Tour of the Merrimack Volume Two (Tour of the Merrimack 03, 04)* Paperback \$17.95

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Earth's space forces, spearheaded by the United States, have long been at war with the forces of the Palatine Empire, a neo-Roman culture that broke away from Earth's control long ago. The pride of the U.S. space fleet is the battle-class starship, the U.S.S. Merrimack, commanded by Captain John Farragut. But when the alien life-form known as the Hive--a biological force whose only imperative is to seek and devour--begins wreaking destruction across the galaxy, the Romans are forced to turn to Earth for help. But can these two longtime enemies keep from fighting each other long enough to destroy the Hive and save mankind? Contains the third and fourth books, *The Sagittarius Command* and *Strength and Honor*.

### **J Barton Mitchell**

***The Severed Tower (Conquered Earth)*** Hardcover \$29.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781250009470](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781250009470)

J. Barton Mitchell's sci-fi tour de force *Conquered Earth* series set in an alien-invaded post-apocalyptic world returns as the children forge deeper into the most dangerous lands in search of The Severed Tower. Holt, Mira, and Max have fled Midnight City with Zoey after watching her repel an entire Assembly army. Zoey's powers are unlocked, but who and what she is remains a mystery. All she knows is that she must reach the Severed Tower, an infamous location in the middle of the world's most dangerous landscape: The Strange Lands, a place where the laws of physics have completely broken down. But the closer they get to the Tower, the more precarious things become. The Assembly has pursued Zoey into the Strange Lands. Among them is a new group, their walkers and machines strangely bereft of any color, stripped to bare metal, and whose agenda seems to differ from the rest. To make matters worse, the group hunting Holt are here, too, led by a dangerous and beautiful pirate named Ravan. So is Mira's first love, Benjamin Aubertine, whose singular ambition to reach the Tower threatens to get them all killed. Then there's the Strange Lands themselves. They have inexplicably begun to grow, spreading outwards, becoming more powerful. Somehow, it all seems tied to Zoey herself, and the closer she gets to the Tower, the weaker she becomes.

### **Devon Monk**

***Hell Bent*** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451417923](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451417923)

Instead of the deadly force it once was, magic is now a useless novelty. But not for Shame Flynn and Terric Conley, 'breakers' who have the gift for reverting magic back to its full-throttle power. In the magic-dense city of Portland, Oregon, keeping a low profile means keeping their gifts quiet. After three years of dealing with disgruntled magic users, Shame and Terric have had enough of politics, petty magic, and, frankly, each other. It's time to call it quits.

When the government discovers the breakers secret - and its potential as a weapon - Shame and Terric suddenly become wanted men, the only ones who can stop the deadly gift from landing in the wrong hands. If only a pair of those wrong hands didn't belong to a drop-dead-gorgeous assassin. Shame is falling for as if it were the end of the world. And if he gets too close to her, it very well could be....

In the first book in a new series spun off from the author's Allie Beckstrom novels, Shamus Flynn and Terric Conley must prevent the secret for empowering magic from falling into the hands of a dead-gorgeous assassin - whom Shamus just happens to be falling for.

### **David Moody**

***Autumn: Aftermath (Autumn 05)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575091481](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575091481)

The zombies have almost won - welcome to the final days of mankind, in the climax to the terrifying Autumn series.

It's been almost one hundred days since a killer disease wiped out 99% of the population. Three months since the dead reanimated. Survivors are few and far between now, and those who remain stick together to give themselves the best possible chance of continuing to stay alive. They are the last of the living.

A band of refugees has taken shelter in a medieval castle - a fortress that has stood strong for hundreds of years. Besieged by the dead, they only emerge when it's absolutely necessary. As autumn turns to winter, however, the balance of power slowly begins to shift.

The unexpected appearance of survivors from another group changes everything. They bring choice, and an alternative way of life which is a far cry from the world everyone has been forced to leave behind. Society as we know it has crumbled beyond repair and things will never be the same again. Some people are ready to embrace this change, others can't let go of the past. The choice is divisive.

Are we entering mankind's final days? In the aftermath of the disease, will the last survivors destroy each other, or will the dead destroy them all?

### **Michael Moorcock**

***The Cornelius Quartet (Jerry Cornelius)*** B Paperback \$22.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575092402](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575092402)

Moorcock's Multiverse presents for the first time, definitive editions of Michael Moorcock's most influential work, fully revised and updated by the author.

Jerry Cornelius is an English assassin, physicist, rock star, and messiah to the Age of Science. Written between 1965 and 1967, this sequence of four novels relating Cornelius's adventures has been credited with inspiring dozens of writers and artists to rethink the genre of science fiction.

Set in a shifting, fluid version of the counter-culture 1960s, these books were among the most prominent 'New Wave' SF books. Jerry Cornelius is one of the most remarkable and distinctive characters in Moorcock's work, and his time-travelling, trippy and bizarre adventures are must-reads.

Contains THE FINAL PROGRAMME, A CURE FOR CANCER, THE ENGLISH ASSASSIN and THE CONDITION OF MUZAK.

### **Michael Moorcock**

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Moorcock's Multiverse presents for the first time definitive editions of Michael Moorcock's most influential work, fully revised and updated by the author.

Gollancz is very proud to present the author's definitive editions of the saga of Elric, the last emperor of Melnibon. Michael Moorcock and his long-time friend and bibliographer John Davey have collaborated to produce the most consistent and coherent narrative from the disparate novels, novellas, short stories and non-fiction about Elric. From his early life in Melnibon all the way through to his final days, these seven volumes will be the definitive telling of the albino prince's story.

Elric is one of the great creations of modern fantasy, and has inspired legions of imitators. If you know his story already, then this definitive edition will finally let you read the entire saga in the author's preferred order. If you've never experienced the chronicles of the albino with the soul-sucking sword, then this is the perfect place to start.

Containing stories, novellas, supplementary material and commentary, these editions of Elric are the finest yet.

### **Joseph Nassise**

***Watcher of the Dark*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765327208](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765327208)

New Orleans was nearly the death of Jeremiah Hunt, between a too-close brush with the FBI and a chilling, soul-searing journey through the realm of the dead that culminated with a do-or-die confrontation with Death himself. But now Hunt is back and on the run in *Watcher of the Dark*.

But when he performs an arcane ritual to reclaim the soul of the magically gifted, beautiful woman who once saved him, he must flee the law once again, to Los Angeles, city of angels, a temporary sanctuary.

In L.A., he has to contend with Carlos Fuentes, who sees in Hunt a means to obtain the mystical key that would open the gates of Hell. Fuentes knows Hunt's weakness - his loyalty to the woman he loves, and to another "gifted" friend - and uses the real threat of torturing them as a way to get Hunt to help complete his dread quest.

Hunt has learned a lot since his life was irrevocably hijacked by fate months ago. But when his friends are threatened by the supernatural predator known as the Preacher, Hunt knows that all his newfound experience and ability will go for naught unless he can keep both the Preacher and Fuentes at bay long enough for him to somehow find a way to free his friends from mortal peril.

Joseph Nassise delivers another thrilling novel in his dark, urban fantasy series, the Jeremiah Hunt Chronicle.

### **Chloe Neill**

**House Rules** (*Chicagoland Vampires 07*) Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451237101](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451237101)

At the tender age of twenty-seven, Merit became a sword-wielding vampire. Since then, she's become the protector of her House, watched Chicago nearly burn to the ground, and seen her Master fall and rise. Now she'll see her mettle--and her metal--tested like never before. It starts when two Rogues vanish without a trace. Someone is targeting Chicago's vampires, and anyone could be next. With their House in peril, Merit and her Master, centuries-old Ethan Sullivan, must race to stop the disappearances. But as they untangle a web of secret alliances and ancient evils, they realize their foe is more familiar, and more powerful, than they could have ever imagined.

### **Mark Charan Newton**

**Drakenfeld** Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780230768956](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780230768956)

The monarchies of the Royal Vispasian Union have been bound together for two hundred years by laws maintained and enforced by the powerful Sun Chamber. As a result, nations have flourished but corruption, deprivation and murder will always find a way to thrive... Receiving news of his father's death Sun Chamber Officer Lucan Drakenfeld is recalled home to the ancient city of Tryum and rapidly embroiled in a mystifying case. The King's sister has been found brutally murdered - her beaten and bloody body discovered in a locked temple. With rumours of dark spirits and political assassination, Drakenfeld has his work cut out for him trying to separate superstition from certainty. His determination to find the killer quickly makes him a target as the underworld gangs of Tryum focus on this new threat to their power. Embarking on the biggest and most complex investigation of his career, Drakenfeld soon realises the evidence is leading him towards a motive that could ultimately bring darkness to the whole continent. The fate of the nations is in his hands.

### **Naomi Novik**

**Crucible of Gold** (*Temeraire 07*) A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780345522870](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780345522870)

Naomi Novik's beloved series returns, with Capt. Will Laurence and his fighting dragon Temeraire once again taking to the air against the broadsides of Napoleon's forces and the friendly--and sometimes not-so-friendly--fire of British soldiers and politicians who continue to suspect them of divided loyalties, if not outright treason.

For Laurence and Temeraire, put out to pasture in Australia, it seems their part in the war has come to an end just when they are needed most. Newly allied with the powerful African empire of the Tswana, the French have occupied Spain and brought revolution and bloodshed to Brazil, threatening Britain's last desperate hope to defeat Napoleon. So the British government dispatches Arthur Hammond from China to enlist Laurence and Temeraire to negotiate a peace with the angry Tswana, who have besieged the Portuguese royal family in Rio--and as bait, Hammond bears an offer to reinstate Laurence to his former rank and seniority as a captain in the Aerial Corps. Temeraire is delighted by this sudden reversal of fortune, but Laurence is by no means sanguine, knowing from experience that personal honor and duty to one's country do not always run on parallel tracks. Laurence and Temeraire--joined by the egotistical fire-breather Iskierka and the still-growing Kulingile, who has already surpassed Temeraire in size--embark for Brazil, only to meet with a string of unmitigated disasters that leave the dragons and their human friends forced to make an unexpected landing in the hostile territory of the Inca empire, where they face new unanticipated dangers. Now with the success of the mission balanced on a razor's edge, and failure looking more likely by the minute, the unexpected arrival of an old enemy will tip the scales toward ruin. Yet even in the midst of disaster, opportunity may lurk--for one bold enough to grasp it.

### **Chuck Palahniuk**

**Doomed** (*Damned 02*) Trade Paperback \$29.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780224091183](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780224091183)

The bestselling *Damned* chronicled Madison's journey across the unspeakable (and really gross) landscape of the afterlife to confront the Devil himself. But her story isn't over yet. In a series of electronic dispatches from the Great Beyond, *Doomed* describes the ultimate showdown between Good and Evil.

