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FAR STARS TRILOGY ENEMY IN THE DARK

Successfully completing their mission to rescue Marshal Augustin Lucerne's daughter (see Shadow of the Empire, \$27.99), Astra; the crew of the Wolf's Claw are enjoying some well-deserved rest – all, that is, except Blackhawk. The space gun for hire cannot escape Lucerne's relentless pleas for help against growing imperial control in the Far Stars. While Blackhawk deeply respects his friend, he fears that the power Lucerne offers will lead him back to his old dark ways. His resistance crumbles, however, when Lucerne presents evidence that the imperial governor has been manipulating the conflicts in the Far Stars. Convinced of the deadly danger of imperial domination, Blackhawk and his crew board the Wolf's Claw, once more, and set out to gather intelligence on the Empire's movements – the proof Lucerne needs to unite the fractured and feuding worlds of the Far Stars into single power bloc capable of resisting imperial aggression. But deep in the sparsely populated territory of the Far Stars, he discovers that the imperial governor's machinations are far reaching - and threaten the independence of every world this side of the Void. A man seemingly running from himself, Blackhawk is beginning to realise he can no longer remain a prisoner to his own past, while the future of the Far Stars is in jeopardy.

Science fiction

#### TALES OF THE TIME SCOUTS

ASPRIN, Robert & EVANS, Linda

An omnibus, collecting the first two Time Scouts novels: Time Scout and Wagers of Sin. When an experiment on an orbiting space station went wrong – badly wrong – ripples in time washed over the Earth, bringing global disaster. The survivors, beginning to rebuild, learned that they were now able to travel into the past, utilising the remnant time strings. But first, the time strings had to be mapped. That was the job of the brave pioneers known as time scouts. \$28.95 Science fiction TPB

# THE WITCHES OF ECHO PARK

BENSON, Amber

When Lyse MacAllister's great-aunt Eleanora, the woman who raised her, becomes deathly ill, Lyse puts her life in Georgia on hold - to rush back to Los Angeles. And once she returns to Echo Park, Lyse discovers her great-aunt has been keeping extraordinary secrets from her. Not only is Lyse heir to Eleanora's Victorian house; she is also expected to take her great-aunt's place in the Echo Park coven of witches. But accepting her destiny means placing herself in deadly peril, for the world of magic is under siege, and the battle the witches now fight may be their last.

**Urban fantasy** 

**BOOKS OF RAZIEL TRILOGY: ANGELUS** BENULIS, Sabrina

**PBK Fantasy** 

# SANCTUARY DUET: ASH AND SILVER

BERG, Carol

Ever since the Order of the 'Equites Cinere' stole his memory, his name, and his heart, thinking about the past makes Greenshank's head ache. After two years of rigorous training, he is almost ready to embrace the mission of the Order to use selfless magic to heal the troubles of Navronne. But on his first assignment alone, the past comes racing back, threatening to drown him in conspiracy, grief, and murder. He is Lucian de Remeni - a sorcerer whose magical bents for portraiture and history threaten the safety of the earth and the future of the war-riven kingdom of Navronne. He just can't remember how, or why. Fighting to unravel the mysteries of his power, Lucian must trace threads of corruption that reach from the Pureblood Registry into the Order itself, the truth hidden two centuries in the past, and beyond the boundaries of the world... The sequel to Dust and Light (\$29.95).

PBK

# SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES

BRADBURY, Ray

It's the week before Hallowe'en, and Cooger and Dark's Pandemonium Shadow Show has come to Green Town, Illinois The siren song of the callione entices all, with promises of youth regained and dreams fulfilled... And as two boys trembling on the brink of manhood set out to explore the mysteries of the dark carnival's smoke, mazes and mirrors, they will also discover the true price of innermost wishes...

#### PBK Fantasy Masterwork

**GOLDEN SON** BROWN, Pierce

As Reds, Darrow and his kind have been betrayed and denied by their elitist masters, the Golds. In the name of the greater good for which Eo, his true love and inspiration, laid down her own life. Darrow becomes a Gold to destroy their privileged realm from within. On a path fraught with danger and deceit, Darrow must strive, not for violent revolt, but hopeful rebirth, and choose to follow Eo's principles of love and justice to free his people. The sequel to Red Rising (\$19.99).

