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Until next time, good reading!
 Ron and Leanne

THE SEA BEAST TAKES A LOVER (COLLECTION) ANDREASEN, Michael

A lovesick kraken slowly drags the object of its desire – a ship of sailors – into the sea; a group of cantankerous saints materialise in a well-appointed parlour, and must unravel the mystery of how they got there; ageing fathers are sunk to the bottom of the ocean in pressure-sealed crates in a time-honoured ritual. Andreassen romps through the lunatic and surreal with a tender generous ease; there is a joyous absurdity to each premise. Just because a sister is born without a head doesn't mean her brother won't love and protect her; just because an adulterous tryst ends in alien abduction doesn't mean the man doesn't miss his wife. A fiercely-original debut collection of stories about moral and physical metamorphoses, odd love, and idiosyncratic faith.

Short fiction collection PBK \$19.99

RISE OF THE JAIN 01: THE SOLDIER ASHER, Neal

A hidden corner of space is swarming with lethal alien technology, a danger to all sentient life. It's guarded by Orlandine, who must keep it contained at any cost – as it has the power to destroy entire civilisations. She schemes from her state-of-the-art weapons station, with only an alien intelligence to share her vigil. But she doesn't share everything with Dragon... Orlandine is hatching a plan to obliterate this technology, removing its threat forever. For some will do anything to exploit this ancient weaponry, created by a long-dead race called the Jain. This includes activating a Jain super-soldier, which may breach even Orlandine's defences.

Science fiction PBK \$18.99

BEN GARSTON 03: BURNING ASHES BENNETT, James

The Long Sleep has come undone. Slowly, but surely, Remnants are stirring under the earth, unleashing chaos and terror on an unsuspecting modern world. Worse still, the Fay are returning, travelling across the gulfs of the nether to bring a final reckoning to Remnants and humans, alike. The third Ben Garston novel follows *Chasing Embers* and *Raising Fire* (PBK, \$22.99 each).

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

IMMORTAL LIFE BING, Stanley

Immortal life. A fantasy, an impossible dream – or is it? The moguls of Big Tech are pouring their mountain of wealth into finding a cure for death and they are determined to succeed. None of these titans is richer than Arthur Vogel. The inventor, tech tycoon, and all-round monster has amassed trillions of dollars and rules over a corporate empire stretching all the way to Mars. The newest – and most expensive – life-extension technology has allowed him to live to 127 years, but time is running out. His last hope to escape the inevitable lies with Gene, a human specifically created for the purpose of housing Arthur's consciousness. The plan is to discard his aged body and come to a second life in a young, strong host. But there's a problem: Gene. He may be artificial, but he is a person – and he has other ideas. As Arthur sets off to achieve his goal of world domination, Gene hatches a risky plan of his own. The forces against him are rich, determined, and used to getting what they pay for. The battle between creator and creation is heightened as the two minds wrestle for control of one body.

Science fiction TP \$24.99

THE NORSE MYTHS: STORIES OF THE NORSE GODS AND HEROES VIVIDLY RETOLD BIRKETT, Tom

A thrilling journey through the Norse cosmos, from the creation of the world to Ragnarok, the final world-destroying conflict; via the Nine Worlds, and the exploits of the mighty gods and goddesses – mystical Odin, malicious Loki, mighty Thor and more – and their quarrel with the giants. Bringing to life the magical world of monsters and mythical creatures, this also introduces the adventures of humankind: folk heroes and tricksters; Sigmund's great battle in the Volsung Saga; the exploits of Kings and Princes; and Viking exploration and settlement of new lands including Iceland, Greenland, America, and Viking life in the Mediterranean and the East. As well as a treasure trove of these epic stories of heroism and cruelty, squabbles and seductions, *The Norse Myths* is a comprehensive study of their origins, survival and interpretations – as academically important as it is exhilarating.

