



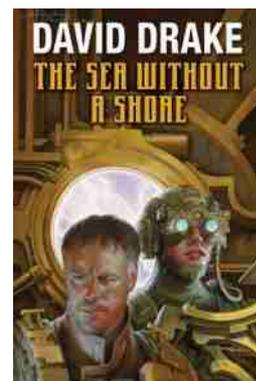
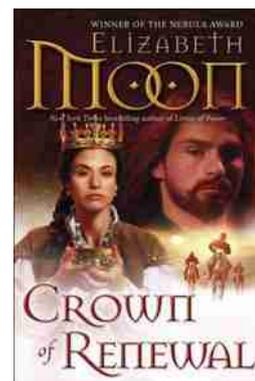
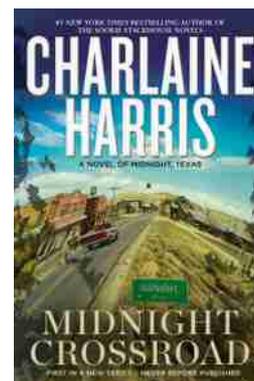
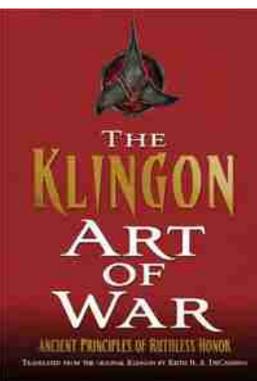
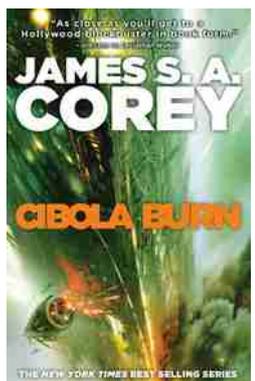
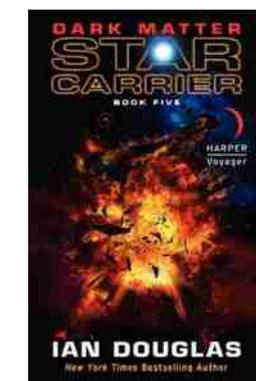
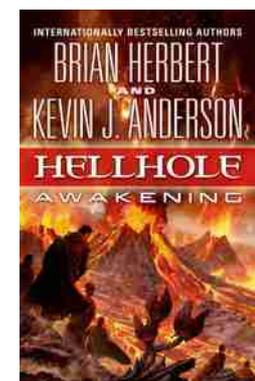
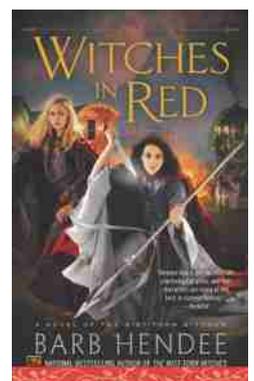
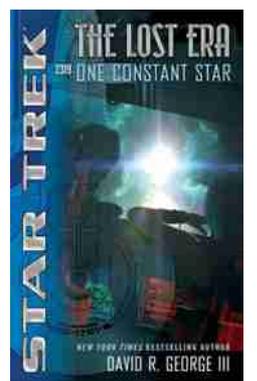
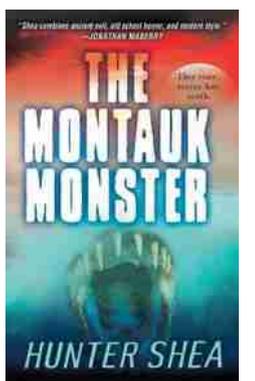
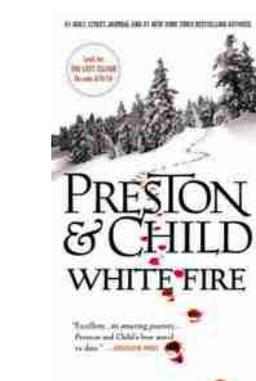
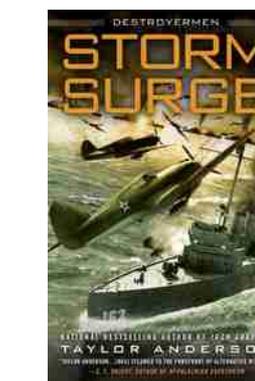
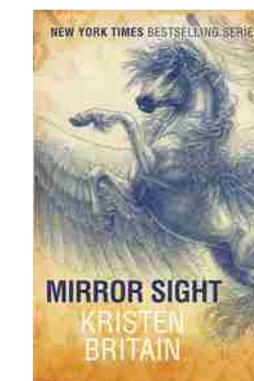
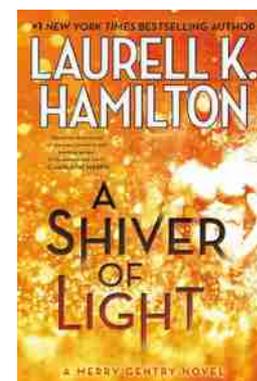
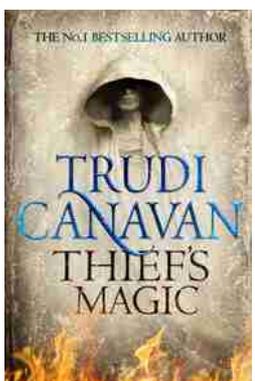
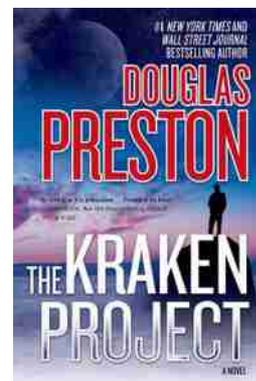
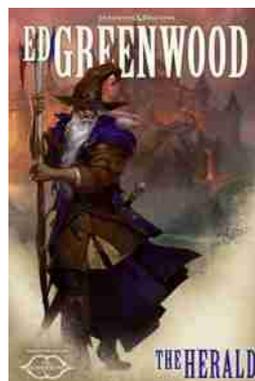
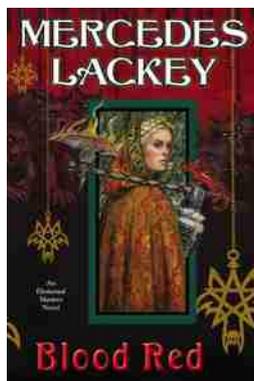
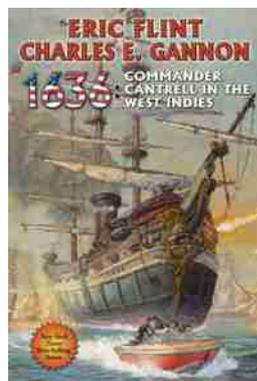
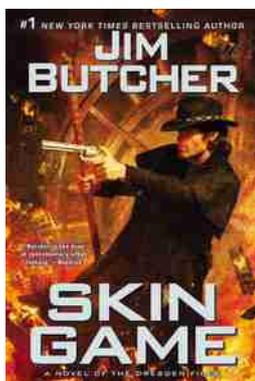
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Infinitas Groups

As of mid 2014, all these groups are growing and new members are welcome.

Review Group: 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 can order drinks and meals upstairs before descending into their basement which has great ambiance. As a book club we discuss our recent genre reading and often choose an author, theme or particular book but it is not necessary to have completed the homework reading. All welcome.

Dungeons & Dragons: Currently includes Pathfinder and 4th edition D&D and occasional Star Wars RPG. Other games depending upon willing leaders.

The Infinitas Gaming Group meets at: Parramatta Council Library. We may be in any of the larger meeting rooms, Retro Room on the mezzanine level, River Room on the top floor, or in the Darug Room on the top floor.

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 find room for another game if there were another DM to run it - 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.

Available games (and summaries): <http://bit.ly/17orjuA>

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.

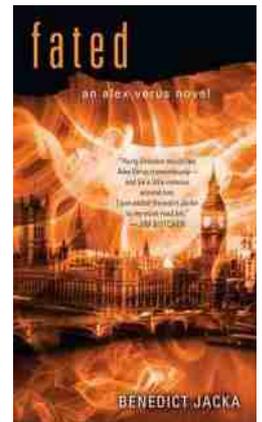
Book Reviews

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

Fated by Benedict Jacka, reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781937007294>

Urban fantasy set in London, featuring “mages”, with several other fantasy types in incidental roles. These mages are in a hierarchy, full ones featuring the Hollywood blough of hurling coloured bolts of destructive “magic” from their fingers. “Dark” mages are defined as not distinguishing between good and evil; “light” mages aren’t so well defined, but the top dogs of both classes ignore the majority (unaware) humans, trying to dominate other mages instead. Below these are “adepts” or less. So here we have Verus the “diviner”, trying to avoid the attention of both dark and light mages, and his girl Friday Luna, trying not to inflict others with her curse (these names have nothing to do with ancient Roman heroes or moon goddesses). The novel is a hero quest for the “fateweaver”, Verus being embroiled despite refusing the initial call to adventure. The novel (published 2012) stands alone, although there is a sequel, and it’s a reasonable length. It’s stated to be author Jacka’s first adult novel, although he has previously published young adult fiction. I thought it pretty good overall.



The focus of the novel is fast-paced action, and I found it gripping throughout the body of the story. Despite hints, there’s no outright romance between Verus and Luna (thank goodness), the action slowing only for a review of Verus’s past that didn’t seem essential. The climax, on the other hand, I thought somewhat pedestrian; I read it through primarily to confirm that yes, Verus would get the fateweaver before the other contestants, and no, he wouldn’t give it away to the top dogs forcing him. There is a small twist at the end that could have been presented as a major contributor to Verus’s growth as a person; as it is, he ends as he started with slightly less pressure from the top dogs. Other areas for improvement in the writing are minor, although the story world information dump given here might not be repeated in the sequel, which makes me suspect the sequel would be best read as such, not read alone. It did strike me from the outset that passing this novel through a writers’ group before publishing might have corrected the minor writing problems and improved the climax, but even so, I’d give the novel four stars out of five. Other readers, of course, may find the climax perfectly congruent, in which case they’ll enjoy a pacy heroic tale.

Outside my lounge room window, two youngsters wearing pimple caps flew down the street on their hoverboards. I didn't know whether I should be more concerned they didn't have helmets on or that Neurocom was now targeting kids.

I dimmed the glass on my window, trying to block out any reminder that Neurocom existed, and switched on the television. The theme song for the afternoon news resonated around the living room.

"That means it's five o'clock. Still another hour of today's contract to go," I muttered to myself. I ran my hand over my Neurocom cap feeling the tingling sensation of the bobbly electrodes. Did that tiny zapping mean I was emitting? Surely, not. I had to be thinking about the product to relay thoughts and I wasn't... Darn. By trying not to think about the caps, I was inevitably thinking about Neurocom. The thought did my head in.

I tried to focus on the show. If I could distract myself, it would help block the caps from my mind. And if I could block them out then I might be able to block out my subliminal thoughts and beat the system. There was no way I was going to think favourably about Neurocom no matter how much they paid me.

The news presenter sat down at his desk and beamed broadly. No, not him too! The tiny bobbly electrodes sticking out of the cap were coloured a stylish metallic blue to match his blue blazer.

"You may have noticed something different, Janet," said the news reporter.

The camera swung to the weather lady, her beautiful blonde hair adorned by nothing more than a single pink ribbon. She laughed delicately. "Your Neurocom cap's looking good, Matt."

Neurocom caps? I laughed. No one called them that in real life. The bobbly electrodes made users look like their head was covered with zits. I ran my fingers over my pimple cap again. Who would wear them in public?

"Can't wait to get your thoughts on the under-age Neurocom scandal today," Janet continued.

The camera shot back to a wide-eyed Matt.

I noticed with smug satisfaction that Matt was fidgeting with his paperwork.

"Yes...yes. Thank you, Janet," stuttered Matt. "So for those of you who want to know what I think about the news subscribe to Matthew McClinsky at Neurocom's channel six."

I switched stations and stumbled across an old horror flick. A grim-looking sociopath stared through the bars of a jail. Those were the good old days, when people got into your head figuratively. I settled myself down on the couch just as a Neurocom-feed streamed into my subconscious. I found it hard to explain the sensation to my friends. I imagined tiny people were running rampant in my head speaking.

The leather seat of my new Saab is really comfortable, thought Chen from Shanghai.

Well, lucky Chen. I hoped everyone sensed the sarcasm in my thoughts, but my head wasn't tingling like it normally did when I was transmitting feeds. If it weren't part of my contract, I wouldn't subscribe to any of this tripe.