After a Halloween ritual gone awry, Madison finds herself trapped in Purgatory -- or, as mortals like you and I know it, Earth. She can see and hear every detail of the world she left behind, yet she's invisible to everyone who's still alive. Not only do people look right through her, they walk right through her as well. The upside is that, no longer subject to physical limitations, she can pass through doors and walls. Her first stop is her parents' luxurious apartment, where she encounters the ghost of her long-deceased grandmother. For Madison, the encounter triggers memories of the awful summer she spent upstate with Nana Minnie and her grandfather, Papadaddy. As she revisits the painful truth of what transpired over those months, her saga of eternal damnation takes on a new and sinister meaning. Madison has been in Satan's sights from the very beginning, as through her and her narcissistic celebrity parents he plans to engineer an era of eternal damnation. For everyone.

Once again, our unconventional but plucky heroine must face her fears and gather her wits for the battle of a lifetime. Dante Alighieri, watch your back; Chuck Palahniuk is gaining on you.

### **Chuck Palahniuk**

**Doomed** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780385533034](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780385533034)

Madison Spencer, the liveliest, snarkiest dead girl in the universe, continues the adventures in the afterlife begun in *Damned*. Having somewhat reluctantly escaped from Hell, she now wanders the Purgatory that is Earth as a ghostly spirit, seeking her do-gooding celebrity parents, fighting the malign control of Satan, recounting the disgracefully funny (to us, anyway) encounter with her grandfather in a fetid highway rest stop in upstate New York when she . . . oh, never mind, and climaxing in a rendezvous with destiny on the new, totally plastic continent in the Pacific called, not at all accidentally, Madlantis.

Dante Alighieri, watch your back, Chuck Palahniuk is gaining on you.

### **Den Patrick**

**Orcs War-Fighting Manual** (*War Manual*) Hardcover \$22.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575132757](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575132757)

The essential guide for anyone who wants to fight with or against fantasy's most fearsome foe: the Orc.

Written in the form of a soldier's manual on strategy, tactics and weapons THE ORCS WAR-FIGHTING MANUAL is an innovative and fun way for readers and gamers to add colour and excitement to their knowledge of fantasy's premier villains.

Translated from the original Orcish the book contains details on Orc strengths and weakness, key tactics, survival and field tips and accounts of notorious battles from Orc history as well as key tips on defeating Elves and Dwarves. Puny humans are not considered worth discussing.

With companion volumes for Elves and Dwarves, gaming and comics writer Den Patrick builds up his very own fantasy world and tells its history in a unique and entertaining way.

Illustrated throughout and comes complete with battle and formation maps.

### **Robb Pearlman & Dave Urban (Illustrator)**

**101 Ways to Kill a Zombie** Hardcover \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780789324832](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780789324832)

An uproarious, gift-appropriate riff on zombie pop culture, published to coincide with the premiere of *The Walking Dead* Season 4, is designed to keep fans laughing throughout the upcoming brain-consuming apocalypse.

**Gillian Philip**

**Bloodstone** (*Rebel Angels 02*) Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765333285](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765333285)

Sithe warriors Seth and Conal MacGregor, while searching for the Bloodstone demanded by their Queen, cross over the Veil, which has violent consequences, while, in the Otherworld, Jed Cameron must keep his infant brother safe from the evil forces who want to consume him.

**Sarah Pinborough & Les Edwards (Illustrator)**

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POISON is a beautifully illustrated retelling of the Snow White story which takes all the elements of the classic fairytale that we love (the handsome prince, the jealous queen, the beautiful girl and, of course, the poisoning) and puts a modern spin on the characters, their motives and their desires. It's fun, contemporary, sexy, and perfect for fans of ONCE UPON A TIME, GRIMM, SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN and more.

**Beauty** Hardcover \$22.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575093058](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575093058)

A beautiful, sexy, contemporary retelling of the classic Sleeping Beauty fairy tale, illustrated by Les Edwards.

BEAUTY is a beautifully illustrated retelling of the Sleeping Beauty story which takes all the elements of the classic fairytale that we love (the handsome prince, the ancient curse, the sleeping girl and, of course, the haunting castle) and puts a modern spin on the characters, their motives and their desires. It's fun, contemporary, sexy, and perfect for fans of ONCE UPON A TIME, GRIMM, SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN and more.

**Tom Pollock**

**The Glass Republic** (*Skyscraper Throne 02*) Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781780870113](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781780870113)

Pen's life is all about secrets: the secret of the city's spirits, deities and monsters her best friend Beth discovered, living just beyond the notice of modern Londoners; the secret of how she got the intricate scars that disfigure her so cruelly - and the most closely guarded secret of all: Parva, her mirror-sister, forged from her reflections in a school bathroom mirror. Pen's reflected twin is the only girl who really understands her. Then Parva is abducted and Pen makes a terrible bargain for the means to track her down. In London-Under-Glass, looks are currency, and Pen's scars make her a rare and valuable commodity. But some in the reflected city will do anything to keep Pen from the secret of what happened to the sister who shared her face.

**Terry Pratchett**

**Snuff** (*Discworld 33*) B Paperback \$19.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780552166768](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780552166768)

This is the countryside, after all. Everyone sees where you go and you never know who is behind a hedge.

And if you're very unlucky, the person behind the hedge could have very unfriendly intentions. It may look idyllic, but the countryside isn't all flowers and thatched cottages and bracing walks in your best tweed. Beneath the greenery lies a dark underbelly, and there's something about rambling country houses that attracts dastardly plots and grisly murder. A challenge for any detective, but especially for one bred in the city who doesn't understand the Way Things Are Done. In the countryside, people know their place, and everyone else's place too, especially if it's beneath their own. And they have some rather old fashioned ideas about people who are...different from them.

**Terry Pratchett**

**Raising Steam** (*Discworld 34*) Hardcover \$45 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780857522276](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780857522276)

To the consternation of the patrician, Lord Vetinari, a new invention has arrived in Ankh-Morpork - a great clanging monster of a machine that harnesses the power of all of the elements: earth, air, fire and water. This being Ankh-Morpork, it's soon drawing astonished crowds, some of whom caught the zeitgeist early and arrive armed with notepads and very sensible rainwear.

Moist von Lipwig is not a man who enjoys hard work - as master of the Post Office, the Mint and the Royal Bank his input is, of course, vital . . . but largely dependent on words, which are fortunately not very heavy and don't always need greasing. However, he does enjoy being alive, which makes a new job offer from Vetinari hard to refuse . . .

Steam is rising over Discworld, driven by Mister Simnel, the man wi' t'flat cap and sliding rule who has an interesting arrangement with the sine and cosine. Moist will have to grapple with gallons of grease, goblins, a fat controller with a history of throwing employees down the stairs and some very angry dwarfs if he's going to stop it all going off the rails . . .

**Terry Pratchett & Stephen Briggs**

**Turtle Recall** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575091207](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575091207)

The one and only official guide to all things Discworld including, but not limited to: What to do when approached by a hermit elephant, where to get a beer in Ankh-Morpork, how to play Cripple Mr Onion, and live to tell about it.

The Discworld, as everyone knows, is a flat world balanced on the backs of four elephants which, in turn, stand on the shell of the giant star turtle, the Great A'Tuin, as it slowly swims through space.

It is also a global publishing phenomenon with sales of over 70 million books worldwide (but who's counting?). The publication of SNUFF brought the Discworld canon to 39 books - not including the various guides, mapps, diaries and other side-projects. That's a lot of Discworld to keep track of - more than most people can manage with just the one head - but fear not: help is at hand!

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**Terry Pratchett & A S Byatt & Josh Kirby (Illustrator)**

**A Blink of the Screen** Paperback \$19.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781409043997](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781409043997)

Collected Short Fiction

A collection of shorter fiction from Terry Pratchett, spanning the whole of his writing career from schooldays to Discworld and the present day.

In the four decades since his first book appeared in print, Terry Pratchett has become one of the world's best-selling and best-loved authors. Here for the first time are his short stories and other short form fiction collected into one volume. A Blink of the Screen charts the course of Pratchett's long writing career: from his schooldays through to his first writing job on the Bucks Free Press; to the origins of his debut novel, The Carpet People; and on again to the dizzy mastery of the phenomenally successful Discworld series.

Here are characters both familiar and yet to be discovered; abandoned worlds and others still expanding; adventure, chickens, death, disco and, actually, some quite disturbing ideas about Christmas, all of it shot through with his inimitable brand of humour.

With an introduction by Booker Prize-winning author A.S. Byatt, illustrations by the late Josh Kirby and drawings by the author himself, this is a book to treasure.

### **Lissa Price**

**Starters (Starters 01)** Trade Paperback \$17.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780385742481](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780385742481)

This edition includes Portrait of a Spore, a never-before-published short story that takes place in the world of STARTERS!

You can't get them out of your head. . . .

Callie lost her parents when the Spore Wars wiped out everyone between the ages of twenty and sixty. She and her little brother, Tyler, go on the run, living as squatters with their friend Michael and fighting off renegades who would kill them for a cookie.

Callie's only hope is Prime Destinations, a disturbing place in Beverly Hills run by a mysterious figure known as the Old Man. He hires teens to rent their bodies to Enders - seniors who want to be young again. Callie, desperate for the money that will keep her, Tyler, and Michael alive, agrees to be a donor. But the neurochip they place in Callie's head malfunctions and she wakes up in the life of her renter.

Callie soon discovers that her renter intends to do more than party - and that Prime Destinations' plans are more evil than she could ever have imagined. . . .

### **Cherie Priest**

**Fiddlehead (Clockwork Century 05)** Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765334077](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765334077)

Young ex-slave Gideon Bardsley is a brilliant inventor, but the job is less glamorous than one might think, especially since the assassination attempts started. Worse yet, they're trying to destroy his greatest achievement: a calculating engine called Fiddlehead, which provides undeniable proof of something awful enough to destroy the world. Both man and machine are at risk from forces conspiring to keep the Civil War going and the money flowing. Bardsley has no choice but to ask his patron, former president Abraham Lincoln, for help. Lincoln retired from leading the country after an attempt on his life, but is quite interested in Bardsley's immense data-processing capacities, confident that if people have the facts, they'll see reason and urge the government to end the war. Lincoln must keep Bardsley safe until he can finish his research, so he calls on his old private security staff to protect Gideon and his data. Maria "Belle" Boyd was a retired Confederate spy, until she got a life-changing job offer from the Pinkerton Detective Agency. Pinkerton respects her work, despite reservations about her lingering Southern loyalties. But it's precisely those loyalties that let her go into Confederate territory to figure out who might be targeting Bardsley. Maria is a good detective, but with spies from both camps gunning for her, can even the notorious Belle Boyd hold the greedy warhawks at bay?"

