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**April 2016**.

**April 2016** 

SAGA OF SHADOWS 02: BLOOD OF THE COSMOS ANDERSON, Kevin J

Sequel to The Dark Between the Stars (PBK, \$19.99), which kicked off a brand new sequence in Anderson's Seven Suns universe **PBK** 

AGE OF LEGENDS 03: FOREST OF RUIN

ARMSTRONG, Kelly YA fantasy PBK

#### AGE OF DARKNESS TRILOGY 02: BLOODMAGE ARYAN, Stephen

The people of Perizzi have survived the battlemage war, but their future is looking darker than ever... Byrne is a member of the Watch, investigating a series of murders, in which the corpse was drained entirely of life. Fray's expertise with magic is needed to catch the killer, but working with the Watch destroyed his father, years before. Choss is a champion fighter, trying to diffuse a war in the underworld that threatens to turn the streets red with rivers of blood. Katja is a spy from a foreign land, attempting to prevent a massacre that will topple two dynasties and destroy the fragile peace in the city for ever.

Bloodmage (\$19.99) has got great customer feedback. Fantasy **PBK** 

UNDERCITY

ASARO, Catherine Science fiction PBK

CRUEL CROWN: TWO RED QUEEN NOVELLAS

AVEYARD, Victoria **YA** fantasy PBK

#### BELT THREE

AYLIFF, John

Captain Gabriel Reinhardt's latest mining mission has been brought to a halt by the arrival of a Worldbreaker, one of the vast alien machines that destroyed Earth and its solar system long ago. As he and his crew flee they are kidnapped by a pirate to be mind-wiped and sold into slavery, a fate worse than death in this shattered universe. But Captain Reinhardt is hiding a secret. The real Gabriel Reinhardt died six years ago, and in his place is Jonas one of the millions of clones produced for menial labour by the last descendants of Earth. Forced to aid the pirate Keldra's obsessive campaign against the Worldbreakers, in exchange for his life, Jonas discovers that humanity's last hope might just be found in the very machines that have destroyed it.

#### Science fiction

#### THE EXPLORER'S GUILD

BAIRD, Jon & COSTNER, Kevin

'The golden age of adventure stories returns with this splendidly designed, action-packed, globe-trotting tale that combines the bravura storytelling of Kipling, with the irresistible style of The Adventures of Tintin. Behind the staid public rooms of an old world gentlemen's club operates a more mysterious organisation: The Explorers Guild, a clandestine group of adventurers who bravely journey to those places in which light gives way to shadow and reason is usurped by myth. The secrets they seek are hidden in mountain ranges and lost in deserts, buried in the ocean floor and lodged deep in polar ice. The aim of The Explorers Guild: to discover the mysteries that lie beyond the boundaries of the known world. Set against the backdrop of World War I, with Western Civilisation on the edge of calamity, the first instalment in The Explorers Guild series, A Passage to Shambhala, concerns the Guild's quest to find the golden city of Buddhist myth. The search will take them from the Polar North to the Mongolian deserts, through the underground canals of Asia to deep inside the Himalayas, before the fabled city finally divulges its secrets and the globe-spanning journey plays out to its startling conclusion.' publisher's blurb. This is a gorgeous looking book, comprised of a mixture of text and graphic novel on sepia-toned pages. Pulp fiction

#### IN THE SKIN OF A MONSTER

BARKER, Kathryn

Three years ago, Alice's identical twin sister took a gun to school and killed seven innocent kids; now Alice wears the same face as a monster. She's struggling with her identity, and with life in the small Australian town where everyone was touched by the tragedy. Just as Alice thinks things can't get much worse, she encounters her sister on a deserted highway. But all is not what it seems, and Alice soon discovers that she has stepped into a different reality, a dream world, where she's trapped with the nightmares of everyone in the community. Recommended.

#### YA fantasy

#### COMPLETE SHORT FICTION OF GREG BEAR 01: JUST OVER THE HORIZON

BEAR, Greg

There are two other volumes of the Complete Short Fiction of Greg Bear being released concurrently: Far Thoughts and Pale Gods and Beyond the Farthest Suns (TP, \$31.95 each).

