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Includes new books by:

Catherine Asaro

Stephen Baxter

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Gregory Maguire

Haruki Murakami

Mike Resnick

Carrie Vaughn

...and many others

HEAVEN'S GATE 03:

FOR A FEW SOULS MORE

ADAMS, Guy
Fantasy PBK \$18.95

DARK ANGELS 06: DARKNESS FALLS

ARTHUR, Keri
Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

UNDERCITY

ASARO, Catherine
Major Bhaajan, a former military officer with Imperial Space Command, is now a hard-bitten P.I. with a load of baggage to deal with, and clients with woes sometimes personal, sometimes galaxy-shattering, and sometimes both. Bhaajan must sift through the shadows of dark and dangerous Undercity - the enormous capital of the Skolian empire - to find answers.
Science fiction TP \$28.95

ULTIMA

BAXTER, Stephen
"In *Proxima* [19.99] we discovered ancient alien artefacts on the planet of Per Ardua - hatches that allowed us to step across light years of space as if we were stepping into another room. The universe opened up to us. Now, the consequences of this new freedom make themselves felt. And we discover that there are minds in the universe that are billions of years old and they have a plan for us. For some of us. But as we learn the true nature of the universe we also discover that we have countless pasts all meeting in this present and that our future is terrifyingly finite. It's time for us to fight to take back control." - publisher's blurb
Science fiction TP \$29.99

WICKEDLY WONDERFUL

BLAKE, Deborah
Though she looks like a typical California surfer girl, Beka Yancy is in fact a powerful yet inexperienced witch who's struggling with her duties as a Baba Yaga. Luckily she has her faithful dragon-turned-dog for moral support, especially when faced with her biggest job yet. A mysterious toxin is driving the Selkie and Mer from their homes deep in the trenches of Monterey Bay. To investigate, Beka buys her way onto the boat of Marcus Dermott, a battle-scarred former U.S. Marine, and his ailing fisherman father. While diving for clues, Beka drives Marcus crazy with her flaky New Age ideas and dazzling blue eyes. She thinks he's rigid and cranky (and way too attractive). Meanwhile, a charming Selkie prince has plans that include Beka. The sequel to *Wickedly Dangerous*, which has got great feedback (\$18.95).
Paranormal romance PBK \$18.95

CARBIDE TIPPED PENS

BOVA, Ben & CHOI, Eric (Editors)
Over a dozen of today's most creative imaginations carry on the grand tradition of Isaac Asimov, Robert Heinlein, and John W. Campbell, while bringing hard science fiction into the 21st century by extrapolating from the latest scientific developments and discoveries. Includes stories by Ben Bova, Gregory Benford, Robert Reed, Aliette de Bodard, Jack McDevitt, Daniel H. Wilson, Liu Cixin and many others.
Science fiction anthology HC \$42.95

SF GATEWAY OMNIBUS: TARZAN'S QUEST AND OTHER TALES

BURROUGHS, Edgar Rice
This omnibus collects the final six tales of Tarzan of the Apes: *Tarzan's Quest*, *Tarzan the Magnificent*, *Tarzan and the Forbidden City*, *Tarzan and the Foreign Legion*, *Tarzan and the Madman*, and *Tarzan and the Castaways*.
Pulp Fiction HC \$45.00

CELESTIAL BATTLE 02: DEMON CHILD

CHAN, Kylie
Fantasy PBK \$19.99

EREN

CLARK, Simon
People are keeping secrets from Oli. His mum has brought him to stay with his aunt and uncle in the countryside, but nobody will tell him why his dad isn't with them. Where is he? Has something happened? Oli has a hundred questions, but then he finds a secret of his own: he discovers the creature that lives in the attic...Eren. Eren is not human. Eren is hungry for stories. Eren has been waiting for him.
YA fantasy HC \$19.99

INSTRUMENTALITIES OF NIGHT 04:

WORKING GOD'S MISCHIEF
COOK, Glen
An end of December release - should be here in the New Year.
Fantasy PBK \$19.95