### **Robert Rankin**

**The Chickens of Atlantis and Other Foul and Filthy Fiends** Trade Paperback \$29.99

[www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575086463](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575086463)

Darwin, the Educated Ape, sets off on another madcap adventure through time, space and chickens.

Robert Rankin, the master of far-fetched fiction, presents, for the first time, a book written in 'the first monkey'. Sure to be taken up as the newest of literary fads, Darwin, the Educated Ape here tells his life story to his legions of fans.

Featuring: Chickens! Martians! Doodlebugs! The Far Future! The Distant Past! Sherlock Holmes! Winston Churchill! Dynamite! More Monkeys than you can shake a stick at! Barmen! Pubs! The End of the World and more!

The fourth in Robert Rankin's series of steampunk-tinged Victoriana novels featuring the master detective Cameron Bell (who has an unfortunate fondness for blowing up major landmarks) and his companion, Darwin, the Educated Ape, this is another masterpiece of comic fiction and SF.

### **James Wesley Rawles**

**Expatriates (Coming Collapse 04)** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780525953906](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780525953906)

In the latest survivalist thriller from founder of survivalblog.com and New York Times bestselling author James Wesley, Rawles, two expat families struggle for their very survival in the midst of a global economic collapse.

When the United States suffers a major socioeconomic collapse, a power vacuum sweeps the globe. A newly radicalized Islamic government rises to power in Indonesia, invades the Philippines, East Timor, Papua New Guinea, and finally northern Australia. No longer protected by American military interests, Australia must repel an invasion alone.

In the thick of these political maneuvers, an American family of missionaries living in the Philippines and a Texan petroleum engineer in Australia must face the fear of being strangers in a world in flux. Are their relatives back home healthy and safe? Will they ever see them again?

In its depiction of the authentic survivalist skills and techniques needed to survive a global socioeconomic meltdown, Expatriates is as informative as it is suspense-filled.

### **Rod Rees**

**The Demi-Monde: Fall (Demi Monde 04)** Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781849165099](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781849165099)

For thousands of years the Grigori have lain hidden, dreaming of the day when they will emerge from the darkness. Now that day draws close.

Norma, Trixie and Ella fight doggedly to frustrate these plans, but they need help. Percy Shelley must lead Norma to the Portal in Noir Ville so she can return to the Real World. Trixie's father must convince her that, if she is to destroy the Great Pyramid standing in Terror Incognita, she must be prepared to die. And Vanka Maykov - though not the man she knew and loved - must guide Ella to the secret enclave of the Grigori, where she will face the most chilling of enemies. In this explosive finale to the Demi-Monde series, our heroes will come to understand that resisting evil will require courage, resolve . . . and sacrifice.

### **Laura Resnick**

**The Misfortune Cookie (Esther Diamond)** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756408473](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756408473)

Esther Diamond's year gets off to a rocky start when NYPD's Detective Connor Lopez, who slept with her and then didn't call, shuts down her current place of employment and gets her arrested. Once she's out of handcuffs, and with no paying work on the frigid horizon, Esther takes a small role in a grad student's film project in Chinatown - where her friend semi-retired hit man Lucky Battistuzzi, who escaped Lopez's sweep at the Little Italy restaurant where Esther works between acting jobs, is hiding out in a Chinese-Italian mortuary.

Esther and Lucky soon realize that something strange is going on in Chinatown, where beautifully handcrafted fortune cookies are inflicting deadly mystical curses on the hapless victims who receive them as gifts?and before long, Esther learns that Detective Lopez is one of the recipients. As preparations for Chinese New Year heat up in the ice-covered neighborhood, when the streets will be filled with costumed lion dancers, firecrackers, and dense crowds, Esther and Lucky summon the help of their friend Max, a semi-immortal mage and semi-solvent bookseller, to help them save Chinatown and Lopez (with whom Esther is not on speaking terms) from a mystical murderer of maniacal menace.

### **Alastair Reynolds**

***Revelation Space*** (*SF Masterworks*) B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575129061](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575129061)

Nine hundred thousand years ago, something wiped out the Amarantin. For the human colonists now settling the Amarantin homeworld Resurgam, it's of little more than academic interest, even after the discovery of a long-hidden, almost perfect Amarantin city and a colossal statue of a winged Amarantin. For brilliant but ruthless scientist Dan Sylveste, it's more than merely intellectual curiosity - and he will stop at nothing to get at the truth. Even if the truth costs him everything. But the Amarantin were wiped out for a reason, and that danger is closer and greater than even Sylveste imagines. . .

REVELATION SPACE: a huge, magnificent space opera that ranges across the known and unknown universe. . . towards the most terrifying of destinations.

### **Anne Rice**

***The Wolves of Midwinter*** (*Wolf Gift Chronicles 02*) Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780385349963](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780385349963)

The tale of The Wolf Gift continues . . .

In Anne Rice's surprising and compelling best-selling novel, the first of her strange and mythic imagining of the world of wolfen powers, readers were spellbound as Rice conjured up a daring new world set against the wild and beckoning California coast.

Now in her new novel, as lush and romantic in detail and atmosphere as it is sleek and steely in storytelling, Anne Rice takes us once again to the rugged coastline of Northern California, to the grand mansion at Nideck Point, and further explores the unearthly education of her transformed Man Wolf.

The novel opens on a cold, gray landscape. It is the beginning of December. Oak fires are burning in the stately flickering hearths of Nideck Point. It is Yuletide. For Reuben Golding, now infused with the Wolf Gift and under the loving tutelage of the Morphenkinder, this promises to be a Christmas like no other . . .

The Yuletide season, sacred to much of the human race, has been equally sacred to the Man Wolves, and Reuben soon becomes aware that they, too, steeped in their own profound rituals, will celebrate the ancient Midwinter festival deep within the verdant richness of Nideck forest.

From out of the shadows of Nideck comes a ghost - tormented, imploring, unable to speak yet able to embrace and desire with desperate affection . . .

. As Reuben finds himself caught up with - and drawn to - the passions and yearnings of this spectral presence, and as the swirl of preparations reaches a fever pitch for the Nideck town Christmas festival of music and pageantry, astonishing secrets are revealed; secrets that tell of a strange netherworld, of spirits other than the Morphenkinder, centuries old, who inhabit the dense stretches of redwood and oak that surround the magnificent house at Nideck Point, 'ageless ones' who possess their own fantastical ancient histories and who taunt with their dark magical powers...

### **Anne Rice**

***The Wolves of Midwinter*** (*Wolf Gift Chronicles*) Trade Paperback \$32.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781448190621](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781448190621)

It is the beginning of December and it is cold and grey outside. In the stately flickering hearths of the grand mansion of Nideck Point, oak fires are burning. The Morphenkinder are busy getting ready for the ancient pagan feast of midwinter. Everyone is invited, including some of their own who do not wish them well...

Reuben Golding, the newest of the Morphenkinder, is struggling with his new existence as a Man Wolf, struggling to learn to control his desires and bloodthirsty urges. His pure, luminous girlfriend Laura seems all set to join him in this new way of life, but Reuben is not at all certain he will love her if she becomes as he is. Beyond the mansion, the forest echoes with howling winds, which carry with them tales of a strange nether world, and of spirits - centuries old - who possess their own fantastical ancient histories and taunt with their dark, magical powers.

As preparations for the feast gather pace, destiny continues to hound Reuben, not least in the form of a strange, tormented ghost who appears at the window, unable to speak. But he is not alone: before the festivities are over, choices must be made - choices which will decide the fate of the Morphenkinder for ever.

### **Christopher Rice**

***The Heavens Rise*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476716084](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476716084)

Conjures the shadowed terrors of the Louisiana bayou—where three friends confront a deadly, ancient evil rising to the surface—in this intense and atmospheric new supernatural thriller.

It's been a decade since the Delongpre family vanished near Bayou Rabineaux, and still no one can explain the events of that dark and sweltering night. No one except Niquette Delongpre, the survivor who ran away from the mangled stretch of guardrail on Highway 22 where the impossible occurred...and kept on running. Who left behind her best friends, Ben and Anthem, to save them from her newfound capacity for destruction...and who alone knows the source of her very bizarre—and very deadly—abilities: an isolated strip of swampland called Elysium.

An accomplished surgeon, Niquette's father dreamed of transforming the dense acreage surrounded by murky waters into a palatial compound befitting the name his beloved wife gave to it, Elysium: "the final resting place for the heroic and virtuous." Then, ten years ago, construction workers dug into a long-hidden well, one that snaked down into the deep, black waters of the Louisiana swamp and stirred something that had been there for centuries—a microscopic parasite that perverts the mind and corrupts the body.

Niquette is living proof that things done can't be undone. Nothing will put her family back together again. And nothing can save her. But as Niquette, Ben, and Anthem uncover the truth of a devastating parasite that has the potential to alter the future of humankind, Niquette grasps the most chilling truths of all: someone else has been infected too. And unlike her, this man is not content to live in the shadows. He is intent to use his newfound powers for one reason only: revenge.

### **John Ringo & Ryan Sear**

***Tiger by the Tail*** (*Mike Harmon 06*) A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476736150](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476736150)

A new addition to the Paladin of Shadows military adventure series by multiple New York Times best seller John Ringo and Ryan Sear. Sequel to Ghost, Kildar, Choosers of the Slain, Unto the Breach and A Deeper Blue.

After saving America from Middle Eastern terrorists, even Mike Harmon and the Keldara could use a vacation. Of course, the Kildar's idea of a vacation includes taking down pirates in the Singapore Straits. But when he finds computer chips designed to run nuclear reactors in the pirate booty, Harmon has a new mission thrust upon him - discover how bottom-feeding thieves got their hands on top-secret technology.

The chips are headed for newly democratic Myanmar, a country vital to American interests in the region. Now Harmon finds himself in a desperate race to learn who stole the chips and why. From glittering Hong Kong to the slums of Thailand to the swamps of Myanmar, Harmon and his Keldara team follow a trail of death and deceit across the glittering underbelly of Southeast Asia.

And as the path winds through dark jungle and slave labor camps to the heart of newborn democracy, Harmon must devise a way to prevent the nasty overthrow of a nation's capital by totalitarian tyrants. But if there's one thing Mike and the Keldara specialize in, it's doing what it takes to give freedom a chance.

### **Antoine Rouaud**

***The Path of Anger (Book and the Sword 01)*** Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575130814](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575130814)

There will be blood. There will be death. This is the path of anger. . .