#### Collection

**SPECIAL** BLAIN, Georgia

Fern Marlow is alone, data-wiped and in hiding. Her mobie says she's Delia Greene, a ReCorp refuse sorter. Every day she queues to work, to earn just enough to stay alive. Every night she dreams of the past and the life she's meant to be living, back at Halston, an exclusive school for those wealthy enough – or lucky enough – to be genetically designed.

YA science fiction

BOATMAN, Michael

Lucifer has retired, and Hell is almost empty. The new ruler, through a campaign of black magic, deception and cutting-edge media strategies, conceives a plot to use humanity's greatest, and most terrifying weapon against them: Reality Television. Millions of souls of the living are stolen and sent to direct to Hell, and the race is on to find their champion, in the (literally) hottest show around: Who wants to be the Prince of Darkness?

Urban fantasy/humour

#### NATURAL HISTORY OF DRAGONS 04: VOYAGE OF THE BASILISK

BRENNAN, Marie

Even those who take no interest in the field of dragon naturalism have heard of the glamourous Lady Trent's expedition to the inhospitable deserts of Akhia. Her discoveries there are the stuff of romantic legend, catapulting her from scholarly obscurity to worldwide fame. The details of her personal life during that time are hardly less private, having provided fodder for gossips in several countries. As is so often the case in the career of this illustrious woman, the public story is far from complete. In this, the fourth volume of her memoirs, Lady Trent relates how she acquired her position with the Royal Scirling Army; how foreign saboteurs imperilled both her work and her wellbeing; and how her determined pursuit of knowledge took her into the deepest reaches of the Labyrinth of Drakes, where the chance action of a dragon sets the stage for her greatest achievement, yet. Lady Trent's earlier memoirs are: A Natural History of Dragons, The Tropic of Serpents, and Voyage of the Basilisk (TP, \$31.95 each).

#### **Fantasy**

#### THE IMMORTALS

BRODSKY, Jordanna Max

Selene finds the body of a young woman on the banks of the Hudson River, mutilated and wearing a wreath of laurel. She feels a rage not felt in a lifetime, and an obligation: the promise that she made long ago. To protect those who are innocent - who cannot protect themselves. With the NYPD out of their depth, Selene must hunt the killer on her own. But when classics professor Theo Schultz offers his expertise to solve the case, the solitary huntress finds herself working with a man, who's her opposite in every way.

#### Supernatural thriller

ICARUS CORPS 02: TITAN'S FALL BROWN, Zachary

The rapacious Confederation has taken their war to our solar system. Now that the human and PAC forces won a decisive battle on the moon, they need to try to head off the coming armada before their overpowering strength is amassed and the Icarus Corps is, once again, on the front line. Continues Devin's adventures from The Darkside Wars (PBK, \$19.99).

Science fiction

#### MIDNIGHT BITES

CAINE, Rachel A collection of Morganville Vampires short fiction.

**Urban fantasy** 

#### **FELLSIDE**

CAREY, MR

Fellside is a maximum security prison, on the edge of the Yorkshire moors. It's not the kind of place you'd want to end up. But it's where Jess Moulson could be spending the rest of her life. It's a place where even the walls whisper. And one voice belongs to a little boy with a message for Jess. Recommended

Horror/thriller

#### FOREIGNER 17: VISITOR

CHERRYH, C J

The previous in the series, Tracker, is now in paperback (\$19.95). Science fiction

#### SHADOW OPS 05: JAVELIN RAIN

COLE, Myke

Military fantasy

#### NAZI MOONBASE

DAVIS, Graeme & TAN, Darren (illustrator)

For the first time, the history of the Nazi space program has been revealed – with a focus on the design, construction, and layout of the moonbase. Using detailed maps, the entire moonbase is reconstructed, noting the locations of various important features. such as weapon emplacements, the Vril generator, the air recyclers and water extractors. The book also covers the various attempt by the allies to overcome this last Nazi stronghold through both subterfuge and outright battle.

#### Alternate history

#### GREATCOATS 03: SAINT'S BLOOD

DE CASTELL, Sebastien

Book two of the Greatcoats series: Knight's Shadow, is now available in paperback format (\$19.99).