Mythology HC \$49.99

STAR QUEST TRILOGY 03: SURVIVAL BOVA, Ben

A human team, sent to scout a few hundred light years in front of the death wave, encounters a civilisation far more advanced... a civilisation of machine intelligences. These sentient, intelligent machines have existed for eons, and have survived earlier 'death waves': gamma ray bursts from the core of the galaxy. Self-sufficient and completely certain that the death wave cannot harm them, they have no interest saving other civilisations, organic or machine. Now that the humans have discovered them, they refuse to allow them to leave their planet, reasoning that other humans will inevitably follow... if they learn of their existence.

Science fiction PBK \$22.95

ENCHANTRESS OF NUMBERS: A NOVEL OF ADA LOVELACE CHIAVERINI, Jennifer

The only legitimate child of Lord Byron, the most brilliant, revered, and scandalous of the Romantic poets, Ada was destined for fame long before her birth. But her mathematician mother, estranged from Ada's infamous and destructively-passionate father, is determined to save her only child from her perilous Byron heritage. Banishing fairy-tales and make-believe from the nursery, Ada's mother provides her daughter with a rigorous education, grounded in mathematics and science. Any troubling spark of imagination – or worse yet, passion or poetry – is promptly extinguished. Or so her mother believes. When Ada is introduced into London society as a highly eligible young heiress, she at last discovers the intellectual and social circles she has craved all her life. Little does she realise how her exciting new friendship with Charles Babbage – the brilliant, charming, and occasionally curmudgeonly inventor of an extraordinary machine, the Difference Engine – will define her destiny.

Historical science fiction TP \$27.99

DARK ARTIFICES 03: QUEEN OF AIR AND DARKNESS CLARE, Cassandra

Caught in a race against time, Emma and Julian must save the world of Shadowhunters before the deadly power of the *parabatai* curse destroys them and everyone they love.

YA fantasy TP \$27.99

HUMANITY'S FIRE 05: SPLINTERED SUNS COBLEY, Michael

For Pyke and his crew, it should have been just another heist. Travel to a backwater, desert planet, break into a museum, steal a tracking device – then use it to find a ship buried in the planet's vast and trackless sandy wastes. Except that the museum vault is a bio-engineered chamber, and the tracking device is sought after, by another gang of treasure hunters... led by an old adversary of Pyke's, the devious Raven Kaligara. Also, the ship is a quarter of a million years old and about two kilometres long and somewhere aboard it is the Essavyr Key, a relic to unlock all the treasures and technologies of a lost civilisation...

Space opera PBK \$22.99

INVISIBLE LIBRARY 05: THE MORTAL WORD COGMAN, Genevieve

A corrupt countess. A spy in danger. And an assassin at large. Peace talks are always tricky... especially, when a key diplomat gets stabbed. This murder rudely interrupts a top-secret summit between the warring dragons and Fae – so, Librarian-spy Irene is summoned to investigate. In a version of 1890s' Paris, Irene and her detective friend Vale must track down the killer – before either the peace negotiations, or the city, go up in flames. Accusations fly thick and fast. Irene soon finds herself in the seedy depths of the Parisian underworld on the trail of a notoriously warlike Fae, the Blood Countess. However, the evidence against the Countess is circumstantial. Could the assassin – or assassins – be closer than anyone suspects? This fantastic book-fantasy series begins with *The Invisible Library* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$17.99

SPELLSLINGER 04: SOULBINDER DE CASTELL, Sebastien

Kellen and Reichis live day to day, now, avoiding notice and staying clear of mages. It's a frustrating life for Reichis, who hates living like a coward. For Kellen, however, it's a necessity. The Shadowblack on his face has grown, and the dark dreams it brings have gotten worse. Then Kellen comes across the Order of Black Binders whose strict training and rituals of self-privation enable them to hold back the Shadowblack – and Kellen quickly becomes sucked into their way of life... The fourth book in de Castell's fantastic Western-inspired fantasy series, following *Spellslinger*, *Shadowblack* (PBK, \$16.99 each), and *Charmcaster* (TP, \$19.99).