Dun-Cadal has been drinking his life away for years. Betrayed by his friends - who turned their back on their ideals in favour of a new republic - and grief stricken at the loss of his apprentice, who saved his life on the battlefield and whom he trained as a knight in exchange, he's done with politics, with adventure, and with people.

But people aren't finished with him - not yet. Viola is a young historian looking for the last Emperor's sword, and her search not only brings her to Dun-Cadal, it's also going to embroil them both in a series of assassinations. Because Dun-Cadal's turncoat friends are being murdered, one by one... by someone who kills in the unmistakable style of an Imperial assassin. . .

### **Michelle Sagara**

***Cast in Sorrow (Chronicles of Elantra 09)*** Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780373803569](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780373803569)

After her safe arrival in West March, Kaylin Neya must embrace her assignment as a "harmoniste" and try to heal the blight on a race.

THE END OF HER JOURNEY IS ONLY THE BEGINNING?

The Barrani would be happy to see her die. So Kaylin Neya is a bit surprised by her safe arrival in the West March. Especially when enemies new and old surround her and those she would call friends are equally dangerous?

And then the real trouble starts. Kaylin's assignment is to be a "harmoniste" - one who helps tell the truth behind a Barrani Recitation. But in a land where words are more effective than weapons, Kaylin's duties are deadly. With the wrong phrase she could tear a people further asunder. And with the right ones?well, then she might be able to heal a blight on a race.

If only she understood the story?.

### **Lynsay Sands**

***One Lucky Vampire (Argeneau)*** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062078148](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062078148)

***One Lucky Vampire (Argeneau 19)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575107571](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575107571)

No one does wickedly funny and irresistibly steamy like New York Times bestselling author Lynsay Sands - especially in this red-hot romance between a reluctant vampire and the beauty who needs his help.

Luck be a vampire tonight . . .

When Nicole Phillips agreed to hire a housekeeper, she pictured someone a little frumpy and almost certainly female. Instead, she gets gorgeous, unmistakably male Jake Colson. The man is proving indispensable in the kitchen - and everywhere else. Except Jake might not be a mortal man at all.

. . . and every night

Who wouldn't want to be a tall, dark, powerful vampire -Jake, for one. He's barely had time to adjust to his newstate before he's roped into a family favor. Still, secretly playing bodyguard to sweet, sexy Nicole is turning out to be the wildest ride of his life. First, he'll put a stop to whoever's targeting her. Then he'll prove that this kind of love, and luck, happens only once in an eternity.

### **John Scalzi**

***Redshirts (Three Cods)*** Trade Paperback \$19.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765334794](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765334794)

Hugo Awards 2013 Best Novel

Ensign Andrew Dahl has just been assigned to the Universal Union Capital Ship Intrepid, flagship of the Universal Union since the year 2456. It's a prestige posting, and Andrew is thrilled all the more to be assigned to the ship's Xenobiology laboratory.

Life couldn't be better - until Andrew begins to pick up on the fact that (1) every Away Mission involves some kind of lethal confrontation with alien forces, (2) the ship's captain, its chief science officer, and the handsome Lieutenant Kerensky always survive these confrontations, and (3) at least one low-ranked crew member is, sadly, always killed.

Not surprisingly, a great deal of energy belowdecks is expended on avoiding, at all costs, being assigned to an Away Mission. Then Andrew stumbles on information that completely transforms his and his colleagues' understanding of what the starship Intrepid really is - and offers them a crazy, high-risk chance to save their own lives.

### **Frank Schatzing**

***Limit*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781623650445](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781623650445)

Frank Schatzing's *The Swarm* was an international science-fiction blockbuster, winner of the Koln Literatur Prize, the Corine Prize, and the German Science Fiction Prize. *Limit* is his most ambitious work to-date - a multilayered thriller that balances astonishing scientific, historical, and technical detail. Against this backdrop, Schatzing convincingly realizes a possible near future when humankind's ingenuity may become the greatest risk to its continued existence.

In 2025, entrepreneur Julian Orley opens the first-ever hotel on the moon. But Orley Enterprises deals in more than space tourism - it also operates the world's only space elevator, which in addition to allowing the very wealthy to play tennis on the lunar surface connects Earth with the moon and enables the transportation of helium-3, the fuel of the future, back to the planet. Julian has invited twenty-one of the world's richest and most powerful individuals to sample his brand-new lunar accommodation, hoping to secure the finances for a second elevator.

On Earth, meanwhile, cybercop Owen Jericho is sent to Shanghai to find a young female hacker known as Yoyo, who's been on the run since acquiring access to information that someone seems quite determined to keep quiet. As Jericho closes in on the girl and the conspiracy swirling around her, he finds mounting evidence that connects her to Julian Orley as well as to the entrepreneur's many competitors and enemies. Soon, the detective realizes that the lunar junket to Orley's hotel is in real and immediate danger.

### **Diane Setterfield**

***Bellman & Black*** Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781409128052](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781409128052)

A haunting Victorian tale of love, loss and the mystery of death.

As a boy, William Bellman commits one small cruel act that appears to have unforeseen and terrible consequences. The killing of a rook with his catapult is soon forgotten amidst the riot of boyhood games. And by the time he is grown, with a wife and children of his own, he seems indeed, to be a man blessed by fortune.

Until tragedy strikes, and the stranger in black comes, and William Bellman starts to wonder if all his happiness is about to be eclipsed. Desperate to save the one precious thing he has left, he enters into a bargain. A rather strange bargain, with an even stranger partner, to found a decidedly macabre business.

And Bellman & Black is born.

## **Bob Shaw**

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ORBITSVILLE: Racing from the certain vengeance of Earth's tyrant ruler, space captain Vance Garamond flees the Solar System. And discovers the almost unimaginably vast spherical structure soon to become famous as 'Orbitsville' - a new home for Earth's huddled masses.

THE RAGGED ASTRONAUTS: Land and Overland - twin worlds a few thousand miles apart. On Land, humanity faces a threat to its very survival - an airborne species, the ptertha, has declared war on humankind, and is actively hunting for victims. The only hope lies in migration. Through space to Overland. By balloon.

A WREATH OF STARS: Thornton's Planet is an anti-neutrino planet detected on its approach to Earth. It can be seen only through the newly developed magniluct lenses and its arrival causes a wave of panic. When its course carries it past the earth, interest in Thornton's Planet wanes. But the visit of Thornton's Planet has had effects on Earth further-ranging than anyone could have imagined.

## **Mike Shepherd**

**Kris Longknife: Defender (Kris Longknife 11)** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425253410](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425253410)

Kris Longknife is back in the good graces of the brass - and to demonstrate that, they've promoted her to Admiral. Now her mission is to find the home base of the space pirates who are plaguing the fringes of the galaxy.

But no mission is ever simple when your name is Longknife. And this time the complications range from the military to the personal, as Kris finds herself - reluctantly - having to make some command decisions about her future...

## **Sharon Shinn**

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Master storyteller Sharon Shinn created the thrilling and enchanting world of Welce in her acclaimed novel Troubled Waters. Return with her to that elemental universe in this tale of secrecy, romance, and a battle for power.

Josetta is a princess of one of the Five Families. But she is far from the throne, so she is free to spend her days working in the poorest sections of the city.

Rafe Adova, an outcast since he was born, lives the life of a career gambler in those slums. He has no ambition other than cheating at the card tables - until the night he decides to help a girl named Corene, who looks like she's stumbled into the wrong bar.

She, too, is a princess - sister to Josetta, who finds her with Rafe. He fascinates her. Josetta has never encountered anyone like him - someone seemingly devoid of elemental blessings.

He is drawn to her, though he thinks they are unlikely to ever meet again?but their connection grows strong when she nurses him back to health after he is assaulted by foreign mercenaries. And when they learn the reason he's being hunted, they know that the truth about his history could endanger not only their love but also their very lives.

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## **Dan Simmons**

**The Abominable** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316198837](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316198837)

It's 1924 and the race to summit the world's highest mountain has been brought to a terrified pause by the shocking disappearance of George Mallory and Sandy Irvine high on the shoulder of Mt. Everest. By the following year, three climbers -- a British poet and veteran of the Great War, a young French Chamonix guide, and an idealistic young American -- find a way to take their shot at the top. They arrange funding from the grieving Lady Bromley, whose son also disappeared on Mt. Everest in 1924. Young Bromley must be dead, but his mother refuses to believe it and pays the trio to bring him home. Deep in Tibet and high on Everest, the three climbers -- joined by the missing boy's female cousin -- find themselves being pursued through the night by someone. . . or something. This nightmare becomes a matter of life and death at 28,000 feet - but what is pursuing them? And what is the truth behind the 1924 disappearances on Everest? As they fight their way to the top of the world, the friends uncover a secret far more abominable than any mythical creature could ever be.

A pulse-pounding story of adventure and suspense, The Abominable is Dan Simmons at his spine-chilling best.

## **Nalini Singh**

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Angels are falling from the sky in New York, struck down by a vicious, unknown force.

Vampires are dying impossibly of disease.

Guild hunter Elena Deveraux and the Archangel Raphael must discover the source of the wave of death before it engulfs their city and their people, leaving New York a ruin and Raphael's Tower under siege by enemy archangels.

Yet even as they fight desperately to save the city, an even darker force is stirring, its chill eyes trained on New York - and on Raphael. Rivers of crimson and nightmares given flesh, the world will never again be the same?

## **Ryk Spoor**

**Spheres of Influence (Grand Central Arena 02)** Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639377](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639377)

Sequel to popular space adventure, Grand Central Arena!

Leader of the Faction of Humanity. It was a ridiculous title, but the Arena said that was what Captain Ariane Austin was since she'd led the crew of the Holy Grail in their discovery of the impossible, physics-violating place and their eventual return, and when the high-omnipotent Arena said something, it meant it.

Ariane must discover what it means to be the Leader of Humanity, both for herself and for humanity, before her enemies - at home or in the Arena - depose her, kill her, or worse. It will take all her luck, Marc DuQuesne's indomitable will, Simon Sandrisson's genius, and the peerless skill of a living legend. And, in the end, humanity's fate in the galaxy and beyond will hinge on the choice of an uncertain ally who has nothing to gain, and everything to lose, by aiding those neophyte upstarts, the humans.

### **Amanda Sun**

***Ink (Paper Gods 01)*** Trade Paperback \$16.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780373210718](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780373210718)

Ink is in their blood.

On the heels of a family tragedy, Katie Greene must move halfway across the world. Stuck with her aunt in Shizuoka, Japan, Katie feels lost. Alone. She doesn't know the language, she can barely hold a pair of chopsticks and she can't seem to get the hang of taking her shoes off whenever she enters a building.

