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Includes new books by:

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Hugh Howey
Guy Gavriel Kay
Mercedes Lackey
Robert J. Sawyer
...and many others

All the books in this catalogue are new books due for release in **April 2013**.

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Until next time, good reading!

Ron, Iain and Beau

DAGGER AND COIN 02: KING'S BLOOD

ABRAHAM, Daniel

War casts its shadow over the lands that the dragons once ruled. Only the courage of a young woman with the mind of a gambler and loyalty to no one stands between hope and universal darkness. The sequel to *The Dragon's Path* (\$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$22.99

THE ISIS COLLAR

ADAMS, Cat

Celia Graves was once an ordinary human, but those days are long gone. Now she strives to maintain her sanity and her soul while juggling both vampire abilities and the powers of a Siren. Warned of a magical "bomb" at a local elementary school, Celia forces an evacuation. Oddly, the explosion seems to have no effect, puzzling both Celia and the FBI.

Urban fantasy PBK \$17.95

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE INFERNAL

ADAMS, Guy

Every one hundred years a town appears... It exists for twenty-four hours then vanishes once more, but for that single day it contains the greatest miracle a man could imagine: a doorway to Heaven. It is due to appear on the 21st September 1889 as a ghost town in the American Midwest. When it does there are many who hope to be there: travelling preacher Obeisance Hicks and his simple messiah, a brain-damaged Civil War veteran; Henry and Harmonium Jones and their freak show pack of outlaws; the Brothers of Ruth and their sponsor Lord Forset (inventor of the Forset Thunderpack and other incendiary modes of personal transport); finally, an aging gunslinger who lost his wings at the very beginning of creation and wants nothing more than to settle old scores.

Fantasy PBK \$17.95

BRONZE GODS

AGUIRRE, A.A.

"Danger stalks the city of steam and shadows. Janus Mikani and Celeste Ritsuko work all hours in the Criminal Investigation Division, keeping citizens safe. He's a charming rogue with an uncanny sixth sense; she's all logic - and the division's first female inspector. Between his instincts and her brains, they collar more criminals than any other partnership in the CID. Then they're assigned a potentially volatile case in which one misstep could end their careers. At first, the search for a missing heiress seems straightforward, but when the girl is found murdered Mikani and Ritsuko's modus operandi is challenged as never before. It soon becomes clear the bogeyman has stepped out of nightmares to stalk gaslit streets, and it's up to them to hunt him down." - *publisher's blurb*

Fantasy PBK \$17.95

THE ZODIAC PLANET GALAXY

ALDISS, Brian

"A collection all the short stories and novellas that make up the Zodiac Planets series. Spanning over 40 years these include The Supertoys Trilogy, the first of which was filmed by Steven Spielberg as the movie A.I. Also features a brand new novella, Mission to the Planets of the Zodiac, which has never been seen before." - *publisher's blurb*

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

ZODIAC PLANET DARKNESS RISING 03:

THE RISING

ARMSTRONG, Kelley

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

THE HOUSE OF RUMOUR

ARNOTT, Jake

Larry Zagorski spins wild tales of fantasy worlds for pulp magazines. But as the Second World War hangs in the balance, the lines between imagination and reality are starting to blur. In London, spymasters enlist occultists in the war of propaganda. In Southern California, a charismatic rocket scientist summons dark forces and an SF writer founds a new religion. In Munich, Nazis consult astrologists as they plot peace with the West and dominion over the East. And a conspiracy is born that will ripple through the decades to come. This is a wonderful conspiracy thriller with a strong SF connection. Recommended.

Fiction PBK \$19.99

ZERO POINT

ASHER, Neal

Earth's Zero Asset citizens no longer face extermination from orbit. Thanks to Alan Saul, the Committee's network of control is a smoking ruin and its robotic enforcers lie dormant. But power abhors a vacuum and, scrambling from the wreckage, comes the ruthless Serene Galahad. The second in the Owner series, after *Departure* (\$19.99).