PBK

UNICORN: THE POETRY OF ANGELA CARTER CARTER, Angela & HILL, Rosemary Hill (editor)

A beautiful edition of Angela Carter's previously uncollected poetry. Despite being one of the most influential - and best-loved - of the post-war English writers, Angela Carter remains little known as a poet. In Unicorn, the critic and historian Rosemary Hill collects together her published verse from 1963-1971, a period in which Carter began to explore the themes that dominated her later work: magic, the reworking of myths and their darker sides, and the overturning of literary and social conventions. With imagery at

times startling in its violence and disconcerting in its presentation of sexuality, Unicorn provides compelling insight into the formation of a remarkable imagination.

Poetry collection

COME THE REVOLUTION CHADWICK, Frank

Former gangster Sasha Naradnyo winds up fighting for his life when he's caught in the middle of a military coup on the grim planet of Peezgtaan. He gets his family to safety, but he's trapped in a hostile alien city when racial tensions explode, forcing him to take refuge in the human-occupied neighbourhood of Sookagrad. His only hope is to make a tentative alliance with criminals and revolutionaries, and to use his logistical skills and experience to organise the locals into a makeshift defence against the encroaching army. The first in the series is How Dark the World Becomes (\$19.95).

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HEIR CHRONICLES 05: THE SORCERER HEIR CHIMA, Cinda Williams

Old friends and foes return as new threats arise in this conclusion to the beloved and bestselling Heir Chronicles series. The delicate peace between Wizards and the underguilds (Warriors, Seers, Enchanters, and Sorcerers) still holds by the thinnest of threads, but powerful forces inside and outside the guilds threaten to sever it completely. Emma and Jonah are at the centre of it all. Brought together by their shared history, mutual attraction, and a belief in the magic of music, they now stand to be torn apart by new wounds and old betrayals. As they struggle to rebuild their trust in each other, Emma and Jonah must also find a way to clear their names as the prime suspects in a series of vicious murders.

**Fantasy** \$19.99

#### THE CATALYST

COGGAN, Helena

Rose Elmsworth has a secret. For eighteen years, the world has been divided into the magically Gifted and the non-magical Ashkind, but Rose's identity is far more dangerous. At fifteen, she has earned herself a place, alongside her father, in the Department – a brutal law-enforcement organisation, run by the Gifted, to control the Ashkind. But now an old enemy is threatening to start a catastrophic war, and Rose's loyalties are tested.

\$19.99 YA fantasy

#### THE INVISIBLE LIBRARY 02: THE MASKED CITY COGMAN, Genevieve

Librarian-spy Irene is working undercover in an alternative Victorian London, for her mysterious supervisors. Here, it's business as usual – until her assistant Kai is abducted. Kai's part-dragon heritage means he has powerful enemies, and this act of aggression could trigger a war between his people and their greatest rivals. As they each represent the forces of order and chaos themselves, matters could turn unpleasant. Irene's mission to save Kai and avert Armageddon will take her to a dark, alternate Venice where it's always Carnival. Here Irene will be forced to blackmail, fast talk, and fight. Or she'll face mayhem – at the very least. The sequel to

the much-loved Invisible Library (\$19.99).

# A WILD SWAN AND OTHER TALES

CUNNINGHAM, Michael & SHIMIZU, Yuko (illustrator) Fairy tales for our times from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Hours. The Beast stands ahead of you in line at the convenience store, buying smokes and a Slim Jim, his devouring smile aimed at the cashier. A malformed little man with a knack for minor acts of wizardry goes to disastrous lengths to procure a child. A loutish and lazy Jack prefers living in his mother's basement to getting a job, until the day he trades a cow for a handful of magic beans.

# SERAPHIM 01: SKYBORN

The first in a new fantasy series. The last remnants of humanity live on six islands floating high above the Endless Ocean, fighting a brutal civil war in the skies. The Seraphim, elite soldiers trained for aerial combat, battle one another while wielding elements of ice, fire and lightning. The lives of their parents claimed in combat, twins Kale and Breanna Skyborn enter the Seraphim Academy to follow in their footsteps. They will learn to harness the elements as weapons and fight at breakneck speeds, while soaring high above the waters. When the invasion comes, the twins must don their wings and ready their blades to save those they love from annihilation.