They want honest thoughts, well here's an honest thought subscribers, Neurocom is a commercial load of crap suffocating society. Again no tingling sensation.

"Come on, Neurocom," I said to no one in particular. "That was an honest thought."

This smoked Barramundi fillet at Renaissance Cafe is just falling apart. It is so tender and moist, thought Macka from Sydney.

My stomach rumbled. Why couldn't I have secured a contract like that? An occasional free feed and relaying my thoughts on a product that sat well in my guts. My contract was barely enough to afford to pay the rent let alone buy barramundi.

Neurocom doesn't care about anyone. Are you getting this subscribers? They care about sales, nothing else.

With grumbling stomach, I sauntered to the fridge and perused the shelves. Left over popcorn — that would help get me in the mood for the movie and block out my thoughts. I filled a bowl, covered it with salt and returned to the couch.

On the television screen, a tall hooded man with a chainsaw hacked through the front door of a cottage. Splinters of wood flew at the screen and then a child ran screaming from the chainsaw-wielding killer. I hugged a cushion to my chest and snuggled into the couch.

Ease-ol cream makes my arse feel so much better, thought Mad-Cat from unspecified city.

I smiled. They must've been paying Mad-Cat a hefty sum to access his thoughts on haemorrhoid products. For a second, a spark of admiration for Neurocom tugged at my subconscious.

No, darn it. "I hate Neurocom streaming. I hate Neurocom streaming." If I said it loud enough and long enough it might just sway my thoughts. I'd beat the system if it was the last thing I did.

Ahhh! There's a cockroach in my Monster Burger, thought Zyke from Toronto.

I rolled on the couch in hysterics, clutching my stomach.

For a split second, I saw a splatter of blood erupt from the child on the television, but the image made me laugh harder and my head began to tingle. Even the darkest movie couldn't block out my thoughts.

I love Neurocom streaming. What would I ever do without it?

A A Aguirre

Silver Mirrors (*Apparatus Infernum 02*) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425258200

As powerful magic comes creeping back, dangerous days are dawning? Criminal Investigation Division inspectors Janus Mikani and Celeste Ritsuko were lucky to make it out of their last mission alive. Since then, strange troubles have plagued the city of steam and shadows, apparently as a result of magic released during the CID inspectors' desperate interruption of an ancient ritual. The fabric of the world has been unsettled, and the Council has assigned Mikani and Ritsuko to investigate. They soon discover that matters are worse than they imagined. Machines have developed minds of their own, cragger pirates are raiding the seas with relentless aggression, and mad elementals are running amok. As the chaos builds to a crescendo, Mikani and Ritsuko must fight a war on two fronts?and this time, they may not be able to turn the deadly tide?

Taylor Anderson

Storm Surge (*Destroyermen 08*) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451419095

In the Pacific, as USS Walker is repaired and updated after a previous battle and Matt Reddy is healing from his wounds, planning begins for a bold raid on the very heart of the Grik Empire. But time is running out for the Alliance army in Indiaa, and the Allied forces in the west must gather in an unprecedented land, air, and sea campaign to destroy the mighty Grik battle fleet and break through to their relief. All other plans go on hold when the attempt proves more difficult - and more heartbreakingly costly - than anyone imagined. Meanwhile, the struggle continues on other fronts near and far: in the jungles of Borno in distant southern Africa and in the Americas, where the Allies are finally learning the terrible truth about the twisted Dominion. The Alliance is on the offensive everywhere, but their enemies have a few surprises, including new weaponry and new tactics...and a stunning geographic advantage that Reddy never suspected. Until now.

Kevin J Anderson

The Dark Between the Stars (*Saga of Shadows 01*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765332998

Twenty years after the elemental conflict that nearly tore apart the cosmos in The Saga of Seven Suns, a new threat emerges from the darkness. The human race must set aside its own inner conflicts to rebuild their alliance with the Ildiran Empire for the survival of the galaxy. In Kevin J. Anderson's The Dark Between the Stars, galactic empires clash, elemental beings devastate whole planetary systems, and factions of humanity are pitted against each other. Heroes rise and enemies make their last stands in the climax of an epic tale seven years in the making.

Alex Archer

Grendel's Curse (*Rogue Angel 48*) A Paperback \$12.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780373621682

A sword of legend in the hands of an extremist? Skalunda Barrow, Sweden, has long been rumored to be the final resting place of the legendary Nordic hero Beowulf. And there's something of Beowulf's that charismatic and zealous right-wing politician Karl Thorssen wants very badly. Intent on getting his hands on the mythical sword Nægling, Sweden's golden-boy politico puts together a team to excavate the barrow. A team that American archaeologist Annja Creed manages to finagle her way onto. She wouldn't miss this possible discovery for anything. With Nægling at his side, Thorssen could be invincible - a Nordic King Arthur. What his followers don't know?and Annja is beginning to suspect - is just how far Thorssen will go to achieve his rabid ambitions. When Thorssen marks Annja for death, she quickly realizes that this is much more than a political game. And the only way to survive is to match Thorssen's sword with her own.

Jill Archer

White Heart of Justice (*Noon Onyx 03*) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425257173

Since Lucifer claimed victory at Armageddon, demons, angels, and humans have coexisted in uneasy harmony. Those with waning magic are trained to maintain peace and order. But hostilities are never far from erupting. After years of denying her abilities, Noon Onyx, the first woman in history to wield waning magic, has embraced her power. She's won the right to compete in the prestigious Laurel Crown Race?an event that will not only earn her the respect of her peers but also, if she wins, the right to control her future. However, Noon's task is nearly impossible: retrieve the White Heart of Justice, a mythical sword that disappeared hundreds of years ago. The sword is rumored to be hidden in a dangerous region of Halja that she is unlikely to return from. But Noon's life isn't the only thing hanging in the balance. The sword holds an awesome power that, in the wrong hands, could reboot the apocalypse - and Noon is the only one who can prevent Armageddon from starting again?

Kelley Armstrong

Sea of Shadows (*Age of Legends 01*) B Paperback \$16.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780751547818

They hear the spirits. They must obey. In the Forest of the Dead, where the empire's worst criminals are exiled, twin sisters Moria and Ashyn are charged with a dangerous task. For they are the Keeper and the Seeker, and each year they must quiet the enraged souls of the damned. Only this year, the souls will not be quieted. Ambushed by an ancient evil, Moria and Ashyn must race to warn the empire of a terrifying threat. Accompanied by a dashing thief and a warrior with a dark history, the sisters battle their way across a wasteland filled with reawakened monsters of legend. But there are more sinister enemies waiting for them at court - and a secret that will alter the balance of their world forever. The first volume in the Age of Legends trilogy, Sea of Shadows is a thrilling dark fantasy where evil hides in every shadow and the deadliest monsters of all come in human form ...

Robert Asprin

Dragons Luck (*Griffen McCandles 02*) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425272527

Griffen McCandles is adjusting well to running his gambling operation in the French Quarter of New Orleans and to his newfound status as head dragon. But he still doesn't know much about dragon protocol - or what he's really capable of. Other dragons are getting a whiff of his reputation, though, and they're not happy about it. Which is why there's suddenly a hit out on Griffen. And, just in time for Halloween, the ghost of a voodoo queen wants Griffen to moderate a supernatural conclave. And though the strange goings-on will barely be noticed in a city used to drunken conventioners and wild revelers, it's Griffen's chance to spread his wings - or crash and burn...

James Barclay

Elves: Rise of the TaiGethen (*Elves 02*) B Paperback \$19.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575085220

THE ELVES ARE ENSLAVED Calaius is occupied by an implacable, relentless enemy. The great elven cities are little more than prison camps. Elven slaves are forced to destroy their beloved rainforest to harvest timber for their masters. The enemy has no mercy, no honour and little skill in battle. The enemy is Man. Those few elves who remain free are fragmented, in squabbling factions, and they must unite before they can take a stand against Man. Many believe that the battle is already lost, but Auum is not one of them. He knows Men's numbers are great but their tactics are weak; he knows Men think the Elves are already beaten; he is convinced that his people must fight now, or see their race destroyed. Takaar disagrees. He believes Elven salvation lies in unlocking their magic, not in fighting pitched battles against Man. He is determined to save his people too, but his tactics are entirely different. . . and if some Elves must die now to ensure Calaius will be free of Man in the future, it's a sacrifice he is willing to make. The Elves must choose their sides. Whatever they decide, victory will win their freedom. . . and failure will mean extermination.

James Barclay

Elves: Beyond the Mists of Katura (*Elves 03*) B Paperback \$19.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575085268

An epic conclusion to the Elves trilogy - can centuries of war be overcome, or will hatred ultimately be allowed to win... Thousands of years ago the elves were enslaved by the Wytch Lords. Murdered in their thousands, worked to death in slave gangs and divided against themselves, the wounds inflicted by man run deep - and elves have very long memories. Two of them - Auum and Takaar - led the rise against their enslavers, and united their people against men in order to free their nation. Now Calaius is at peace ... but that doesn't mean their nation is safe. Men need their help. The Wytch Lords have rallied, men's magic has grown more powerful, and their politics have become altogether more dangerous. Especially now: one of the mages has created a spell, called Dawnthief, which has the potential to destroy all living things on the planet. All four magical colleges are fighting to seize it and, in the background, the Wytch Lords have schemes of their own. Schemes which involve crushing the elven nation for good. Whoever seizes the spell, it places the elves in tremendous danger. But can Auum and Takaar overcome their differences and work together to save Calaius And even if they can, is it not already too late...

Stephen Baxter

The Boost Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765334374

Ralf is a software prodigy. He works in the US government office that updates the software in the population's boosts—networked supercomputers contained in a chip implanted within the brains of 99 percent of the world's population. Invented by Chinese researchers in 2032, the boost is credited with leading humanity to its most significant cognitive leap since the discovery of fire. Days before a national upgrade, Ralf notices that the update includes an open surveillance gate—meaning that Americans, who had negotiated high levels of privacy with the Chinese manufacturers, will now be subjected to the invasive Chinese standard. Ralf attempts to hack the boost, but is caught by agents working for Washington's preeminent lobbyist. His boost is ripped from his head, and Ralf barely escapes with his life. Pursued by the lobbyist's mercenary cadre, Ralf flees to the US–Mexico border, where there are others like him—“wild” humans on the fringes of society, unenhanced by technology. It's a frightening and backward world controlled by powerful drug lords. Ralf's only hope is to somehow work with these wild bosses of the analog world—in hopes of winning back freedom in the digital one.

Barrington Bayley

Barrington Bayley SF Gateway Omnibus Trade Paperback \$39.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575103160

From the vaults of the SF Gateway, the most comprehensive digital library of classic SFF titles ever assembled, comes an ideal introduction to the work of one of the most influential writers of the New Wave period: Barrington J. Bayley. Although largely, and unjustly, neglected by a modern audience, Bayley was a hugely influential figure to some of the greats of British SF, such as Michael Moorcock and M. John Harrison. He is perhaps best-known for THE FALL OF CHRONOPOLIS, which is collected in this omnibus, alongside THE SOUL OF THE ROBOT and the extraordinary story collection THE KNIGHTS OF THE LIMITS.

THE FALL OF CHRONOPOLIS: The mighty ships of the Third Time Fleet relentlessly patrolled the Chronotic Empire's 1,000-year frontier, blotting out an error of history here or there before swooping back to challenge other time-travelling civilisations far into the future. Captain Mond Aton had been proud to serve in such a fleet. But now, falsely convicted of cowardice and dereliction of duty, he has been given the cruelest of sentences: to be sent unprotected into time as a lone messenger between the cruising timeships. After such an inconceivable experience in the endless voids there is only one option left to him. To be allowed to die.

THE SOUL OF THE ROBOT: Jasperodus, a robot, sets out to prove he is the equal of any human being. His futuristic adventures as warrior, tyrant, renegade and statesman eventually lead him back home to the two human beings who created him. Question: Does he have a soul?

THE KNIGHTS OF THE LIMITS: Nine brilliant stories of infinite space and alien consciousness, suffused with a sense of wonder...