Fantasy

#### KHARKANAS TRILOGY 02: FALL OF LIGHT

It's a conflicted time in Kurald Galain, the realm of Darkness, where Mother Dark reigns. But this ancient land was once home to many a power... and even death is not quite eternal. The commoners' great hero, Vatha Urusander, is being promoted by his followers to take Mother Dark's hand in marriage, but her Consort, Lord Draconus, stands in the way of such ambitions. The impending clash

WHO WANTS TO BE THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS? sends fissures throughout the realm. As rumours of civil war burn through the masses, an ancient power emerges from the long dead seas. Caught in the middle of it all are the First Sons of Darkness, Anomander, Andarist, and Silchas Ruin of the Purake Hold. HC

#### CITY 02: THE IMMORTAL THRONE

GEMMELL, Stella

As the The City struggles to return to something resembling normal life after the devastation brought on by the rebellion, word arises of a massive army gathering to the north. No one knows where it has come from or who leads it, but it soon becomes apparent that its sole purpose is to destroy The City and annihilate all - man, woman and child - who live within its battered walls.

**Fantasy** \$32.99

#### TIN MEN

GOLDEN, Christopher

In the near future, the US has deployed the Remote Infantry Corps: thousands of robots remote-piloted by soldiers whose bodies lie hidden in underground bases. But the worst occurs when anarchists set off a global pulse that shorts out electrical connections. In Damascus, Private Danny Kelso, Corporal Kate Wade, and their platoon realise they are trapped inside the Tin Men - something the government never warned them could happen... As chaos descends, and with anarchist Bot Killers on their trail, the Tin Men must survive a gauntlet of violence on the road from Damascus to the heart of Europe, half of them determined to stay true to their mission and save their president, half of them hell-bent to save themselves. Recommended.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

#### THE REGIONAL OFFICE IS UNDER ATTACK! GONZALES, Manuel

In a world beset by amassing forces of darkness, one organisation - the Regional Office - and its coterie of super-powered female assassins protects the globe from annihilation. At its helm, the mysterious Oyemi and her oracles seek out new recruits and root out evil plots. Then a prophecy suggests that someone from inside might bring about its downfall. And now, the Regional Office is under attack. Recruited by a defector, from within, Rose is a young assassin leading the attack, eager to stretch into her powers and prove herself on her first mission. Defending the Regional Office is Sarah - who may or may not have a mechanical arm - fiercely devoted to the organisation that took her in as a young woman, in

the wake of her mother's sudden disappearance. Science fiction

#### TRANSGALACTIC

When Riley and Asha finally reached the planet Terminal and found the Transcendental Machine, a matter transmission device built by an ancient race, they chose to be 'translated'. Now in possession of intellectual and physical powers that set them above human limitations, the machine has transported them to two, separate, unknown planets among a possibility of billions. Riley and Asha know that together they can change the galaxy, so they attempt to do the impossible – find each other.

\$39.99 Science fiction

#### STREET MAGICKS

GURAN, Paula (editor)

Includes stories from Elizabeth Bear, Jim Butcher, Neil Gaiman, Simon Green, Scott Lynch, and Catherynne Valente. Urban fantasy anthology TP \$29.95

FAITHFUL AND THE FALLEN 03: RUIN GWYNNE. John

\$19.99

TIME KEEPER TRILOGY 03: AWOL

HARDING, Traci PBK **Fantasy** 

\$22.99 MISSY MASTERS 02: THE CONCLAVE OF SHADOW

HELMS, Alyc

#### ANCIENT PEACE

HUFF, Tanya

The first book of a new military SF spin-off of the Confederation series. This is the UK B-format paperback, the US mass market edition will be out towards the end of the year.

Science fiction

#### FAR-CALLED TRILOGY 02:

FOUL TIDE'S TURNING HUNT, Stephen

The sequel to In Dark Service (PBK, \$19.99) Fantasy

PBK \$19.99

JANE YELLOWROCK 10: SHADOW RITES

#### HUNTER, Faith \$19.95

PBK Urban fantasy

#### ALEX VERUS 07: BURNED

JACKA, Benedict

The Mage's Council of Great Britain just named Alex a traitor and ordered his death, in seven days' time, and there's no way anyone can get out of that. Recommended!