PBK **Fantasy** 

# HOLY COW

DUCHOVNY, David

When a cow named Elsie Bovary inadvertently learns about something awful called an industrial meat farm, she instantly organises an escape - with a Torah-spouting pig named Shalom, newly converted to Judaism, and iPhone-proficient turkey, Tom.

# **CAN & CAN'TANKEROUS**

ELLISON, Harlan

Gathers ten previously uncollected tales from the fifth and sixth decades of Harlan Ellison's professional writing career. A limited edition, from Subterranean Press.

Collection

# IVY 01: THE BOOK OF IVY

ENGEL, Amy

After a brutal nuclear war, followed by famine and disease, the United States was left decimated. A small group of survivors eventually banded together, but only after more conflict over who would govern the new nation. Fifty years later, peace and control are maintained by marrying the daughters of the losing side to the sons of the winning group in a yearly ritual. This year, it is Ivy Westfall's turn to be married. Only her bridegroom is no average boy; he is the president's son. And Ivy's mission is not simply to marry him and bear his children. Her mission, one she's been preparing for all her life, is to kill him and restore the Westfall family to power. The second Ivy book, The Revolution of Ivy, is available now (\$19.99). YA Post-apocalypse

#### WILD CAT

FEEHAN, Christine

Feehan's Dark Blood has also been released in paperback (\$19.99). Paranormal romance

\$19.95

\$35.00

1636: THE VIENNESE WALTZ

FLINT, Eric; HUFF, Gorg & GOODLETT, Paula Alternate history PBK

#### STEELHAVEN 03: LORD OF ASHES

FORD, Richard

The queen of Steelhaven has grown in strength. Taking up her dead father's sword, she must defend the city from the dread warlord Amon Tugha and his blood-thirsty army now at the gates. A vicious. unrelenting four-day battle ensues, the most perilous yet. No side is immune from danger as all hell breaks loose, with the threat of coups and the unleashing of the deadliest and darkest magick. Loyalty, strength and cunning will be put to test in the quest for victory. What fate awaits the free states? Recommended for David Gemmell fans. The previous two in the series are Herald of the Storm and Shattered Crown (\$19.99 each).

**PBK** \$19.99 Fantasy

# GOOD OMENS (20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION)

GAIMAN, Neil & PRATCHETT, Terry

Re-jacketed to match your other Gaiman books! HC

#### NEIL GAIMAN AND CHRIS RIDDELL BOX SET GAIMAN, Neil & RIDDELL, Chris

The editions of Neil Gaiman's The Graveyard Book, Coraline, and Fortunately, the Milk in this collector's edition box set are illustrated in trademark, inspired, hilarious and moving style, by

acclaimed artist Chris Riddell. YA/children's fantasy

PARASITOLOGY 03: CHIMERA GRANT, Mira aka MCGUIRE, Seanan

The outbreak has spread, tearing apart the foundations of society, as implanted tapeworms have turned their human hosts into a seemingly mindless mob. Sal and her family are trapped between bad and worse, and must find a way to compromise between the two sides of their nature before the battle becomes large enough to destroy humanity, and everything that humanity has built including the chimera. The sequel to Parasite and Symbiont (\$19.99 each).

Science fiction PBK PAX BRITANNIA: THE ULYSSES QUICKSILVER

# **OMNIBUS, VOLUME 2**

GREEN, Jonathan

An omnibus, collecting three books from the classic steampunk series, in which our hero is beginning to question his loyalty to Empire: Evolution Expects, Blood Royal, and Dark Side.

TPB Steampunk

# HILD

GRIFFITH, Nicola

Britain in the seventh century - and the world is changing. Small kingdoms are merging, frequently and violently. Edwin, King of Northumbria, plots his rise to over-king of all the Angles. Ruthless and unforgiving, he is prepared to use every tool at his disposal: blood, bribery, belief. Into this brutal, vibrant court steps Hild ngest niece. With her glittering mind and i curiosity, Hild has a unique way of reading the world. By studying nature, observing human behaviour and matching cause with effect, she has developed the ability to make startlingly accurate predictions. It is a gift that can seem uncanny, even supernatural, to those around her. It is also a valuable weapon.