Mitch Benn

Terra B Paperback \$19.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575132108

A science fiction fable for the young-at-heart from stand-up comedian and satirical song-writer Mitch Benn. No-one trusts humanity. No-one can quite understand why we're intent on destroying the only place we have to live in the Universe. No-one thinks we're worth a second thought. And certainly no-one is about to let us get off Rrth. That would be a complete disaster. But one alien thinks Rrth is worth looking at. Not humanity, obviously, we're appalling, but until we manage to kill every other living thing on the planet there are some truly wonderful places on Rrth and some wonderful creatures living in them. Best take a look while they're still there. But on one trip to Rrth our alien biologist causes a horrendous accident. The occupants of a car travelling down a lonely road spot his ship (the sort of massive lemon-coloured, lemon-shaped starship that really shouldn't be hanging in the sky over a road). Understandably the Bradburys crash (interrupting the latest in a constant procession of bitter rows). And in the wreckage of their car our alien discovers a baby girl. She needs rescuing. From the car. From Rrth. From her humanity. And now 11 years later a girl called Terra is about to go to school for the first time. It's a very alien experience... TERRA is a charming and hilarious satirical fable. A story about how odd and alien we are. And a story about how human odd aliens are. It tells the story of a girl who grows up in a very different world, who gains a unique perspective on our world and a unique perspective on her new home. A girl who can teach us and them a lot. A girl living in an extraordinary world that is spiralling into a terrible war.

Jenn Bennett

Banishing the Dark (*Arcadia Bell 04*) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451695090

Complicated does not begin to describe Arcadia Bell's life right now: unnatural magical power, another brush with death, and a murderous mother who's not only overbearing but determined to take permanent possession of Cady's body. Forced to delve deep into the mystery surrounding her own birth, she must uncover which evil spell her parents cast during her conception...and how to reverse it. Fast. As Cady and her lover Lon embark on a dangerous journey through her magical past, Lon's teenage son Jupe sneaks off for his own investigation. Each family secret they uncover is darker than the last, and Cady, who has worn many identities—Moonchild, mage, fugitive—is about to add one more to the list.

Sabrina Benulis

Covenant (*Books of Raziel 02*) Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062069412

The haunting gothic tale started in Archon continues—a mesmerizing work of the paranormal in which a young woman discovers that she is caught in a labyrinth of intrigue where angels, demons, and all the creatures between Heaven and Hell will stop at nothing to possess her. A year ago, Angela Mathers, a talented artist with a tortured soul, enrolled at the Westwood Academy and encountered the angels who haunted her dreams. Then she discovered the dark truth ... she is the Archon, a being of supreme power who will determine the fate of the universe. But with such power comes great danger, and for every force seeking to aid Angela there is another burning to stop her. After a scheming demon kidnaps the Book of Raziel, Angela must find her way through a nightmarish game and enter the Door to Hell to rescue her only friend before it is too late. The perilous fate of both Heaven and Hell rests on her success.

Ben Bova & Les Johnson

Rescue Mode Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476736471

Gritty and scientifically accurate science fiction adventure from New York Times best-selling author Ben Bova and NASA space scientist Les Johnson. The first human mission to Mars meets with near-disaster when a meteoroid strikes the spacecraft, almost destroying it. The ship is too far from Earth to simply turn around and return home. The eight-person crew must ride their crippled ship to Mars while they desperately struggle to survive. On Earth, powerful political forces that oppose human spaceflight try to use the accident as proof that sending humans into space is too dangerous to continue. The whole human space flight program hangs in the balance. And if the astronauts can't nurse their ship to Mars and back, the voyagers will become either the first Martian colonists—or the first humans to perish on another planet.

Leigh Brackett

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Melvin Burgess

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There was something else there, curled up inside the corpse, huddled into the body cavity. Another body. It seemed to have made a nest inside the big man; he was pregnant with it. Evil was captured once, intombed deep in an unmarked grave, but now it has been released. When Beth wakes up one morning covered in dirt she puts it down to an extreme case of sleepwalking. But when reports of a desecrated grave circulate her night-time wanderings take on a sinister air. Something has changed in her. Soon Manchester is being plagued by strange sightings and sudden disappearances while all around there lingers the unmistakable stench of death.

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Harry Dresden, Chicago's only professional wizard, is about to have a very bad day. Because as Winter Knight to the Queen of Air and Darkness, Harry never knows what the scheming Mab might want him to do. Usually, it's something awful. . He doesn't know the half of it. Mab has just traded Harry's skills to pay off one of her debts. And now he must help a group of supernatural villains - led by one of Harry's most dreaded and despised enemies, Nicodemus Archleone - to break into the highest-security vault in town, so that they can then access the highest-security vault in the Nevernever. It's a smash and grab job to recover the literal Holy Grail from the vaults of the greatest treasure hoard in the supernatural world - which belongs to the one and only Hades, Lord of the freaking Underworld and generally unpleasant character. Worse, Dresden suspects that there is another game afoot that no one is talking about. And he's dead certain that Nicodemus has no intention of allowing any of his crew to survive the experience. Especially Harry. Dresden's always been tricky, but he's going to have to up his backstabbing game to survive this mess?assuming his own allies don't end up killing him before his enemies get the chance...

Jack Campbell

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John L Campbell

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When the end came, it came quickly. No one knew where or exactly when the Omega Virus started, but soon it was everywhere. And when the ones spreading it can't die, no one stands a chance of surviving. San Francisco, California. Father Xavier Church has spent his life ministering to unfortunate souls, but he has never witnessed horror like this. After he forsakes his vows in the most heartrending of ways, he watches helplessly as a zombie nun takes a bite out of a fellow priest's face... University of California, Berkeley. Skye Dennison is moving into her college dorm for the first time, simultaneously excited to be leaving the nest and terrified to be on her own. When her mother and father are eaten alive in front of her, she realizes the terror has just begun... Alameda, California. Angie West made millions off her family's reality gun show on the History Channel. But after she is cornered by the swarming undead, her knowledge of heavy artillery is called into play like never before... Within weeks, the world is overrun by the walking dead. Only the quick and the smart, the strong and the determined, will survive—for now.

Trudi Canavan (Australian Author)

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In a world where an industrial revolution is powered by magic, Tyen, a student of archaeology, unearths a sentient book called Vella. Once a young sorcerer-bookbinder, Vella was transformed into a useful tool by one of the greatest sorcerers of history. Since then she has been collecting information, including a vital clue to the disaster Tyen's world faces. Elsewhere, in a land ruled by the priests, Rielle the dyer's daughter has been taught that to use magic is to steal from the Angels. Yet she knows she has a talent for it, and that there is a corrupter in the city willing to teach her how to use it - should she dare to risk the Angels' wrath. But not everything is as Tyen and Rielle have been raised to believe. Not the nature of magic, nor the laws of their lands. Not even the people they trust.

Orson Scott Card & Aaron Johnson

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The story of The First Formic War continues in Earth Awakens. Nearly 100 years before the events of Orson Scott Card's bestselling novel Ender's Game, humans were just beginning to step off Earth and out into the Solar System. A thin web of ships in both asteroid belts; a few stations; a corporate settlement on Luna. No one had seen any sign of other space-faring races; everyone expected that First Contact, if it came, would happen in the future, in the empty reaches between the stars. Then a young navigator on a distant mining ship saw something moving too fast, heading directly for our sun. When the alien ship screamed through the solar system, it disrupted communications between the far-flung human mining ships and supply stations, and between them and Earth. So Earth and Luna were unaware that they had been invaded until the ship pulled into Earth orbit, and began landing terra-forming crews in China. Politics and pride slowed the response on Earth, and on Luna, corporate power struggles seemed more urgent than distant deaths. But there are a few men and women who see that if Earth doesn't wake up and pull together, the planet could be lost.

M R Carey

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A little girl who is detained by the military, restrained in a wheelchair and goes to school while heavily guarded doesn't truly understand why she is special until it is up to her to save the world.

C. Robert Cargill

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Screenwriter and noted film critic C. Robert Cargill continues the story begun in his acclaimed debut *Dreams and Shadows* in this bold and brilliantly crafted tale involving fairies and humans, magic and monsters—a vivid phantasmagoria that combines the imaginative wonders of Neil Gaiman, the visual inventiveness of Guillermo Del Toro, and the shocking miasma of William S. Burroughs. Six months have passed since the wizard Colby lost his best friend to an army of fairies from the Limestone Kingdom, a realm of mystery and darkness beyond our own. But in vanquishing these creatures and banning them from Austin, Colby sacrificed the anonymity that protected him. Now, word of his deeds has spread, and powerful enemies from the past—including one Colby considered a friend—have resurfaced to exact their revenge. As darkness gathers around the city, Colby sifts through his memories desperate to find answers that might save him. With time running out, and few of his old allies and enemies willing to help, he is forced to turn for aid to forces even darker than those he once battled. Following such masters as Lev Grossman, Erin Morgenstern, Richard Kadrey, and Kim Harrison, C. Robert Cargill takes us deeper into an extraordinary universe of darkness and wonder, despair and hope to reveal the magic and monsters around us . . . and inside us.

Kylie Chan (Australian Author)

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When the ancestry of Xuan Wu's fiancée, Emma, is revealed, it threatens the harmony of the whole Celestial realm. The demons are gathering, powerful alliances are being made and stone Shen are under threat. However, Xuan Wu is distracted—he must save Emma from the Demon King and give her the elixir of immortality, but at what cost?

J Kathleen Cheney

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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 survives because of her heritage, but 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....

Deborah Coates

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After facing Death himself and banishing a reaper bent on the destruction of Sheriff's deputy Boyd Davies, Hallie Michaels had hoped things would finally settle down; that she and Boyd would find more time to spend together, and that the ghosts she attracts would stay in the cemeteries where they belong. But on a wintry night in mid-December, a woman is murdered with a high-powered rifle. Not long after, another of West Prairie City's citizens is killed in exactly the same way, drawing the attention of state investigators. But the connection between the victims is not easily uncovered. Meanwhile, Hallie finds a note tied to post outside her home. "What do you fear most?" it asks, accompanied by a set of map coordinates. Over the next few days she receives an anonymous phone call, and a letter left for Hallie at the local ag supply. All pose the same question and offer the same set of coordinates. The mystery deepens, and Hallie must solve it before the body count rises again...

D G Compton

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James S A Corey

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For generations, the solar system - Mars, the Moon, the Asteroid Belt - was humanity's great frontier. Until now. The alien artefact working through its program under the clouds of Venus has emerged to build a massive structure outside the orbit of Uranus: a gate that leads into a starless dark. Jim Holden and the crew of the *Rocinante* are part of a vast flotilla of scientific and military ships going out to examine the artefact. But behind the scenes, a complex plot is unfolding, with the destruction of Holden at its core. As the emissaries of the human race try to find whether the gate is an opportunity or a threat, the greatest danger is the one they brought with them.

James S A Corey

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"You can call me a corporation. You can call me a government. I'm the guy here with the most guns, and I say this planet is mine. Now, Captain Holden, was there something you wanted to add " The gates have opened the way to thousands of habitable planets, and the land rush has begun. Settlers stream out from humanity's home planets in a vast, poorly controlled flood. Among them, the *Rocinante*, haunted by the vast, posthuman network of the protomolecule as they investigate what destroyed the great intergalactic society that built the gates and the protomolecule. But Holden and his crew must also contend with the growing tensions between the settlers and the company which owns the official claim to the planet. Both sides will stop at nothing to defend what's theirs, but soon a terrible disease strikes and only Holden - with help from the ghostly Detective Miller - can find the cure.

ENTER A NEW FRONTIER. "An empty apartment, a missing family, that's creepy. But this is like finding a military base with no one on it. Fighters and tanks idling on the runway with no drivers. This is bad juju. Something wrong happened here. What you should do is tell everyone to leave." The gates have opened the way to a thousand new worlds and the rush to colonize has begun. Settlers looking for a new life stream out from humanity's home planets. Ilus, the first human colony on this vast new frontier, is being born in blood and fire. Independent settlers stand against the overwhelming power of a corporate colony ship with only their determination, courage, and the skills learned in the long wars of home. Innocent scientists are slaughtered as they try to survey a new and alien world. The struggle on Ilus threatens to spread all the way back to Earth. James Holden and the crew of his one small ship are sent to make peace in the midst of war and sense in the midst of chaos. But the more he looks at it, the more Holden thinks the mission was meant to fail. And the whispers of a dead man remind him that the great galactic civilization that once stood on this land is gone. And that something killed it.