EMPIRES: INFILTRATION & EMPIRES: EXTRACTION

DEAS, Gavin
"This collaboration between two Gollance authors (Gavin Smith and Stephen Deas) tells of the invasion of Earth by two different alien races - at the same time. Two men become aware of the threat, and must work to sabotage the invasion plans and see off the aliens. Each book follows one hero, uncovering the threat to

humanity and the world from their point of view. Each book can be read on its own, and will give the reader a complete, kinetic, fast-paced military SF story. But read both books and the reader gets something else - another view of (some of) the same events and crossover points, culminating in a bloody battle at Canary Wharf." - Publisher's blurb
Science fiction HC \$24.99 each

WILDINGS 03: OUT OF THIS WORLD

DE LINT, Charles
YA fantasy HC \$49.99

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S STAR WARS TRILOGY

DOESCHER, Ian
A boxed set of the three brilliant Shakespearean adaptations of the original Star Wars trilogy: William Shakespeare's *Star Wars: Verily, A New Hope*, *The Empire Striketh Back*, and *The Jedi Doth Return*. Doescher is clearly a Shakespeare geek as well as a Star Wars Geek as these are superb. The set comes with a gorgeous 20cm x 90cm poster.
Gift HC \$59.99

TESS NONCOIRE CHRONICLES 02

FROST, P.R.
Tess Noncoire is a successful fantasy writer. But she has another career as well, trained by the Sisterhood of the Celestial Blade Warriors to fight demonic incursions into our world. *The Tess Noncoire Chronicles 01* is in stock (\$19.95).
Urban fantasy PBK \$19.95

THE REVOLUTIONS

GILMAN, Felix
In 1893, young journalist Arthur Shaw is at work in the British Museum Reading Room when the Great Storm hits London, wreaking unprecedented damage. In its aftermath, Arthur's newspaper closes, owing him money, and all his debts come due at once. His fiancé Josephine takes a job as a stenographer for some of the fashionable spiritualist and occult societies of fin de siècle London society. Things are beginning to look up when the perils of dabbling in the esoteric suddenly come to a head: A war breaks out between competing magical societies. Josephine joins one of them for a hazardous occult exploration - an experiment which threatens to leave her stranded at the outer limits of consciousness, among the celestial spheres. Arthur won't give up his great love so easily, and hunts for a way to save her, as Josephine fights for survival...somewhere in the vicinity of Mars.
Science fiction PBK \$19.99

SEVERED SOULS

GOODKIND, Terry
Fantasy TP \$29.99

METRO 2034

GLUKHOVSKY, Dmitry
A year after the apocalyptic events of *Metro 2033* (\$19.99), humankind is left fighting for survival in the tunnels of the Moscow Metro.
Science fiction PBK \$19.99

PARASITOLOGY 02: SYMBIONT

GRANT, Mira
The SymboGen-designed parasites were created to relieve humanity of disease and sickness. But the implants in the majority of the world's population began attacking their hosts, turning them into a ravenous horde. Now those who do not appear to be afflicted are being gathered for quarantine as panic spreads, but Sal and her companions must discover how the parasites are taking over their hosts, what their eventual goal is and how they can be stopped. The sequel to *Parasite* (\$19.99).
Science fiction PBK \$19.99

WORK DONE FOR HIRE

HALDEMAN, Joe
Wounded in combat and honorably discharged nine years ago, Jack Daley still suffers nightmares from when he served his country as a sniper, racking up sixteen confirmed kills. Now a struggling author, Jack accepts an offer to write a near-future novel about a serial killer, based on a Hollywood script outline. It's an opportunity to build his writing career and a future with his girlfriend, Kit Majors. But Jack's "other" talent is also in demand. A package arrives on his doorstep containing a sniper rifle, complete with silencer and ammunition - and the first instalment of a \$100,000 payment to kill a "bad man." The twisted offer is genuine. The people behind it are dangerous. They also prove that they have Jack under surveillance. He can't run. He can't hide. And if he doesn't take the job, Kit will be in the crosshairs instead.
Science fiction PBK \$18.95