\$22.99 **Historical fiction** 

#### WARRIOR WOMEN GURAN, Paula (editor)

From fantastic legends and science fictional futures come

compelling tales of powerful women or those who discover strength they did not know they possessed who fight because they must, for what they believe in, for those they love, to simply survive, or who glory in battle itself. Contributors include: Elizabeth Bear: Nancv Kress: George R R Martin: Seanan McGuire: Elizabeth Moon: Robert Reed; Carrie Vaughn; and Jane Yolen.

\$31.95 Anthology

# BOOKS OF BLOOD AND IRON 02: BLOOD STORM

Ages ago, those who had the ability to change their shape lost it, leading to endless bloody battles for supremacy between the races until one reluctant hero stepped forth to restore peace to the world Even though Danr, the half-troll, ended centuries of fighting, he still is not living the quiet life he longs for. Rumours have arisen that certain people are, once again, wielding the power of the shape. If Danr could learn to use it, he could become fully human and spend his life with his beloved, Aisa. But he is not the only one who craves the gift of changing form. Slavers have taken Danr's friends captive, demanding the power of the shape as ransom. To obtain it, Danr must cross paths

with the Fates, Death, and a giant wyrm that lives at the bottom of the

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ocean - before other, more dangerous parties uncover the secrets of shape changing. Follows The Iron Axe (\$19.95).

#### DEAD BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: STORIES FROM THE WORLD OF SOOKIE STACKHOUSE

HARRIS, Charlaine (editor)

Charlaine Harris' smash-hit Sookie Stackhouse series may have reached its conclusion, but the world of Bon Temps, Louisiana, lives on in this all-new collection of 15 stories. Written by a killer line up of authors, including Seanan McGuire and MaryJanice Davidson; with an introduction by Charlaine Harris, herself!

Paranormal anthology

#### **ONEIROS**

HEITZ, Markus

In Leipzig, an undertaker named Konstantin Korff harbours a cruel secret. In Minsk, an unscrupulous scientist performs questionable experiments. And, in Paris, a plane that is about to take off crashes into an airport terminal, with deadly consequences for its passengers. An investigation into the accident begins immediately. but the results are puzzling: all occupants were dead before the plane hit the building. What the police do not know is that there was one survivor. But even as they blunder into the investigation, Konstantin Korff and the mysterious scientist are already on his trail, all three bound together by the same curse. A curse that makes them a danger to everyone around them.

#### FIRST SALIK WAR 02: THE V'DAN

JOHNSON, Jean

'A thrilling new perspective of the world created in the explosive, national bestselling Theirs Not to Reason Why series. It's two hundred years earlier - the age of the First Salik War. And the battle against humanity has been engaged. The V'Dan always believed they were the chosen race, destined to make a mark on the galaxy. For the last few centuries, they interacted peacefully with other sentient species - save for the Salik. Cold, amphibious, and vicious, the Salik were set on one goal: to conquer every race within their grasp. Now that the Salik's ruthless war has begun, the fate of the galaxy is in the hands of two strange companions: Li'eth, a prince under siege and his rescuer, Jacaranda MacKenzie. A beautiful ambassador from the Motherworld, Jackie possesses more than the holy powers of a goddess. She brings a secret weapon – a strange, wondrous, and dangerous new technology that could be her and Li'eth's last and only hope to save their people from extinction...' – publisher's blurb. The sequel to The Terrans (\$19.95).

\$19.95

# **ALIEN IN CHIEF**

KOCH, Gini Science fiction

# CHILDE MORGAN TRILOGY 03:

THE KING'S DERYNI

KURTZ, Katherine **Fantasy** 

CRUCIBLE: ALL-NEW TALES OF VALDEMAR

LACKEY, Mercedes, et al.