Urban fantasy

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= 'B' & 'C' format (oversize) paperback

(over 500 grams up to 3 kilos), \$13.40.

HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

# Pulp Fiction

### Science Fiction & Fantasy April 2016 (continued)

JENNINGS, Holly

Every week, Kali Ling fights to the death, on national TV. She's died hundreds of times. And it never gets easier...

THEOPHILUS GREY AND THE TRAITOR'S MASK

The companion novel to Theophilus Grey and the Demon Thief (HC, \$19.99) is a fast-paced adventure, as twelve-year-old linkboy Philo graduates from petty fraud and street crime to high-level political espionage in eighteenth-century London.

#### **BLACK WINGS OF CTHULHU 04**

JOSHI, S T (Editor)

Cthulhiana

#### THE ORCHID NURSERY

KATZ, Louise

The Fifteens of Stone House have reached Attainment: the day 'girlies' may Beseech for the privilege of being Perfected and serving as woman-idols in the Orchid Nursery. Among the Stone House girlies are Mica, a pious believer, and Pearl, vivacious and dangerously irreverent. When Pearl goes missing, Mica hopes fervently that her friend has been chosen for Perfection. But Mica finds stronger indications that Pearl has absconded, including a map that shows a path out of Perfect State towards the boundary where Civilisation meets Unrule. Mica feels bound by love and duty to seek Pearl – to save her from punishment if she is caught by the Ecumen or, worse, if she has left Civilisation. But first Mica must bring herself to violate the secret, sacred space that is the Orchid Nursery Winner of the 2016 Norma K Hemming award for excellence in exploration of themes of diversity in speculative fiction.

**CHRONICLES OF NICK 07: INVISION** 

KENYON, Sherrilyn

YA fantasy

#### HELLHOUND CHRONICLES 02: GRIM TIDINGS

After winning her freedom from a reaper and facing off against a fearsome demon boss, Ava is now a masterless hellhound. Her friend, Leo, has found a new life after death: He's returned as the Grim Reaper - the first in centuries. As both try to adjust to their new circumstances, Ava's dark past comes back to wreak havoc on her... and the entire world... The sequel to Black Dog (\$19.99).

#### FRONTLINE 04: CHAINS OF COMMAND

KLOOS, Marko Science fiction

#### **GLAMOURIST HISTORIES 05: OF NOBLE FAMILY**

KOWAL, Mary Robinette Historical fantasy PBK \$24.99

#### HERALD SPY 02: CLOSER TO THE HEART

LACKEY, Mercedes

This is the UK B-format paperback, the US mass market edition will be out towards the end of the year. **Fantasy** \$19.99

MAGE STORMS

LACKEY, Mercedes

An omnibus of Storm Warning, Storm Rising, and Storm Breaking.

SERRATED EDGE: SILENCE

LACKEY, Mercedes & MARTIN, Cody

#### ROBOTEER TRILOGY 01: ROBOTEER

The starship Ariel is on a mission of the utmost secrecy, upon which the fate of thousands of lives depend. Though the ship is a mile long, its six crew are crammed into a space barely large enough for them to stand. Five are officers, geniuses in their field. The other is Will Kuno-Monet, the man responsible for single-handedly running a ship comprised of the most dangerous and delicate technology that mankind has ever devised. He is the Roboteer. A fast-paced, gritty, space opera, perfect for fans of Peter F Hamilton

#### **DEMON ROAD 02: DESOLATION**

LANDY, Derek

Reeling from their bloody encounter in New York City, Amber and Milo flee north. On their trail are the Hounds of Hell – five demonic bikers who will stop at nothing to drag their quarries back to their unholy master.