When Katie meets aloof but gorgeous Tomohiro, the star of the school's kendo team, she is intrigued by him - and a little scared. His tough attitude seems meant to keep her at a distance, and when they're near each other, strange things happen. Pens explode. Ink drips from nowhere. And unless Katie is seeing things, drawings come to life.

Somehow Tomo is connected to the kami, powerful ancient beings who once ruled Japan - and as feelings develop between Katie and Tomo, things begin to spiral out of control. The wrong people are starting to ask questions, and if they discover the truth, no one will be safe.

### **Dave Swavely**

***Kaleidocide (Peacer)*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781250001504](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781250001504)

In the near future, a post-quake San Francisco is ruled by a private corporation called the Bay Area Security Service. BASS has established and maintained order in the new city-state with a police force of "peacers" who have a license to kill, and the company has developed a cutting edge antigravity technology that is sure to make its leader one of the most powerful men in the world. Michael Ares has recently inherited the throne of BASS, and immediately finds himself marked for assassination by an even more powerful world leader, the Chinese general Zhang Sun. Michael doesn't understand why he was chosen to play this important role, nor does he know why Sun is so determined to see him dead. But to find out, he will first have to survive not just one assassination attempt, but a series of attempts that has never failed to end in the death of the target. His only hope is to entrust his fate to an old friend whose company provides personal high-tech protection that is almost as impressive as the forces arrayed against him. A future world of aerocars, net glasses, and neural cyberware provides the backdrop for this timeless tale of good and evil, complete with violence, love, and revenge. This sequel to *Silhouette* is filled with a kaleidoscope of colorful characters and thrilling action that will make reader's hearts pound and minds race at the same time.

### **Sam Sykes**

***The Skybound Sea (Aeons Gate 03)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575090385](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575090385)

The triumphant conclusion to one of the most exciting and original fantasy trilogies of recent years.

After the misadventures of the first two books Lenk and his companions must finally turn away from fighting each other and for their own survival and look to saving the entire human race.

A terrible demon has risen from beneath the sea and where it came from thousands could follow. And all the while an alien race is planning the extinction of humanity.

The third volume in the Aeon's Gate trilogy widens the action out dramatically. *TOME OF THE UNDERGATES* was based mainly on a ship, *BLACK HALO* moved the action to an island of bones, and *THE SKYBOUND SEA* takes us out into a world threatened with a uniquely imagined and terrifying apocalypse.

### **Jules Verne**

***Journey to the Center of the Earth/ Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea/ Round the World in Eighty Days*** Hardcover \$39.95

[www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780307961488](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780307961488)

Jules Verne's most beloved novels are gathered here in one hardcover volume: three thrilling tales of fabulous journeys under, through, and around the earth.

Verne was one of the great pioneers of science fiction. Born in France in 1828, he wrote brilliantly about space, air, and underwater travel long before airplanes and space ships had been invented, and he is still one of the most widely read internationally of all science-fiction writers.

But beyond charting new territory for adventurous fiction, his creations have entered our culture and taken on the magnitude and vitality of myth. It is hard to imagine anyone who has not heard of Captain Nemo and his giant submarine exploring the ruins of Atlantis in *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, Phileas Fogg's frantic race around the world by every means of transportation in *Round the World in Eighty Days*, and the harrowing descent through a volcanic crater to underground caverns where prehistoric creatures roam in *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. These stories have seized the imaginations of readers for generations and are as vivid and exciting now as when their author first imagined traveling beyond the bounds of the possible.

Translated by Henry Frith

### **J R Ward**

***Lover at Last (Black Dagger Brotherhood 11)*** B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780749955854](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780749955854)

In the darkest corners of the night in Caldwell, New York, a conflict like no other rages. The city is home to a band of brothers born to defend their race: the warrior vampires of the Black Dagger Brotherhood. . .

Quinn, son of no one, is used to being on his own. Disavowed from his bloodline, shunned by the aristocracy, he has finally found an identity as one of the most brutal fighters in the war against the Lessening Society. But his life is not complete. Even as the prospect of having a family of his own seems to be within reach, he is empty on the inside, his heart given to another.

Blay, after years of unrequited love, has moved on from his feelings for Quinn. And it's about time: the male has found his perfect match in a Chosen female, and they are going to have a young - just as Quinn has always wanted for himself. It's hard to see the new couple together, but building your life around a pipe dream is just a heartbreak waiting to happen. As he's learned first-hand.

Fate seems to have taken these vampire soldiers in different directions. . . but as the battle over the race's throne intensifies, and new players on the scene in Caldwell create mortal danger for the Brotherhood, Quinn finally learns the true definition of courage. . .

### **Danie Ware**

***Ecko Burning (Ecko 02)*** B Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781781169087](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781781169087)

Ruthless and ambitious, Lord Phyllos has control of Fhaveon city, and is using her forces to bring the grasslands under his command. His last opponent is an elderly scribe who's lost his best friend and wants only to do the right thing. Seeking weapons, Ecko and his companions follow a trail of myth and rumour to a ruined city where both nightmare and shocking truth lie in wait.

### **David Weber & Jane Lindskold**

***The Treecat Wars*** (*Honorverse Star Kingdom 03*) Hardcover \$29.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639339](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639339)

Two young settlers on a pioneer planet seeks to stop a war and to save the intelligent alien treecats from exploitation by unscrupulous humans.

The fires are out, but the trouble's just beginning for the treecats

On pioneer planet Sphinx, ruined lands and the approach of winter force the now Landless Clan to seek new territory. They have one big problem - there's nowhere to go. Worse, their efforts to find a new home awaken the enmity of the closest treecat clan - a stronger group who's not giving up a single branch without a fight

Stephanie Harrington, the treecats' greatest advocate, is off to Manticore for extensive training - and up to her ears in challenges there. That leaves only Stephanie's best friends, Jessica and Anders, to save the treecats from themselves. And now a group of xenanthropologists is once again after the great secret of the treecats - that they are intelligent, empathic telepaths - and their agenda will lead to nothing less than treecat exploitation.

Finally, Jessica and Anders face problems of their own, including their growing attraction to one another. It is an attraction that seems a betrayal of Stephanie Harrington, the best friend either of them have ever had.

### **Jeri Westerson**

***Shadow of the Alchemist*** (*Medieval Noir*) Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781250000309](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781250000309)

Once a Knight of the Realm, Crispin Guest was stripped of his title and his lands and must now earn his meager living through his wits. With the help of his young apprentice, reformed thief Jack Tucker, Guest is known to certain populations as The Tracker, the man who can find anything--for a price. It is for that reason that Guest is sought out by Nicholas Flamel, an absent-minded alchemist. Both Flamel's wife and his apprentice are missing, and he wants Guest to find them and bring them home. Before he can even begin looking, Guest discovers that Flamel's house has been ransacked. Then Flamel's assistant turns up--dead, hanging from the rafters with a note pinned to his chest by a dagger. It is a ransom note that promises the safe return of his wife in exchange for the Philosopher's Stone, which is reputed to turn lead into gold and create the elixir of life. And the kidnappers aren't the only ones after it. From the highest nobility to Flamel's fellow alchemists, everyone is seeking the stone for themselves. Guest must rescue the missing wife and find the stone before it falls into unworthy hands.

### **Tad Williams**

***Happy Hour in Hell*** Trade Paperback \$29.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444738612](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444738612)

This is Tad's second urban fantasy novel - a mixture of noir fantasy, mystery, humour and eroticism.

Bobby Dollar has a problem or four of epic proportions. Problem one: his best friend Sam has given him an angel's feather that also happens to be evidence of an unholy pact between Bobby's employers and those who dwell in the infernal depths. Problem two: Eligor, Grand Duke of Hell, wants to get his claws on the feather at all costs, but particularly at all cost to Bobby. Problem three: Bobby has fallen in love with Casimira, Countess of Cold Hands, who just happens to be Eligor's girlfriend. Problem four: Eligor, aware of Problem three, has whisked Casimira off to the Bottomless Pit itself, telling Bobby he will never see her again unless he hands over the feather.

But Bobby, long-time veteran of the endless war between above and below, is not the type of guy who finds Hell intimidating. All he has to do is toss on a demon's body, sneak through the infernal gates, solve the mystery of the angel's feather, and rescue the girl. Saving the day should just be a matter of an eon or two of anguish, mutilation and horror. If only it were that easy.

### **Sean Williams (Australian Author)**

***Jump*** (*Twinmaker 01*) Paperback \$18.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781743315866](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781743315866)

If you could be anywhere in a moment, where would you go? If you could change your appearance in a minute, what would you choose? If you discovered something was very wrong with this perfect world, what would you do? Action and danger fuel this near-future thriller in a fresh take on technology, identity, and the lengths one girl will go to save her best friend.

Clair lives in a world revolutionised by d-mat, a global teleport system that allows people to transport themselves instantaneously around the world. When a coded note promises improvement - the chance to change your body any way you want, making it stronger, taller, more beautiful - Clair thinks it's too good to be true, but her best friend, Libby, is determined to give it a try.

What starts as Libby's dream turns into Clair's nightmare when Libby falls foul of a deadly trap. With the help of Jesse, the school freak, and a mysterious online friend called Q, Clair's attempt to protect Libby leads her to an unimagined world of conspiracies and cover-ups. Soon her own life is at risk, and Clair is chased across the world in a desperate race against time.

### **Connie Willis**

***Time is the Fire*** (*SF Masterworks*) B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575131149](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575131149)

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Ten stories - which have all won the HUGO AWARD, the NEBULA AWARD or both - are compulsory reading for the serious science fiction fan.

### **Robert Charles Wilson**

***Burning Paradise*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765332615](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765332615)

Cassie Klyne, nineteen years old, lives in the United States in the year 2015--but it's not our United States, and it's not our 2015. Cassie's world has been at peace since the Great Armistice of 1918. There was no World War II, no Great Depression. Poverty is declining, prosperity is increasing everywhere; social instability is rare. But Cassie knows the world isn't what it seems. Her parents were part of a group who gradually discovered the awful truth: that for decades--back to the dawn of radio communications--human progress has been interfered with, made more peaceful and benign, by an extraterrestrial entity. That by interfering with our communications, this entity has tweaked history in massive and subtle ways. That humanity is, for purposes unknown, being farmed. Cassie's parents were killed for this knowledge, along with most of the other members of their group. Since then, the survivors have scattered and gone into hiding. Cassie and her younger brother Thomas now live with her aunt Nerissa, who shares these dangerous secrets. Others live nearby. For eight years they have attempted to lead unexceptional lives in order to escape detection. The tactic has worked. Until now. Because the killers are back. And they're not human.