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

ONLY LYCANS NEED APPLY

BARDSLEY, Michelle

Paranormal romance PBK \$17.95

AMERICAN ELSEWHERE

BENNETT, Robert Jackson

After a couple years of hard traveling, ex-cop Mona Bright inherits her long-dead mother's home in a small town in New Mexico. And the closer Mona gets to her mother's past, the

more she understands that the people there are very, very different. "Bennett gives the idealized image of the American dream a pan-dimensional twist with this alien invasion tale, part Bradbury and part L'Engle with a dash of Edward Scissorhands... Readers will be captivated from start to finish." - *Publisher's Weekly*

Fantasy/science fiction PBK \$19.99

ROGUE DESCENDANT

BLACK, Jenna

Urban fantasy PBK \$17.95

THE TWYNING

BLACKER, Terrance

"This is the story of Efen, a young ratling born into the Court of Tasting, in the kingdom of rats below the city streets. The kingdom is in turmoil after the death of the old king, assassinated by a human scientist, Dr Henry Ross-Gibbon. Obsessed by an ambition to exterminate all rats, the doctor is assisted by Dogboy, an abandoned thirteen-year-old with a gift for understanding animals. Soon a war to the death rages between the rat kingdom and its mortal enemy: humankind. Hurt and alone, Efen finds shelter with Dogboy and his friend Caz, a runaway eleven-year-old girl. And between these unlikely allies a spark is ignited - first of communication, then of hope." - *publisher's blurb*

Fantasy TP \$29.99

THE SERENCE INVASION

BROWN, Eric

It's 2025 and the world is riven by war, terrorist attacks, poverty and increasingly desperate demands for water, oil, and natural resources. The West and China confront each other over an inseparable ideological divide, each desperate to sustain their future. And then the Serene arrive, enigmatic aliens from Delta Pavonis V. The Serene bring peace to an ailing world, an end to poverty and violence - but not everyone supports the seemingly benign invasion.

Science fiction PBK \$18.95

EARTH UNAWARE

CARD, Orson Scott

The mining ship "El Cavador" is far out from Earth. So when its telescopes pick up a fast moving object coming in-system, it's hard to know what to make of it. Before Ender Wiggin was born, before the Battle School was built, the aliens brought war to Earth in this prequel.

Science fiction PBK \$17.95

FOREIGNER 14: PROTECTOR

CHERRYH, C.J.

Fantasy HC \$39.95

THE LIVES OF TAO

CHU, Wesley

When out-of-shape IT technician Roen woke up and started hearing voices in his head, he naturally assumed he was losing it. He wasn't. He now has a passenger in his brain - an ancient alien life form called Tao, whose race crash-landed on Earth before the first fish crawled out of the oceans. "This book is high-octane spy vs spy action with a sly sense of humour. Pure pleasure from beginning to end. Highly recommended!" - *Ann Vandermeer*

Science fiction PBK \$17.95

GATEWAY OF THE SAVIOURS

DALTON, A.J.

Jillan and his companions have won the battle of Godsend, and an uneasy peace has settled on their remote corner of the Empire (see *Empire of the Saviours*, \$19.99). But the Saviours cannot allow such resistance to go unpunished, and embark on a series of punitive assaults on the few who have rejected their reign. With his friends scattered and his reason for fighting taken away from him, Jillan is faced with new and terrible decisions to make.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

WICKED AS SHE WANTS

DAWSON, Delilah S.

Paranormal romance PBK \$17.95

STAR CARRIER 04: DEEP SPACE

DOUGLAS, Ian

Twenty years after the fragile truce with the Sh'daar, Koenig is now President of the USNA, and Gray is skipper of the CVS America... soon to be promoted to commander of the entire battle group, Koenig's old position, and one which he might not be ready for. The truce with the alien Sh'daar is unravelling as many predicted, and Humankind still knows little about them, or what they are.

Science fiction PBK \$17.95

THE HERETIC

DRAKE, David & DANIEL, Tony

The new Raj Whitehall/General novel! Duisberg is one of thousands of planets plunged into darkness and chaos by the collapse of the galactic republic, but where other worlds have begun to rebuild a star-travelling culture, Duisberg remains in an uneasy balance between mud-brick civilization and bloodthirsty barbarism. In this world of muskets, bows and arrows, and reptile-riding nomads, a young warrior fights against a totalitarian computer devoted to stasis. *Hope Reborn* by David Drake and S.M. Stirling, an omnibus of the first two in the series, is now available (\$24.95).