YA supernatural thriller

#### RED QUEEN'S WAR 02: THE LIAR'S KEY

LAWRENCE, Mark

**Fantasy** 

#### HOLLOW GODS 02: THE HUNTER'S KIND

Born in tragedy and raised in poverty, Krishanjit never aspired to be anything greater than what he was: a humble goatherd, tending his flock on the slopes of his isolated mountain home. But Krish has learned that he's the son of the king of Ashanesland – and the moon god reborn. Now, with the aid of his allies, Krish is determined to fight his murderous father and seize control of Ashanesland, But Dae Hyo, Eric and Olufemi, are dangerously unreliable and hiding secrets of their own. The sequel to Smiler's Fair (\$19.99), which is

#### THE THREE-BODY PROBLEM

LIU, Cixin & LIU, Ken (translator)

'The title itself refers to the complications of calculating gravity's effects on multiple planetary objects, but in this case, the bodies are actually the Communist ideology of controlling humanity's corruption, the individual's will to kill for autonomy, and an approaching alien race seeking to make earth into a new home  $40\,$ years after the People's Republic begins broadcasting signals to deep

space at the height of the Cultural Revolution. The narrative will grab readers' attention with its passionate and fascinating critique of early Communist China, augmented by translator Liu's lean but informative footnotes for the likely uninformed English readers. But the high-minded premise is really just a vessel for a collection of surreal and hauntingly beautiful scenes that will hook you deep and drag you relentlessly across every page. This is a must read in any language.' - Booklist. A refreshingly brilliant novel - highly recommended. Winner of the 2015 Hugo Award for Best Novel! The next in the trilogy, The Dark Forest (TP, \$29.99), is just as good. Science fiction

#### THE DANDELION DYNASTY 01: THE GRACE OF KINGS

A wily, charismatic bandit, and the vengeance-sworn son of a deposed duke cross paths as they each lead their own rebellion against the Emperor's brutal regime. Their unlikely friendship will drastically change the balance of power in Dara... but at what price? Emperor Mapidere was the first to unite the island kingdoms of Dara under a single banner. But now Mapidere is on his deathbed, his people are exhausted by his vast, conscriptive engineering projects and his counsellors conspire only for their own gain.

#### THE PAPER MENAGERIE

The first collection of Ken Liu's multi-award-winning science fiction and fantasy tales. The eponymous story is the only one ever to win the Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy awards.

#### DRAGON FALL 03: DRAGON SOUL

MACALISTER, Katie

Paranormal romance

#### EVERY HEART A DOORWAY

MCGUIRE, Seanan

Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children: No Solicitations. No Visitors. No Ouests. Children have always disappeared under the right conditions; slipping through the shadows under a bed or at the back of a wardrobe, tumbling down rabbit holes and into old wells, and emerging somewhere... else. But magical lands have little need for used-up miracle children. Nancy tumbled once. but now she's back. The things she's experienced... they change a person. The children under Miss West's care understand all too well. And each of them is seeking a way back to their own fantasy world. But Nancy's arrival marks a change at the Home. There's a darkness just around each corner, and when tragedy strikes, it's up to Nancy and her newfound schoolmates to get to the heart of things. No matter the cost.

Fantasy novella

#### ASCENDANT KINGDOMS SAGA 04:

SHADOW AND FLAME

MARTIN, Gail Z

This series begins with Ice Forged (PBK, \$19.99).

#### **GLITTERING COURT 01:**

#### THE GLITTERING COURT

MEAD, Richelle

Both a school and a business venture, the Glittering Court is designed to transform impoverished girls into upper-class ladies, capable of arranging powerful and wealthy marriages in the New World. Adelaide naturally excels in her training and even makes a few friends: the fiery, former laundress Tamsin and the beautiful, Sirminican refugee Mira. She manages to keep her true identity hidden from all but one: the intriguing Cedric Thorn, son of the wealthy proprietor of the Glittering Court. When Adelaide discovers that Cedric is hiding a dangerous secret of his own, together, they hatch a scheme to make the best of Adelaide's deception.