JASON

HAMILTON, Laurell K.
Anita Blake novella-ish thang...
Paranormal romance PBK \$18.95

DEAD BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

HARRIS, Charlaime (Editor)
These writers, specifically chosen by Charlaime, pay tribute to the Sookie Stackhouse series with fifteen new stories about your favourite residents of Bon Temps: Rachel Caine, MaryJanice Davidson, Dean James, Seanan McGuire, Suzanne McLeod, Nicole Peeler, Jeanne C. Stein and others.
Sookie Stackhouse anthology TP \$29.99

GAMES CREATURES PLAY

HARRIS, Charlaime & KELNER, Toni P. (Editors)
Urban fantasy anthology PBK \$19.99

WORLDS OF CHAOS

HOGAN, James P.
An omnibus: In *Cradle of Saturn*, discoveries made by colonists on the moons of Saturn show that the Solar System has undergone repeated cataclysms and the last was only a few thousand years. This flies in the face of accepted scientific dogma, and is dismissed by Earth's authorities - until the planet Jupiter suddenly emits a white-hot, Earth-sized protoplanet that hurtles sunward on a collision course with Earth. In *The Legend That Was Earth*, the alien Hyadeans have showered high-tech gifts on the population of Earth, offering to make a paradise of the planet. But when wealthy socialite Roland Cade discovers the dark underbelly of the alien presence, and learns that his ex-wife is one of the so-called terrorists who are fighting against the alien takeover, he's forced to choose sides.
Science fiction TP \$27.95

MINDSPACE INVESTIGATIONS 04: VACANT

HUGHES, Alex
'Nothing ruins a romantic evening like a brawl with lowlifes - especially when one of them later turns up dead and my date, Detective Isabella Cherabino, is the #1 suspect. But I've been hired to play telepathic bodyguard for Tommy, the ten-year-old son of a superior court judge in Savannah presiding over the murder trial of a mob-connected mogul. After an attempt on the kid's life, the Feds believe he's been targeted by the businessman's "associates." Turns out, Tommy's a nascent telepath, so I'm trying to help him get a handle on his Ability. But it doesn't take a mind reader to see that there's something going on with this kid's parents that's stressing him out more than a death threat.' The first in this excellent new series, recommended for Jim Butcher fans while hanging out for the next Dresden novel, is *Clean* (\$18.95).
Pulp noir PBK \$18.95

WOLVES

INGS, Simon
Two friends are working at the cutting edge of augmented reality technology and when they are offered backing to take the idea and make it into the next global entertainment they realise that wolves hunt in this imagined world. This is a story about technology becomes a personal quest into a changed world and the pursuit of a secret from the past.
Dystopia PBK \$19.99

THE INHERITANCE TRILOGY

JEMISIN, N.K.
Yeine Darr is an outcast from the barbarian north. But when her mother dies under mysterious circumstances, she is summoned to the majestic city of Sky. There, to her shock, Yeine is named an heiress to the king. But the throne of the Hundred Thousand Kingdoms is not easily won, and Yeine is thrust into a vicious power struggle. The Inheritance Trilogy includes the novels: *The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms*, *The Broken Kingdoms*, *The Kingdom of Gods*, and a brand new novella set in the same world: *The Awakened Kingdom*. Recommended, from one of the genre's bright new stars.
Fantasy TP \$34.95

EVIL LIBRARIAN

KNUDSEN, Michelle
When Cynthia Rothschild's best friend, Annie, falls head over heels for the new high-school librarian, Cyn can totally see why. He's really young and super cute and thinks Annie would make an excellent library monitor. But after meeting Mr. Gabriel, Cyn realizes something isn't quite right. Maybe it's the creepy look in the librarian's eyes, or the weird feeling Cyn gets whenever she's around him. Before long Cyn realizes that Mr. Gabriel is, in fact...a demon. This has been getting excellent reviews.
YA fantasy HC \$19.99