Science fiction HC \$39.95

ASYMMETRY

DYER, Thoraiya

An Australian Air Force base patrolled by werewolves; a planet where wages are paid in luck; a future where copies are made of criminals to interpret their dark dreams; a medieval cavalry of mothers who are only permitted to take as many lives as they have created - just some of the stories in Dyer's new collection. "The combination of strange and familiar gives Dyer's fiction the power wielded by the best SF. The stories unerringly find the human inside the bizarre. These are unsettling, poignant, marvellous. Read them. You will be glad you did." - *Nancy Kress*

Collection PBK \$19.95

BLACKMAIL EARTH

EVANS, Bill

Terrorists threaten to flood the air and ocean with chemicals that will cause a permanent winter.

Science fiction thriller PBK \$19.95

THE WILD GIRL

FORSYTH, Kate

Once there were six sisters. The pretty one, the musical one, the clever one, the helpful one, the young one... And then there was the wild one. Dortchen Wild has loved Wilhelm Grimm since she was a young girl. Under the forbidding shadow of her father, the pair meet secretly to piece together a magical fairy tale collection. This is the story behind the stories of the Brothers Grimm.

Fiction TP \$32.95

RING OF FIRE III

FLINT, Eric (Editor)

The latest collection of 1632 related alternate history fiction, including the novella *Four Days on the Danube* by Eric Flint.

Alternate history anthology PBK \$17.95

1636: KREMLIN GAMES

FLINT, Eric & HUFF, G. & GOODLETT, P.

1636. Grantville has bounced back and established its new mission and identity, but it seems some have been left behind - people like Bernie Zeppi, courageous in the battle, but unable to figure out what to do with himself in a world that's utterly changed. Then Russian emissary Vladimir Gorchacov arrives in Grantville and hires Bernie to journey to Moscow and bring the future to a Russia mired in slavish serfdom and byzantine imperial plots. Bernie jumps at the chance, figuring it to be an easy gig. But one thing Bernie hasn't counted on is the chance to find his purpose in Mother Russia, from fighting the needless death of children from typhoid to building the first dirigible in Russian history.

Alternate history PBK \$17.95

WHAT I DIDN'T SEE AND OTHER STORIES

FOWLER, Karen Joy

A collection of 12 stories, first published from 1991 to 2010, with stories including the Shirley Jackson Award winner *The Pelican Bar* and Nebula Award winners *Always* and the title story. This won a World Fantasy Award for Best Collection

Collection TP \$29.95

AS THE WORLD DIES 03: SIEGE

FRATER, Rhiannon

Post apocalyptic PBK \$18.95

PLAGUE NATION

FREDSTI, Dana

Zombie PBK \$17.95

UNNATURAL CREATURES: STORIES SELECTED BY NEIL GAIMAN

GAIMAN, Neil (Editor)

"In this striking anthology of 16 stories of strange and incredible creatures (most previously published), Gaiman and Headley have included several classic tales, such as Frank R. Stockton's delightful *The Griffin and the Minor Canon* (1885), which concerns the unlikely friendship between a monster and a minister; Saki's mordant werewolf tale *Gabriel-Ernest* (1909); and Anthony Boucher's astonishingly silly *The Compleat Werewolf* (1942). There are also fine stories from such major contemporary fantasy writers as Peter S. Beagle, Samuel Delany, Diana Wynne Jones, and Gaiman himself. Particularly pleasurable are the stories by newer writers, such as Nalo Hopkinson's *The Smile on the Face*, which demonstrates the benefits of channelling one's inner hamadryad; E. Lily Yu's *The Cartographer Wasps and the Anarchist Bees*, an animal fable with a sting in its tale; and Nnedi Okorafor's original story *Ozioma the Wicked*, which concerns "a nasty little girl whose pure heart had turned black", but who nonetheless saves her village from a monstrous snake. Teens with a yen for the fantastic would be hard pressed to find a better place to start. The collection benefits literacy nonprofit 826DC." - *Publisher's Weekly*

YA fantasy anthology PBK \$19.95

FIRE WITH FIRE

GANNON, Charles E.