# Valdemar anthology

LAST PLANE TO HEAVEN

In his all-too-brief career, the late Jay Lake published more than 300 works of short fiction. Here, in his final short story collection, that has been winnowed down to thirty-two of the best of them. There's plenty of wonder here, on board space ships, on distant worlds, in the cracks of time.

#### SONGS OF A DEAD DREAMER AND GRIMSCRIBE LIGOTTI. Thomas

Combining two story collections, for the first time, in one volume, Influenced by the strange terrors of Lovecraft and Poe and by the brutal absurdity of Kafka, Ligotti crafted his own brand of existential horrors, which shocks at the deepest levels. In these collections Ligotti bends reality until it cracks, opening fissures through which he invites us to gaze on the unsettling darkness below - an ordeal from

which one may perhaps return, but never to be the same. Horror collection PBK

DRAGON FALL 02: DRAGON STORM MACALISTER, Katie

Paranormal romance

**NODAWAY FALLS: FOR LOVE OR MAGIC** MARCH, LUCY

Paranormal romance

# **VENDETTA**

MARTIN, Gail Z

Someone very powerful is trying to destroy Sorren and everyone he cares about. That puts Cassidy, Teag and Trifles and Folly in the cross hairs, against an unknown enemy with strong magic and significant resources. Sorren has spent centuries shutting down the plans of powerful immortals, dark warlocks and supernatural creatures, and now he's got to figure out which of those many enemies is out to get him before they pick off his friends one by one and come after him to finish an immortal vendetta. The sequel to

# THE VANISHING THRONE

# MAY, Elizabeth

'My name is Lady Aileana Kameron. First the fae murdered my mother. Then they destroyed my world. Now, I'm fighting for more than revenge.' Aileana took a stand against the Wild Hunt, and she lost everything: her home, her family and her friends. Held captive by her enemy, and tormenting herself over her failure, escape seems like only the faintest possibility. The future is bleak. Hunted by the fae, running for her life, Aileana has only a few options left, Trying to become part of a society scarred by - and hiding from - the Wild Hunt; trusting that a fragile alliance with the fae will save her; or walking the most dangerous path of all: coming into her own powers, as the last of the Falconers... The first book in this series is

The Falconer (\$19.99). \$29.99 **Fantasy** 

THUNDERBIRD

MCDEVITT, Jack

McDevitt returns to the world of Ancient Shores (\$19.95). A working stargate, dating back more than ten thousand years, has been discovered in North Dakota, on a Sioux reservation near Devil's Lake. Travel through the gate currently leads to three equally mysterious destinations. The race to explore and claim the stargate quickly escalates, and those involved divide into opposing camps who view the teleportation technology either as an unprecedented opportunity for scientific research, or a disastrous threat to national - if not planetary - security. In the middle of the maelstrom stands Sioux chairman, James Walker. One thing is for certain: Questions about what the stargate means for humanity's role in the galaxy cannot be ignored. Especially since travel through the stargate isn't, necessarily, only one way...

Science fiction

#### LUNAR CHRONICLES 04: WINTER

MEYER, Marissa

YA fantasy

#### REALITY BY OTHER MEANS

MORROW, James

Join the Abominable Snowman as, determined to transcend his cannibalistic past, he studies Tibetan Buddhism under the Dalai Lama. Pace the walls of Ilium with fair Helen as she tries to convince both sides to abandon their absurd Trojan War. Visit the nursery of Zenobia Garber, born to a Pennsylvania farm couple who accept her for the uncanny little biosphere she is. Scramble aboard the raft built by the passengers and crew of the sinking *Titanic* – and don't be surprised when the vessel transmutes into a world, even more astonishing than the original Ship of Dreams. Anchored by seven previously uncollected stories, this collection of Morrow's best short fiction ranges from social satire to theological hijinks, steampunk escapades to philosophical antics.