UNIVERSAL ALIEN

KOCH, Gini
Science fiction PBK \$18.95

LOTUS WARS 03: ENDSINGER

KRISTOFF, Jay
As civil war sweeps across the Shima Imperium, the Lotus Guild unleashes their deadliest creation - a mechanical goliath, intended to unite the shattered Empire under a yoke of fear. Yukiko and Buruu are forced to take leadership of the rebellion, gathering new allies and old friends.
Fantasy TP \$29.99

THE KING'S DERNYI

KURTZ, Katherine
Fantasy HC \$41.95

NO TRUE WAY:

ALL-NEW TALES OF VALDEMAR
LACKEY, Mercedes et al
Valdemar anthology PBK \$18.95

SECRET WORLD CHRONICLES 04: COLLISION

LACKEY, Mercedes et al
Alternate history HC \$39.95

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Until next time, good reading!

Ron, Iain and Beau

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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 December 2014 (Continued)

THE HERALDS OF VALDEMAR

LACKEY, Mercedes

Thirteen-year-old Talia longs for a better life, far away from her repressive stepmothers and the village of Sensholding. But when her family decide she is to be married, Talia flees, and stumbles upon one of the very Companions of legend, a magical steed with incredible powers. Talia soon discovers she has powers of her own, and, together with her new Companion, she arrives at the Collegium to fulfil her dreams and train as a Herald. But as Talia struggles to master her unique abilities, she unearths a deadly plot that could destroy both Queen and kingdom. This is an omnibus *Arrows of the Queen, Arrow's Flight and Arrow's Fall*. A perfect introduction to Lackey's much-loved world of Valdemar. Recommended.

Fantasy PBK \$16.99

THE UNREAL AND REAL: STORIES VOLUME 1

LE GUIN, Ursula

Collection PBK \$19.99

MOTH AND SPARK

LEONARD, Anne

In the country of Caithen, Prince Corin is tasked with freeing the dragons from their bondage to the Emperor. To help him in his quest, the terrifying beasts have allowed Corin a little of their power. But the history of the dragons' slavery is shrouded in mystery and no one can assist in his quest to free them ... until the arrival of Tam at court - a sensible doctor's daughter, who discovers a remarkable talent. She is a seer, gifted with visions. Sparks fly when Corin and Tam meet, but it's not all happily ever after. Not only is the prince forbidden to marry a commoner, but war is coming to Caithen. Torn between love and duty, Corin and Tam must work together to master their newfound powers and unleash the dragons at last. "The novel is something like a Russian nesting doll: it's a Jane Austen novel inside a Princess Bride type fantasy romp inside a much darker Tolkein-esque story of politics, war, magic, and dragons. An impressive debut." - *Charlie Lovett*

Romantic fantasy PBK \$19.99

MOON'S ARTIFICE

LLOYD, Tom

After an unremarkable career Narin finally has the chance of promotion to the hallowed ranks of the Lawbringers - guardians of the Emperor's laws and bastions for justice in a world of brutal expediency. Joining that honoured body would be the culmination of a lifelong dream, but it couldn't possibly have come at a worse time. A chance encounter drags Narin into a plot of gods and monsters, spies and assassins, accompanied by a grief-stricken young woman, an old man haunted by the ghosts of his past and an assassin with no past.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

THE GENOME

LUKYANENKO, Sergei

Five months after the horrific accident that left him near death and worried that he'd never fly again, master-pilot Alex Romanov lands a new job: captaining the sleek passenger vessel "Mirror." Alex is a spesh, a human who has been genetically modified to perform particular tasks. As a captain and pilot, Alex has a genetic imperative to care for passengers and crew - no matter what the cost. His first mission aboard "Mirror" is to ferry two representatives of the alien race Zzygou on a tour of human worlds. His task will not be an easy one, for aboard the craft are several speshes who have reason to hate the Others. Dark pasts, deadly secrets, and a stolen gel-crystal worth more than Alex's entire ship combine to challenge him at every turn.

