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Abbreviations used in this catalogue: PBK = 'A' & 'B' format (standard size) paperback

TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperbackHC = Hardcover or cloth binding

ANDROMA SAGA 01: ZENITH

ALSBERG, Sasha & CUMMINGS, Lindsay Most know Androma Racella as the Bloody Baroness: a powerful mercenary, whose reign of terror stretches across the Mirabel Galaxy. To those aboard her fearsome glass starship the Marauder, she's just Andi, their captain and protector. When a routine mission goes awry, the all-girl crew's resilience is tested as they find themselves in a most unfamiliar place: at the mercy of a powerful bounty hunter, connected to Andi's past and a harrowing betrayal. The first in a series; featuring an all-girl spaceship crew taking control and showing the boys how

it's done, with romance, tragedy and ray guns. YA science fiction PBK

DARK APOSTLE 05: ELISHA DAEMON AMBROSE, E C

PBK \$19.95

WINTERNIGHT 02: THE GIRL IN THE TOWER ARDEN, Katherine

For a young woman in medieval Russia, the choices are stark: marriage, or a life in a convent. Vasya will choose a third way: magic... The court of the Grand Prince of Moscow is plagued by power struggles and rumours of unrest. Meanwhile, bandits roam the countryside, burning the villages and kidnapping its daughters. Setting out to defeat the raiders, the Prince and his trusted companion come across a young man riding a magnificent horse. Only Sasha, a priest with a warrior's training, recognises this 'boy' as his younge sister, thought to be dead or a witch by her village. But when Vasya proves herself in battle, riding with remarkable skill and inexplicable power, Sasha realises he must keep her secret; as she may be the only way to save the city, from threats both human and fantastical A sequel to The Bear and the Nightingale (PBK, \$19.99).

BOOKS OF BABEL 01: SENLIN ASCENDS BANCROFT, Josiah

Mild-mannered headmaster, Thomas Senlin prefers his adventures to be safely contained within the pages of a book. So, when he loses his new bride shortly after embarking on the honeymoon of their dreams, he is ill prepared for the trouble that follows. To find her, Senlin must enter the Tower of Babel – a world of geniuses and tyrants, of menace and wonder, of unusual animals and mysterious machines. He must endure betrayal, assassination attempts and the long guns of a flying fortress. And if he hopes to ever see his wife again, he will have to do more than just survive... this quiet man of letters must become a man of action. 'One of the best reads I've had in ages.' - Mark Lawrence. PBK \$22.99

WOUNDED KINGDOM 02: BLOOD OF ASSASSINS BARKER, RJ

The assassin Girton Club-foot and his master have returned to Maniyadoc in hope of finding sanctuary, but death, as always, dogs

Girton's heels. The place he knew no longer exists. War rages across Maniyadoc, with three kings claiming the same crown - and one of them is Girton's old friend Rufra. Girton finds himself hurrying to uncover a plot to murder Rufra on what should be the day of the king's greatest victory. But while Girton deals with threats inside and outside Rufra's war encampment, he can't help wondering if his greatest enemy hides beneath his own skin. The sequel to the popular Age of Assassins (PBK, \$19.99).

DREADFUL YOUNG LADIES AND OTHER STORIES (COLLECTION)

BARNHILL, Kelly

A stunning first collection of acclaimed short fictions, teeming with uncanny characters whose stories unfold in worlds, at once strikingly human and eerily original. Includes the World Fantasy Awardwinning novella: The Unlicensed Magician, introducing the secret, magical life of an invisible girl, once left for dead. 'Reminiscent of Ray Bradbury or Angela Carter... Whether Barnhill's settings are contemporary, historical, or dystopian, she mixes the feeling of fairy tales with the psychological preoccupations of literary fiction.' -

Kirkus Reviews HC Fantasy collection

SPRING TIDE

BECKETT, Chris

A thought-provoking collection of contemporary short stories from the winner of the Arthur C Clarke Award 2013.