2105. Intelligence analyst Caine Riordan uncovers a conspiracy on Earth's Moon - a history-changing clandestine project - and ends up involuntarily cryocelled for his troubles. Twelve years later, Riordan awakens to a changed world.

Science fiction TP \$25.95

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PBK = "A" format (standard size) paperback
TPB = "B" & "C" format (oversize) paperback
HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

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Science Fiction & Fantasy April 2013 (Continued)

ASSASSINI 03: THE EXILED BLADE

GRIMWOOD, Jon Courtenay

Venice stands victorious. It has beaten back the German emperor's army and the Byzantine navy. The Duchess Alexa's party at court is strong again. But no one is prepared for the fury of Prince Alonzo, exiled regent and traitor to his city. No one is prepared for the harshest winter Europe has ever known. As the canals of Venice freeze and wolves cross the ice from the north, Alonzo's plotting brings the Venetian empire to the very edge of destruction. This is an absolutely barnstorming finish to the trilogy begun with *Fallen Blade* and *Outcast Blade* (\$19.99 each). We cannot recommend these highly enough!

Fantasy TP \$29.99

WEIRD DETECTIVES:

RECENT INVESTIGATIONS

GURAN, Paula (Editor)

Includes stories from Patricia Briggs, Jim Butcher, Neil Gaiman, Simon R. Green, Charlaine Harris, Tanya Huff, and Carrie Vaughn.

Urban fantasy anthology TP \$32.95

GREAT NORTH ROAD

HAMILTON, Peter F.

In Newcastle-upon-Tyne, AD 2142, Detective Sidney Hurst attends a brutal murder scene. The victim is one of the wealthy North family clones – but none have been reported missing. And the crime's most disturbing aspect is how the victim was killed.

Science fiction PBK \$17.99

SILVER

HELD, Rhiannon

Andrew Dare is a werewolf. He's the enforcer for the Roanoke pack, and responsible for capturing or killing any Were intruders in Roanoke's territory. But the lone Were he's tracking doesn't smell or act like anyone he's ever encountered.

Urban fantasy PBK \$17.95

WOLFHOUND CENTURY

HIGGINS, Peter

A thousand miles east of Mirgorod, the great capital city of the Vlast, deep in the ancient forest, lies the most recent fallen angel, its vast stone form half-buried and fused into the rock by the violence of impact. As its dark energy leeches into the crash site, so a circle of death expands around it, slowly - inexorably - killing everything it touches. Alone in the wilderness, it reaches out with its mind. The endless forest and its antique folklore are no concern to Inspector Vissarion Lom, summoned to the capital in order to catch a terrorist - and ordered to report directly to the head of the secret police. A totalitarian state, worn down by an endless war, must be seen to crush home-grown terrorism with an iron fist. But Lom discovers Mirgorod to be more corrupted than he imagined: a murky world of secret police and revolutionaries, cabaret clubs and doomed artists. This is an extremely compelling debut – recommended. "Like vintage China Mieville, but with all the violent narrative thriller drive of Ian Fleming at his edgiest." - *Richard Morgan*

Fantasy TP \$29.99

SHIFT

HOWEY, Hugh

In a future less than fifty years away, the world is still as we know it. Time continues to tick by. The truth is that it is ticking away. A powerful few know what lies ahead. They are preparing for it. They are trying to protect us. They are setting us on a path from which we can never return. A path that will lead to destruction; a path that will take us below ground. The history of the silo is about to be written. The prequel to the excellent *Wool* (\$19.95).

Science fiction TP \$29.95

SHARP

HUGHES, Alex

In his third outing (after *Clean* and *Payoff*, \$17.95 each) Adam, a Level Eight telepath and sometime interrogator for the Atlanta police, is hunting hijackers of illegal tech while also dealing with the reappearance of a notorious cop killer who has targeted Adam's former partner, Detective Isabella Cherabino.