Paul Cornell

London Falling (*London Falling 01*) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765368102

Police officers Quill, Costain, Sefton, and Ross know the worst of London—or they think they do. While investigating a mobster's mysterious death, they come into contact with a strange artifact and accidentally develop the Sight. Suddenly they can see the true evil haunting London's streets. Armed with police instincts and procedures, the four officers take on the otherworldly creatures secretly prowling London. Football lore and the tragic history of a Tudor queen become entwined in their pursuit of an age-old witch with a penchant for child sacrifice. But when London's monsters become aware of their meddling, the officers must decide what they are willing to sacrifice to clean up their city.

Paul Cornell

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Desperate to find a case to justify the team's existence, with budget cuts and a police strike on the horizon, Quill thinks he's struck gold when a cabinet minister is murdered by an assailant who wasn't seen getting in or out of his limo. A second murder, that of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, presents a crime scene with a message...identical to that left by the original Jack the Ripper. The new Ripper seems to have changed the MO of the old completely: he's only killing rich white men. The inquiry into just what this supernatural menace is takes Quill and his team into the corridors of power at Whitehall, to meetings with MI5, or 'the funny people' as the Met call them, and into the London occult underworld. They go undercover to a pub with a regular evening that caters to that clientele, and to an auction of objects of power at the Tate Modern. Meanwhile, in Paul Cornell's *The Severed Streets*, the Ripper keeps on killing and finally the pattern of those killings gives Quill's team clues towards who's really doing this....

L Sprague De Camp

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An SF Gateway Omnibus featuring three classic works from L. Sprague de Camp. From the vaults of the SF Gateway, the most comprehensive digital library of classic SFF titles ever assembled, comes an ideal introduction to the varied work of author, editor and critic, L. Sprague de Camp. Although arguably best known for his continuation of Robert E. Howard's Conan stories, de Camp was an important figure in the formative period of modern SF, alongside the likes of Isaac Asimov and Robert A. Heinlein. In a career spanning seven decades, he won the Hugo, World Fantasy Life Achievement and SFWA Grand Master Awards. This omnibus collects three previously out-of-print classics: *LEST DARKNESS FALL*, *ROGUE QUEEN* and *THE TRITONIAN RING*. *Lest Darkness Fall*: The Roman Empire had spread order, knowledge and civilisation throughout the ancient world. When Rome fell, the light of reason flickered out across the Empire. The Dark Ages had begun; they would last a thousand years. Could a man from the 20th century prevent the fall of Rome? *Rogue Queen*: Decades before a certain five-year voyage, L. Sprague de Camp sent a spirited crew to a strange and distant world, where their meeting with its inhabitants created chaos in local politics, upset the balance of power and generally created the most entertaining havoc. *The Tritonian Ring*: The gods of Poseidonis - or Atlantis - were powerful and real. Now they were determined to destroy the kingdom ruled by the father of Prince Vakar, the one man whose mind they could not read. The only way to save the kingdom was to discover that thing which the gods feared most.

Philip K Dick & Ray Nelson

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Earth has been invaded - but one human terrorist has discovered a weapon which might change the course of the war! Earth has been taken over by the Ganymedians, a race of telepathic worm-like aliens whose instinct for survival has overridden any human attempt to resist their rule. But there is one man who may have discovered a way to defeat them. Dr Balkani has created a machine which distorts reality, and therefore will allow a determined human to avoid the Ganymedians' telepathic oversight. But there is one problem - Balkani is a worm-kisser, a servant of the invaders, and may not allow his invention to be used against them...

Ronlyn Domingue

Chronicle of Secret Riven. The (*Keeper of Tales 02*) Hardcover \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451688917

An uncanny child born to brilliant parents, befriended by a prince, mentored by a wise woman, pursued by a powerful man, Secret Riven has no idea what destiny will demand of her or the courage she must have to confront it in the breathtakingly epic, genre-spanning sequel to *The Mapmaker's War*. To see is a trick of the mind, but to believe is a trick of the heart. One thousand years after a great conflict known as *The Mapmaker's War*, a daughter is born to an ambitious historian and a gifted translator. Secret Riven doesn't speak until her seventh year but can mysteriously communicate with plants and animals. Unsettled by visions and dreams since childhood, she tries to hide her strangeness, especially from her mercurial father and cold mother. When her knowledge of an esoteric symbol brings unwelcome attention, gentle, watchful Secret finds acceptance from Prince Nikolas, her best friend, and Old Woman, who lives in the distant woods. When Secret is twelve, her mother, Zavet, receives an arcane manuscript to translate from an anonymous owner. Zavet begins to suffer nightmares and withdraws into herself. Secret sickens with a fever and awakens able to speak an ancient language, discovering that her mother is fluent as well. Suddenly, Zavet dies. The manuscript is missing, but a cipher has been left for Secret to find. Soon, Secret will have a choice to make: confront a destiny tied to an ancient past or deny it, never to know its whole truth. A spellbinding story, rich with vivid characters and set in a fascinating world, *The Chronicle of Secret Riven* explores the tension between love and hate, trust and betrayal, fate and free will.

Ronlyn Domingue

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In an ancient time, in a faraway land, a young woman named Aoife is allowed a rare apprenticeship to become her kingdom's mapmaker, tasked with charting the entire domain. Traveling beyond its borders, she finds a secretive people who live in peace, among great wealth. They claim to protect a mythic treasure, one connected to the creation of the world. When Aoife reports their existence to her kingdom, the community is targeted as a threat. Aoife is exiled for treason and finds refuge among the very people who had been declared her enemy. With them, she begins a new life surrounded by kindness, equality, and cooperation. But within herself, Aoife has no peace. She cannot share the grief she feels for the home and children she left behind, nor can she bear the warrior scars of the man she comes to love. And when she gives birth to their gifted daughter, Aoife cannot avoid what the child forces her to confront about her past and its truth. On this most important of journeys, there is no map to guide her.

Ian Douglas

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An enemy might just have to become an ally . . . in order to save humankind The United States of North America is now engaged in a civil war with the Earth Confederation, which wants to yield to the demands of the alien Sh'daar, limit human technology, and become a part of the Sh'daar Galactic Collective. USNA President Koenig believes that surrendering to the Sh'daar will ultimately doom humankind. But when highly advanced, seemingly godlike aliens appear through an artificial wormhole in the Omega Centauri Cluster 16,000 light years from Earth, President Koenig is faced with a tremendous choice: continue fighting the Sh'daar . . . or ally with them against the newcomers in a final war that will settle the fate of more than one universe.

Tom Doyle

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In modern America, two soldiers will fight their way through the magical legacies of Poe and Hawthorne to destroy an undying evil—if they don't kill each other first. US Army Captain Dale Morton is a magician soldier—a “craftsman.” After a black-ops mission gone wrong, Dale is cursed by a Persian sorcerer and haunted by his good and evil ancestors. Major Michael Endicott, a Puritan craftsman, finds gruesome evidence that the evil Mortons, formerly led by the twins Roderick and Madeline, have returned, and that Dale might be one of them. Dale uncovers treason in the Pentagon's highest covert ranks. He hunts for his enemies before they can murder him and Scherie, a new friend who knows nothing of his magic. Endicott pursues Dale, divided between his duty to capture a rogue soldier and his desire to protect Dale from his would-be assassins. They will discover that the demonic horrors that have corrupted American magic are not bound by family or even death itself. In Tom Doyle's thrilling debut, *American Craftsmen*, Seal Team Six meets ancient magic—with the fate of the United States hanging in the balance . . .

David Drake

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Cinnabar's chief spymaster is a mother also—and her son is determined to search for treasure in the midst of a civil war. Who better to hold the boy's hand—and to take the blows directed at him—than Captain Daniel Leary, the Republic of Cinnabar Navy's troubleshooter, and his friend the cyberspy Adele Mundy? The only thing certain in the struggle for control of the mining planet Corcyra is that the rival parties are more dangerous to their own allies than to their opponents. Daniel and Adele face kidnappers, hijackers, pirates and a death squad—even before they can get to their real business of ending the war on Corcyra. Only with planetary peace can the boy they're escorting get on with his mission. The boy thinks the treasure he's looking for is a thousand years old. Daniel and Adele know that it's probably a dream— But if the treasure is real, it just might be tens of thousands of years older than anyone imagines, and incalculably more valuable!

Sarah Beth Durst

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In *The Lost*, we'll discover just what it means to lose one's way. It was only meant to be a brief detour. But then Lauren finds herself trapped in a town called Lost on the edge of a desert, filled with things abandoned, broken and thrown away. And when she tries to escape, impassible dust storms and something unexplainable lead her back to Lost again and again. The residents she meets there tell her she's going to have to figure out just what she's missing - and what she's running from - before she can leave. So now Lauren's on a new search for a purpose and a destiny. And maybe, just maybe, she'll be found.. Against the backdrop of this desolate and mystical town, Sarah Beth Durst writes an arresting, fantastical novel of one woman's impossible journey - and her quest to find her fate.

Jasper Fforde

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The third instalment in Jasper Fforde's 'Last Dragonslayer' series - his first for children, with his trademark magic and invention. The Mighty Shandar, the most powerful wizard the world has ever seen, returns to the Ununited Kingdoms. Clearly, he didn't solve the Dragon Problem, and must hand back his fee: eighteen dray-weights of gold. But the Mighty Shandar doesn't do refunds, and instead vows to eliminate the dragons once and for all - unless sixteen-year-old Jennifer Strange and her sidekicks from the Kazam house of enchantment can bring him the legendary jewel, The Eye of Zoltar. The only thing that stands in their way is a perilous journey with a 50% Fatality Index - through the Cambrian Empire to the Leviathan Graveyard, at the top of the deadly Cadir Idris mountain. It's a quest like never before, and Jennifer soon finds herself fighting not just for her life, but for everything she knows and loves...

Charlie Fletcher

The Oversight (*Oversight 01*) Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356502908

Only five still guard the border between the worlds. And when they fall, so do we all... The Oversight is a gothic fantasy that will appeal to fans of Neil Gaiman, Philip Pullman and Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell "The end always comes faster than you think." Once there were hundreds of members of the Oversight, the brave souls who guard the borders between the mundane and the magic. Now there are only five. And their numbers are dwindling further still. When a vagabond brings a screaming girl to the Oversight's London headquarters, she might answer their hopes for a new recruit, or she could be the instrument of their downfall. In his first novel for adults, Charlie Fletcher (*The Stoneheart Trilogy*) spins a tale of witch-hunters, supra-naturalists, mirror-walkers and magicians. Meet the Oversight, and remember: when they fall, so do we all.

Eric Flint & Charles E Gannon

1636: Commander Cantrell in the West Indies (*Ring of Fire 14*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476736785

Eddie Cantrell, now married to the king of Denmark's daughter, is sent by Admiral Simpson to the Caribbean to secure access to the most valuable commodity on that continent—not the gold and silver which the Spanish treasure, but the oil which up-time machines and industry need. The admiral has also provided Eddie's small task force with the new steam-powered frigates that have just come out of the navy's shipyards. Even with the frigates, a giant obstacle stands in his way: the Gulf-girdling Spanish presence in the New World. So a diversion is needed, carried out by an up-time car mechanic and a down-time mercenary colonel who also happens to be the last earl of Ireland. Their mission: grab the oil fields on Trinidad, and so distract the attention of Spain's New World governors. While the Spanish galleons and troops head for Trinidad, Commander Cantrell's smallest and fastest steam sloop will make a run to the Louisiana coast. There, her crew will wind their way up the bayous to the real New World prize: the Jennings Oil Field. But Cantrell's plans could be wrecked in a multitude of ways. He faces often-hostile natives, rambunctious Dutch ship captains, allied colonies on the brink of starvation, and vicious social infighting that can barely be contained by his capable and passionate new wife. When the galleons finally come out in force to engage his small flotilla, Eddie will discover that the Spanish aren't the only enemies who will be coming against him in a fateful Caribbean show-down.

Randall Garrett

Lord Darcy (*Fantasy Masterworks*) Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781473201040

In a world where the Plantagenets never fell, Lord Darcy is Chief Investigator for the Duke of Normandy... Welcome to a world where the Plantagenet kings survived, the laws of magic were discovered and the physical sciences never pursued. In the resulting Anglo-French Empire, a detective like Lord Darcy needs more than a keen mind and an observant eye. Luckily, Darcy can call on the aid of Master Sean O'Lochlainn, forensic sorcerer. This omnibus contains all of the Lord Darcy stories as well as the only Lord Darcy novel, TOO MANY MAGICIANS, and has a new introduction by Michael Dirda.