Short fiction collection

DIVINE CITIES 03: CITY OF MIRACLES

BENNETT, Robert Jackson Follows City of Stairs (PBK, \$19.99) and City of Blades

(PBK, \$22.99). **Fantasy**

THE OTHERS 05: ETCHED IN BONE

BISHOP, Anne

Lakeside Courtyard has emerged relatively unscathed, though Simon Wolfgard, its wolf shifter leader, and blood prophet Meg Corbyn must work with the human pack to maintain the fragile peace. But all their efforts are threatened, when Lieutenant Montgomery's shady brother arrives, looking for a free ride and easy pickings. With the humans on guard against one of their own, tensions rise, drawing the attention of the Elders, who are curious about the effect such an insignificant predator can have on a pack. But Meg knows the dangers, for she has seen in the cards how it will all end - with her standing beside a grave...

PBK Urban fantasy

OUTER EARTH: THE COMPLETE TRILOGY (OMNIBUS)

BOFFARD, Rob

Outer Earth is a huge space station orbiting the ruins of our planet Dirty, overcrowded and inescapable... it's humanity's last refuge.

and, possibly, its final resting place. For there are dark forces at work on the station: forces that seek to unleash chaos. If they succeed, there will be nowhere left to run. An omnibus edition containing all three of the Outer Earth novels: Tracer, Zero-G, and Impact. This series has had some good customer feedback.

Science fiction **MERCY THOMPSON 10: SILENCE FALLEN**

BRIGGS, Patricia PBK Paranormal romance

OLYMPUS BOUND 03: OLYMPUS BOUND

BRODSKY, Jordanna Max

With the pantheon at her side, Selene must journey back to the seat of her immortal power: from the streets of Rome and the temples of Athens, to the heights of Mount Olympus itself. The conclusion of the trilogy, following The Immortals and Winter of the Gods (PBK,

Supernatural thriller **PBK**

BLACK MIRROR: VOL I: A LITERARY SEASON

BROOKER, Charlie (editor)

Edited by Charlie Brooker, the creator of the series Black Mirror, this book takes the very essence of the globally-acclaimed cult TV show to create new, original, darkly-satirical stories that tap into our collective unease about the modern world. This is Black Mirror in book form, allowed to roam through the imaginations of Cory Doctorow, Sylvain Neuvel, and Claire North. This collection will challenge you to see the world in a different - and more disturbing light. You have been warned...

\$52.95 SF anthology

WITCHY EYE

BUTLER, D J

\$32.99

Sarah Calhoun is the fifteen-year-old daughter of the Elector Andrew Calhoun, one of Appalachee's military heroes and one of the electors who gets to decide who will next ascend as the Emperor of the New World. None of that matters to Sarah. She has a natural talent for hexing and one bad eye, and all she wants is to be left alone especially by outsiders. But Sarah's world gets turned on its head at the Nashville Tobacco Fair, when a Yankee wizard-priest tries to kidnap her. Sarah fights back with the aid of a mysterious monk named Thalanes, who is one of the not-quite-human Firstborn, the Moundbuilders of the Ohio. It is Thalanes who reveals to Sarah a secret heritage, she never dreamed could be hers..

Flintlock fantasy

DAEVABAD TRILOGY 01: THE CITY OF BRASS CHAKRABORTY, S A

When Nahri accidentally summons Dara, an equally-sly, darklymysterious djinn warrior, to her side; he tells Nahri an extraordinary tale: across hot, windswept sands teeming with creatures of fire and rivers where the mythical marid sleep, past ruins of once-magnificent human metropolises and mountains, lies Daevabad, the legendary city of brass. In Daevabad, within gilded brass walls laced with enchantments and behind the six gates of the six djinn tribes, old resentments run deep... The first in a series

SHADOW OPS: GEMINI CELL 03: SEIGE LINE COLE, Myke

Science fiction PBK

VIRTUES OF WAR 03: MARCH OF WAR

COLES, Bennett R

When it's learned that the Centauris employ new and deadly technology, Terran forces must up their own destructive capabilities. Yet, how far can the violence be taken before

results become atrocities? Military SF

THE EARLIE KING AND THE KID IN YELLOW

DENTON, Danny Ireland is flooded, derelict. It never stops raining. The Kid in Yellow

has stolen the babba from the Earlie King. Why? Something to do h the King's daughter, and a talking statue, something godawfu And from every wall the King's Eye watches. And, yet, the city is full of hearts – defiant – sprayed in yellow, the mark of the Kid. It cannot end well. Can it? Follow the Kid, hear the tale. Roll up! Roll up!