SEVEN FORGES 04: THE SILENT ARMY MOORE, James A

DEVIL'S ISLE 01: THE VEIL NEILL, Chloe

**Urban fantasy** 

#### THE BOOK OF PHOENIX

OKORAFOR, Nnedi

They call her many thin a research project, a test subject, a specimen. An abomination. But she calls herself Phoenix, an accelerated woman' - a genetic experiment grown and raised in Manhattan's famous Tower 7, the only home she has ever known. Although she's only two years old, Phoenix has the body and mind of an adult – and powers beyond imagining. Phoenix is an innocent, happy to live quietly in Tower 7, reading voraciously and basking in the love of Saeed, another biologically altered human. Until the night that Saeed witnesses something, so terrible that he takes his own life. Devastated, Phoenix begins to search for answers – only to discover that everything that she has ever known is a lie.

#### **VAULT OF HEAVEN 02: TRIAL OF INTENTIONS** ORULLIAN, Peter

Fantasy

#### EMPTY THRONE 02: THOSE BELOW

POLANSKY, Daniel

Bas Alyates, grizzled general of a thousand battles, has assembled a vast army with which to contend with the might of Those Above. Eudokia, Machiavellian matriarch and the power behind the Empty Throne, travels to the Roost, nominally to play peacemaker – but, in fact, to inspire the human population toward revolt. Deep in the dark byways of the mountain's lower tiers, the urchin Pyre leads a band of fanatical revolutionaries in acts of terrorism against their inhuman oppressors. Against them, Calla, handmaiden of the Eternals' king, fights desperately to stave off the rising tide of violence which threatens to destroy her beloved city. Concludes the duology which began with Those Above (\$22.99).

DEMIGODS AND MAGICIANS

RIORDAN, Rick **YA** fantasy

#### AURORA

Freya and her parents live aboard a starship that has travelled for generations and will soon reach Tau Ceti, a star about 12 light years from Earth's solar system. Freya's mother, Devi, is the de facto chief engineer, struggling to keep the ship's environment balanced until they reach a new world and, they hope, survive on it. But ecologies are delicate, resources are limited, and the laws of physics are immutable. Over the course of Freya's life, her community faces genuinely surprising struggles for survival, leading Freya to wonder whether it is too late to reconsider a question initially decided millions of miles away and centuries ago: should this ship have been launched in the first place? Recommended.

#### **GLORIOUS ANGELS**

ROBSON, Justina

On a world where science and magic are hard to tell apart, a stranger arrives in a remote town with news of political turmoil to come. And a young woman learns that she must free herself from the role

she has accepted. Science fiction

#### RAVEN'S SHADOW 03: QUEEN OF FIRE

RYAN, Anthony

The conclusion to the trilogy which began with Blood Song (\$19.99). Recommended to those who enjoy Joe Abercrombie. Mark Lawrence, and Brian McClellan.

HOMECOMING 02: MAESTRO

SALVATORE, R A Fantasy

#### THE MADAGASKAR PLAN

1953. Britain and her Empire are diminished. Nazi Germany controls Europe and a vast African territory. There has been no Holocaust. Instead, the Jews have been exiled to Madagaskar, a tropical ghetto ruled by the SS. Returning home after a disastrous mission to Africa, ex-mercenary Burton Cole finds his lover has disappeared. Desperate to discover her, he is drawn into a conspiracy that will lead him back to the Dark Continent. Meanwhile, Walter Hochburg, Nazi Governor of Kongo, has turned his attention to Madagaskar. Among the prisoners are scientists who could develop him a weapon of unimaginable power. The sequel to

The Afrika Reich (\$19.99). Alternate history thriller

#### **SNAKEWOOD**

SELBY, Adrian

Once they were a band of mercenaries, who shook the pillars of the world through their cunning, their closely-guarded alchemical brews and stone cold steel. Whoever met their price won. Now, their glory days behind them and their genius leader in hiding, the warriors known as 'the Twenty' are being hunted down and eliminated, one by one. A lifetime of enemies has its own price.

#### THE BITTERWOOD BIBLE AND OTHER RECOUNTINGS

SLATTER, Angela

Brisbane author Angela Slatter's World Fantasy Award Winning Collection is now in paperback. Stories where coffin-makers work hard to keep the dead beneath; where a plague maiden steals away the children of an ungrateful village; where poison girls are schooled in the art of assassination; where pirates disappear from the seas; where families and the ties that bind them can both ruin and resurrect and where books carry forth fairy tales, forbidden knowledge and dangerous secrets. Illustrated by Brisbane artist

Kathleen Jennings.