Simon R Green

Property of a Lady Faire (*Secret Histories 08*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451414311

Call me Drood, Eddie Drood. Some know me as Shaman Bond and most simply don't want to know me at all. For centuries, my family has been keeping the things that lurk on the darker side of existence as far away as possible from humans like you, without you even knowing we're there. Unfortunately for us, not everybody appreciates what we Droods do. Recently, I personally managed to survive yet another attempt on my life, but the rest of my relatives weren't so lucky. My parents are missing in action. My grandfather has been murdered. And the future of my family lies in the iron grasp of the Lady Faire, an incredibly seductive, mysterious, and powerful being. She possesses an ancient object that can save them. I have to steal it from her. Easy enough to say, difficult?and very, very dangerous?to do...

Laurell K Hamilton

A Shiver of Light (*Merry Gentry 09*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425255667

I am Princess Meredith NicEssus. Legal name Meredith Gentry, because "Princess" looks so pretentious on a driver's license. I was the first faerie princess born on American soil, but I wouldn't be the only one for much longer... Merry Gentry, ex-private detective, now full-time princess, knew she was descended from fertility goddesses, but when she learned she was about to have triplets, she began to understand what that might mean. Infertility has plagued the high ranks of faerie for centuries. Now nobles of both courts of faerie are coming to court Merry and her men, at their home in exile in the Western Lands of Los Angeles, because they will do anything to have babies of their own. Taranis, King of Light and Illusion, is a more dangerous problem. He tried to seduce Merry and, failing that, raped her. He's using the human courts to sue for visitation rights, claiming that one of the babies is his. And though Merry knows she was already pregnant when he took her, she can't prove it. To save herself and her babies from Taranis she will use the most dangerous powers in all of faerie: a god of death, a warrior known as the Darkness, the Killing Frost, and a king of nightmares. They are her lovers, and her dearest loves, and they will face down the might of the high courts of faerie?while trying to keep the war from spreading to innocent humans in Los Angeles, who are in danger of becoming collateral damage.

Charlaine Harris

Midnight Crossroad (*Midnight 01*) Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575092853

Midnight Crossroad (*Midnight 01*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425263150

From the bestselling author who created Sookie Stackhouse and her world of Bon Temps, Louisiana, comes a darker locale populated by more strangers than friends. But then, that's how the locals prefer it Welcome to Midnight, Texas, a town with many boarded-up windows and few full-time inhabitants, located at the crossing of Witch Light Road and Davy Road. It's a pretty standard dried-up western town. There's a pawnshop (someone lives in the basement and is seen only at night). There's a diner (people who are just passing through tend not to linger). And there's new resident Manfred Bernardo, who thinks he's found the perfect place to work in private (and who has secrets of his own). Stop at the one traffic light in town, and everything looks normal. Stay awhile, and learn the truth...

Dead Ever After (*Sookie Stackhouse 13*) B Paperback \$19.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575096639

This is the final Sookie Stackhouse novel. Who will love, who will live, and who will be dead ever after... Sookie Stackhouse has one last adventure in store. Life has taken her from a waitress in Merlotte's Bar, Bon Temps, to part owner; from social outcast to the heart of her community; from a vampire's girlfriend to the wife of one of the most powerful vampires in the state. She has survived explosions, revolutions and attempts on her life. Sookie has endured betrayal, heartbreak and grief...and she has emerged a little stronger, and little wiser, every time. But with life comes new trials... The question is, in the end: who will love, who will live, and who will be dead ever after?

Elizabeth Haydon

The Merchant Emperor (*Symphony of Ages 07*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765305664

The long awaited seventh book in Elizabeth Haydon's critically-acclaimed epic fantasy series, the Symphony of Ages. The war that they had feared is now upon them. Ashe and Rhapsody, leaders of the Cymrian Alliance, are gathering their allies to combat the machinations of Talquist, who will soon be crowned emperor of Sorbold. Gwydion Navarne remains by Ashe's side. Anborn, Lord Marshal, has taken to the field. And Rhapsody has been forced into hiding to protect the life of her infant son. The Merchant Emperor of Sorbold has unintentionally allied himself with a pair of demons and has begun targeting the dragons that remain on the Middle Continent. Talquist will stop at nothing until the Cymrians are wiped out and the entire continent and the rest of the Known World is under his rule. Assailed by danger from all sides, surrounded by lies and intrigue, Rhapsody is left with one undeniable truth: if their forces are to prevail, she must join the war herself, wielding the Daystar Clarion, an ancient weapon whose power is nearly unparalleled. As she struggles to reconcile her duties as a mother and ruler, a danger far more devastating than Talquist is stirring beneath the surface of the land itself. In *The Merchant Emperor*, beloved characters are forced to make soul shattering sacrifices. Bestselling author Elizabeth Haydon has delivered a breathtaking seventh installment to the Symphony of Ages.

Karen Healey

While We Run (02) B Paperback \$16.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781743435458

It's 2127, and the future is at stake. But Abdi and Tegan must save themselves before they can save the world. Abdi Taalib thought he was moving to Australia for a music scholarship. But after meeting the beautiful and brazen Tegan Oglietti, his world was turned upside down. Tegan's no ordinary girl - she died in 2027, only to be frozen and brought back to life in Abdi's time, 100 years later. Now, all they want is for things to return to normal (or as normal as they can be), but the government has other ideas. Especially since the two just spilled the secrets behind Australia's cryonics project to the world. On the run, Abdi and Tegan have no idea who they can trust, and when they uncover startling new details about Project Ark, they realise thousands of lives may be in their hands. A suspenseful, page-turning sequel to *When We Wake* that will keep readers on the edge of their seats and make them call into question their own ideas about morality - and mortality, too.

When We Wake (01) B Paperback \$16.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781742378084

The last thing Tegan remembers is the crack as the gun went off, intense pain, and everything fading to black. One hundred years later, she wakes up. A fast-paced near-future romance. Sixteen-year-old Tegan is just like every other girl living in 2027 - she's happiest when playing the guitar, she's falling in love for the first time, and she's joining her friends to protest the wrongs of the world: environmental collapse, social discrimination, and political injustice. But on what should have been the best day of Tegan's life, she dies - and wakes up a hundred years in the future, locked in a government facility with no idea what happened. Tegan is the first person to be cryonically frozen and successfully revived, which makes her an instant celebrity - though all she wants is to rebuild some semblance of a normal life ... including spending as much time as possible with musically gifted Abdi, even if he does seem to hate the sight of her. But the future isn't all she hoped it would be, and when appalling secrets come to light, Tegan must make a choice: Does she keep her head down and survive, or fight for a better future? Award-winning author Karen Healey has created a gripping tale of an inspiring heroine living in a not-so-distant future that could easily be our own.

Robert A Heinlein

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The Robert A. Heinlein SF Gateway Omnibus: THE PAST THROUGH TOMORROW: the complete stories of Robert A. Heinlein's famed Future History. From the vaults of the SF Gateway, the most comprehensive digital library of classic SFF titles ever assembled, comes an ideal introduction to the extraordinary work of the grandmaster of SF, Robert A. Heinlein. This one-volume omnibus of Heinlein's famous 'Future History' timeline, contains all of the stories, novellas and novels that make up one of the richest coherent narratives in all of science fiction literature. The collections and novels comprising THE PAST THROUGH TOMORROW are *The Man Who Sold the Moon*, *The Green Hills of Earth*, *Revolt in 2100*, *Methuselah's Children* and *Orphans of the Sky*.

Barb Hendee

Witches in Red A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451414168

Céline and Amelie Fawe can see into anyone's past and future simply by touching him. They have used their powers to secure sanctuary - and a fine apothecary's shop - in the village around Castle Sèone. But their continued safety has a price.... Far to the north, the men of an isolated silver mining community are turning into vicious "beasts" that slaughter anyone in sight. The mines belong to the noble family of Prince Anton - ruler of Castle Sèone and Céline and Amelie's patron - and Anton's tyrannical father has ordered his son to solve the mystery as a test of his leadership. He has no choice but to send the witches into the perilous north to use their abilities to discover the cause of the transformations. Given how much they owe the prince, the sisters have no choice but to go. Together with the overprotective Lieutenant Jaromir, Céline and Amelie enter the dark world of a far-off mining camp tainted by fear, mistrust, and enslavement - and haunted by men turning into massive mad wolves without warning. Now the two must draw upon strength and cunning they never thought they possessed not only to solve the mystery, but to survive....

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Barb Hendee & J C Hendee

The Dog in the Dark (*Noble Dead (Saga 3) 02*) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451416834

Barely escaping the city of Calm Seatt and the assassins hunting them Magiere, Leesil, and the elven dog Chap sail south to continue their quest to find the powerful Orb of Air before their enemies do. But they are not alone, much to their frustration. The aging elven assassin Brot'an has forced himself on them by offering his protection. Chap doesn't believe this ruse, however, and seeks to uncover the assassin's true agenda as well as the cause of the secret civil war that has erupted into the open among Brot'an's people. Meanwhile, Magiere struggles with her own dark nature, using Leesil's love as an anchor to keep her grounded. For the personal price she paid to procure the Orb of Fire was more than she thought and more than she wants to reveal to anyone. But that is exactly what the cunning Brot'an wants to know. And he is willing to do whatever it takes even if he must reveal his own dreaded secrets that may cost the entire party their lives and their very souls.

Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson

Hellhole (*Hellhole 01*) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765362582

Only the most desperate colonists dare to make a new home on Hellhole. Reeling from a recent asteroid impact, tortured with horrific storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, and churning volcanic eruptions, the planet is a dumping ground for undesirables, misfits, and charlatans - but also a haven for dreamers and independent pioneers. Against all odds, an exiled general named Adolphus has turned Hellhole into a place of real opportunity for the desperate colonists who dare to make the planet their home. While the colonists are hard at work developing the planet, General Adolphus secretly builds alliances with the leaders of the other Deep Zone worlds, forming a clandestine alliance against the tyrannical, fossilized government responsible for their exile. What no one knows is this: the planet Hellhole, though damaged and volatile, hides an amazing secret. Deep beneath its surface lies the remnants of an obliterated alien civilization and the buried memories of its unrecorded past that, when unearthed, could tear the galaxy apart.

Hellhole Awakening (*Hellhole 01*) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765362599

In *Hellhole Awakening*, the exhilarating sequel to Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson's *Hellhole*, the stakes on planet Hellholme have been raised to new heights. After declaring his independence from the corrupt Constellation, rebel General Adolphus knows the crackdown is coming. Now he needs to pull together the struggling Hellhole colony, the ever-expanding shadow-Xayan settlement, and his connections with the other Deep Zone worlds. Even then, he doubts his desperate measures will be enough. Diadem Michella Duchenet has collected a huge space fleet led by Commodore Escobar Hallholme, son of the hero who originally defeated Adolphus. They expect resistance from the General's rebels, but who could possibly stand up to such a mighty fleet? Adolphus knows he's running out of time, but he still has some hope - the shadow-Xayans have banded together to defend their sacred planet with "telemancy," but can they discover new powers to protect all the stored alien lives on the already devastated world? And when all hope seems lost, the awakened Xayans reveal information hidden even from their own followers - the existence of a bigger threat that makes even the Constellation fleet seem insignificant. Disaster has come for General Adolphus and Hellhole - and this time there is no escape.

Peter Higgins

Truth and Fear (*Woldhound Century 02*) Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575130593

Already compared to China Mieville by Richard Morgan, Peter Higgins makes an explosive return to his alternate Russia. Peter Higgins' Vlast is a superbly imagined 'other' Russia, an epic land of trackless forest, sentient rain and deep powers in the Earth. Its capital Mirgorod is home both to a brutal dictatorship centuries old and fleeting glimpses of the houses and streets of another city. Compared to the works of both China Mieville and John Le Carre *WOLFHOUND CENTURY* was a hugely original creation. Now Peter Higgins returns to that world. Investigator Lom returns to Mirgorod and finds the city in the throes of a crisis. The war against the Archipelago is not going well. Enemy divisions are massing outside the city, air-raids are a daily occurrence and the citizens are being conscripted into the desperate defence of the city. But Lom has other concerns. The police are after him, the mystery of the otherworldly Pollandore remains and the vast Angel is moving, turning all of nature against the city. But will the horrors of war overtake all their plans

Douglas Hulick

Sworn in Steel (*Tale of the Kin 02*) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451464477

The newest Gray Prince in the underworld, Drothe, with everyone out for his blood, travels to the Despotate of Djan where he must convince a friend he betrayed to help him prove his innocence in the murder of another Gray Prince. DANGEROUS DAYS It's been three months since Drothe killed a legend, burned down a portion of the imperial capital, and found himself unexpectedly elevated into the ranks of the criminal elite. As the newest Gray Prince in the underworld, he's not only gained friends, but also rivals?and some of them aren't bothered by his newfound title. A prince's blood, as the saying goes, flows just as red as a beggar's. So when another Gray Prince is murdered and all signs point to Drothe as the hand behind the knife, he knows it's his blood that's in danger of being spilled. As former allies turn their backs and dark rumors begin to circulate, Drothe is approached by a man who says he can make everything right again. All he wants in exchange is a single favor. Now Drothe finds himself traveling to the Despotate of Djan, the empire's long-standing enemy, to search for the friend he betrayed - and the only person who can get him out of this mess. But the grains of sand are running out fast, and even if Drothe can find his friend, he may not be able to persuade him to help in time...