Science fiction PBK \$17.95

JANE YELLOWROCK 06: BLOOD TRADE

HUNTER, Faith

When she is hired by the Master of Natchez, Mississippi, to stop rogue vampires from terrorizing his city, skinwalker Jane Yellowrock soon discovers that there is something different about these vamps as her simple job turns into a fight to stay alive. The first in this great series is *Skinwalker* (\$17.95).

Urban fantasy PBK \$17.95

RIVER OF STARS

KAY, Guy Gavriel

"The second chapter in the history of the ancient China-inspired empire of Kitai is exquisitely rendered alternate historical fantasy. Several hundred years after the events of *Under Heaven* (\$24.99), teen Ren Daiyan demonstrates legend-level archery prowess and becomes a marsh outlaw. Years later, when a cloistered emperor's hobby begins destroying lives, Daiyan tries to redeem his honor by joining the imperial army to halt the empire's decline. In a world ruled by gentleman scholars, female artist Lin Shan is lauded for her unique talent in the masculine arts of poetry and calligraphy. Shan's courtly skills will prove vital to Daiyan as he navigates around scheming ministers, supernatural fox-women, and horsemen who drink from the skulls of their enemies. Students of Chinese literature will delight in allusions to Song Dynasty poetry and Chinese classics, and even casual readers will savor a flawed, complex culture, meticulously researched and recreated in powerful prose." – *Publisher's Weekly*

Fantasy TP \$27.99

CHRONICLES OF NICK 04: INFERNO

KENYON, Sherrilyn

Also, *Time Untime* is now in paperback (\$19.99).

Paranormal romance TP \$24.99

BLOOD ORANGES

KIERNAN, Caitlin R.

"A gory whirl through numerous graveyards and the seamier parts of contemporary Providence, R.I., introduces readers to narrator Siobhan Quinn. Though Quinn is quick to denounce "Young Plucky Vampire Hunters" and "those trashy ParaRom paperbacks," readers could be forgiven for putting her in the same category at first: she hunts "nasties," supernatural creatures like ghouls, vampires, and werewolves. Then a werewolf and a vampire both bite her in the same night and she becomes a "nasty" herself, forcing her to adapt, improvise, and reconsider her allies as she searches for answers and vengeance. Quinn is queer, foul-mouthed, a formerly homeless ex-junkie, and a well-read high school dropout, and her idiosyncratic and thoroughly compelling voice will hook urban fantasy readers right away" – *Publisher's Weekly*

Urban fantasy TP \$19.99

BLACK LONDON 06: DARK DAYS

KITTREDGE, Caitlin

Urban fantasy PBK \$17.95

WITHOUT A SUMMER

KOWAL, Mary Robinette

In Kowal's charming third Austen-influenced magical Regency novel (after *Shades of Milk and Honey* and *Glamour in Glass*, \$27.95 each), spouses Lady Jane and Sir David Vincent, who create magical artwork called "glamour," accept a commission in London that leads to political turmoil and romantic complications.

Fantasy HC \$39.95

SHADOW GRAIL 03: SACRIFICES

LACKEY, Mercedes & EDGHILL, Rosemary

The students of Oakhurst Academy believe they have triumphed over the Shadow Knights. But Spirit, Burke, Muirin, Loch, and Addie know better. Under the guise of a company called Breakthrough Adventure Systems, the Shadow Knights have actually taken over the campus. The new regime is brutal, designed to turn the students into soldiers wielding both weapons and magic. Anyone who protests disappears. Desperate, the group decides that Muirin should go undercover to spy on Breakthrough.

YA fantasy PBK \$22.95

TRIO OF SORCERY

LACKEY, Mercedes

Features the first new Diana Tregarde story in 20 years, the first Jennie Taldeer story in more than 15 years, and introduces Ellen McBride: computer programmer extraordinaire and techno-shaman.

Fantasy TP \$27.95

WORLD DIVIDED

LACKEY, Mercedes et al.