Science fiction thriller TP \$32.95

ALEX BENEDICT 07: COMING HOME

MCDEVITT, Jack

It's 1435 on Alex Benedict's world Rimway, eleven years since 3000 passengers boarded the Capella. The interstellar cruise ship is trapped in a transdimensional space war, frozen in time. Just a few days have passed on board, and its inhabitants are oblivious to having lost the lives they knew. There is hope for a high-profile rescue attempt, but if it fails they may all die. As the Capella effort becomes increasingly difficult, Alex comes across a rare artifact dating back to the original NASA interstellar ships. The discovery arouses suspicions and Alex and his pilot Chase can uncover the truth only by returning to the museum-like planet Earth.

Science fiction PBK \$29.99

DESCENT

MCLEOD, Ken

Ball lightning. Weather balloons. Secret military aircraft. Ryan knows all the justifications for UFO sightings. But when something falls out of the sky on the hills near his small Scottish town, he finds his cynicism can't identify or explain the phenomenon. And in a future where nothing is a secret, where everything is recorded on CCTV or reported online, why can he find no evidence of the UFO, nor anything to shed light on what occurred? Is it the political revolutionaries, is it the government or is it aliens themselves who are creating the cover-up? Or does the very idea of a cover-up hide the biggest secret of all? Recommended.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

EGG AND SPOON

MAGUIRE, Gregory

"Two girls switch identities while colliding with Baba Yaga and the Firebird in Czarist Russia. Elena, a child of rural Russian poverty in the town of Miersk, is desperate to help her ailing mother and to recover her older brothers, Alexei, at work for another family, and Luka, conscripted into the czar's army. Her determined journey finds her life suddenly swapped with that of Ekaterina, also 13, a daughter of privilege. Plot details include a pilgrimage to Saint Petersburg to meet the czar and his godson, Prince Anton, a Faberge egg, a Firebird's egg, a legacy of matryoshka dolls, and the powerful presence and proclamations of Baba Yaga... this is an epic rich with references, aphorisms and advice..." - *Kirkus Reviews*

YA fantasy HC \$24.99

ICE DRAGON

MARTIN, George R.R.

"An enchanting tale of courage and sacrifice for young readers and adults.... Lavish illustrations by acclaimed artist Luis Royo

enrich this captivating and heartwarming story of a young girl and her dragon. In the world of *A Song of Ice and Fire* the ice dragon was a creature of legend and fear, for no man had ever tamed one. When it flew overhead, it left in its wake desolate cold and frozen land. But Adara was not afraid. For Adara was a winter child, born during the worst freeze that anyone, even the Old Ones, could remember." - *Publisher's blurb*

YA fantasy HC \$19.99

DANGEROUS WOMEN 3

MARTIN, George R.R. & DOZOIS, G. (Editors)

Includes stories by Joe Abercrombie, Jim Butcher, Pat Cadigan and others.

Fantasy anthology PBK \$19.99

THE HIVE CONSTRUCT

MASKILL, Alexander

Situated deep in the Sahara Desert, New Cairo is a city built on technology - from the huge, life-giving solar panels that keep it functioning in a radically changed, resource-scarce world to the artificial implants that have become the answer to all of mankind's medical problems. But it is also a divided city, dominated by a handful of omnipotent corporate dynasties. And it's when a powerful new computer virus begins to spread through the poorest districts, shutting down the life-giving implants that enable so many to survive, that the city begins to slide into anarchy. Hiding out amidst the ruins and underground resistance is Zala Ulora, a gifted hacker and fugitive from justice. She believes she might be able to earn her life back by tracing the virus to its source and destroying it before it destroys the city. Winner of the Terry Pratchett Prize.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

ELRIC: THE MOONBEAM ROADS

MOORCOCK, Michael

Also reissued is *My Experiences in the Third World War and Other Stories* (\$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

IMAGER PORTFOLIO 08: REX REGIS

MODESITT, L.E.