Simon Ings

Hotwire B Paperback \$22.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575131088

A fast-moving cyberpunk thriller set in a world of thinking cities, ruthless corporations and mad orbital AIs. A novel that links the groundbreaking works of William Gibson to the new generation of writers such as Charlie Stross and Hannu Rajaniemi. Ajay had a future once, birthing intelligent cities for the Haag Agency. First Delhi, then Milan. But then he is seduced into betraying his employers and finds himself working for a city that wishes to become human. Ajay must steal some rare technology from a long-dead wetware expert, a new Frankenstein called Snow, a man now alive in an AI. A man who wants a new toy for his daughter...

Hot Head B Paperback \$19.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575130616

The extraordinary debut SF novel that announced Simon Ings as a major new genre talent, reissued. An ambitious SF novel that is at once post-cyberpunk and post-modern. Complex, multi-layered, it combines hard science, tarot and images of late 20th-century Europe to make something utterly original. And introduces a memorable new heroine to the genre... Malise has a problem. She's come downwell to Earth, but years of space combat have ruined her: her muscles have wasted away, her past is a confused torture of events and her brain is wired to addictive military hardware that's illegal on Earth. But with an AI mining probe returning to Earth, having bred and grown until it is hundreds of miles across, Malise is in the firing line again. The probe is indestructible and it is insatiable for more metals. No one knows how to stop it. Malise doesn't know she has a blueprint for humanity's survival wired into her head.

Darynda Jones

Sixth Grave on the Edge (Charley Davidson 06) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781250045638

Sometimes I wrestle my demons. Sometimes we just snuggle. —Bumper Sticker Most girls might think twice before getting engaged to someone like Reyes Farrow—but Charley Davidson is not most girls. She's a paranormal private eye and grim reaper-in-training who's known to be a bit of a hell-raiser, especially after a few shots of caffeine. Her beloved Reyes may be the only begotten son of evil, but he's dark and sultry and deeply sexy and everything Charley could hope for. Really. But when the FBI file on Reyes' childhood happens to land into her lap, she can't help herself: She opens it...and then the real fun begins. First, Charley finds a naked corpse riding shotgun in her car. Then, a man loses his soul in a card game. Throw in a Deaf boy who sees dead people, a woman running from mobsters, and a very suspicious Reyes, and things can't get any worse for Charley. Unless, of course, the Twelve Beasts of Hell are unleashed...

Graham Joyce

The Year of the Ladybird B Paperback \$19.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575115323

It is the summer of 1976, the hottest since records began and a young man leaves behind his student days and learns how to grow up. A first job in a holiday camp beckons. But with political and racial tensions simmering under the cloudless summer skies there is not much fun to be had. And soon there is a terrible price to be paid for his new found freedom and independence. A price that will come back to haunt him, even in the bright sunlight of summer. As with *Some Kind of Fairy Tale*, Graham Joyce has crafted a deceptively simple tale of great power. With beautiful prose, wonderful characters and a perfect evocation of time and place this is a novel that transcends the boundaries between the everyday and the supernatural while celebrating the power of both.

Jeffe Kennedy

The Mark of the Tala (Twelve Kingdoms) Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780758294432

Andromeda, a high king's middle daughter, finds her life taking a drastic turn when the king of a supernatural land of shapeshifters and demons takes her as his queen.

Gini Koch

Alien Collective (Kitty Katt 09) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756407582

Despite not having run for office, nor wanting to remain in office, Representative Jeff Martini is being wooed as the vice presidential running mate for a charismatic senator who seems likely to win the campaign. While the Diplomatic Corps has to deal with the pressures of a political campaign sure to uncover secrets they don't want shared with the world, Ambassador Kitty Katt-Martini has other worries?handling the reemergence of her most potent nemesis, thought dead and buried.

Dani Kollin & Eytan Kollin

The Unincorporated Woman (Unincorporated 03) Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765330505

The award-winning saga of a revolutionary future takes a new turn. Justin Cord, the unincorporated man, is dead, betrayed, and his legacy of rebellion and individual freedom is in danger. General Black is the great hope of the military, but she cannot wage war from behind the president's desk. So there must be a new president, anointed by Black, to hold the desk job, and who better than the only woman resurrected from Justin Cord's past era, the scientist who created his resurrection device, the only born unincorporated woman? The perfect figurehead. Except that she has ideas of her own, and secrets of her own, and the talent to run the government her way. She is a force that no one anticipated, and no one can control, much as Justin Cord was. The first novel in this thought-provoking series, *The Unincorporated Man*, won the 2009 Prometheus Award for best novel.

The Unincorporated Future (Unincorporated 04) Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765328823

The powerful conclusion to the quartet of novels in the saga of *The Unincorporated Man* Sandra O'Toole is the president of the Outer Alliance, which stretches from the asteroid belt to the Oort Cloud beyond Pluto. Resurrected following the death of Justin Cord, the unincorporated man, O'Toole has become a powerful political figure and a Machiavellian leader determined to win the Civil War against the inner planets at almost any cost. And the war has been going badly, in part because of the great General Trang, a fit opponent for the brilliant J. D. Black. Choices have to be made to abandon some of the moral principles upon which the revolution was founded. It is a time of great heroism and great betrayal, madness, sacrifice, and shocking military conflict. Nothing is predictable, even the behavior of artificial intelligences. There may be only one way out, but it is not surrender.

Mercedes Lackey

Blood Red (*Elemental Masters*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756408978

Rosamund is an Earth Master in the Schwarzwald, the ancient Black Forest of Germany. Since the age of ten, she has lived with her teacher, the Hunt Master and Earth Magician of the Schwarzwald Foresters, a man she calls "Papa". Her adoptive Papa rescued her after her original Earth Master teacher, an old woman who lived alone in a small cottage in the forest, was brutally murdered by werewolves. Rosa herself barely escaped, and this terrifying incident molded the course of her future.

For like her fellow Earth Masters of the Schwarzwald Lodge, Rosa is not a healer. Instead, her talents lead her on the more violent path of protection and defense - "cleansing" - the Earth and protecting its gentle fae creatures from those evil beings who seek to do them harm.

And so Rosa becomes the first woman Hunt Master and the scourge of evil creatures, with a deadly specialty in werewolves and all shapeshifters.

While visiting with a Fire Master - a friend of her mentor from the Schwarzwald Lodge - Rosa meets a pair of Elemental Magicians from Hungary who have come looking for help. They suspect that there is a dark power responsible for a string of murders happening in the remote countryside of Transylvania, but they have no proof. Rosa agrees to help them, but there is a catch: one of the two men asking for aid is a hereditary werewolf.

Rosa has been taught that there are three kinds of werewolves. There are those, like the one that had murdered her teacher, who transform themselves by use of dark magic, and also those who have been infected by the bite of these magical werewolves - these poor victims have no control over their transformative powers. Yet, there is a third kind: those who have been born with the ability to transform at will. Some insist that certain of these hereditary werewolves are benign. But Rosa has never encountered a benign werewolf!

Can she trust this Hungarian werewolf? Or is the Hunter destined to become the Hunted?

Redoubt (*Valdemar Collegium Chronicles 04*) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756408053

Life at the Herald's Collegium in Haven has definitely improved for Mags. He's even become something of a hero since risking his own life to rescue Amily--daughter of Nikolas, the King's Own Herald--from Karsite kidnappers. But Mags still doesn't know who his parents were, and Bear, Mags' Trainee friend, was not one to let him forget: "You gotta deal with your past Mags, you have to. If you don't, it'll just keep coming back to haunt you, and one day it'll do something to you that you can't get out of." Mags began his special training as Nikolas' undercover partner and future spy for the crown. Disguised, they work at night in one of the seedier parts of Haven, where Nikolas had set up a false identity as a pawnbroker and fence. Mags poses as his deaf-mute nephew, covertly watching and listening from behind the desk. He was especially good at the trait that had kept him alive as a child laborer in the gem mine--ferreting out hidden motives. Now Mags has graduated to a new role: Nikolas' partner and information broker. Mags channels his old cunning self from the mines and discovers that he's quite good at his new job. So good, in fact, that Nikolas decides to let him open the shop alone one hot, summer night. Mags has barely unlocked the shop when everything goes black in a blinding flash of pain. He wakes with an agonizing headache, bound, blindfolded, in a conveyance of some kind. But worst of all, he's head-blind. No Mindspeech--he can't even sense Dallen. And if he can't sense or hear Dallen, then no one can sense him. And if no one can sense him, no one can come to his rescue.

Mark Lawrence

Prince of Fools (*Red Queen's War 01*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425268780

Mark Lawrence returns to the Broken Empire with the tale of a less ambitious prince.

The Red Queen is old but the kings of the Broken Empire dread her like no other. For all her reign, she has fought the long war, contested in secret, against the powers that stand behind nations, for higher stakes than land or gold. Her greatest weapon is The Silent Sister - unseen by most and unspoken of by all.

The Red Queen's grandson, Prince Jalan Kendeth - drinker, gambler, seducer of women - is one who can see The Silent Sister. Tenth in line for the throne and content with his role as a minor royal, he pretends that the hideous crone is not there. But war is coming. Witnesses claim an undead army is on the march, and the Red Queen has called on her family to defend the realm. Jal thinks it's all a rumor- nothing that will affect him - but he is wrong.

After escaping a death trap set by the Silent Sister, Jal finds his fate magically intertwined with a fierce Norse warrior. As the two undertake a journey across the Empire to undo the spell, encountering grave dangers, willing women, and an upstart prince named Jorg Ancrath along the way, Jalan gradually catches a glimmer of the truth: he and the Norseman are but pieces in a game, part of a series of moves in the long war - and the Red Queen controls the board.

Jane Lindskold

Artemis Awakening (*Artemis Awakening 01*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765337108

Artemis Awakening is the start of a new series by New York Times bestseller Jane Lindskold. The distant world Artemis is a pleasure planet created out of bare rock by a technologically advanced human empire that provided its richest citizens with a veritable Eden to play in. All tech was concealed and the animals (and the humans brought to live there) were bioengineered to help the guests enjoy their stay...but there was always the possibility of danger so that visitors could brag that they had "bested" the environment. The Empire was shattered in a horrific war; centuries later humanity has lost much of the advanced technology and Artemis is a fable told to children. Until young archeologist Griffin Dane finds intriguing hints that send him on a quest to find the lost world. Stranded on Artemis after crashing his ship, he encounters the Huntress Adara and her psych-linked companion, the puma Sand Shadow. Their journey with her will lead Dane to discover the planet's secrets...and perhaps provide a key to give unimagined power back to mankind.

Sergei Lukyanenko

New Watch (*Night Watch 05*) Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062310071

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George R R Martin

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Haviland Tuf is an honest space-trader (one of the few), and he likes cats. So how is it that, despite being up against the worst villains in the universe, he has become the proud owner of the last working seedship, pride of Earth's Ecological Engineering Corps We'll leave that aside for now - just be thankful that the most powerful weapon in space is in good hands, hands which now control cellular material for thousands of outlandish creatures. With his unique equipment and powerful spacecraft, Tuf is set to tackle the myriad problems that human settlers have created during their colonisation of far flung worlds. Hosts of hostile monsters, a population addicted to procreation, a dictator who is willing to unleash plagues to get his own way - and all that stands between the colonists and disaster is Tuf's ingenuity, and his reputation as an honest dealer in a universe of rogues. . .