### **Gene Wolfe**

***The Land Across*** Hardcover \$34.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765335951](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765335951)

An American writer of travel guides in need of a new location chooses to travel to a small and obscure Eastern European country. The moment Grafton crosses the border he is in trouble, much more than he could have imagined. His passport is taken by guards, and then he is detained for not having it. He is released into the custody of a family, but is again detained. It becomes evident that there are supernatural agencies at work, but they are not in some ways as threatening as the brute forces of bureaucracy and corruption in that country. Is our hero in fact a spy for the CIA? Or is he an innocent citizen caught in a Kafkaesque trap?

In *The Land Across*, Gene Wolfe keeps us guessing until the very end, and after.

### **John C Wright**

***The Hermetic Millennia (Count to a Trillion 02)*** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765338082](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765338082)

Continuing from *Count to a Trillion*, Menelaus Illation Montrose - Texas gunslinger, idealist, and posthuman genius - has gone into cryo-suspension following the discovery that, in 8,000 years, a powerful alien intelligence will reach Earth to assess humanity's value as slaves. Montrose intends to be alive to meet that threat, but he is awakened repeatedly throughout the centuries to confront the woes of an ever-changing and violent world, witnessing millennia of change compressed into a few years of subjective time. The result is a breathtaking vision of future history like nothing before imagined: sweeping, tumultuous, and evermore alien, as Montrose's immortal enemies and former shipmates from the starship *Hermetic* harness the forces of evolution and social engineering to continuously reshape the Earth in their image, seeking to create a version of man the approaching slavers will find worthy.

### **Rob Zombie & B K Evenson**

***The Lords of Salem*** B Paperback \$24.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781455519194](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781455519194)

Heidi Hawthorne is a thirty-seven-year-old FM radio DJ and a recovering drug addict. Struggling with her newfound sobriety and creeping depression, Heidi suddenly receives an anonymous gift at the station-a mysteriously shaped wooden box branded with a strange symbol. Inside the box is a promotional record for a band that identifies themselves only as *The Lords*. There is no other information.

She decides to play it on the radio show as a joke, and the moment she does, horrible things begin to happen. The strange music awakens something evil in the town. Soon enough, terrifying murders begin to happen all around Heidi. Who are *The Lords*? What do they want?

As old bloodlines are awakened and the bodies start to pile up, only one thing seems certain: all hell is about to break loose.

## Other Books

### **Alex Archer**

***Sunken Pyramid (Rogue Angel 45)*** A Paperback \$12.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780373621651](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780373621651)

At the bottom of a lake lies an ancient cache worth killing for.

The note from her friend and colleague had read "I have quite the monster for you to chase, dear Annja." And then before she could speak to him, he'd been found dead in the hotel's stairwell. It didn't seem possible. Annja Creed had been looking forward to three days of geeking out at the archaeology conference in Madison, Wisconsin, and then this tragedy strikes. And his is only the first death over the long weekend.

Determined to investigate her friend's death - and find out why another colleague she trusts is arrested as the prime suspect - Annja starts gathering the pieces of a cryptic puzzle. A small collection of Mayan gold medallions. The death of a potter. The violent appearance of a teenaged girl with a strange green knife. And at the center of the puzzle, an ancient mound pyramid purportedly hidden at the bottom of a Wisconsin lake. That's a discovery that could completely rewrite Mesoamerican history.

With each puzzle piece Annja Creed discovers, the mystery grows more dangerous. And what she knows can - and probably will - kill her.

### **James Barrat**

***Our Final Invention: Artificial Intelligence and the End of the Human Era*** Hardcover \$34.95

[www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780312622374](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780312622374)

Artificial Intelligence helps choose what books you buy, what movies you see, and even who you date. It puts the "smart" in your smart phone, it has the run of your house, and soon it will drive your car. It makes most of the trades on Wall Street, and controls vital energy, water, and transportation infrastructure. But Artificial Intelligence can also threaten our existence. Though primitive today, 'intelligent' computer systems double in speed and power each year. In as little as a decade, AI could match and then surpass human intelligence. Corporations and government agencies are pouring billions into achieving AI's Holy Grail -- human-level intelligence. Once AI has attained it, scientists argue, it will have survival drives much like our own. We may be forced to compete with a rival more cunning, more powerful, and more alien than we can imagine. Through profiles of tech visionaries, industry watchdogs, and groundbreaking AI systems, James Barrat's *Our Final Invention* explores the perils of the heedless pursuit of advanced AI. Until now, human intelligence has had no rival. Can we coexist with computers whose intelligence dwarfs our own? And more to the point: will they allow us to?

### **Larry Correia & Mike Kupari**

***Swords of Exodus (Dead Six 02)*** A Paperback \$14.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476736112](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476736112)

ORIGINAL MASS MARKET. Sequel to thriller *Dead Six*. From the author of the New York Times bestselling *Monster Hunter* series and an Air Force weapons expert, an edge-of-your-seat military-political thriller. A master thief and a hardhitting mercenary team up to defeat a Central Asian warlord with world-wide destruction on his mind.

The hard-hitting sequel to groundbreaking military adventure *Dead Six*.

On the far side of the world, deep in former Soviet Central Asia, lies a stronghold called the Crossroads. It is run with an iron fist by a brutal warlord calling himself Sala Jihan. He is far more than a petty dictator, for Jihan holds the fate of nations in his grasp. To save a world slipping into chaos, Jihan must either fall or be controlled.

One secret military organization called *Exodus* plans to see that this happens. For this mission, they need the best of the best. Unfortunately the man they need is rotting in an almost unassailable foreign prison.

Enter Lorenzo, thief extraordinaire. Lorenzo is now retired, happily married and living in paradise. His Achilles heel: an FBI-agent brother who has gone missing - disappeared into the stronghold of warlord Jihan. *Exodus* promises to give Lorenzo his chance to rescue his brother if and only if Lorenzo will perform one service for them: break Michael Valentine out of a captivity from which no one has ever emerged alive.

And if Lorenzo can accomplish that - well then, the Crossroads awaits the sword of *Exodus*.

**Neil Gaiman & Chris Riddell (Illustrator)**

*Fortunately, the Milk . . .* Hardcover \$17.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781408841761](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781408841761)

From multi-award-winning Neil Gaiman comes a spectacularly silly, mind-bendingly clever, brilliantly bonkers adventure with lip-smackingly gorgeous illustrations by Chris Riddell

You know what it's like when your mum goes away on a business trip and Dad's in charge. She leaves a really, really long list of what he's got to do. And the most important thing is DON'T FORGET TO GET THE MILK. Unfortunately, Dad forgets. So the next morning, before breakfast, he has to go to the corner shop, and this is the story of why it takes him a very, very long time to get back. Featuring: Professor Steg (a time-travelling dinosaur), some green gloppy things, the Queen of the Pirates, the famed jewel that is the Eye of Splod, some wumpires, and a perfectly normal but very important carton of milk.

**Dr Karl Kruszelnicki (Australian Author)**

*50 Shades of Grey Matter* Trade Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781742612850](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781742612850)

Welcome to the wonderful world of Doctor Karl: where oddities are embraced, facts reign supreme, curiosity is king and brightly coloured shirts are compulsory! In his brand new book, our much beloved and National Living Treasure Doctor Karl Kruszelnicki applies his trademark straight-talkin'-no-high-falutin' scientific sense to a brand new range of Big Questions that you never knew you even wanted to ask, but now desperately need to know the answers to. Have you ever walked into a room and immediately forgotten the reason you're there? A solid thought convinced your legs to move, but by the time you reach your destination, you realise the thought has abandoned you en route. No, it's not dementia. It's the doorway. Impress your friends (and potential dates) by being able to answer such questions as: - Why is the sky blue? - Why is it dark at night? - Why does lunacy erupt under a full moon? - What's the truth about spinach and Popeye? In this ever-changing, fast-paced and sometimes crazy world, few things are certain. But what is certain is that Dr Karl is here to help us battle our way through half-baked scientific myths and rumours, so that we may emerge smarter, stronger and viewing the world with more wonder than ever before.

*Game of Knowns* Hardcover \$32.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781742613345](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781742613345)

There are Known Knowns, Known Unknowns, and Unknown Unknowns. And then there is Dr Karl. The inimitable Dr Karl reigns once more in his Dynasty of 34 Science Books with scintillating science scenarios, techie tales and tasty morsels to sate even the most haemoglobin-thirsty of his army of followers. In *Game of Knowns*, he divulges why psychopaths make good kings, how smartphones dumb down our conversations, why the left side of your face is the most attractive, how the female worker bee gets a raw deal and why we drink beer faster when it is served in a curved glass. He discloses the amazing opportunities that 3D Printing will bring, the magic of hoverboards, solemnly shares why dark matter matters, and spills the scientific basis of wealth distribution. Thereby Science is decreed to be the only true ruler of the kingdom, and there is none better to claim the Throne than Australia's most trusted and knowledge-thirsty scientist - Dr Karl.

**Matt Mogk & Chad Lewis (Illustrator)**

*I Saw Mommy Biting Santa Claus: A Zombie Christmas Parody* Hardcover \$24.95

[www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781626360327](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781626360327)

*I Saw Mommy Biting Santa Claus* is a new spin on a holiday classic that tells the story of a suburban zombie outbreak and the little boy who knows just what to do. When Johnny finds out that his mother has turned into a zombie and has attacked Santa Claus, he knows that it's up to him to put the living dead (back) to rest.

While the chaos spreads from the mall to the Christmas parade, Johnny finds his friends Glenn, Barb, and Ben, and they devise a plan to not only protect themselves - and their dog - but to make sure to get to Grandma's house before the zombies take over town. While they've planned for the worst, nothing could prepare them for watching jolly old Saint Nick get devoured by mindless zombies.

This clever take on a Christmas tradition is right up the alley of anyone who ever wondered what would happen if a zombie outbreak took place during the holiday season. *I Saw Mommy Biting Santa Claus* is a beautifully gory tale that's sure to become a classic for fans of the holidays and the living dead.

Deck the halls with guts and braaaaains.

**Matthew Reilly (Australian Author)**

*The Tournament* Trade Paperback \$39.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781742612393](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781742612393)

The year is 1546.

Europe lives in fear of the powerful Islamic empire to the East. Under its charismatic Sultan, Suleiman the Magnificent, it is an empire on the rise. It has defeated Christian fleets. It has conquered Christian cities.

Then the Sultan sends out an invitation to every king in Europe: send forth your champion to compete in a tournament unlike any other.

We follow the English delegation, selected by King Henry VIII himself, to the glittering city of Constantinople, where the most amazing tournament ever staged will take place.

But when the stakes are this high, not everyone plays fair, and for our team of plucky English heroes, winning may not be the primary goal. As a series of barbaric murders take place, a more immediate goal might simply be staying alive...

