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Abbreviations used in this catalogue:

PBK = 'A' & 'B' format (standard size) paperback TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperbackHC = Hardcover or cloth binding

BOOK OF THE FAE 01: THE EXILE

ADAMS, CT

Brianna Hai runs an occult shop that sells useless trinkets to tourists - and real ritual implements and ingredients to real witches and warlocks. Brianna is half-Fae; she and her human mother fled the Fae world, years ago - escaping court intrigues and assassination attempts. An attack, made through a secret portal, drags Brianna back to the Fae world and the battle over who will succeed her father, King Liu, on the throne of Faery..

Urban fantasy PBK

HALLOWED WAR 02: THE IRON HOUND

AKERS, Tim

While Malcolm Blakley seeks to end the war before all of Tenumbra is consumed, his son Ian searches for the huntress Gwendolyn Adair, and finds himself shadowed by the totem of his family, the Iron Hound. Gwen becomes allied with the pagans, and wrestles with the effect of having been bound to a god. The sequel to The Pagan Night (TP, \$29.95).

THE POWER

ALDERMAN, Naomi

The world is a recognisable place: there's a rich Nigerian kid who larks around the family pool; a foster girl whose religious parents hide their true nature; a local American politician; a tough London girl from a tricky family. But something vital has changed, causing their lives to converge, with devastating effects. Now, with the flick of a switch, teenage girls can cause agonising pain and even death. And, with this small twist of nature, the world changes utterly. 'The Hunger Games crossed with The Handmaid's Tale.' - Cosmopolitan.

Science fiction

BLOOD CRIME ALZAMORA, Sebastia

It is 1936, and Barcelona burns, as the Spanish Civil War takes over. The city is a bloodbath. Yet, in all this death, the murders of a Marist monk and a young boy, drained of their blood, are strange enough to catch a police inspector's attention. His quest for justice is complicated by the politics, dangers, and espionage of daily life in a war zone. Narrated by a vampire who thrives in the havoc of the war, this stunning novel, inspired by the true story of a massacre, in the early days of the Spanish Civil War, is a gothic reflection on the nature of monsters, in all their human forms

Gothic horror

ANNA

AMMANITI, Niccolo

It is some years, since a virus killed all the adults. Now, Sicily lies in ruins while the disease lies in wait, poised to claim the children - as they reach adolescence. Brave, stubborn thirteen-year-old Anna looks after her brother Astor, in the cottage where their mother's skeleton rests, lovingly decorated, in a locked bedroom. Astor starts to question Anna's version of the world, just as the blue kids are turning their attention to the cottage - and, suddenly everything will change.

TP Post-apocalyptic \$29.99

SAGA OF SHADOWS 03: ETERNITY'S MIND ANDERSON, Kevin J

Science fiction

HIDDEN LEGACY 03: WILDFIRE ANDREWS, Ilona

Follows Burn for Me (PBK, \$12.99) and White Hot (PBK, \$14.99).

Paranormal romance **PBK**

CAINSVILLE 05: RITUALS ARMSTRONG, Kelley

Now, there is a new, terrifying power rising – one that doesn't distinguish between good and evil intentions. It feeds on chaos and destroys without mercy. Unless Liv acts fast, no one will survive. The gripping finale to the highly-acclaimed Cainsville series. The previous in the series, Betrayals, is also now available in paperback (\$19.99).

Urban fantasy

THE END OF ORDINARY ASHTON, Edward

Drew Bergen is an Engineer. He builds living things, one gene at a time. He's also kind of a doofus. Six years after the Stupid War – a bloody, inconclusive clash between the Engineered and the UnAltered - that's a dangerous combination. Hannah is Drew's greatest project, modified in utero to be just a bit more than human. She's also his daughter. Drew's working on a new project, now. He thinks his team is developing a spiffy new strain of corn, but Hannah's classmate and her mysterious companion disagree. They think he's cooking up the end of the world.. SF comedy thriller PBK

HAG-SEED: THE TEMPEST RETOLD

ATWOOD, Margaret

After an act of unforeseen treachery, Felix - former Artistic Director of the Makeshiweg Theatre Festival - is living in exile in a backwoods hovel, haunted by memories of his beloved lost daughter, Miranda. And also brewing revenge. After twelve years, revenge finally arrives - in the shape of a theatre course at a nearby prison. Here, Felix and his inmate actors will put on his Tempest and snare the traitors who destroyed him...