Fantasy PBK \$19.95

LAND FIT FOR HEROES 03:

THE DARK DEFILES

MORGAN, Richard

Richard Morgan's fast-moving and brutal fantasy reaches its concluding volume as Ringil comes to his final reckoning and sees the world tipping into another war with the dragon folk. And, most terrifying of all, the prophecy of a dark lord come to rule may be coming true very close to home. This is an awesome, boundary-pushing series, destined to be a landmark of the genre. It begins with *The Steel Remains* and *The Cold Commands* (\$19.99 each).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

THE STRANGE LIBRARY

MURAKAMI, Haruki

On his way home from school, the young narrator of *The Strange Library* finds himself wondering how taxes were collected in the Ottoman Empire. He pops into the local library to see if it has a book on the subject. This is his first mistake. Led to a special 'reading room' in a maze under the library by a strange old man, he finds himself imprisoned with only a sheep man, who makes excellent donuts, and a girl, who can talk with her hands, for company. His mother will be worrying why he hasn't returned in time for dinner and the old man seems to have an appetite for eating small boy's brains.

Fiction HC \$29.99

CRESCENT CITY 02: CITY OF ETERNALNIGHT

PAINTER, Kristen

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

THE MORCAI BATTALION: THE RECRUIT

PALMER, Diana

Three years after the unprovoked attack on a peaceful colony, the war between the Rojok dynasty and the Tri-Galaxy Fleet rages on. Born of that war is the Morcai Battalion, a fleet comprised of Centaurians and humans - the first collaboration of its kind and a step toward an intergalactic alliance. But the fragile union is tested as their courageous commander in chief, Dtimun, is faced with the temptation of the forbidden -and human - Dr. Madeline Ruszel. A combat surgeon, Ruszel is aware of the danger of inciting a Centaurian's interest, even if he is the most intriguing of men. Besides putting their mission at risk, personal relations between their kinds are still outlawed. The sequel to *The Morcai Battalion* (\$18.95).

Science fiction romance PBK \$18.95

CUTTER'S WARS 03 THE TEJANO CONFLUCT

PERRY, Steve

Science fiction PBK \$18.95

THE FORTRESS IN ORION

RESNICK, Mike

The Democracy is at war with the alien Traanskei Coalition. War hero Colonel Nathan Pretorius has a record of success on dangerous behind-enemy-lines missions - missions that usually leave him in the hospital. Now he's recruited for a near-impossible assignment that may well leave him dead. At the cost of many lives, the Democracy has managed to clone and train General Michkag, one of the Traanskei's master strategists. Colonel Pretorius and a hand-picked team must kidnap the real Michkag if they can, assassinate him if they can't, but no matter which, put the clone in his place, where he will misdirect the enemy's forces and funnel vital information to the Democracy.

Science fiction TP \$32.95

THE BLOOD RED CITY

RICHARDS, Justin

The alien Vrll are waking, and the Never War is heating up. Colonel Brinkman and his team at Station Z desperately need answers - they have to discover exactly what they are facing and how the attack will come. But the information doesn't come easily. With a major Vrll offensive imminent, the Nazis step up their own project to exploit

Vrll weapons and technology. Leo Davenport finds himself fighting with the Greek resistance as he struggles to solve an ancient mystery. Major Guy Pentecross must travel to the ruined deathtrap of the most dangerous city in the world to track down the one man who can help. From a spaceship crash in Bavaria in 1934 to the rat-infested devastation of Stalingrad, from the ancient ruins of occupied Greece to the bombed-out streets of London, the second book of the Never War series after *The Suicide Exhibition* (\$19.99, recommended) continues a secret history of the Second World War in which humanity is fighting for survival.

Science fiction HC \$45.00

THE MAMMOTH BOOK OF

GASLIT ROMANCE

SEDIA, Ekaterina (Editor)

A collection of stories of love and intrigue that focus on the trappings of the popular Victorian era, enlivened with fantastical elements and incorporating some noir and detective pieces, by N. K. Jemisin, Delia Sherman, Genevieve Valentine and many more.

Fantasy anthology PBK \$19.99

CHARLES SHEFFIELD GATEWAY OMNIBUS

SHEFFIELD, Charles

This omnibus contains three of his finest works: debut novel *Sight of Proteus*; planetary romance, *Summertide*; and space opera, *Cold as Ice*.