After an Earth-scarring apocalyptic battle, humanity's meta-heroes must take the fight to the enemy. Their task: hunt down the secret puppetmasters behind the Nazi robot invasion, the Thule Society, and cut off the multi-universe plague they have unleashed

Science fiction PBK \$17.95

SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT: TANITH LOW

LANDY, Derek

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

EMPIRE OF BONES 02: VALLEY OF SHIELDS

LAY, Duncan

Fantasy TP \$29.99

BRENDA AND EFFIE FOREVER!

MAGRS, Paul

The latest in the quirky series featuring two pensioners battling supernatural menace in an English village – one of them happens to be the bride of Frankenstein. The first in the series is *Never the Bride* (\$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

THE CURVE OF THE EARTH

MORDEN, Simon

Post-apocalyptic London, full of street gangs and homeless refugees. A dangerous city needs an equally dangerous saviour. Step forward Samuil Petrovitch, a genius with extensive cybernetic replacements, a built-in AI with god-like capabilities and a full armoury of Russian swear words. He's dragged the city back from the brink more than once - and made a few enemies on the way. So when his adopted daughter goes missing in Alaska, he has some clue who's responsible and why. It never occurs to him that guessing wrong could tip the delicate balance of nuclear-armed nations. This time it's not just a city that needs saving: it's the whole world.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

STEPPING STONE/LOVE MACHINE

MOSLEY, Walter

Science fiction HC \$39.95

CRUCIBLE OF GOLD

NOVIK, Naomi

Laurence and Temeraire head to South America to negotiate with the Incas, who are also being wooed by the French. If they fail, Napoleon may conquer yet another continent in his campaign for world domination. But when disaster strikes, more than just the war may be at stake.

Fantasy PBK \$17.95

DEAD SPOTS

OLSON, Melissa

When LA's vampires, witches, and werewolves make a mess, they call Scarlett Bernard to clean it up. Her ability as a null erases all magical traces from anything, or anyone, that comes within ten feet of her, and keeps humans in the dark about the city's paranormal activity. One night when she's called to a grisly crime scene, Scarlett is spied by the all-too-human LAPD cop Jesse Cruz, who strikes up a deal with her: he'll keep quiet about the supernatural underworld if she helps him crack the case. She agrees, but the city's chief vampire, Dash,

starts to suspect Scarlett is behind the murders and will reveal all she knows of his shadowy empire.

Urban fantasy TP \$27.95

THE SCIENCE OF DISCWORLD IV:

JUDGEMENT DAY

PRATCHETT, Terry & STEWART, Ian & COHEN, Jack

Pratchett HC \$49.95

THE EXTRORDINAIRES 2

PRYOR, Michael

YA fantasy PBK \$18.95

THE DEMONOLOGIST

PYPHER, Andrew

A Columbia professor must use his knowledge of demonic mythology to rescue his daughter from the Underworld.

Thriller/horror TP \$29.99

THE DEMI-MONDE: SPRING

REES, Rod

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

NAMELESS

ST. CROW, Lili

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

A STRANGER IN OLONDRIA

SAMATAR, Sofia

"Samatar's richly woven debut fantasy takes us far from home. Growing up in the primitive isolation of the Tea Islands, Jevick has longed to travel to the spice markets in Bain, where the family's pepper harvest is sold. He impatiently devours descriptions and stories when his imperious father returns every season, and the arrival of an Olondrian tutor only adds to the allure of the unknown land. When Jevick finally begins his own voyage, he discovers he is traveling down a perilous path of mystery, passion, and danger that no counsel could have foreseen. A chance meeting of a young woman traveling on a pilgrimage will change the course of Jevick's life forever... Samatar's sensual descriptions create a rich, strange landscape, allowing a lavish adventure to unfold that is haunting and unforgettable." - *Library Journal*

Fantasy HC \$37.95

TRIGGERS

SAWYER, Robert J.