PBK Magical realism \$22.99 THE DYING GAME

AVDIC, Asa

On the remote island of Isola, seven people have been selected to compete in a 48-hour test for a top-secret intelligence position. One of them is Anna Francis, a workaholic with a nine-year-old daughter she rarely sees, and a secret that haunts her. Her assignment is to stage her own death and then observe, from her hiding place inside the walls of the house, how the other candidates react to the news that a murderer is among them.

Dystopian thriller

WOUNDED KINGDOM 01: AGE OF ASSASSINS

BARKER, R J

Girton Club-Foot, apprentice to the land's best assassin, still has much to learn about the art of taking lives. But their latest mission tasks him and his master with a far more difficult challenge: to save a life. Someone, or many someones, is trying to kill the heir to the throne, and it is up to Girton and his master to uncover the traitor and prevent the prince's murder. For fans of Robin Hobb and Brent Weeks.

Fantasy

THE NEW VOICES OF FANTASY

BEAGLE, Peter S (editor)

In these nineteen stories, the enfants terrible of fantasy have arrived. This collection captures some of the fastest-rising talents of the last five years, including Sofia Samatar, Maria Dahvana Headley, Max Gladstone, Alyssa Wong, Usman T Malik, Brooke Bolander, E Lily Yu, Ben Loory, Ursula Vernon, and more.

Fantasy anthology

DAUGHTER OF EDEN

BECKETT, Chris

The sequel to Dark Eden and Mother of Eden (PBK, \$19.99 each). Science fiction **PBK**

THE BEST OF BOVA: VOLUME 3

BOVA, Ben

Selected stories from Bova's amazing career at the centre of science fiction and space advocacy.

Science fiction collection DARKOVER: THUNDERLORD

BRADLEY, Marion Zimmer & ROSS, Deborah J

Fantasy

MINECRAFT: THE ISLAND

BROOKS, Max

The story of a new hero stranded in the world of Minecraft, who must survive the harsh, unfamiliar environment and unravel the secrets of the island.

Minecraft

BINARY/SYSTEM

BROWN, Eric

After surviving a catastrophic starship blow out, Delia Kemp finds herself stranded on the inhospitable, ice-bound world of Valinda, populated by the Skelt, a race of hostile aliens who will stop at nothing to obtain Delia's scientific knowledge. She and her companions – a friendly chimpanzee-like alien and a giant spider-crab – make a death-defying dash across the planet's inimical equator to meet up with fellow survivors from the starship, and a final journey to the valley of Mahkanda - where salvation just might be awaiting.

Space opera \$29.95

OUR MEMORY LIKE DUST

CHAIT, Gavin

Why do we tell stories? To hold on to what has been loved and lost, to create new myths, to explain and teach in ways that seep into memory. Shakiso Collard leads the evacuation from Benghazi, as jihadis overwhelm the refugee camp where she works. On arrival in Paris, she is betrayed by her boss, Oktar Samboa, and watches in despair as those she illegally helped escape are deported back to the warzones of Libya. As the myths of these millions seeking new lives across the Mediterranean intrude into reality, Shakiso is drawn into the brutal clandestine fight against Rosneft's domination of European energy supplies being conducted by the mysterious Simon Adaro...

CASSIE PALMER 08: RIDE THE STORM CHANCE, Karen

PBK **Paranormal**

BOSTON DRAGONS 03: NEVER DARE A DRAGON CHASE, Ashlyn

Paranormal romance **PBK**

WOLF'S EMPIRE 01: GLADIATOR

CHRISTIAN, Claudia & BUCHANAN, Morgan Grant When her mother and brother are murdered, young noblewoman Accala Viridius cries out for vengeance. But the empire is being torn apart by a galactic civil war, and her demands fall on deaf ears. Undeterred, Accala sacrifices privilege and status to train as a common gladiator. Mastering the one weapon available to her - a razor-sharp discus that always returns when thrown she enters the deadly imperial games, the only arena where she can face her enemies.