Michael J Martinez

The Enceladus Crisis (*Daedalus 02*) Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781597805049

Two dimensions collided on the rust-red deserts of Mars - and are destined to become entangled once more in this sequel to the critically acclaimed The Daedalus Incident. Lieutenant Commander Shaila Jain has been given the assignment of her dreams: the first manned mission to Saturn. But there's competition and complications when she arrives aboard the survey ship Armstrong. The Chinese are vying for control of the critical moon Titan, and the moon Enceladus may harbor secrets deep under its icy crust. And back on Earth, Project DAEDALUS now seeks to defend against other dimensional incursions. But there are other players interested in opening the door between worlds . . . and they're getting impatient. For Thomas Weatherby, it's been nineteen years since he was second lieutenant aboard HMS Daedalus. Now captain of the seventy-four-gun Fortitude, Weatherby helps destroy the French fleet at the Nile and must chase an escaped French ship from Egypt to Saturn, home of the enigmatic and increasingly unstable aliens who call themselves the Xan. Meanwhile, in Egypt, alchemist Andrew Finch has ingratiated himself with Napoleon's forces . . . and finds the true, horrible reason why the French invaded Egypt in the first place. The thrilling follow-up to The Daedalus Incident, The Enceladus Crisis continues Martinez's Daedalus series with a combination of mystery, intrigue, and high adventure spanning two amazing dimensions.

Paul McAuley

Confluence - The Trilogy (*Confluence 01, 02, 03*) Trade Paperback \$35.00 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575119390

Child of the River, Ancients of Days, Shrine of Stars A classic trilogy from a Philip K. Dick and Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning author, now available in omnibus form. Confluence - a long, narrow, artificial world, half fertile river valley, half crater-strewn desert. A world beyond the end of human history, served by countless machines, inhabited by ten thousand bloodlines who worship their absent creators, rivem by a vast war against heretics. This is the home of Yama, found as an infant in a white boat on the world's Great River, raised by an obscure bureaucrat in an obscure town in the middle of a ruined necropolis, destined to become a clerk - until the discovery of his singular ancestry. For Yama appears to be the last remaining scion of the Builders, closest of all races to the revered architects of Confluence, able to awaken and control the secret machineries of the world. Pursued by enemies who want to make use of his powers, Yama voyages down the length of the world to search for answers to the mysteries of his origin, and to discover if he is to be the saviour of his world, or its nemesis.

David McIntee

We Will Destroy Your Planet: An Alien's Guide to Conquering the Earth Trade Paperback \$22.95

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Enjoy this pseudo-fiction, 'how-to' military handbook for aliens intending to conquer the Earth. Science fiction elements are satirized and then connected to real-world science, history, and military technique to show how it should be done. It goes without saying that any military campaign must be planned in ways depending upon some basic factors: The logistics of where your enemy is in relation to your own forces, environmental factors, and, most importantly, 'why' you're fighting this campaign. This book intends to take these basic factors, and apply them to the purpose of conquering the planet known to the natives as Earth. There are, of course, many possible reasons for launching a military campaign against such a planet. The form of your campaign, and the formation of its strategic and tactical policies will very much depend on your reason. Obviously the campaign to destroy all sentient life on a planetary surface will be very different in character to a campaign to, say, bring the local population into the fold of your empire or federation - and, frankly, a lot simpler. Once the reason for conquest, or destruction, has been determined, the book will take a step-by-step approach to the best way to annihilate humanities resistance and bring them to their knees.

Richelle Mead

Immortal Crown (*Age of X 02*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780525953692

Gameboard of the Gods introduced religious investigator Justin March and Mae Koskinen, the beautiful supersoldier assigned to protect him. Together they have been charged with investigating reports of the supernatural and the return of the gods, both inside the Republic of United North America and out. With this highly classified knowledge comes a shocking revelation: Not only are the gods vying for human control, but the elect—special humans marked by the divine—are turning against one another in bloody fashion. Their mission takes a new twist when they are assigned to a diplomatic delegation headed by Lucian Darling, Justin's old friend and rival, going into Arcadia, the RUNA's dangerous neighboring country. Here, in a society where women are commodities and religion is intertwined with government, Justin discovers powerful forces at work, even as he struggles to come to terms with his own reluctantly acquired deity. Meanwhile, Mae—grudgingly posing as Justin's concubine—has a secret mission of her own: finding the illegitimate niece her family smuggled away years ago. But with Justin and Mae resisting the resurgence of the gods in Arcadia, a reporter's connection with someone close to Justin back home threatens to expose their mission—and with it the divine forces the government is determined to keep secret.

Wu Ming-yi,

The Man With the Compound Eyes Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780307907967

When a tsunami sends a massive island made entirely of trash crashing into the Taiwanese coast, two very different people—an outcast from a mythical island and a woman on the verge of suicide—are united in ways they never could have imagined. Here is the English-language debut of a new and exciting award-winning voice from Taiwan, who has written an “astonishing” novel (*The Independent*) that is at once fantasy, reality, and dystopian environmental saga. Fifteen-year-old Atile'i—a native of Wayo Wayo, an island somewhere in the Pacific—has come of age. Following the custom of his people, he is set adrift as a sacrifice to the Sea God but, unlike those who have gone before him, Atile'i is determined to defy precedent and survive. His chances seem slim, but just as it appears that hope is lost, Atile'i comes across a sprawling trash vortex floating in the ocean and climbs onto it. Meanwhile, on the east coast of Taiwan, Alice, a college professor, is overcome with grief. Her husband and son are missing, having disappeared while hiking in the mountains near their home. Alice is so distraught that she decides to end her own life. But her plans are interrupted by a violent storm that causes the trash vortex to collide with the Taiwanese coast, bringing Atile'i along with it. Alice and Atile'i subsequently form an unlikely friendship that helps each of them come to terms with what they have lost. Together they set out to uncover the mystery of Alice's lost family, following their footsteps into the mountains. Intertwined with Alice and Atile'i's story are the lives of others affected by the tsunami, from environmentalists to Taiwan's indigenous peoples—and, of course, the mysterious man with the compound eyes. A work of lyrical beauty that combines magical realism and environmental fable, *The Man with the Compound Eyes* is an incredible story about the bonds of family, the meaning of love, and the lasting effects of human destruction.

Elizabeth Moon

Crown of Renewal (*Paladin's Legacy 05*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780345533098

Acclaimed author Elizabeth Moon spins gripping, richly imagined epic fantasy novels that have earned comparisons to the work of such authors as Robin Hobb and Lois McMaster Bujold. In this volume, Moon's brilliant masterwork reaches its triumphant conclusion. The mysterious reappearance of magery throughout the land has been met with suspicion, fear, and violence. In the kingdom of Lyonya, Kieri, the half-elven, half-human king, struggles to balance the competing demands of his heritage while fighting a deadly threat to his rule: evil elves linked in some way to the rebirth of magic. Meanwhile, in the neighboring kingdom of Tsaia, a set of ancient artifacts recovered by the former mercenary Dorrin Verrakai may hold the answer to the riddle of magery's return. Thus Dorrin embarks on a dangerous quest to return these relics of a bygone age to their

Michael Moorcock

Elric: Stormbringer! (*Elric*) B Paperback \$22.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575114388

The Michael Moorcock Collection presents for the first time definitive editions of Moorcock's most influential work, fully revised and updated by the author. Feared by enemies and friends alike, Elric of Melnibone walks a lonely path among the worlds of the multiverse. The destroyer of his own cruel and ancient race, as well as its final ruler, Elric is the bearer of a destiny as dark and cursed as the vampiric sword he carries - the sentient black blade known as Stormbringer. Containing the novel which perhaps did the most to propel Elric to the forefront of the fantasy genre, along with associated short stories and other material, this volume is a vital part of any fantasy reader's library. With an introduction by Tad Williams, this collection presents Moorcock's greatest creation in a revised and approved order.

Jaime Lee Moyer

Barricade in Hell (*Delia's Shadow 02*) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765331830

In Jaime Lee Moyer's *Barricade in Hell*, Delia Martin has been gifted (or some would say cursed) with the ability to peer across to the other side. Since childhood, her constant companions have been ghosts. She used her powers and the help of those ghosts to defeat a twisted serial killer terrorizing her beloved San Francisco. Now it's 1917—the threshold of a modern age—and Delia lives a peaceful life with Police Captain Gabe Ryan. That peace shatters when a strange young girl starts haunting their lives and threatens Gabe. Delia tries to discover what this ghost wants as she becomes entangled in the mystery surrounding a charismatic evangelist who preaches pacifism and an end to war. But as young people begin to disappear, and audiences display a loyalty and fervor not attributable to simple persuasion, that message of peace reveals a hidden dark side. As Delia discovers the truth, she faces a choice—take a terrible risk to save her city, or chance losing everything?

Sarah Mussi

Riot B Paperback \$14.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444910100

Revolution starts with disillusion... A terrifying, topical novel that's essential reading for teens everywhere. It is 2018. England has been struggling under a recession that has shown no sign of abating. Years of cuts has devastated Britain: banks are going under, businesses closing, prices soaring, unemployment rising, prisons overflowing. The authorities cannot cope. And the population has maxed out. The police are snowed under. Something has to give. Drastic measures need taking. The solution: forced sterilisation of all school leavers without secure further education plans or guaranteed employment. The country is aghast. Families are distraught, teenagers are in revolt, but the politicians are unshakeable: The population explosion must be curbed. No more free housing for single parents, no more child benefit, no more free school meals, no more children in need. Less means more. But it is all so blatantly unfair - the Teen Haves will procreate, the Teen Havenots won't. It's time for the young to take to the streets. It's time for them to RIOT: OUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE, OUR BODIES, OUR FUTURE.

Chloe Neill

Wild Things (*Chicagoland Vampires 09*) B Paperback \$19.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575108073

Since Merit was turned into a vampire, and the protector of Chicago's Cadogan House, it's been a wild ride. She and Master vampire Ethan Sullivan have helped make Cadogan's vampires the strongest in North America, and forged ties with paranormal folk of all breeds and creeds, living or dead ... or both. But now those alliances are about to be tested. A strange and twisted magic has ripped through the North American Central Pack, and Merit's closest friends are caught in the crosshairs. Gabriel Keene, the Pack Apex, looks to Merit and Ethan for help. But who - or what - could possibly be powerful enough to out-magic a shifter Merit is about to go toe to toe, and cold steel to cold heart, to find out.

Nnedi Okorafor

Lagoon Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444762754

'There was no time to flee. No time to turn. No time to shriek. And there was no pain. It was like being thrown into the stars.' Three strangers, each isolated by his or her own problems: Adaora, the marine biologist; Anthony, the rapper famous throughout Africa; Agu, the troubled soldier. Wandering along Bar Beach in Lagos, Nigeria's legendary mega-city, they're more alone than they've ever been before. But when something like a meteorite plunges into the ocean and a tidal wave overcomes them, these three people will find themselves bound together in ways never imagined. Together with Ayodele, a visitor from beyond the stars, they must race through Lagos and against time itself in order to save the city, the world... and themselves.

Kristen Painter

House of the Rising Sun (*House of Comarre 01*) B Paperback \$19.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356503707

House of the Rising Sun (*House of Comarre 01*) Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316278270

Every vampire has heard rumor of the mythical place where their kind can daywalk. But what no vampire knows is that this City of Eternal Night actually exists. And its name is New Orleans. For centuries, the fae have protected the city from vampire infestation. But when the bloodsuckers return, the fragile peace in New Orleans begins to crumble. Carefree playboy Augustine, and Harlow, a woman searching for answers about her absent father, are dragged into the war. The fate of the city rests on them --- and their fae blood that can no longer be denied.

Augustine lives the perfect life in the Haven city of New Orleans. He rarely works a real job, spends most of his nights with a different human woman, and resides in a spectacular Garden District mansion paid for by retired movie star Olivia Goodwin, who has come to think of him as an adopted son, providing him room and board and whatever else he needs. But when Augustine returns home to find Olivia's been attacked by vampires, he knows his idyllic life has come to an end. It's time for revenge - and to take up the mantle of the city's Guardian.

Den Patrick

The Boy With the Porcelain Blade Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575133976

A world of betrayals and deceit. A hero alone. A delicate sword. A thrilling new fantasy from an exciting new voice. An ornate yet dark fantasy, with echoes of Mervyn Peake, Robin Hobb and Jon Courtenay Grimwood. An original and beautifully imagined world, populated by unforgettable characters. Lucien de Fontein has grown up different. One of the mysterious and misshapen Orfano who appear around the Kingdom of Landfall, he is a talented fighter yet constantly lonely, tormented by his deformity, and well aware that he is a mere pawn in a political game. Ruled by an insane King and the venomous Majordomo, it is a world where corruption and decay are deeply rooted - but to a degree Lucien never dreams possible when he first discovers the plight of the 'insane' women kept in the haunting Sanatoria. Told in a continuous narrative interspersed with flashbacks we see Lucien grow up under the care of his tutors. We watch him forced through rigorous Testings, and fall in love, set against his yearning to discover where he comes from, and how his fate is tied to that of every one of the deformed Orfano in the Kingdom, and of the eerie Sanatoria itself.