**Nora Roberts**

*Dark Witch (Cousins O'Dwyer 01)* Trade Paperback \$22.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425259856](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425259856)

Bestselling author Nora Roberts comes a trilogy about the land we're drawn to, the family we learn to cherish, and the people we long to love?

With indifferent parents, Iona Sheehan grew up craving devotion and acceptance. From her maternal grandmother, she learned where to find both: a land of lush forests, dazzling lakes, and centuries-old legends.

Ireland.

County Mayo, to be exact. Where her ancestors' blood and magic have flowed through generations and where her destiny awaits.

Iona arrives in Ireland with nothing but her Nan's directions, an unfailingly optimistic attitude, and an innate talent with horses. Not far from the luxurious castle where she is spending a week, she finds her cousins, Branna and Connor O'Dwyer. And since family is family, they invite her into their home and their lives.

When Iona lands a job at the local stables, she meets the owner, Boyle McGrath. Cowboy, pirate, wild tribal horsemen, he's three of her biggest fantasy weaknesses all in one big, bold package.

Iona realizes that here she can make a home for herself and live her life as she wants, even if that means falling head over heels for Boyle. But nothing is as it seems. An ancient evil has wound its way around Iona's family tree and must be defeated. Family and friends will fight with each other and for each other to keep the promise of hope - and love - alive.

Don't miss the next two books in the Cousins O'Dwyer Trilogy

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# Anthologies and Short Story Collections

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What if the dead could be summoned from their graves - for a price? What if a quartet of distinctive storytellers took a stab at this deceptively simple idea - on a dare? The answers lie here, in *Four Summoner's Tales*, as these acclaimed writers accept the challenge and rise to the occasion - in four brilliantly chilling ways. It's all in the execution. . .

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In merry old England, a rascally con man stumbles upon a book for raising the dead. But instead of using it to make money by reviving relatives for the rich, he'll do just the opposite. Because some family skeletons need to stay buried.

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This thought-provoking collection not only takes us into the past and the future, but also explores what might happen if we attempt to manipulate time to our own advantage. These stories show what happen once you start to meddle with time and the paradoxes that might arise. It also raises questions about whether we understand time, and how we perceive it. Once we move outside the present day, can we ever return or do we move into an alternate world? What happens if our meddling with Nature leads to time flowing backwards, or slowing down or stopping all together? Or if we get trapped in a constant loop from which we can never escape. Is the past and future immutable or will we ever be able to escape the inevitable? These are just some of the questions that are raised in these challenging, exciting and sometimes amusing stories by Kage Baker, Simon Clark, Fritz Leiber, Christopher Priest, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Robert Silverberg, Michael Swanwick, John Varley and many others.

**Steven Erikson**

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Thirteen Classic Ghost Stories

Settle down by the fireside, tuck yourself up in bed - just try not to think about what's lurking just out of sight.

From a beautiful antique that gives its owner a show he'd rather forget, to 'ghost detective' whose exorcism goes horribly wrong and a sinister masked ball which seems to have one too many guests, these classic tales of supernatural terror are guaranteed to make you shiver, thrill and look under the bed tonight.

From rural England to colonial India, in murky haunted mansions and under modern electric lighting, these master storytellers - some of the best writers in the English language - unfold spintenglers which pull back the veil of everyday life to reveal the nightmares which lurk just out of sight. They are lessons in ingenuity and surprise, sometimes building slowly to a chilling climax, sometimes springing horror on you from the utterly banal. And as you'd expect from these writers, the stories are more than simply frightening - they're also disquieting exposures of mortality, loneliness and the human capacity for both evil and remorse.

We wish you pleasant dreams.

**Peter F Hamilton**

*A Second Chance at Eden* B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781447224143](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781447224143)

Amongst others, this collection includes a story about a new blood-sport featuring artificial monsters and story set in a far future world where one man wages an obsessive vengeance against the last survivor of an alien race. While the title novella centres on the mysterious death of the habitat Eden's creator, and shows us that this is a must-have collection from a writer at the top of his game.

**Charlaine Harris (Editor) & Toni L Kelner (Editor)**

*An Apple for the Creature* B Paperback \$19.99 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781780872599](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781780872599)

What could be scarier than the first day of school? Take a crash course in the paranormal from editors Charlaine Harris and Toni L. P. Kelner in *An Apple for the Creature*, featuring thirteen all-new tales straight from the classroom. Your schooldays are supposed to be the happiest days of your life - until you start thinking of your worst school nightmares: not knowing which is your classroom door; finding yourself naked in Assembly! But those fears will pale in comparison to these thirteen original stories, which take academic anxiety to whole new realms. You'll need more than an apple to stave off the creatures in these spooky scholastic stories!

**David G Hartwell (Editor) & Patrick Nielsen Hayden (Editor)**

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Twenty-First Century Science Fiction is an enormous anthology of short stories - close to 250,000 words - edited by two of the most prestigious and award-winning editors in the SF field and featuring recent stories from some of science fiction's greatest up-and-coming authors.

David Hartwell and Patrick Nielsen Hayden have long been recognized as two of the most skilled and trusted arbiters of the field, but Twenty-First Century Science Fiction presents fans' first opportunities to see what their considerable talents come up with together, and also to get a unique perspective on what's coming next in the science fiction field.

The anthology includes authors ranging from bestselling and established favorites to incandescent new talents including Paolo Bacigalupi, Cory Doctorow, Catherynne M. Valente, John Scalzi, Jo Walton, Charles Stross, Elizabeth Bear, and Peter Watts, and the stories selected include winners and nominees of all of the science fiction field's major awards.

**Stephen Jones (Editor) & Alan Lee (Illustrator)**

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Two hundred years ago two brothers, Jacob and Wilhelm, collected together a large selection of folk and fairy tales and published them as *Kinder- und Hausmärchen* (Children's and Household Tales). So successful was the first collection of 88 stories that they kept adding more to subsequent editions. Since then, the tales of the Brothers Grimm have been translated into upwards of a hundred different languages and are known and loved throughout the world. Now award-winning editor Stephen Jones has tasked some of the brightest and best horror writers in Britain, America and Europe with reinterpreting some of the traditional *Hausmärchen*, putting a decidedly darker spin on the classic stories.

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**Tom Lloyd**

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**George R R Martin (Editor) & Gardner Dozois (Editor) & Michael Moorcock & Mike Resnick & Joe R Lansdale & S M Stirling & Mary Rosenblum & Ian McDonald & Liz Williams & James S A Corey & Phyllis Eisenstein & Matthew Hughes & Levine David D & Chris Roberson**

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Burroughs's A Princess of Mars. Bradbury's The Martian Chronicles. Heinlein's Red Planet. These and so many more inspired generations of readers with a sense that science fiction's greatest wonders did not necessarily lie far in the future or light-years across the galaxy but were to be found right now on a nearby world tantalizingly similar to our own - a red planet that burned like an ember in our night sky . . . and in our imaginations.

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**George R R Martin (Editor)**

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In 1946, an alien virus that rewrites human DNA was accidentally unleashed in the skies over New York City. It killed 90% of those it infected. Nine percent survived, mutated into tragically deformed creatures. And one percent gained superpowers. The Wild Cards shared-universe series, created and edited by bestseller George R. R. Martin (called 'the American Tolkien' by TIME), is the tale of the history of the world since then - and of the heroes among the one percent.

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Featuring original work by writers such as Cherie Priest, author of the bestselling BONESHAKER; Paul Cornell, HUGO-nominated comic book and DOCTOR WHO writer; David Anthony Durham, winner of 2009's JOHN W. CAMPBELL AWARD FOR BEST NEW WRITER, and many others, FORT FREAK is one of the strongest offerings yet in the ongoing Wild Cards project.

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Based on the three-part PBS documentary series Superheroes, this companion volume chronicles the never-ending battle of the comic book industry, its greatest creators, and its greatest creations. Covering the effect of superheroes on American culture - in print, on film and television, and in digital media - and the effect of American culture on its superheroes, Superheroes: Capes, Cows, and the Creation of Comic Book Culture appeals to readers of all ages, from the casual observer of the phenomenon to the most exacting fan of the genre.

Drawing from more than 50 new interviews conducted expressly for Superheroes! - creators from Stan Lee to Grant Morrison, commentators from Michael Chabon to Jules Feiffer, actors from Adam West to Lynda Carter, and filmmakers such as Zach Snyder - this is an up-to-the-minute narrative history of the superhero, from the comic strip adventurers of the Great Depression, up to the blockbuster CGI movie superstars of the 21st Century. Featuring more than 500 full-color comic book panels, covers, sketches, photographs of both essential and rare artwork, Superheroes is the definitive story of this powerful presence in pop culture.

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*J S Roberts*

Jem Roberts, the author of *The Authorised History of 'I'm Sorry I haven't a Clue'* - the antidote to panel games, is now moving on to *The Unadulterated True History of THE BLACKADDER*.

British history as we know it is a cluttered patchwork of questionable stories which have been re-written, re-evaluated and ridiculed, and yet there is still an unquestioned narrative thread which runs through the nation's historical record, accepted as the factual history.

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It's not money Denise is worried about. Gavin had intended to donate much of his profits to human-rights organizations, and Brad has no plan to honor those wishes. So the team sets out to use Brad's own greed to get him out of the picture.

But soon Denise notices she's being followed. Is it Brad? Her boyfriend's mysterious informant? Or his killer? Whoever it is, Nate and the crew will have to read between the lines if they're going to close the book on this case.

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Marney Brillinger is in trouble. The zoo that has been in her family for generations is failing, and when she makes a deal with a Malanian priest to loan her two exotic black rhinos for a special exhibit, they never arrive. Now, she's on the hook for hundreds of thousands of dollars to the priest, who was planning to use the money for sick children.

Desperate, she turns to Nate Ford and his team for assistance. But finding two very large lost animals is no easy feat when the search involves duplicity - both international and close to home - and the unwelcome arrival of Nate's nemesis, Interpol agent James Sterling.

With Sterling around, if the team isn't careful, they just might end up in cages of their own . . .

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The rich and powerful take what they want. We steal it back for you.

When a disreputable dealer starts swindling aged and ailing comic-book creators out of their wealth - and their high-valued comics and artwork - the daughter of one victim comes to ex-insurance investigator Nathan Ford and his team of counter-crooks for help.

Their scheme: run a con at the Comic-Con International, where the crook intends to sell the goods. But there's more going on than simple theft. An arson plot is in motion that will not only destroy countless rare collectibles, but may end up costing lives.

With time short, the team must take down a ruthless mark whose true motives have yet to be revealed.