Alternate history **MONSTER HUNTER 06: SIEGE** CORREIA, Larry Urban fantasy

RELIC GUILD 03: THE WATCHER OF DEAD TIME COX, Edward

The conclusion of the trilogy, following The Relic Guild (PBK,

\$19.99) and Cathedral of Known Things (PBK, \$22.99). \$22.99

RISEN KINGDOMS 01:

AN ALCHEMY OF MASQUES AND MIRRORS CRADDOCK, Curtis

Born without the sorcery that is her birthright, but with a perspicacious intellect, Isabelle believes her marriage - to a man she has barely heard of, the second son of a dying king in an empire collapsing into civil war - will stave off disastrous conflict and bring her opportunity and influence. But the last two women betrothed to this prince were murdered, and a sorcerer-assassin is bent on making Isabelle the third. Aided and defended by her loval musketeer. Jean-Claude, Isabelle plunges into a great maze of prophecy, intrigue, and betraval, where everyone wears masks of

glamour and lies. The first in a series. \$47.95 **Fantasy**

INFERNAL

DE JAGER, Mark

Stratus wakes alone, with no memory of his past. All he knows is his name and that he is not human. Possessing immense strength, powerful sorcery and an insatiable hunger, he sets out across a world blighted by dark magic. Hunted by relentless enemies, Stratus must learn who – and what – he truly is, or risk plunging the world into ruin...

Fantasy \$22.99

THE TOURIST

DICKINSON, Robert

The future has already happened... It's expected to be an excursion, like any other. There is nothing in the records to indicate that anything out of the ordinary will happen. A bus will take them to the mall. A minor traffic incident on the way back to the resort will provide additional interest - but the tour rep has no reason to expect any trouble. Until he notices that one of his party is missing...

Conspiracy thriller

QUEENS OF RENTHIA 02:

THE RELUCTANT QUEEN DURST, Sarah

Ven has a single task: to find the best possible candidate to protect the people of Aratay. He did it once, when he discovered Daleina, and he's certain he's done it again. Yet, for all his appeals to duty, Naelin is a mother, and she knows her duty is to her children first and foremost. The sequel to The Queen of Blood (PBK, \$19.95). TP **Fantasy**

RIFT TRILOGY 01: THE RIFT: UPRISING

FOSTER, Amy Seventeen-year-old Ryn Whittaker is a Citadel: an elite, enhanced soldier specially chosen to guard a Rift, a mysterious and dangerous portal to alternate Earths scientists cannot control or close. Trained from the age of fourteen, Ryn can run faster, jump farther, and fight better than a Navy SEAL - which is good when you're not sure if a laser-wielding Neanderthal, or an axe-wielding Viking, is trying to make it through the Rift and into your world. The first in a new

fast-paced, action-adventure trilogy. Science fiction

THE MANY SELVES OF KATHERINE NORTH

GEEN, Emma

Since she was twelve, Kit has been a phenomenaut, her consciousness projected into the bodies of lab-grown animals, for the purpose of research. Kit experiences a multitude of other lives - fighting and fleeing, predator and prey - always hoping, but never quite believing, that her work will help humans better understand the other species living alongside them. But after a jump as an urban fox ends in disaster, Kit begins to suspect that those she has trusted for her entire working life may be out to cause her harm.

\$19.99

THE STRANGE CASE OF THE ALCHEMIST'S DAUGHTER

GOSS. Theodora

Science fiction

A remarkable group of women, who come together to solve the mystery of a series of gruesome murders - and the bigger mystery of their own origins. Mary Jekyll, alone and penniless, following her parents' death, is curious about the secrets of her father's mysterious past. One clue in particular hints that Edward Hyde, her father's former friend and a murderer, may be nearby, and there is a reward for information leading to his capture..