#### NORSTRILIA

SMITH, Cordwainer

Rod McBan 151st farms 'stroon', the immortality drug, and is the last scion of one of the oldest and most honourable families on Norstrilia, only source of stroon. But he's also a telepathic cripple and faces the ever-present risk of being culled under the government's draconian population laws. To protect himself, he an unimaginable fortune. But after he survives an assassination attempt, McBan discovers that having enough money to literally buy the Earth is no good, if you're too dead to spend it...

PBK SF Masterwork

#### **VETERAN 02:** A QUANTUM MYTHOLOGY SMITH, Gavin G

In the far future, many years after the loss of earth, humanity has changed. Strength is the only way to survive. And the most vicious man alive has a new con in mind. The sequel to The Age of Scorpio

(\$19.99). Science fiction

#### THE DEMONISTS

SNIEGOSKI, Thomas E

There is more to our world than meets the eye – darker things, crueller things. Exorcist John Fogg and his wife, psychic medium Theodora Knight, know what lurks in the shadows. But even they're not prepared for the worst Hell has to offer... It was supposed to be a simple exorcism, a publicity stunt to firmly establish John and Theodora's thriving paranormal investigation empire in the public eye. But something went wrong, leading to an on-air massacre that unleashed a malicious host of demons and left Theodora catatonic, possessed by countless spirits.

Dark fantasy

**FREENET** STANTON, Steve

In the far future, when humans have closed distances in time and

space through wormhole tunnels between interplanetary colonies Consciousness has been digitised and cybersouls uploaded to a near-

omniscient data matrix in a world where information is currency and the truth belongs to whoever has the greatest bandwidth. When Simara Ying crash lands on the desert planet Bali, she finds herself trapped in a cave-dwelling culture with no social network for support. Her rescuer, Zen Valda, is yanked into a new universe of complications he can scarcely grasp and into an infinite network of data he never knew existed. When brash V-net anchorman Roni Hendrik starts investigating how Simara became the subject of an interplanetary manhunt, he finds a dangerous emergence in the network that threatens all human life.

Science fiction

#### CHRONICLE OF THE UNHEWN THRONE 03: THE LAST MORTAL BOND

STAVELEY, Brian

\$29.99

#### SHOOTING THE RIFT

STEWART, Alex

Cast out by his family and exiled from the Rimward Commonwealth, Simon Forrester must make a new life for himself as an apprentice to the powerful Commerce Guild. But others aboard the merchant vessel Stacked Deck have a hidden agenda that might lead directly to interstellar war. Now, with rising tensions between the Commonwealth and the neighbouring League of Democracies threatening to erupt into open war, Simon finds himself forced to choose between old and new loyalties, with the

fate of an empire at stake. First in a new series.

#### BRING DOWN HEAVEN 02: THE MORTAL TALLY

SYKES, Sam Lenk and his fellow adventurers must find their way through the silk-trading city of C'Jer Daal as demons and gods stalk the streets in a battle for dominion even as the thieves' guilds go to war, for their own petty ends. The first in the series is The City Stained Red

(\$22.99).**Fantasy** 

#### AN EMBER IN THE ASHES

TAHIR, Sabaa For years, Laia has lived in fear; fear of the Empire, fear of the Martials, fear of truly living at all. Born as a Scholar, she's never had much of a choice. For Elias, it's the opposite. He has seen too much on his path to becoming a Mask, one of the Empire's elite soldiers. With the Masks' help the Empire has conquered a continent, and enslaved thousands, all in the name of power. When Laia's brother is taken she must force herself to help the Resistance, the only people who have a chance of saving him. She must spy on the Commandant, ruthless overseer of Blackcliff Academy. Blackcliff is the training ground for Masks and the very place that Elias is planning to escape. If he succeeds, he will be named deserter. If found, the punishment will be death. But once Laia and Elias meet. they will find that their destinies are intertwined and that their choices will change the fate of the Empire itself. First in a series.

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