YA fantasy TP \$19.99

THE GLASS SPARE DESTEFANO, Lauren

Wilhelmina Heidle, the fourth child and only daughter of the king of the world's wealthiest nation, has grown up in the shadows. Kept hidden from the world in order to serve as a spy for her father – whose obsession with building his empire is causing a war – Wil wants nothing more than to explore the world beyond her kingdom, if only her father would give her the chance. Until one night Wil is attacked, and she discovers a dangerous secret. Her touch turns people into gemstone. At first, Wil is horrified – but as she tests its limits, she's drawn more and more to the strange and volatile ability. When it leads to tragedy, though, Wil is forced to face the destructive power within her and finally leave her home to seek the truth and a cure. But finding the key to her redemption puts her in the path of a cursed prince who has his own ideas for what to do with Wil's power. With a world on the brink of war and a power of ultimate destruction, can Wil find a way to help the kingdom that's turned its back on her, or will she betray her past and her family forever? The first in a duology.

YA fantasy TP \$19.99

STAR CARRIER 08: BRIGHT LIGHT DOUGLAS, Ian

The super-AI has a plan: connect Gray with the Pan-Europeans, and set him on a course to the remote star Deneb. There, he is to make contact with a mysterious alien civilisation, using the new artificial intelligence Bright Light; and, maybe – if they can make it, in time – prevent humanity from being wiped from the universe.

Space opera PBK \$19.99

NICCI CHRONICLES 02: SHROUD OF ETERNITY GOODKIND, Terry

After driving ruthless Norukai slavers out of Renda Bay, Nicci and her companions – the newly powerless Nathan and the youthful Bannon – continue their perilous journey into uncharted lands. Guided by the witch-woman Red's mysterious prophecy, the trio makes their way south of Kol Adair towards a wondrous city shrouded behind time, Ildakar. But the grotesque omens on their path to Nathan's salvation – severed Norukai heads on pikes, a monster born of new dark arts, and a petrified army of half a million – are just a taste of the unimaginable horrors that await within the Shroud of Eternity. 'And the Sorceress must save the world'. The second instalment of the spin off from the *Sword of Truth* series, following *Death's Mistress* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

LADY HELEN 03: LADY HELEN AND THE DARK DAYS DECEIT GOODMAN, Alison

Bath, December 1812: After the shocking events in London and Brighton, Lady Helen and Lord Carlston are now the newly forged Grand Reclaimer, a dyad of power bonded through blood and death. They cannot, however, yet control this terrifying new force between them. They and their Dark Days cohort have taken up residence in Bath, looking for the Deceiver who can give them the key to wielding their power and help them find their nemesis: the Grand Deceiver. Helen and Carlston are not only struggling to control their new dyad power. They must also contain their illicit feelings for one another, as Helen prepares to marry the devoted Duke of Selburn. The wedding, to be attended by the Queen, is fast approaching and Helen must juggle her imminent life as Duchess with the dangerous and unseemly duties of a Grand Reclaimer. When an old enemy arrives in Bath bringing death and deceit, the final confrontation between Grand Reclaimer and Grand Deceiver is set into terrifying motion. Can Helen and Carlston finally unleash the power and love between them, to save mankind from annihilation? Set against a background of glittering Regency society, this is the thrilling finale to the Lady Helen trilogy. Lady Helen first appears in *Lady Helen and the Dark Days Club* (TP, \$19.99). Recommended to Heyer lovers, especially!