Historical literary fantasy

SHERLOCK HOLMES VS CTHULHU

GRESH, Lois

A series of grisly murders rocks London. At each location, only a jumble of bones remains of the deceased, along with a bizarre sphere covered in strange symbols. The son of the latest victim seeks the help of Sherlock Holmes and his former partner, Dr John Watson. They discover the common thread tying together the murders. Bizarre geometries, based on ancient schematics, enable otherworldly creatures to enter our dimension, seeking to wreak havoc and destruction. Cthulhuiana

CHRONICLE OF THE FALLERS 02:

NIGHT WITHOUT STARS

HAMILTON Peter F The sequel to The Abyss Beyond Dreams (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction

\$22.99

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NAVIGATORS OF DUNE

HERBERT, Brian & ANDERSON, Kevin J Science fiction

STRANGELY BEAUTIFUL 02:

PERILOUS PROPHECY

HIEBER, Leanna Renee This enchanting prequel to the gaslamp fantasy, Strangely Beautiful, returns to print after more than a decade.

Gaslamp fantasy

KENCYRATH 08: THE GATES OF TAGMETH HODGELL, PC

Tagmeth hides a secret, a gateway to a mystery that may save this world from eternal darkness - or plunge it to destruction and ruin, all the sooner. Recommended!

Fantasy

EMPIRE OF SALT TRILOGY 01: DARIEN IGGULDEN, CF

Twelve Families. One Throne. Welcome to the Empire of Salt. As three strangers make their way towards the very heart of Darien, a creature from the old world appears, whose abilities may be the undoing, of them all. The first in a new series.

Adventure fantasy TP

INCORRUPTIBLES 03: INFERNAL MACHINES JACOBS, John Hornor

Livia is as determined as Fisk to be reunited. And Shoe may have a plan... An explosive conclusion to the adventures begun in The Incorruptibles (PBK, \$19.99) and Foreign Devils (PBK, \$22.99). Recommended!

DARK GIFTS 01: GILDED CAGE

human spirit. The first in a series.

JAMES, Vic In modern-day Britain, magic users control everything: wealth, politics, power - and you. If you're not one of the ultimate onepercenters - the magical elite - you owe them ten years of service. Do those years when you're old, and you'll never get through them. Do them young, and you'll never get over them. Two families have only one thing in common: Each has three children. But their destinies entwine when one family enters the service of the other. They will all discover whether any magic is more powerful, than the

Fantasy

BROKEN EARTH 03: THE STONE SKY

JEMISIN, N K The incredible conclusion to the trilogy that began with the Hugo Award-winning The Fifth Season and Hugo Award-winning The Obelisk Gate (PBK, \$22.99 each).

Dystopia

EGIL & NIX 04: A CONVERSATION IN BLOOD KEMP, Paul S

DARK-HUNTER 28: DRAGONSWORN

KENYON, Sherrilyn Paranormal romance

PERSONS NON GRATA: A SONG FOR QUIET

(NOVELLA)

KHAW, Cassandra

Deacon James is a rambling bluesman straight from Georgia, a black man with troubles that he can't escape, and music that won't let him go. On a train to Arkham, he meets trouble – visions of nightmares, gaping mouths and grasping tendrils, and a madman who calls himself John Persons. According to the stranger, Deacon is carrying a seed in his head, a thing that will destroy the world if he lets it hatch... This 105pp Tor.com novella is part of the series which begins with Hammers on Bone (PBK, \$24.99).

Dark fantasy PBK

LIADEN UNIVERSE 19: ALLIANCE OF EQUALS LEE, Sharon & MILLER, Steve

Featuring the lovely Shan yos'Galan.

MALORUM GATES 02: BLACKTHORNE

LEICHT, Stina

Watchers are formed to warn of any sightings of the demons, but little can be done if one encounters them in shadow, or at night. Meanwhile, Nels leads a precious, few hundred survivors, of Eledore, through the wilds, hoping to find solace and rebuild their civilisation while his twin sister, Suvi, seeks allies at sea. Follows Cold Iron (PBK, \$22.99).