Collection

#### THING EXPLAINER:

#### COMPLICATED STUFF IN SIMPLE WORDS

It's good to know what the parts of a thing are called, but it's much more interesting to know what they do. Richard Feynman once said that if you can't explain something to a first-year student, you don't really get it. In Thing Explainer, Randall Munroe (of xkcd fame) takes a quantum leap past this: he explains things, using only drawings and a vocabulary of just our 1,000 (or the ten hundred) most common words. Funny, interesting, and always understandable, this book is for anyone – age 5 to 105 – who has ever wondered how things work,

Sciencey stuff

BREED 02: BROOD

NOVAK, Chase Horror PBK

# IMPERIUM 03: RHYTHM OF THE IMPERIUM

This third series entry continues Nye's Wodehousian take on space opera, chronicling the adventures of Lt Lord Thomas Kinago and his trusty constant companion, the unflappable Parsons. This time they are off to the fabled home of humanity, Earth, which has become a bargaining chip in diplomatic relations with the Zang, an old alien race with the strange hobby of creating bonsai star systems. Science fiction

# THE BALLAD OF SIR BENFRO:

THE BROKEN WORLD

 $OSWALD, J\,D$ 

**PBK** 

# THE BOY WHO WEPT BLOOD

PATRICK, Den

With his rich evocation of the Italian Renaissance-like realm of Landfall, his uniquely appealing way with flawed yet empathic characters and his ability to write gripping scenes of both action and subterfuge. Den Patrick has already established himself as a new favourite for fans of Scott Lynch and Robin Hobb, alike. Ten years have passed since the disappearance of Lucien and his protégé, the young swordsman Dino, is struggling to live up to Lucien's legacy. Sworn to protect the silent queen Anea, as she struggles to bring a new democracy to Demesne, Dino finds himself drawn into a deadly game of political intrigue as the aristocratic families of Landfall conspire to protect their privilege. Always ready to prove himself as a swordsman Dino is anguished to discover that in order to fulfil his yow he must become both spy and assassin. And all the while the dark secret at the heart of Demesne is growing towards fulfilment.' - publisher's blurb. The first in the series is The Boy with the Porcelain Blade (\$19.99).

Fantasy

# THE DEAD LANDS

PERCY, Benjamin

Sanctuary. A citadel in the heart of the former United States of America. Hundreds of miles in every direction beyond its walls lies nothing but death and devastation. Everyone who lives in the safety Sanctuary provides knows that. Until the day a stranger appears. He speaks of a green and fertile land far to the west, a land of promise and plenty, safe from the ruin the virus has wreaked. He has come to lead the survivors away from Sanctuary, to the promise of a new life without walls. But those who follow him will discover that not everything he says is true.

PBK Post-apocalypse

# THE PRISON IN ANTARES

RESNICK, Mike

The Traanskei Coalition's greatest weapon is the Q bomb, and after years of failure, the Democracy has come up with a defence against it. The problem is that they killed most of the team that created it. The sole survivor, Edgar Nmumba, was kidnapped by the Coalition. Only Nmumba can duplicate the work, fast enough to prevent the loss of another dozen populated planets. Nathan Pretorius and his team of Dead Enders will require all their skills and cunning to rescue him, sane and in one piece, from the Coalition's best-hidden and best-guarded prison, somewhere in the Antares sector. The sequel to Fortress in Orion (TPB, \$33.95). Science fiction

YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN HERE

RICKERT, Mary

'Rickert's latest collection contains haunting tales of death, love, and loss. In stories that are imbued with mythology, beasts, and fantastical transformations, Rickert captures the fanciful quality of regret and longing... Rickert's blend of dark and whimsy is  $reminiscent\ of\ Angela\ Carter.'-Booklist.$ 

#### **BLACK TIDE RISING 04: STRANDS OF SORROW**

RINGO, John

A hardened group of survivors fights back against a zombie plague that has brought down civilisation. With the world consumed by a devastating plague that drives humans violently insane, what was once a band of desperate survivors bobbing on a dark Atlantic ocean has now become Wolf Squadron, the only hope for the salvation of the human race. Banding together with what remains of the US Navy, Wolf Squadron, and its leader Steve Smith, not only plans to survive he plans to retake the mainland from the infected, starting with North America. Smith's teenage daughters have become zombie hunters of unparalleled skill, both at land and on the sea, and they may hold the key to the rebirth of civilisation on a devastated planet. The conclusion of the Black Tide Rising series, which begins with Islands of Rage and Hope (\$19.95).