Historical urban fantasy TP \$29.99

Abbreviations used in this catalogue:

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

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ISHMAEL JONES 04: DEATH SHALL COME GREEN, Simon

Ishmael Jones and his partner Penny have been summoned to remote Cardavan House, home of the world's largest private collection of Ancient Egyptian artefacts, for the unveiling of George Cardavan's latest acquisition: a *bone fide* Egyptian mummy. When a bloodstained body is discovered beside the empty sarcophagus, Ishmael is dismissive of the theory that the mummy's curse is to blame. Instead he sets out to uncover the human killer responsible. But how can Ishmael explain the strange, shuffling footsteps that creep along the corridors? Who is playing games with them... and why?

Paranormal thriller TP \$29.95

ANCIENT FUTURE: THIS PRESENT PAST HARDING, Traci

In Ancient Wales, Gwion Bach, a simple woodsman, becomes enchanted by the fey beauty Creirwy during a brush with the Sons of the Long Knives. He earns Creirwy's trust, and that of her mother, the goddess Keridwen, and is offered an apprenticeship at their castell in Llyn Tegid. As Gwion discovers an enchanting new world of magic, the goddess is busy... brewing a potion of prophetic insight and esoteric wisdom, destined for her monstrous son. However, an ill-timed accident provides an unexpected result. What transpires is an unforgettable shape-shifting battle that will spark rebellion and threaten to bring the downfall of all the kingdoms of Cymru. The long-awaited prequel to Harding's much-loved Ancient Future series, which begins with *The Dark Age* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

IRON DRUID CHRONICLES 09: SCOURGED HEARNE, Kevin

Unchained from fate, the Norse gods Loki and Hel are ready to unleash Ragnarok, *aka* the Apocalypse, upon the earth. With a whole host of dark allies on their side, there's a globe-spanning battle on the cards – one which Druid Atticus O'Sullivan will be hard pressed to survive, much less win. Atticus must recruit the aid of an Indian witch and a trickster god in hopes that they'll give him just enough leverage to both save Gaia and see another sunrise. After all – if the world ends, who's going to make sure the hound Oberon gets his well-deserved snack? The finale of the Iron Druid Chronicles (this is the US paperback, the UK edition was released in April 2018). *Hounded* (\$19.95) is the first in this great series.

Urban fantasy PBK \$21.95

ALICE PAYNE ARRIVES (NOVELLA) HEARTFIELD, Kate

It's 1788 and Alice Payne is the notorious highway robber, the Holy Ghost. Aided by her trusty automaton, Laverna, the Holy Ghost is feared by all who own a heavy purse. It's 1889 and Major Prudence Zuniga is once again attempting to change history – to save history – but seventy attempts later she's still no closer to her goal. It's 2016 and... well, the less said about 2016, the better! But, in 2020, the Farmers and the Guides are locked in battle; time is their battleground, and the world is their prize. Only something new can change the course of the war. Or someone new. Little did they know, but they've all been waiting... until Alice Payne arrives. A 171pp Tor.com novella.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

TIGER SAGA 05: TIGER'S DREAM HOUCK, Colleen

A tiger left behind. A goddess in need of an ally. This final instalment in the series follows *Tiger's Curse*, *Tiger's Quest*, *Tiger's Voyage*, and *Tiger's Destiny* (PBK, \$16.99 each).

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

HOW LONG 'TIL BLACK FUTURE MONTH? (COLLECTION) JEMISIN, N K

In the first collection of her evocative short fiction, Jemisin equally challenges and delights readers with thought-provoking narratives of destruction, rebirth, and redemption. Jemisin sharply examines modern society, infusing magic into the mundane, and drawing deft parallels in the fantasy realms of her imagination. Dragons and hateful spirits haunt the flooded streets of New Orleans, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. In a parallel universe, a utopian society watches our world, trying to learn from our mistakes. A black mother in the Jim Crow South must save her daughter from a fey offering impossible promises. And in the Hugo award-nominated short story 'The City Born Great', a young street kid fights to give birth to an old metropolis' soul.