Science fiction TP \$39.99

PSY-CHANGELING: SHIELD OF WINTER

SINGH, Nalini

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

THE FEMALE FACTORY

SLATTER, Angela & HANNETT, Lisa

In *The Female Factory*, procreation is big business. Children are a commodity few women can afford. Hopeful mothers-to-be try everything. Fertility clinics. Pills. Wombs for hire. Babies are no longer made in bedrooms, but engineered in boardrooms. A quirk of genetics allows lucky surrogates to carry multiple eggs, to control when they are fertilised, and by whom—but corporations market and sell the offspring. The souls of lost embryos are never wasted; captured in software, they give electronics their voice. Spirits born into the wrong bodies can brave the charged waters of a hidden billabong, and change their fate. Industrious orphans learn to manipulate scientific advances, creating mothers of their own choosing. From Australia's near-future all the way back in time to its convict past, these stories spin and sever the ties between parents and children.

Collection PBK \$19.99

STEAMPUNK SOLDIERS

SMITH, Philip & MCCULLOUGH, Joseph A.

"This is a wonderful idea and so well executed: an alternate history modern world finding a 'lost' set of illustrations from the 'era of steampunk, ' showing military uniforms of various countries. The true star here is the layout and illustration work. This is very beautifully presented. Authenticity to actual military uniform books is adhered to religiously (almost amusingly) and yet there are treats throughout. This isn't a romantic view of steampunk with ladies in bustle dresses - it's all soldiers with pseudo futuristic weapons, armour, accessories, or other equipment. In all, this is a great book for historical or steampunk fans. It's an alternate universe presented in a stunning graphical format that really works. Huge kudos to the authors and illustrators!" - *Online Eccentric Librarian*

Steampunk Illustrated HC \$39.95

PARADIGMS LOST

SPOOR, Ryk E.

"Being an expert in information searches, image processing and enhancement, pattern matching, and data forensics earned Jason Wood a lot of money - from private contracts and working with the police. And it was a nice, comfortable job most of the time. But then an informant showed up dead on his doorstep, a photograph didn't show someone who'd been in the viewfinder when the picture was taken, and Jason's world is suddenly turned upside-down. Against things that violate the very reality he thought he understood, Jason has only three weapons: his best friend Sylvie, his talent for seeing patterns... and his ability to think "beyond" the pattern and see a solution that no one else imagined. Against the darkness of the unknown, the greatest weapon is the light of reason. A vastly expanded and revised edition of *Digital Knight*, Ryk E. Spoor's first published novel, this volume adds two new adventures for Jason and includes chapters of additional material." - *Publisher's blurb*

Science fiction TP \$28.95

THE EMPEROR'S BLADES

STAVELEY, Brian

The Emperor has been murdered, leaving the Annurian Empire in turmoil. Now his progeny must bury their grief and prepare to unmask a conspiracy. His son, Valyn, training for the empire's deadliest fighting force, hears the news an ocean away. He expected a challenge, but after several 'accidents' and a dying soldier's warning, he realizes his life is also in danger. Meanwhile, the Emperor's daughter, Minister Adare, hunts her father's murderer in the capital itself. Court politics can be fatal, but she needs justice. And Kaden, heir to an empire, studies in a remote monastery. Here, the Blank God's disciples teach their harsh ways - which Kaden must master to unlock their ancient powers.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

V-S DAY

STEELE, Allen

What if the race to space had occurred in the early days of World War II? It's 1941, and Wernher von Braun is ordered by his fuhrer to abandon the V-2 rocket and turn German resources in a daring new direction: construction of a manned orbital spacecraft capable of attacking the United States. When the top secret plan is leaked to Franklin Roosevelt, the president has only one logical response: The United States must build their own spacecraft to destroy it. Robert Goddard, inventor of the liquid-fuel rocket,

agrees to head the classified project. So begins a race against time between two secret military programs and two brilliant scientists whose high-stakes competition will spiral into a deadly game of political intrigue and unforeseen catastrophes played to the death in the brutal skies above America. This is an end of December release and won't be available for Xmas.