## **Doctor Who**

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*Steve Berry (Editor)*

Over 100 celebrity memories of DOCTOR WHO, on behalf of Alzheimer's Research UK, with a foreword by Sir Terry Pratchett.

Steve Berry decided to do something a little bit different to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research UK. A life-long DOCTOR WHO fan, he began to interview celebrities, writers, actors and people who had worked on DOCTOR WHO, asking for their earliest memories of the show that sent us cowering behind the sofa. Now he presents the fruits of his four years of labour - a beautiful, touching book containing short articles and memories of one of the most successful TV shows ever. 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of DOCTOR WHO - this is the perfect way to enjoy those 50 years!

Contributors include comedians Al Murray, Stephen Merchant, and Bill Oddie; actors Lynda Bellingham, Nicholas Parsons, and Rhys Thomas; writers Neil Gaiman, Jenny Colgan, Jonathan Ross and Charlie Brooker and politicians Louise Mensch and Tom Harris. In addition, there is input from a number of the writers, actors and production staff who were involved in creating DOCTOR WHO stories new and old.

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Doctor Who is now officially the most popular drama on television, From humble beginnings on 23rd November 1963 and eventual resurrection in 2005, the show has always been a quintessential element of British popular culture. Eleven Doctors, a multitude of companions, and a veritable cornucopia of monsters and villains: Doctor Who has it all. The Brief Guide to Doctor Who puts all the first Eleven Doctors under the microscope with facts, figures and opinions on every Doctor Who story televised. There are sections on TV, radio, cinema, stage and internet spin-offs, novels and audio adventures, missing episodes, and an extensive website listing and bibliography. It is the essential guide for all completists and fans.

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'I'm the Doctor. I'm a Time Lord. I'm from the planet Gallifrey in the constellation of Kasterborous. And I'm the man who's going to save your life.'

He's made a mark on almost every era of history, and he's touched millions of lives across space and time. In these pages you'll find just some of the stories behind those brief encounters, each of them addressing the question that must never, ever be answered: 'Doctor Who?'

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A visual journey through five decades of the BBC's most popular family drama

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This is the full and official story of Doctor Who, from the first pre-production memos in 1963 to the most recent props created for the 2013 series, including interviews with key contributors and scores of prop photos, design sketches and behind the scenes stills from every decade of the show's production. Taking you year by year through the world's longest running science fiction series, Marcus Hearn explores the show's groundbreaking innovations as well as its impact on popular culture through books and comics, magazines and toys, merchandise and ephemera.

The Vault is a collector's dream and the ultimate celebration of Doctor Who.

***Summer Falls and Other Stories*** Paperback \$19.95 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781849907231](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781849907231)

*Amelia Williams & Melody Malone & Justin Richards*

With a new introduction by Amelia Williams, as well as a rare interview with the reclusive author, 'The Girl Who Never Grew Up'.

Summer Falls by Amelia Williams

In the seaside village of Watchcombe, young Kate is determined to make the most of her last week of summer holiday. But when she discovers a mysterious painting entitled 'The Lord of Winter' in a charity shop, it leads her on an adventure she never could have planned. The painting is a puzzle - and with the help of some bizarre new acquaintances, she plans on solving it...

(Inspired by the Doctor Who episode 'The Bells of Saint John')

The Angel's Kiss by Melody Malone

Detective Melody Malone has an unexpected caller: movie star Rock Railton thinks someone is out to kill him - and when he mentions the 'kiss of the Angel', she takes the case. At the press party for Railton's latest movie, studio owner Max Kliener invites Melody to become their next star. But the cost of fame, she'll soon discover, is greater than anyone could possibly imagine.

(Inspired by the Doctor Who episode, 'The Angels Take Manhattan')

Devil in the Smoke, as recounted by Mr Justin Richards

On a cold day in December, two young boys, tired of sweeping snow from the workhouse yard, decide to build a snowman - and are confronted with a strange and grisly mystery. In horrified fascination, they watch as their snowman begins to bleed... The search for answers to this impossible event will plunge Harry into the most hazardous - and exhilarating - adventure of his life.

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*Andrew Kaplan*

An edge-of-your-seat original prequel based on Showtime's hit series Homeland

Beirut, 2006. CIA operations officer Carrie Mathison barely escapes an ambush while attempting a clandestine meeting with a new contact, code-name Nightingale. Suspicious that security has been compromised, she challenges the station chief in a heated confrontation that gets her booted back to Langley.

Expert in recognizing and anticipating behavioral patterns - a skill enhanced by her bipolar disorder she keeps secret to protect her career - Carrie is increasingly certain that a terrorist plot has been set in motion. She risks a shocking act of insubordination that helps her uncover secret evidence connecting Nightingale with Abu Nazir, the leader of Al Qaeda in Iraq. Determined to stop the terrorist mastermind, she embarks on an obsessive quest that will nearly destroy her.

Filled with the suspense and plot twists that have made Homeland a must-watch series, this riveting tale reveals the compelling untold backstories of the series' main characters and takes fans deeper into the life and mind of one brilliant female spy.

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Months after the dramatic events seen in the 2009 blockbuster film *Star Trek*, the crew of the U.S.S. *Enterprise*—including Captain James T. Kirk, First Officer Spock, Doctor Leonard McCoy, Lieutenant Nyota Uhura, Chief Engineer Montgomery Scott, Lieutenant Hikaru Sulu, and Ensign Pavel Chekov—is called back home. But an unstoppable force of terror from within their own organization has declared all-out war on Starfleet and everything it stands for, leaving Earth in a state of crisis. Now with a personal score to settle as a result, Kirk must lead a covert manhunt to a war-zone world to capture a one-man weapon of mass destruction. As these valiant heroes are propelled into an epic chess game of life and death, love will be challenged, friendships will be torn apart, and sacrifices must be made for the only family Captain Kirk has left: his crew.

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This hilarious parody firmly plants Klingons at the center of the Christmas story—where they rightly should be—including everything from a Santa equipped with retractable claws, tribbles in the stockings of naughty Klingon boys and girls, and the spirited holiday warmth of a hot cup of mulled blood wine. Illustrated in a classic Norman Rockwell-inspired style, *A Very Klingon Christmas* is the perfect holiday gift for every *Star Trek* fan!

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*David Mack*

THE NEEDS OF THE MANY

Despite heroic efforts by Thirishar ch'Thane, the Andorian species is headed for extinction. Its slow march toward oblivion has reached a tipping point, one from which there will be no hope of return.

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The stunning follow-up to *Fate of the Jedi*! Han Solo, Luke Skywalker, and Princess Leia have spent a lifetime fighting wars, bringing the Jedi back from extinction, raising families, and saving the galaxy more times than they can count. They've earned the right to rest on their laurels and let the younger generation shoulder the burden—but fate has another adventure in store for our heroes, a quest only they can tackle and hope to survive...

***The Making of Return of the Jedi: The Definitive Story*** Hardcover \$125 [www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780345511461](http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780345511461)

*Jonathan Rinzler*

Just as *Star Wars: Episode VI Return of the Jedi* completed the most successful cinematic trilogy of its generation, perhaps of all time, this splendid thirtieth-anniversary tribute completes New York Times bestselling author J. W. Rinzler's trio of fascinating behind-the-scenes books celebrating George Lucas's classic films.

Once again, the author's unprecedented access to the formidable Lucasfilm Archives has yielded a mother lode of extremely informative, vastly entertaining, and often unexpected stories, anecdotes, recollections, and revelations straight from the closely guarded set of a big-screen blockbuster in the making. Brimming with previously unpublished photos, production artwork, script excerpts, exclusive intel, vintage on-set interviews, and present-day commentary, *The Making of Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* chronicles how George Lucas and his crew of extroverted artists, misfits, and expert craftspeople roused themselves to great heights for a third time' to create the next unforgettable chapter in one of the most beloved sagas of all time. Get up close to the action and feel like a studio insider as creator George Lucas, Oscar-nominated screenwriter Lawrence Kasdan, and director Richard Marquand huddle in a script conference to debate the destinies of iconic *Star Wars* characters, as well as plot twists and turns for the epic final showdown between the Rebel Alliance and the Empire artists and craftspeople at the groundbreaking Industrial Light & Magic facility top their own revolutionary innovations - despite the infamous Black Friday - with boundary-pushing new analog visual effects a crack team of sculptors, puppeteers, actors, and 'monster-makers' bring Jabba the Hutt and his cohorts to startling, slobbering life from the inside out a Who's Who of heavyweight directors - from such films as *Superman*, *Gremlins*, *Halloween*, *Dune*, *Scanners*, and *Time Bandits* - are considered for the coveted job of bringing a new *Star Wars* adventure to the silver screen actors and crew race to the finish line at Elstree Studios, in a fiery desert, and beneath the trees of a dense redwood forest - before money runs out - to answer the questions that audiences had waited three years to find out: Is Darth Vader really Luke's father, who is the 'other' - and who or what is the Emperor?

*Star Wars*' stars from both sides of the camera - including Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Anthony Daniels, Peter Mayhew, David Prowse, Alec Guinness, director Richard Marquand, producer Howard Kazanjian, Ralph McQuarrie, Joe Johnston, Dennis Muren, Phil Tippett, and mastermind George Lucas - weigh in with candid insights on everything from technical challenges, character design, Ewoks, the Empire's galactic city planet, and the ultimate challenge of bringing the phenomenal space fantasy to a dramatic close. *The Making of Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* gives a spectacular subject its just due, with more than five hundred images and many, many new interviews.

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*Martha Wells*

Times are desperate for the Rebel Alliance. Harassment by the Empire and a shortage of vital supplies are hindering completion of a new secret base on the ice planet Hoth. So when Mid Rim merchants offer much-needed materials for sale, Princess Leia Organa and Han Solo lead an Alliance delegation to negotiate a deal.

But when treachery forces the rebel ship to flee into territory controlled by pirates, Leia makes a shocking discovery: the fierce marauders come from Leia's homeworld of Alderaan, recently destroyed by the Death Star. These refugees have turned to pillaging and plundering to survive - and they are in debt to a pirate armada, which will gladly ransom the princess to the vengeful Empire . . . if they find out her true identity.

Struggling with intense feelings of guilt, loyalty, and betrayal, Leia is determined to help her wayward kinspeople, even as Imperial forces are closing in on her own crippled ship. Trapped between lethal cutthroats and brutal oppressors, Leia and Han, along with Luke, Chewbacca, and a battle-ready crew, must defy death - or embrace it - to keep the rebellion alive.

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The Death Star has just been destroyed and Han Solo still needs the money to pay off the bounty on his head. Now the opportunity to make that money and then some has walked into his life in the form of the perfect heist. With nine like-minded scoundrels, he and Chewbacca just might be able to pull it off and live to tell the tale!

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