Fantasy collection PBK \$22.99

THE WOLVES OF WINTER JOHNSON, Tyrell

Narrated by Lynn, a 23-year-old – who was 12, when war and flu struck; and she, her uncle, mother, and brother left their town in Alaska, for the remote Yukon Territory. Since then, she's grown up in isolation – a surly neighbour, three miles away, is the only human contact outside her family. When she runs into a stranger and his dog, while out hunting one day, everything changes...

Dystopia PBK \$19.99

UNEARTHED KAUFMAN, Amie & SPOONER, Meagan

We are the last of our kind. We will not fade into the dark. We will tell our story to the stars – we will be Undying.

When Earth intercepts a message from a long-extinct alien race, it seems like the solution the planet has been waiting for. The Undying's advanced technology has the potential to undo massive environmental damage and turn lives around, and Gaia, the Undying's former home planet, is a treasure trove waiting to be uncovered. For Jules Addison and his fellow scholars, the discovery of an alien culture offers unprecedented opportunity for study... as long as scavengers – like Amelia Radcliffe – don't loot everything, first. Despite their opposing reasons for smuggling themselves onto the alien planet's surface, they're both desperate to uncover the riches hidden in the Undying temples. Beset by rival scavenger gangs, Jules and Amelia form a fragile alliance... but both are keeping secrets that make trust nearly impossible. As they race to decode the ancient messages left by the alien race, Jules and Amelia must navigate the traps and trials within the Undying temple and stay one step ahead of the scavvers on their heels. They came to Gaia certain that they had far more to fear from their fellow humans than the ancient beings whose mysteries they're trying to unravel. But the more they learn about the Undying, the more Jules and Amelia start to feel like their presence in the temple is part of a grand design – one that could spell the end of the human race... *Unearthed's* sequel, *Undying*, is now available as well.

YA science fiction PBK \$19.99 each

THE POPPY WAR KUANG, Rebecca

Opium runs through the heart of the Nikara Empire, a constant reminder of the war with the Federation of Mugen that brought it to the empire's shores. A war that only ended thanks to three heroes – the Vipress, the Dragon Emperor and the Gatekeeper – known as the Trifecta. They were legendary figures, each bestowed with god-like powers, who united the warlords of the Empire against the Federation. Decades have passed. The Trifecta is shattered; the Dragon Emperor is dead, the Gatekeeper is missing, and the Vipress alone sits on the throne at Sinegard. Peace reigns, yet the poppy remains. War orphan Fang Runin grew up with it. Her adopted family smuggles it throughout the Rooster province, making a living on the misfortune of those addicted to its smoke. But when Rin's parents force her into an arranged marriage, Rin refuses to accept her fate and fights her way to the prestigious military academy at Sinegard. There she will learn of drug-fuelled shamanic powers thought to be myth, powers which might defeat the Federation during its third invasion. But the cost of some power is too great to pay, even if it means winning a war that threatens to destroy an entire nation. A powerful epic fantasy novel with roots in the 20th-century history of China.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

HISTORY OF THE HOUSE OF TARGARYEN OF WESTEROS 01: FIRE AND BLOOD MARTIN, George R R

The first volume of the definitive two-part history of the Targaryens in Westeros. Centuries before the events of *A Game of Thrones*, House Targaryen – the only family of dragonlords to survive the Doom of Valyria – took up residence on Dragonstone. *Fire and Blood* begins their tale with the legendary Aegon the Conqueror, creator of the Iron Throne, and goes on to recount the generations of Targaryens who fought to hold that iconic seat, all the way up to the civil war that nearly tore their dynasty apart. What really happened during the Dance of the Dragons? Why was it so deadly to visit Valyria after the Doom? What were Maegor the Cruel's worst crimes? What was it like in Westeros when dragons ruled the skies? These are but a few of the questions answered, in this essential chronicle – as related by a learned *maester* of the Citadel, and featuring more than eighty all-new, black-and-white illustrations by artist Doug Wheatley.