Dystopian noir thriller TP

I AM WALTZ DHO, Matthew D

In the year 2036, the world is a very controlled place. Robots owned by a single corporation named IRIS have filled the vast majority of jobs. Nearly everyone works for IRIS subsidies. Crime has been all but eliminated, with the exception of actions from anti-AI groups labelled as terrorist organisations by the government. While most humans live in massive cities, Kyle Conscentia spends his days with his father in the Nevada desert. Day in and day out, Kyle's father recaptures the consciousness of robots to perform hardware upgrades. The two lived a comfortable blue-collar life until Kyle's 16th birthday, when things changed forever. Framed by the media for something he did not do, and with only a fugitive machine to defend his innocence, Kyle must engage in a quest to clear his name and uncover a dark and hidden truth.

Science fiction

QUEENS OF RENTHIA 02:

THE RELUCTANT QUEEN

DURST, Sarah

Ven has a single task: to find the best possible candidate to protect the people of Aratay. And as the queen's power begins to wane and the spirits become emboldened – even as ominous rumours trickle down from the north - Naelin realises that the only way to keep her son and daughter safe is to risk everything. The sequel to The Queen of Blood

\$16.99 Fantasy

RING OF FIRE 25: 1637: THE VOLGA RULES FLINT, Eric; HUFF, Gorg & GOODLETT, Paula

Alternate history \$46.95

THE LIST

FORDE, Patricia

The city of Ark is the last safe place on Earth. To make sure humans avoid the mistakes of their past and are able to survive, everyone in Ark must speak List, a language of only 500 words. Everyone, that is, except Letta. As apprentice to the Wordsmith, Letta can read all the words that have ever existed. Words like freedom, music, and even pineapple tell her about a world she's never known. One day her master disappears and the leaders of Ark tell Letta she is the new Wordsmith and must shorten List to fewer and fewer words. When Letta meets a mysterious boy who somehow knows all the words that have been banned, she's faced with a dangerous choice: sit idly by and watch language slowly slip away, or follow a stranger on a path to freedom... or banishment

\$16.99 YA post-apocalyptic

THE SILVER WELL

FORSYTHE, Kate & WILKINS, Kim

One English village. Two thousand years of stories. People have always come to make wishes at the Silver Well: in Pagan times and Christian, during revolution and war. When Rosie arrives in the tiny village of Cerne Abbas with a broken heart, she becomes connected across the centuries with others who have yearned for something. Seven stories, set in seven time periods, reveal the deepest longings of the human heart.

\$29.99 **Fantasy**

MOONSHINE

GOWER, Jasmine

In the flourishing metropolis of Soot City (a warped version of 1920s Chicago), progressive ideals reign and the old ways of magic and liquid mana are forbidden. Daisy Dell is a Modern Girl – stylish, educated and independent - keen to establish herself in the city but reluctant to give up the taboo magic inherited from her grandmother. Her new job takes her to unexpected places, and she gets more attention than she had hoped for. When bounty hunters start combing the city for magicians, Daisy must decide whether to stay with her new employer - even if it means revealing the grim source of

her occult powers. Fantasy

FIRE SERMON 03: THE FOREVER SHIP

HAIG, Francesca

Follows The Fire Sermon (PBK, \$17.99) and The Map of Bones (PBK,

Fantasy

SUNSURGE QUARTET 02: PRINCE OF THE SPEAR HAIR, David

As empires clash, lives are torn apart and long-held beliefs are overthrown by circumstance and desperation. A young queen whose court is riddled with traitors turns to the wrong people in her hour of need. Two princes clash in the skies, the fate of two nations riding on their skill. Two brothers must reconcile disparate cultures to regain $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1$ their kingdom. An idealistic rabblerouser sees a chance to strike. And a small group of dwymancers grope blindly for knowledge in a race against time before the masked Cabal strike again. The sequel to Empress of the Fall, which we expect in paperback (\$19.99), in March.

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\$32.99

THE COMPLETE SOOKIE

STACKHOUSE STORIES

HARRIS, Charlaine

For the first time together, in one volume, here is the complete short story collection, starring Sookie Stackhouse - with new introductions from Charlaine Harris. New fans can fill in the gaps in their Sookie lore, while old friends can revisit some of their favourite moments and characters. This definitive collection is the perfect binge read, for people who like their stories with bite!