Flintlock fantasy \$22.99

THE GENTLEMAN LEO, Forrest

When Lionel Savage, a popular poet in Victorian London, learns from his butler that they're broke, he marries the beautiful Vivien Lancaster for her money, only to find that his muse has abandoned him. Distraught and contemplating suicide. Savage accidentally conjures the Devil - the polite 'Gentleman' of the title - who

appears at one of the society parties Savage abhors. TP

GOD FRAGMENTS 02: PRINCESS OF BLOOD

Under threat of siege and horrors rising from the labyrinth, even the Mercenary Deck may have to accept that Jarrazir's prohibition laws aren't their biggest problem. Sequel to Stranger of Tempest

NOUMENON

LOSTETTER, Marina J

In 2088 humankind is, at last, ready to explore beyond Earth's solar system, and astrophysicist Reggie Straifer knows where we should go. He's discovered a distant, anomalous star that appears to defy the laws of physics, and proposes the creation of a deep-space mission to find out whether the star is a weird natural phenomenon, or something manufactured. With the stars their home, and the unknown their destination, the men and women of Convoy 7 are on a voyage of many lifetimes. As the centuries pass, their society changes and evolves; but their mission remains the same: to reach Reggie's mysterious star and explore its origins – and implications.

RAVEN'S MARK 01: BLACKWING

MCDONALD, Ed

The republic faces annihilation, despite the vigilance of Galharrow's Blackwings. When a raven tattoo rips itself from his arm to deliver a desperate message, Galharrow and a mysterious noblewoman must investigate a long dead sorcerer's legacy. But there is a conspiracy within the citadel: traitors, flesh eaters, and the ghosts of the wastelands seek to destroy them, but if they cannot solve the ancient wizard's paradox, the Deep Kings will walk the earth again, and all will be lost... A gritty epic fantasy, for fans of Mark Lawrence, Scott Lynch and Daniel Polansky.

WAYWARD CHILDREN 02:

DOWN AMONG THE STICKS AND BONES

Twin sisters Jack and Jill were seventeen, when they found their way home and were packed off to Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children. This is the story of what happened first... This 192pp Tor.com novella is a follow up to the beloved Every Heart A Doorway (HC, \$27.99).

Fantasy novella DINOSAUR LORDS 03: THE DINOSAUR PRINCESS

MILAN, Victor

While Karyl doesn't feel like a hero, he's humanity's last, best hope... Follows The Dinosaur Lords and The Dinosaur Knights (PBK, \$22.95 each).

Fantasy

URBAN ENEMIES (ANTHOLOGY)

NASSISE, Joseph (editor) Includes the top villains from authors Jim Butcher, Kevin Hearne, Kelley Armstrong, Seanan McGuire, and Jonathan Maberry. In this can't-miss anthology, you get to plot world domination, with the best of the evildoers we love to hate!

 $Urban\ fantasy\ anthology$

ANNO DRACULA: THE BLOODY RED BARON

It is 1918. Go head to head with the lethal, vampire, flying machine that is the Bloody Red Baron... In the brand-new novella Vampire Romance, Genevieve Dieudonne, newly returned to England, infiltrates a singular vampire gathering in the service of the Diogenes Club.

Alternate history

EUTOPIA 02: VOLK

NICKLE, David

The year is 1931... In a remote valley in the Bavarian Alps, the Germanic students of those eugenicists seek to uncover the secret of the Juke and the promise of the Ubermensch. Volk follows Eutopia (TP, \$31.95), carrying the story and characters from rural turn-ofthe-century America to Nazi Germany.

Alternate history

MAN OF SHADOWS

NOON, Jeff

Below the neon skies of Dayzone – a city where the lights never go out, and night has been banished - lowly private eye John Nyquist takes on a teenage runaway case. His quest to track down Eleanor Bale takes him from Dayzone, to the permanently blacked-out alleyways of Nocturna. As the vicious, seemingly invisible serial killer known only as Ouicksilver haunts the streets. Nyquist starts to suspect that the runaway girl holds within her the key to the city's fate. In the end, there's only one place left to search: the strange, mysterious realm known as Dusk.

Science fiction

TEMERAIRE: GOLDEN AGE AND OTHER STORIES (COLLECTION)

Fans missing their favourite series can now rejoice: Novik returns with an original Temeraire collection as unique as the world she has created, with each tale inspired by an accompanying piece of fan art.