Fantasy HC \$45.00

THE RAZOR MITCHELL, J Barton

Marcus Flynn has been sentenced to the terrifying prison planet known as Angel Fire. There's only one problem. He's innocent. He's barely made it through the first day, when everything changes: All the guards and prison personnel suddenly abandon the planet, leaving the inmates there to die. There is more to Angel Fire than meets the eye; and Flynn soon finds himself making unlikely allies and the most dangerous of enemies.

Science fiction HC \$34.99

HAZARDS OF TIME TRAVEL OATES, Joyce Carol

When a recklessly idealistic girl in a dystopian future society dares to test the perimeters of her tightly-controlled world, she is punished by being sent back in time... to a region of North America – 'Wainscotia, Wisconsin' – that existed eighty years before. Cast adrift in time in this idyllic, Midwestern town, she is set upon a course of 'rehabilitation' – but she falls in love with a fellow exile and starts to question the constraints of her new existence... with results that are both devastating and liberating.

Dystopia TP \$32.99

THIS SPLINTERED SILENCE OLSON, Kayla

Lindley Hamilton has been the leader of the space station *Lusca* since every first generation crew member on board, including her mother, the commander, was killed by a deadly virus. Lindley always assumed she'd captain the *Lusca*, one day, but she never thought that day would come so soon. And she never thought it would be like this – struggling to survive every day, learning how to keep the *Lusca* running, figuring out how to communicate with Earth, making sure they don't run out of food. When a member of the surviving second generation dies from symptoms that look just like the deadly virus, though, Lindley feels her world shrinking even smaller. And as more people die, Lindley must face the terrifying reality – that either the virus has mutated, or one of their own is a killer.

YA sf thriller TP \$19.99

BEASTS MADE OF NIGHT ONYEBUCHI, Tochi

In the walled city of Kos, corrupt mages can magically call forth sin from a sinner in the form of sin-beasts – lethal creatures spawned from feelings of guilt. Taj is the most talented of the *aki*, young sin-eaters indentured by the mages to slay the sin-beasts. But Taj's livelihood comes at a terrible cost. When he kills a sin-beast, a tattoo of the beast appears on his skin while the guilt of committing the sin appears on his mind. Most *aki* are driven mad by the process, but Taj is cocky and desperate to provide for his family. When Taj is called to eat a sin of a member of the royal family, he's suddenly thrust into the centre of a dark conspiracy to destroy Kos. Now, Taj must fight to save the princess that he loves – and his own life. Packed with dark magic and thrilling action, this debut novel is a gritty Nigerian-influenced fantasy – perfect for fans of Paolo Bacigalupi and Nnedi Okorafor.

YA fantasy TP \$19.99

FATHER CHRISTMAS' FAKE BEARD (COLLECTION) PRATCHETT, Terry

A collection of ten Christmas stories, now in paperback.

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

BROMELIAD 01: TRUCKERS PRATCHETT, Terry

A new, illustrated edition of Pratchett's first novel of the nomes (first published in 1989). Gorgeous.

YA fantasy HC \$35.00

CHRONICLES OF THE ONE 02: OF BLOOD AND BONE ROBERTS, Nora

Thirteen years ago, a catastrophic pandemic known as The Doom killed billions. For those left behind, it is a chance to build a new world. But The Doom was no ordinary virus. In some survivors, it awoke strange powers – to heal, to harm, and even to predict the future. Fallon Swift has no memories of the old world – but she is destined to shape this new one. Growing up with her three brothers on a quiet farm, she has been protected from danger by her mother and stepfather. Now, she must leave them, and learn to fight. Because Fallon is not only a powerful 'Uncanny' – she also has a pivotal role to play in the bloody battles ahead. A war between good and evil is brewing, and Fallon – young, tough, headstrong – must be ready. The sequel to *Year One* (PBK, \$19.99).