\$39.99 Paranormal

YOU SHOULD COME WITH ME NOW: STORIES OF GHOSTS

HARRISON, M John Speculative fiction \$35.00

THE GATE OF GOOD AND EVIL 02: THE FATAL GATE

IRVINE, Ian

The allies have but one chance to destroy the Merdrun - though it will involve an alchemical quest that has always ended in ruin, a mad invasion in untested sky ships with untrained pilots and the most unequal battle in all the Histories. The second in Irvine's new series, after The Summon Stone (PBK, \$19.99).

PBK **Fantasy**

MISSION TO METHONE

JOHNSON, Les

2065. Chris Holt, working in his office at the Space Resources Corporation, discovers that one of the asteroids he is surveying for mining is actually not an asteroid, at all, but a derelict spaceship. The word gets out and soon the world's powers are competing to explore and claim for themselves the secrets that it holds. What they don't know is that across the galaxy, a war has been underway for millennia... a war between alien civilisations that have very different ideas about what should be done about emerging spacefaring civilisations like our own. The artificial intelligence resident in the derelict Holt discovered has been in our solar system since before the dawn of human civilisation, watching, waiting and keeping quiet lest the interstellar war return and wipe out the sentient race that now resides there - humanity...

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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, the only human contact outside her family. When she runs into a stranger and his dog. while out hunting one day, everything changes...

BLACK WINGS OF CTHULHU 5 JOSHI, S T (editor)

Cthulhiana \$29.95

ALIEN 16: ALIENS ABROAD

YESTERDAY'S KIN TRILOGY 01:

TOMORROW'S KIN

KRESS, Nancy Aliens have landed in New York. A deadly cloud of spores has already infected and killed the inhabitants of two worlds. Now, the plague is heading for Earth, threatening humans and aliens alike. Can either species be trusted to find the cure? Geneticist Marianne Jenner is immersed in the desperate race to save humanity, yet her family is tearing itself apart. But, between the four Jenners, the course of human history will be forever altered. Earth's most elite scientists have ten months to prevent human extinction – but not everyone is willing to wait. Recommended!

PACIFICA 02: SHATTERED MINDS

LAM, Laura

A sequel to False Hearts (PBK, \$19.99).

YA science fiction

ROBOTEER 03: EXODUS

LAMB, Alex

Humanity has been overrun, and has surrendered Earth. The enemy have infected us. The end is near... Follows Roboteer and Nemesis (PBK, \$22.99 each). This series has had fantastic customer feedback. PBK

LUNA: WOLF MOON

MCDONALD, Ian

In an unstable lunar environment, the shifting loyalties and political machinations of each family reach the zenith of their most fertile plots as outright war between the families erupts. Essentially the second half of the epic tale which began with Luna: New Moon (PBK, \$22.99). Brilliant SF – don't miss!

Science fiction

ASIANA 01: MARKSWOMAN

MEHROTRA, Rati

Kyra is the youngest Markswoman in the Order of Kali, one of a handful of sisterhoods of highly-trained elite warriors. Kyra has pledged to protect the people of Asiana - yet, she secretly harbors a fierce desire to avenge her murdered family. But to be a Markswoman means disconnecting from one's past completely. When her beloved mentor dies under mysterious circumstances, and Tamsyn, the powerful and dangerous Mistress of Mental Arts, assumes control of the Order, Kyra is forced on the run. She is certain that Tamsyn committed murder in a twisted bid for power, but she has no proof. Kyra escapes through one of the strange Transport Hubs that are the remnants of Asiana's long-lost past and finds herself in the unforgiving wilderness of a desert that is home to the Order of Khur, the only Order composed of men... The first in a series. TP

THE LAST DAYS OF NEW PARIS

MIÉVILLE, China

1941. In the chaos of wartime Marseille, American engineer and occult disciple - Jack Parsons stumbles onto a clandestine anti-Nazi group, including Surrealist theorist André Breton. In the strange games of the dissident diplomats, exiled revolutionaries, and avant-garde artists, Parsons finds and channels hope. But what he unwittingly unleashes is the power of dreams and nightmares, changing the war and the world forever. 'Hauntingly poetic, strangely beautiful, and erratically intense.' - San Francisco Book Review

PBK Alternate history

VATTA'S PEACE 02: INTO THE FIRE MOON, Elizabeth

When Admiral Kylara Vatta and a ship full of strangers were marooned on an inhospitable arctic island, they uncovered secrets that someone on Ky's planet was ready to kill to keep hidden. Now, the existence of the mysterious arctic base has been revealed, but the organisation behind it still lurks in the shadows, doing all it can to silence her. The sequel to Cold Welcome (PBK, \$19.99), perfect for fans of Lois McMaster Bujold, James S A Corey and Star Wars.