#### THE CASE AGAINST SATAN

RUSSELL, RAY

#### BARSK: THE ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD

SCHOEN, Lawrence M

In a distant future, no remnants of human beings remain, but their successors thrive throughout the galaxy. These are the offspring of humanity's genius-animals, uplifted into walking, talking, sentient beings. The Fant are one such species: anthropomorphic elephants ostracised by other races, and long ago exiled to the rainy ghetto world of Barsk. There, they develop medicines upon which all species now depend. The most coveted of these drugs is koph, which allows a small number of users to interact with the recently deceased and learn their secrets. To break the Fant's control of koph, an off-world shadow group attempts to force the Fant to surrender their knowledge. Jorl, a Fant Speaker with the dead, is compelled to question his deceased best friend, who years ago mysteriously committed suicide. In so doing, Jorl unearths a secret the powers that be would prefer to keep buried forever.

Science fiction

PSY-CHANGELING 14: SHARDS OF HOPE

SINGH, Nalini Paranormal romance

MEETING INFINITY STRAHAN, Jonathan (editor)

The world we are living in is changing, every day. We surf future shock every morning, when we get out of bed. And with every passing day, we are increasingly asked: how do we have to change, to live in the future we are faced with? Includes stories from: Gregory Benford, James S A Corey, Aliette de Bodard, Kameron Hurley, Simon Ings, Madeline Ashby, John Barnes, Gwyneth Jones, Nancy Kress, Yoon Ha Lee, Ian McDonald, Ramez Naam.

An Owomoyela, Bruce Sterling and Sean Williams. SF anthology TPB

# GUNS OF THE DAWN

TCHAIKOVSKY, Adrian

Denland and Lascanne have been allies for generations, but now the Denlanders have assassinated their king, overthrown the monarchy and marched on their northern neighbour. Emily Marshwic has watched the war take her brother-in-law and, now, her young brother. Then comes the call for more soldiers, to a land already drained of husbands, fathers and sons. Every household must give up one woman to the army and Emily has no choice but to join the ranks of young women marching to the front.

#### CAL AND NIKO LEANDROS 10: NEVERMORE THURMAN, Rob

Caliban is a dead man. The Vigil, a group devoted to concealing the paranormal from humanity, has decided Cal has stepped out of the shadows once too often, and death is the only sentence. They plan to send a supernatural assassin into the past to take down the younger, less lethal Cal. But things change when The Vigil makes one last attempt on Caliban's life in the present and end up destroying everyone and everything he cares about. Now, Cal has to save himself, warn those closest to him, and kill every Vigil bastard who stole his world.

**Urban fantasy** 

# THE PROMISE OF THE CHILD

TONER, Tom

In the far future, man has spread out into the galaxy. And diversified. Some have evolved physically into strange new forms, some have become immortal. Some hark back to the old ways. We have built a glorious new future. One that stretches from the sleepy Old World, to new terraformed planets and Dyson spheres built around artificial suns. For as long as we can remember (and some have lived 12,000 years) we have delighted in a rich new existence. Yes, there have been wars, but we are content in our splendour. Art is revered, life is easy, death forgotten for many. But now there are rumours of a bid to oust the Emperor and a worrying story that our history is not as we remember it – not only man left Earth. Lycaste is a lovesick recluse, living in a forgotten Mediterranean cove, who is renowned throughout the distorted people of the Old World for his beauty. Sotiris Gianakos is a 12,000-year-old Cypriote grieving the loss of his sister, a principled man who will change Lycaste's life forever. Their stories, and others, become darkly entwined when Aaron the Longlife - the Usurper, a man who is not quite a man, makes a claim to the Amaranthine throne that threatens to throw the delicate political balance of the known galaxy into ruin. The Promise of the Child is a stunning feat of imagination, set against an epic backdrop ranging from 14th-century Prague, to a lonely cove near the Mediterranean Sea, to the 147th-century Amaranthine Firmament.' - publisher's blurb. A baroque, beautifully-crafted SF debut, Highly recommended.