Alternate history PBK \$18.95

FANTASY MASTERWORKS: BEAUTY

TEPPER, Sheri S.

On her 16th birthday, the princess Beauty sidesteps the sleeping curse placed upon her by her wicked aunt, the fairy Carabosse - only to be kidnapped by visitors from another time and place, far from the picturesque castle in 14th-century England. She is taken to the world of the future, a savage society where, even amongst the teeming billions, she is utterly alone. And as she travels magically to places both imaginary and real, Beauty eventually comes to understand her special place in humanity's destiny.

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A MAN LIES DREAMING

TIDHAR, Lavie

Deep in the heart of history's most infamous concentration camp, a man lies dreaming. His name is Shomer, and before the war he was a pulp fiction author. Now, to escape the brutal reality of life in Auschwitz, Shomer spends his nights imagining another world - a world where a disgraced former dictator now known only as Wolf ekes out a miserable existence as a low-rent PI in London's grimiest streets, amidst the rise of Mosley's Blackshirts. This is intense, compelling and disturbing - true to form for Tidhar! Recommended.

Alternate history TP \$29.99

YOUR BROTHER'S BLOOD

TOWSEY, David

Thomas is thirty-two. He comes from the small town of Barkley. He has a wife there, Sarah, and a child, Mary; good solid names from the Good Book. And he is on his way home from the war, where he has been serving as a conscripted soldier. Thomas is also dead - he is one of the Walkin'. And Barkley does not suffer the wicked to live. The sequel is *Your Servants and Your People* (TP, \$29.99).

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

SUPERVOLCANO: THINGS FALL APART

TURTLEDOVE, Harry

Alternate history PBK \$19.95

THE STEAMPUNK USER'S MANUAL

VANDERMEER, Jeff & BOSKOVICH, Desirina

At its core, Steampunk is about doing it yourself: building on the past while also innovating and creating something original. This book offers practical and inspirational guidance for readers to find their individual path into this realm. Including sections on art, fashion, architecture, crafts, music, performance, and storytelling, Examples range from the utterly doable to the completely over-the-top, encouraging participation and imagination at all levels.

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LOW MIDNIGHT

VAUGHN, Carrie

"Carrie Vaughn's *Low Midnight* spins out of the series on the wave of popularity surrounding Kitty's most popular supporting character, Cormac Bennett, a two-minded assassin of the paranormal who specializes in killing lycanthropes. In his first solo adventure, Cormac, struggling with a foreign consciousness trapped inside him, investigates a century-old crime in a Colorado mining town which could be the key to translating a mysterious coded diary...a tome with secrets that could shatter Kitty's world and all who inhabit it. *Low Midnight* not only pushes the Kitty saga forward, but also illuminates Cormac's past and lays the groundwork for Kitty's future." - *Publisher's blurb*. This is an end of December release and won't be available for Xmas.

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LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY

WEBER, David

For centuries, the world of Safehold, last redoubt of the human race, lay under the unchallenged rule of the Church of God Awaiting. What no one knew was that the Church was an elaborate fraud - a high-tech system established by a rebel faction of Safehold's founders, meant to keep humanity hidden from the powerful alien race that has destroyed old Earth. This is an end of December release and won't be available for Xmas. The first in this hugely popular series is *Off Armageddon Reef* (\$19.95). A boxed set of the first three in the series has been released (\$42.95).

Science fiction PBK \$19.95

YESTERDAY'S HERO

WOOD, Jonathan

Another day, another zombie T-Rex to put down. All part of the routine for Arthur Wallace and MI37 - the government department devoted to defending Britain from threats magical, supernatural, extraterrestrial, and generally odd. But a zombie T-Rex is only the first of Arthur's problems, as Russian cyborg wizards threaten his life, and his co-workers threaten his sanity. The sequel to *No Hero* (\$18.95).

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