PBK Space opera

BLACK STAR RENEGADES

MORECI. Michael

Cade Sura holds the future of the galaxy in his hands: the ultimate weapon that will bring total peace. He didn't ask for it, he doesn't want it, and there's no worse choice to wield it in all of space... but, if he doesn't, everyone's totally screwed. The evil Praxis kingdom is on the cusp of having every star system under its control, and if that happens, there'll be no contesting their cruel reign. Especially, if its fanatical overlord, Ga Halle, manages to capture Cade and snag the all-powerful weapon, for herself...

Space opera

THE GODS OF LOVE

MOSTYN, Nicola

Happily ever after is ancient history... Meet Frida. Divorce lawyer, cynic and secret descendant of the immortal love god Eros. She's about to have a really bad day... When a handsome but clearly delusional man named Dan bursts into Frida's office and insists that she is fated to save the world, she has him ejected - faster than you can say 'prenup'. But a creepy meeting, a demon or three and one attempted kidnapping later, Frida is beginning to face the inconvenient truth: Dan is, in fact, The Oracle, the gods of Greek mythology are real and Frida herself appears to be everyone's only hope. The world is doomed. Bridget Jones, by way of Neil Gaiman - this smart and quirky story will change the way you look at love

LEGACY OF THE HEAVENS 01: THE SONG OF ALL

MYERS, Tina Lecount

Irjan, a human warrior, is ruthless and lethal, a legend among the Brethren of Hunters. But even legends grow tired and disillusioned. Scarred and weary of bloodshed, Irjan turns his back on his oath and his calling to hide away and live a peaceful life as a farmer, husband, and father. When an ambitious village priest conspires with the vengeful comrades Irjan has forsaken, the fragile peace in the Northlands of Davvieana is at stake. His bloody past revealed, Irjan's present unravels as he faces an ultimatum: return to hunt the immortals or lose his child... Inspired by Scandinavian indigenous cultures, this is the first in a series.

VAGRANT 03: THE SEVEN

NEWMAN, Peter

MEDORAN CHRONICLES 04: GRAEVALE

NONI, Lynette Fantasy

THE HYPERSPACE TRAP

NUTTALL, Christopher G

A year after the Commonwealth won the war with the Theocracy, the interstellar cruise liner Supreme is on its maiden voyage, carrying a host of aristocrats thrilled to be sharing in a wondrous adventure among the stars. The passengers include the owner and his daughters, Angela and Nancy. A collision with a pirate ship leaves the cruiser powerless and becalmed in hyperspace. And they're not alone. Now, the mysterious force that's living on this floating graveyard is coming for Supreme's crew and passengers. As madness starts to tear at their minds, they must fight to survive in a strange alien realm. And there's no way out... Set in the Angel in the Whirlwind universe.

Science fiction

DISRUPTED MAGIC 03: SHADOW HUNT

OLSON, Melissa F Urban fantasy

THRONE OF AMENKOR TRILOGY (OMNIBUS)

PALMATIER, Joshua

Five years ago, the Fire came again, and Amenkor has been spiralling into ruin, ever since. The city's only hope rests in the hands of a young girl, Varis, who has taught herself the art of survival and has been trained in the ways of the assassin. An omnibus edition collecting the novels: The Skewed Throne, The Cracked Throne, and The Vacant Throne. 'I give The Skewed Throne four and a half out of five really creepy-ass iconic chairs, and a strong suggestion that it not walk down any dark alleys alone. I highly recommend it.' - Seanan McGuire.

PBK Fantasy

THE ICE

PAULL, Laline

It's the day after tomorrow and the Arctic sea ice has melted. While global business carves up the new frontier, cruise ships race each other to ever-rarer wildlife sightings. The passengers of the Vanir have come seeking a polar bear. What they find is even more astonishing: a dead body.