Science fiction

#### THE RISING

TREGILLIS, Ian

Jax, a rogue Clakker, has wreaked havoc upon the Clockmakers' Guild by destroying the Grand Forge. Reborn in the flames, he must begin his life as a free Clakker, but liberation proves its own burden. Berenice, formerly the legendary spymaster of New France, mastermind behind her nation's attempts to undermine the Dutch Hegemony - has been banished from her homeland and captured by the Clockmakers Guild's draconian secret police force. Meanwhile, Captain Hugo Longchamp is faced with rallying the beleaguered and untested defenders of Marseilles-in-the-West for the inevitable onslaught from the Brasswork Throne and its army of mechanical soldiers. Follows The Mechanical (Alchemy War 01), which is now also available in paperback (\$19.99).

Alternate history

#### JOE STEELE

TURTLEDOVE, Harry

Turtledove envisions the election of a United States President, whose political power will redefine what the nation is and what it means to be American. The Great Depression continues to cast its dark shadow over the country. Desperate times call for desperate measures, so the Democratic Party makes an interesting nomination for their Presidential candidate: California Congressman, Joe Steele, the son of a Russian immigrant labourer - who identifies more with the common man, than with the wealthy power brokers in Washington, DC. Achieving a landslide victory, President Joe Steele wastes no time pushing through Congress reforms that put citizens back to work. Anyone who gets in his way is getting in the way of America, and that includes the highest in the land. But Steele's homeland political enemies pale, in comparison to European tyrants - whose posturing seems sure to drag America into war...

Alternate history PBK

#### THE MYSTERIES

TUTTLE, Lisa

Laura Lensky's daughter, Peri, has been missing for two years. For the police it's a closed case – she wanted to run away – but for her mother and boyfriend, Hugh, it's a different story. When Laura hires private investigator Ian Kennedy, it is a last-ditch attempt to find her daughter – before she leaves for America. Drawn in by strange parallels to an obscure Celtic myth and his first, almost unexplainable case. Ian takes the job. But his beliefs are about to be stretched to their limit - there are darker and more devious forces, at work here, than any of them imagined.

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#### SHOOTOUT SOLUTION UNDERWOOD, Michael R

Leah Tang just died on stage. Well, not literally. Not yet. Leah's stand-up career isn't going well. But she understands the power of fiction, and when she's offered employment with the mysterious Genrenauts Foundation, she soon discovers that literally dying on stage is a hazard of the job! Her first assignment takes her to a Western world. When a cowboy tale slips off its rails, and the outlaws start to win, it's up to Leah - and the Genrenauts team - to nudge the story back on track and prevent a catastrophe on Earth. But the story's hero isn't interested in winning, and the safety of Earth hangs in the balance... 'Who hasn't wanted to imagine themselves parachuting into a story gone wrong and putting it back on track? It's storytelling as heroism, genre savviness as power. Endless fun. Catnip for genre geeks.' - Marie Brennan.

Science fiction TPB

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# POSITIVE: A NOVEL

WELLINGTON, David

The tattooed plus sign on Finnegan's hand marks him as a Positive At any time, the zombie virus could explode in his body, turning him from a rational human into a ravenous monster. His only chance of a normal life is to survive the last two years of the potential incubation period. If he reaches his twenty-first birthday, without an incident, he'll be cleared. Until then, Finn must go to a special facility for positives, segregated from society to keep the healthy population safe. But when the military caravan transporting him is attacked, Finn becomes separated. To make it to safety, he must embark on a perilous cross-country journey across an America transformed – a dark and dangerous land populated with heroes, villains, madmen, and hordes of zombies. And though the zombies are everywhere, Finn discovers that the real danger may be his fellow humans.

#### DEPOSSESSIONIST 01: THE SWORD OF MICHAEL WYNNE, Marcus

Marius Winter doesn't walk the road of the shaman-warrior alone. He has powerful allies in the Other Realms and in ordinary reality. His spirit guides are a Lakota war-chief and medicine man, First In Front; Tigre, a powerful feminine spirit who appears as a white tiger; and Burt, a spirit raven who channels an old Jewish bookie from the Bronx. Now, Marius is targeted by a powerful sorcerer. In the battle for the souls of his friends and lover, he must storm the gates of the underworld and fight through the Seven Demi-Demons of Hell to the deepest dungeons, to confront Belial himself.

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