Fantasy

THE DARK NET PERCY, Benjamin

The dark net is an online shadowland for criminals to operate anonymously, but when a demonic force begins to hack the minds of its users, there is nowhere left to hide. With the virus spreading throughout the net and an ancient evil threatening to break loose on the real world, it falls to a group of strangers to

stop the rising darkness. Horror

A CITY DREAMING

POLANSKY, Daniel

Imagine a city within a city, where monsters walk the street and magic fills the night. This is New York, but not as you know it. This New York is a city of magic and monsters. Where ordinary people live alongside demons and nightmares, completely unaware of them. New York is home to $M, \, a \; \text{man with a past} \ldots \, \text{and a secret}.$ Urban fantasy PBK

REINCARNATION BLUES

POORE, Michael

First we live. Then we die. And then... we get another try? Ten thousand tries, to be exact. Ten thousand lives to 'get it right'. Answer all the Big Questions. Achieve Wisdom. And Become One with Everything. Milo has had 9,995 chances so far and has just five more lives to earn a place in the cosmic soul...

THE BEDLAM STACKS PULLEY, Natasha

Deep in uncharted Peru, the holy town of Bedlam stands at the edge of a forest. The shrine statues move, and anyone who crosses the border dies. But somewhere inside are cinchona trees, whose bark yields quinine: the only known treatment for malaria. On the other side of the Pacific, it is 1859 and India is ravaged by the disease. The hunt for a reliable source of quinine is critical and in its desperation, the India Office searches out its last qualified expeditionary. Struggling with a terrible injury from his last mission and the strange occurrences at his family's ruined estate, Merrick Tremayne finds himself under orders to bring back cinchona cuttings at any cost; and dispatched, against his own better judgement, to Bedlam.

Pulley's The Watchmaker of Filigree Street (PBK, \$19.99) is a delight, and this promises to be so, too.

GLASS THORNS 05: PLAYING TO THE GODS

RAWN, Melanie **Fantasy**

INVASION

RHINEHART, Luke

Super-intelligent, furry aliens suddenly appear from another universe. And they've come to earth to have fun. Louie follows fisherman Billy Morton home one day and he and his family come quickly to love the playful alien. But when Louie starts using their computer to hack into government and corporate networks, and steal millions from banks to give to others, they realise that Louie and his friends mean trouble...

PBK Alien invasion

DARKEST HAND TRILOGY 03: RISEN RICHARDSON, Tarn

Concluding the alternate WWI trilogy which began with The Damned (PBK, \$22.99) and Fallen (PBK, \$18.99).

Dark fantasy HEX RATED

RIDLER, Jason

1970. Los Angeles has always been a den of danger and bliss, but even darker tidings brew in the City of Angels. Cults, magic, and the supernatural are leaking into the worlds of glamour and dives of the gutter. To former child magician, and Korean veteran turned newly-licensed private investigator, James Brimstone, it means business is picking up... 'The novel's wild mix of comedy and supernatural perils bodes well for its detective's future $adventures'-Publisher's\ Weekly.$

Urban fantasy

HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD: PARTS ONE & TWO (DEFINITIVE EDITION)

ROWLING, J K; TIFFANY, John & THORNE, Jack \$19.99

TODHUNTER MOON 03: STARCHASER

SAGE, Angie YA fantasy

CORMORANT RUN

SAINTCROW Lilith It could have been aliens, it could have been a transdimensional rift... nobody knows for sure. What's known is that there was an Event, the Rifts opened up, and everyone caught inside died. Since the Event, certain people have gone into the drift... and come back, bearing priceless technology that's almost magical in its advancement. When Ashe - the best Rifter of her generation - dies, the authorities offer her student, Svinga, a choice: go in and bring out the thing that killed her, or rot in jail. But Svin, of course, has other plans... How far would you go, and what would you risk, to win the ultimate prize?