Post-apocalyptic TP \$29.99

COVEN 01: CHILD OF A MAD GOD SALVATORE, R A

When Aoleyn loses her parents, she is left to fend for herself, among a tribe of vicious barbarians. Bound by rigid traditions, she dreams of escaping to the world beyond her mountain home. The only hope for achieving the kind of freedom she searches for is to learn how to wield the mysterious power, used by the tribe's coven – known as the Song of Usgar. Thankfully, Aoleyn may be the strongest witch to have ever lived, but magic comes at price. Not only has her ability caught the eye of the brutish warlord leading the tribe... but the demon of the mountain hunts all, who wield the Coven's power; and Aoleyn's talent has made her a beacon in the night. The first in a new series.

Epic fantasy PBK \$22.95

ETERNITY WAR 02: EXODUS SAWYER, Jamie

Lieutenant Keira Jenkins and her Jackals may have survived confrontations with the Black Spiral terrorist network and a betrayal by one of their own. Yet, their troubles are only just beginning. With their starship badly damaged, they find themselves adrift in hostile territory. Somehow they must find a way to warn the Alliance before the Black Spiral unleashes a new war across the galaxy. But, first, they must face the Alliance's oldest enemy: the Asiatic Directorate. And the Directorate has a score to settle with Jenkins... Follows *Pariah* (PBK, \$22.99).

Space opera PBK \$22.99

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. If Fritz Lang's *Metropolis* somehow mated with *Futurama*, their mutant offspring might well be this novel. Inspired by the future imagined in the 1939 World Fair, this hilarious, beautifully-illustrated adventure is utterly unlike anything else in science fiction – enhanced throughout, by two dozen astonishing illustrations.

Science fiction TP \$23.99

SENTINELS OF THE GALAXY 01: NAVIGATING THE STARS SNYDER, Maria V

Year 2471. A new discovery. Those three words thrill my parents – the galaxy's leading archaeologists – but for me, it means another time jump to a different planet. One so big, my friends will be older than my dad when we arrive. And I'll still be seventeen. Thanks, Einstein. I really can't blame Einstein, though. No one expected to find life-sized terracotta warriors buried on other planets. So off we go to investigate, travelling through space and time. With my social life in ruins, I fill my days illegally worming into the quantum net – the invention that allows us to travel in space. Of course, the only person close to my age is a hot-but-pain-in-the-neck security officer who threatens to throw me into the brig. But when one of the warrior planets goes silent, we have bigger problems on our hands. The planet's entire population might be dead. And now my worming skills, along with a translation of an ancient alien artefact, might be the key to finding out why. But my attempts to uncover the truth lead to the discovery of a deadly new alien phenomenon, and also alert those who wish to keep it quiet. The galaxy is in real danger and time is not on our side... The first in a new, sf series.

YA science fiction PBK \$19.99

MANTICORE ASCENDANT 03: A CALL TO VENGEANCE WEBER, David; ZAHN, Timothy & POPE, Thomas

Follows *A Call to Duty* and *A Call to Arms* (PBK, \$21.95 each).

Space opera PBK \$21.95

ZEROES 02: SWARM WESTERFELD, Scott; LANAGAN, Margo & BIANCOTTI, Deborah

It's the holiday season, but the celebration at the Zeroes' underground nightclub is blown apart, when two strangers with new powers take to the dance floor. The Zeroes pursue them, only to discover that they're fleeing an even more sinister power-wielder, Swarm. The Zeroes must learn all they can about this dangerous new player if they are to stay safe. Meanwhile, each of the Zeroes also has their own issues to deal with. Bellwether's confidence is challenged, and Mob questions the nature of her power. Crash's conscience gets a workout, and Anon and Scam face harsh truths about belonging. And it's up to Flicker to pick up the reins and lead the Zeroes into a terrifying showdown. Follows *Zeroes* (PBK, \$14.99); now in paperback.

YA fantasy PBK \$14.99

THE DARK DESCENT OF ELIZABETH FRANKENSTEIN WHITE, Kiersten

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