On the eve of a secret military operation, an assassin's bullet strikes President Seth Jerrison. He is rushed to the hospital, where surgeons struggle to save his life. At the same hospital, researcher Dr. Ranjip Singh is experimenting with a device that can erase traumatic memories. Then a terrorist bomb detonates. In the operating room, the president suffers cardiac arrest. He has a near-death experience-but the memories that flash through Jerrison's mind are not "his" memories. It quickly becomes clear that the electromagnetic pulse generated by the bomb amplified and scrambled Dr. Singh's equipment, allowing a random group of people to access one another's minds.

Science fiction PBK \$17.95

HALF LIGHT CITY 03: IRON KIN

SCOTT, M.J.

Imagine a city divided: Fae and human mages on one side, vampire Blood Lords and shape-shifting Beast Kind on the other. Between these supernatural forces stands a peace treaty that threatens to shatter at the slightest provocation...."I was raised to do the right thing. But to my family that means staying safe behind the walls of human society. To be a respectable metalmage and never put myself at risk. But the treaty is faltering. And if it fails, nothing is safe. To help save the city and everyone I care about, I will use whatever means I can to ensure the negotiations to renew the treaty are successful - even if that means forging an alliance with a man who is the very opposite of the right thing..." "M. J. Scott's *Shadow Kin* (Half Light City 01) is a steampunky romantic fantasy with vampires that doesn't miss its mark." - *Patricia Briggs*

Fantasy PBK \$17.95

THE GRIM COMPANY

SCULL, Luke

This is a world dying. A world where wild magic leaks from the corpses of rotting gods, desperate tyrants battle over fading resources, impassive shapeshifters marshal beasts of enormous size and startling intelligence, and ravenous demons infest the northern mountains. A world where the only difference between a hero and a killer lies in the ability to justify dark deeds. But even in this world, pockets of resistance remain. When two aging warriors save the life of a young rebel, it proves the foundation for an unlikely fellowship. A fellowship united against tyranny, yet composed of self-righteous outlaws, crippled turncoats and amoral mercenaries.

Fantasy TP \$24.99

THE FIRST CASUALTY

SHEPHERD, Mike

Four soldiers on opposing sides of battle are about to discover the true nature of a terrible war - the quest for profit -from the high command of both sides. A reissue, originally published under Shepherd's real name, Mike Moscoe.

Science fiction PBK \$17.95

BANNER OF THE DAMNED

SMITH, Sherwood

Emras, a scribe assigned to the intelligent and beautiful Princess Lasva of Colend, is on trial. But why? Emras had accompanied Lasva to the barbaric, martial land of Marloven Hesea years before so Lasva could join her betrothed, a Marloven prince. But before Emras left Colend, she was charged with a secret mission from her queen: to monitor her new home for signs of the insidious and dangerous influence of Norsunder—a magical land once thought to be legend, but now known to exist. This is set in the Inda universe.

Fantasy PBK \$17.95

THE BLOODLINE FEUD

STROSS, Charles

The Family Trade and *The Hidden Family* - The first two instalments of the Merchant Princes series combined in one volume. Miriam Beckstein is a successful reporter for a hi-tech magazine. So when she discovers a huge money-laundering scam, she thinks she's hit the big time. But when she takes it to her editor, not only is she fired, but she starts to receive death threats. And that's just the beginning. To distract her furious daughter, Miriam's adoptive mother unearths mementos from her birth mother. But what Miriam thinks is a simple locket has the power to fling her into an alternate timeline. In this less-developed world, knights on horseback wield automatic weapons, and world-skipping assassins lurk – all on the other side of our reality. Here, her true family runs a criminal empire – and they want her back. But Miriam has other plans. This is an awesome series – narco/spy thriller meets sword and sorcery meets Dr Strangelove; Stross has extensively revised the six books for publication in three omnibuses, with more in the series to come next year. Recommended.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

THE RAPTURE OF THE NERDS

STROSS, Charles & DOCTOROW, Cory

Huw, a human throwback in a mostly post-human world, wakes up hungover in a friend's bathtub with a new roaming biohazard tattoo. Familiar with such complications on a now-toxic planet, Huw signs up for what should be a routine tech juror assignment, only to find himself chosen as the human host of an alien ambassador. This is a mind bending science fiction caper which is great fun.

Science fiction PBK \$24.99

DARK MAGIC

SWAIN, James

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