Laline Paull

The Bees Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062331151

The Handmaid's Tale meets The Hunger Games in this brilliantly imagined debut set in an ancient culture where only the queen may breed and deformity means death. Flora 717 is a sanitation worker, a member of the lowest caste in her orchard hive where work and sacrifice are the highest virtues and worship of the beloved Queen the only religion. But Flora is not like other bees. With circumstances threatening the hive's survival, her curiosity is regarded as a dangerous flaw but her courage and strength are an asset. She is allowed to feed the newborns in the royal nursery and then to become a forager, flying alone and free to collect pollen. She also finds her way into the Queen's inner sanctum, where she discovers mysteries about the hive that are both profound and ominous. But when Flora breaks the most sacred law of all—daring to challenge the Queen's fertility—enemies abound, from the fearsome fertility police who enforce the strict social hierarchy to the high priestesses jealously wedded to power. Her deepest instincts to serve and sacrifice are now overshadowed by an even deeper desire, a fierce maternal love that will bring her into conflict with her conscience, her heart, her society—and lead her to unthinkable deeds. Thrilling, suspenseful and spectacularly imaginative, *The Bees* gives us a dazzling young heroine and will change forever the way you look at the world outside your window.

Sarah Pinborough

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BEAUTY is a beautifully illustrated re-telling 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.

Terry Pratchett

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It is known as the Discworld. It is a flat planet, supported on the backs of four elephants, who in turn stand on the back of the great turtle A'Tuin as it swims majestically through space. And it is quite possibly the funniest place in all of creation. The last thing the wizard Drum Billet did, before Death laid a bony hand on his shoulder, was to pass on his staff of power to the eighth son of an eighth son. Unfortunately for his colleagues in the chauvinistic (not to say misogynistic) world of magic, he failed to check on the new-born baby's sex... Terry Pratchett turns his acute satirical eye on sexual equality and chauvanism in his hilarious third Discworld novel.

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A beautiful gift-edition hardback of the classic Discworld novel. This is where the dragons went. They lie...not dead, not asleep, but...dormant. And although the space they occupy isn't like normal space, nevertheless they are packed in tightly. They could put you in mind of a can of sardines, if you thought sardines were huge and scaly. And presumably, somewhere, there's a key... GUARDS! GUARDS! is the eighth Discworld novel - and after this, dragons will never be the same again!

Douglas Preston

The Kraken Project Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765317698

Wyman Ford is back again in *The Kraken Project*, the thrilling new novel from New York Times bestselling author Douglas Preston. NASA is building a probe to be splashed down in the Kraken Mare, the largest sea on Saturn's great moon, Titan. It is one of the most promising habitats for extraterrestrial life in the solar system, but the surface is unpredictable and dangerous, requiring the probe to contain artificial intelligence software. To this end, Melissa Shepherd, a brilliant programmer, has developed "Dorothy," a powerful, self-modifying AI whose true potential is both revolutionary and terrifying. When miscalculations lead to a catastrophe during testing, Dorothy flees into the internet. Former CIA agent Wyman Ford is tapped to track down the rogue AI. As Ford and Shepherd search for Dorothy, they realize that her horrific experiences in the wasteland of the Internet have changed her in ways they can barely imagine. And they're not the only ones looking for the wayward software: the AI is also being pursued by a pair of Wall Street traders, who want to capture her code and turn her into a high-speed trading bot. Traumatized, angry, and relentlessly hunted, Dorothy has an extraordinary revelation—and devises a plan. As the pursuit of Dorothy converges on a deserted house on the coast of Northern California, Ford must face the ultimate question: is rescuing Dorothy the right thing? Is the AI bent on saving the world... or on wiping out the cancer that is humankind?

Lissa Price

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The riveting conclusion to the sci-fi thriller *STARTERS!* Someone is after Starters like Callie and Michael - teens with chips in their brains. They want to experiment on anyone left over from Prime Destinations - Starters who can be controlled and manipulated. With the body bank destroyed, Callie no longer has to rent herself out to creepy Enders. But Enders can still get inside her mind and make her do things she doesn't want to do. Like hurt someone she loves. Having the chip removed could save her life - but it could also silence the voice in her head that might belong to her father. Callie has flashes of her ex-renter Helena's memories, too . . . and the Old Man is back, filling her with fear. Who is real and who is masquerading in a teen body? No one is ever who they appear to be, not even the Old Man. Determined to find out who he really is and grasping at the hope of a normal life for herself and her younger brother, Callie is ready to fight for the truth. Even if it kills her.

David Ramirez

The Forever Watch Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444787894

The truth is only the beginning. When a man is murdered on the Noah, a city-sized spaceship that is half-way through an eight-hundred-year voyage to another planet, his body is so ruined that his identity must be established from DNA evidence. Within hours, however, all trace of the crime is swept away, hidden as though it never happened - a strange occurrence in a world where deeds, and even thoughts, cannot be kept secret. Hana Dempsey, a mid-level bureaucrat who has been genetically modified to use the Noah's telepathic internet, begins to investigate. Her search for the truth will uncover the impossible: a serial killer who has been operating on board for a lifetime, if not longer. And behind the killer lies a conspiracy centuries in the making...

Deborah J Ross

The Heir of Khored (Seven-Petaled Shield 03) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756409210

For Shannivar, warrior of the Azkhantia Steppe, the future is grim. She faces twin threats: the mighty Gelon empire, ruthlessly conquering independent nations like her own, and the malevolent entity of Fire and Ice, unleashed from its prison in the Far North. And she must face them alone. After meeting Zevaron, an exiled prince in search of aid from Azkhantia, Shannivar and Zevaron had traveled together and fallen in love. But their journey to the north to investigate dangerous omens failed when Zevaron was enthralled by the monstrous Fire and Ice. Now Zevaron's hatred for Gelon, the empire that destroyed his kingdom and killed his mother, threatens to consume not only him, but all the living world.

Andrzej Sapkowski

Baptism of Fire (Witcher 04) Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575090965

As nations go to war around him, Geralt the Witcher is on a mission: to save his ward, Ciri, and with her the world . . . The Wizards Guild has been shattered by a coup and, in the uproar, Geralt was seriously injured. The Witcher is supposed to be a guardian of the innocent, a protector of those in need, a defender against powerful and dangerous monsters that prey on men in dark times. But now that dark times have fallen upon the world, Geralt is helpless until he has recovered from his injuries. While war rages across all of the lands, the future of magic is under threat and those sorcerers who survive are determined to protect it. It's an impossible situation in which to find one girl - Ciri, the heiress to the throne of Cintra, has vanished - until a rumour places her in the Niflgaard court, preparing to marry the Emperor. Injured or not, Geralt has a rescue mission on his hands. This is the third of the Witcher novels by Andrzej Sapkowski.

Stephanie Sautler

Gemsigns (Revolution 01) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781623651602

For years the human race was under attack from a deadly Syndrome, but when a cure was found - in the form of genetically engineered human beings, Gems—the line between survival and ethics was radically altered. Now the Gems are fighting for their freedom, from the oppression of the companies that created them, and against the Norms who see them as slaves. And a conference at which Dr Eli Walker has been commissioned to present his findings on the Gems is the key to that freedom. But with the Gemtech companies fighting to keep the Gems enslaved, and the horrifying godgangs determined to rid the earth of these 'unholy' creations, the Gems are up against forces that may just be too powerful to oppose.

M J Scott (Australian Author)

Fire Kin A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451465382

Imagine a city divided...a city readying itself for a war. The vampire Blood and the shape-shifting Beast Kind seek to seize control now that the treaty is broken. Only the humans stand in their way...but they stand without their Fae allies...and they desperately need help... I chose to stay with the humans when the Fae withdrew from the City. I am a healer, and they need me. I know the odds are against them. I know they need reinforcements. But I never expected them to turn and seek aid from the depths of my past. Asharic is a powerful Fae, exiled by the Veiled Queen thirty years ago. Leaving me behind. But now the queen is dead and the throne is vacant, and Ash is returning to the City—my City—with his mercenary army. It would be false to deny that there is still a spark between us, but I will not be taken in again. And I'm not the only one disturbed by his return. A Blood lord is poised to conquer the Half-Light City, and other enemies new and old are gathering to eliminate the threat Ash poses. To save the City, we will have to join forces. And pray we're not the ones who burn...

Samantha Shannon

The Bone Season Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781620402658

Enter the world of Paige Mahoney, a gifted clairvoyant, a “dreamwalker,” in the year 2059. Her natural talents are considered treasonous under the current regime. Snatched away to a secret prison, she encounters another race, the Rephaim, creatures who wish to control the powers of Paige and those like her. One in particular will be assigned as her keeper, her trainer. But his motives are mysterious. To regain her freedom, Paige must learn to trust, in the prison where she is meant to die.

Hunter Shea

The Montauk Monster A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780786034758

In Montauk, New York, terrible monsters emerge from the sea every night, infecting the populace with a grotesque flesh-eating virus.

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"Garrosh Hellscream. You have been charged with war crimes, and crimes against the very essence of sentient beings of Azeroth, as well as crimes against Azeroth itself. You are also charged for all acts committed in your name, or by those with whom you have allied." Garrosh merely stood there, silent and still. Taran Zhu continued. "The charges are as follows: Genocide. Murder. Forcible transfer of population. Enforced disappearance of individuals." The list of the heinous crimes alone was powerful enough to make Jaina tense. She glanced over at where Vol'jin and the other Horde leaders sat. She had heard of the treatment of trolls under Garrosh—and what the orc had tried to do to Vol'jin himself. "Enslavement. The abduction of children. Torture. The killing of prisoners. Forced pregnancy." Anduin winced, and Jaina could not blame him. She thought of Alexstrasza and the horrors that had been perpetrated upon the Life-Binder personally and the red dragonflight in general. Kalec was very still beside Jaina. She looked up at him, meaning to offer him comfort, and instead found him looking down at her. He knew what was coming, and slipped an arm around her. She braced herself. "The wanton destruction of cities, towns, and villages not justified by military or civilian necessity." The Vale of Eternal Blossoms. Theramore. "What say you to these charges, Garrosh Hellscream?"

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In the not-so-distant future, the forecasted 'death of print' has become a reality. Bookstores, libraries, newspapers, and magazines are a thing of the past, as we spend our time glued to handheld devices called Memes that not only keep us in constant communication but have become so intuitive as to hail us taxis before we leave our offices, order takeout at the first growl of a hungry stomach, and even create and sell language itself in a marketplace called the Word Exchange. Anana Johnson works with her father, Doug, at the North American Dictionary of the English Language (NADEL), where Doug is hard at work on the final edition that will ever be printed. Doug is an intellectual who fondly remembers the days when people used e-mail to communicate - or even actually spoke to one another. One evening, Doug disappears from the NADEL offices, leaving a single written clue: ALICE. It's a code word he and Anana devised to signal if one of them ever fell into danger.... Joined by Bart, her bookish NADEL colleague (who is secretly in love with her), Anana's search for her father will take her into dark basement incinerator rooms, underground passages of the Mercantile Library, meetings of a secret society designed to save the written word, the boardrooms of the evil online retailing giant Synchronic, and ultimately to the hallowed halls of the Oxford English Dictionary - the spiritual home of the written word. As Anana pieces together what is going on, and Bart falls victim to the strange 'word flu' that is spreading worldwide, the very future of language is at stake....

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Special Agent Pendergast arrives at an exclusive Colorado ski resort to rescue his protégée, Corrie Swanson, from serious trouble with the law. His sudden appearance coincides with the first attack of a murderous arsonist who--with brutal precision--begins burning down multimillion-dollar mansions with the families locked inside. After springing Corrie from jail, Pendergast learns she made a discovery while examining the bones of several miners who were killed 150 years earlier by a rogue grizzly bear. Her finding is so astonishing that it, even more than the arsonist, threatens the resort's very existence. Drawn deeper into the investigation, Pendergast uncovers a mysterious connection between the dead miners and a fabled, long-lost Sherlock Holmes story--one that might just offer the key to the modern day killings as well. Now, with the ski resort snowed in and under savage attack--and Corrie's life suddenly in grave danger--Pendergast must solve the enigma of the past before the town of the present goes up in flames.