TP/PBK \$31.95/\$22.99 Post-apocalyptic

SLAVES OF THE SWITCHBOARD OF DOOM: A NOVEL OF RETROPOLIS

SCHENCK, Bradley W

After a surprise, efficiency review, the switchboard operators of Retropolis find themselves replaced by a mysterious system they don't understand. Nola Gardner pools their severance pay to hire Dash Kent, freelance adventurer and apartment manager, to find out what happened. Dash discovers that the replacement switchboard is only one element of a plan concocted by an insane civil engineer: a plan so vast that it reaches from Retropolis to the Moon.

Science fiction GRIM COMPANY 03: DEAD MAN'S STEEL

SCULL, Luke

Follows The Grim Company and Sword of the North (PBK, \$17.99),

completing the trilogy. PBK Fantasy

DR GRETA HELSING 01: STRANGE PRACTICE

Meet Greta Helsing, fast-talking doctor to the undead. Keeping the supernatural community not-alive and well in London has been her family's specialty for generations. After inheriting a $highly\ specialised-and\ highly\ peculiar-medical\ practice,$ Dr Helsing spends her days treating the undead for a host of ills: vocal strain in banshees, arthritis in barrow-wights and entropy in mummies. Although barely making ends meet, this is just the quiet, supernatural-adjacent life Greta's been preparing for, since childhood. But when a sect of murderous monks starts attacking Londoners, undead and human alike, and terror takes hold of the city, Greta must use all her unusual skills to keep her supernatural clients – and the rest of London – safe. The first in a series.

Urban fantasy PBK

STUDY 06: DAWN STUDY

SNYDER, Maria V

The conclusion to a wonderful series that begins with Poison Study

EMBRACED 02: SO I MARRIED A SORCERER SPARKS, Kerrelyn Paranormal romance

THE BLINDS

STERNBERGH, Adam

Imagine a place populated by criminals – people plucked from their lives, with their memories altered, who've been granted new identities and a second chance. Welcome to the Blinds, a dusty town in rural Texas populated by misfits - who don't know if they perpetrated a crime, or just witnessed one. What's clear to them is that if they leave, they will end up dead. For eight years, Sheriff Calvin Cooper has kept an uneasy peace; but after a suicide and a murder, in quick succession, the town's residents revolt. The more Cooper learns, the more the hard truth is revealed: The Blinds is no sleepy hideaway. It's simmering with violence and deception, aching heartbreak and dark betrayals.

EMBERVERSE 13: PRINCE OF OUTCASTS

STIRLING, S M **PBK** \$22.95 Alternate history

HPLOVECRAFT'S THE HOUND AND OTHER STORIES (GRAPHIC NOVEL)

This moody and evocative manga gets back to the dark foundations of the Cthulhu Mythos, adapting three of H P Lovecraft's original stories that first shaped the outlines of cosmic horror!

ON TO THE ASTEROID

TAYLOR, Travis S & JOHNSON, Les

It's the beginning of a new golden age of space exploration. Finally, humanity is taking the commercialisation of space to the next level: mining asteroids. The new gold rush of the commercial

Science fiction

CHILDREN OF A DEAD EARTH 03:

CHILDREN OF THE DIVIDE TOMLINSON, Patrick

space era has begun.

A sequel to The Ark and Trident's Forge (PBK, \$19.95 each).

JESPERSON & LANE, THE CURIOUS AFFAIR OF... 02: THE WITCH AT WAYSIDE CROSS

TUTTLE, Lisa Jesperson and Lane have just solved their first major case, when a man bangs violently on their door – and almost immediately drops dead. The police rule death by natural causes, but the detectives are determined to find out what really happened... Mr Manning was screaming about witches before his death. The case takes them to Mr Manning's Norfolk home, a land of mysterious Shrieking Pits and ancient knowledge. Mr Manning was himself a member of the enigmatic School of Ancient British Wisdom, and not the first to suffer a similar fate... A sequel to the very well-received The

 $Somnambulist\ and\ the\ Psychic\ Thief\ (PBK,\ \$19.99).$ **Fantasy** \$29,99

THE LAST DOG ON EARTH

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THE CLOCKWORK DYNASTY

WILSON, Daniel H

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