PBK SF thriller

FROM DARKEST SKIES

PETERS, Sam

After a five-year sabbatical following the tragic death of his wife and fellow agent Alysha, Keon Rause returns to the distant colony world of Magenta to resume service with the Magentan Intelligence Service. With him he brings an artificial recreation of his wife's personality, a simulacrum built from every digital trace she left behind. She has been constructed with one purpose - to discover the truth behind her own death.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

ELYSIUM FIRE

REYNOLDS, Alastair

Ten thousand city-state habitats orbit the planet Yellowstone, forming a near-perfect democratic human paradise. But even utopia needs a police force. For the citizens of the Glitter Band that organisation is Panoply, and the prefects are its operatives. Prefect Tom Dreyfus has a new emergency on his hands. Across the habitats and their hundred million citizens, people are dying suddenly and randomly, victims of a bizarre and unprecedented malfunction of their neural implants. And these 'melters' leave no clues behind as to the cause of their deaths. As panic rises in the populace, a charismatic figure is sowing insurrection, convincing a small but growing number of habitats to break away from the Glitter Band and form their own independent colonies. The sequel to the brilliant Prefect, now reissued as Aurora Rising (\$22.99). Highly recommended.

Science fiction

SLOW BULLETS

REYNOLDS, Alastair

A vast conflict, one that has encompassed hundreds of worlds and solar systems, appears to be finally at an end. A conscripted soldier is beginning to consider her life after the war and the family she has left behind. But for Scur – and for humanity – peace is not to be. On the brink of the ceasefire, Scur is captured by a renegade war criminal, and left for dead in the ruins of a bunker. She revives aboard a prisoner transport vessel. Something has gone terribly wrong with the ship. Passengers - combatants from both sides of the war - are waking up from hibernation far too soon. Their memories, embedded in bullets, are the only links to a world which is no longer recognisable. And Scur will be reacquainted with her old enemy, but with much higher stakes than just her own life. Winner of the Hugo Award for Best Novella.

Science fiction

DRACONIS MEMORIA 02: THE LEGION OF FLAME

RYAN, Anthony

The legendary white drake - believed to be nothing more than a myth - has awoken from its long slumber, with a thirst to reduce the world of men to ashes. One city has already fallen to the drake's formidable legions. More will follow, unless Clay can uncover an ancient secret that lies buried beneath the southern ice. Once again, Clay must face unthinkable danger; and, this time, he carries not just the hopes of his own nation, but the fate of the entire world. This is the sequel to The Waking Fire (PBK, \$22.99). Highly recommended!

QUEEN OF THE DEAD 03: GRAVE SAGARA, Michelle

COVEN 01: CHILD OF A MAD GOD

Paranormal

SALVATORE, R A When Aolevn 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. HC

LITTLE GREEN MEN – ATTACK! (ANTHOLOGY)

SCHMIDT, Bryan Thomas (editor) Includes stories by: Robert Silverberg, Mike Resnick, Allen M Steele Esther Friesner, Elizabeth Moon, Seanan McGuire, Jody Lynn Nye,

James Gunn, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, and many more. Science fiction anthology

KRIS LONGKNIFE 15: EMISSARY

SHEPHERD, Mike

Kris Longknife has discovered that this desk job is not at all what she expected. Being deskbound hasn't even decreased the number of assassination attempts! Then Kris gets home to find her two kids playing with an Iteeche. Ron has come back to human space, with a request. Should Kris take it? Can she finally get some straight answers from her Grampa Ray, known as King Raymond to most? Does she risk taking the kids into a situation with a whole lot of unanswered questions? What could go wrong? The continuing demise of the mass market paperback format in the United States means that Mike Shepherd's Longknife novels are now selfpublished... and a little more costly.

Science fiction

RITA LONGKNIFE 01: ENEMY UNKNOWN SHEPHERD, Mike

The war is over. Hooray! Half the fleet is back in mothballs, but out on the rim of human space, ships are disappearing. Some are merchant ships going about their business. Others are exploration ships on deep space probes. What's happening to them? Captain Rita Nuu Longknife is ready to take the heavy cruiser Exeter to space, and see what's there. She may have a nursery, next to the captain's cabin, and a two-month-old baby on her hip... but she's taking a warship out there. and nobody better get in her way.

Science fiction

AMBIGUITY MACHINES AND OTHER STORIES (COLLECTION)

SINGH, Vandana

Vandana Singh's deep humanism interplays with her scientific background in stories that explore and celebrate this world and others and characters who are trying to make sense of the people they meet, what they see, and the challenges they face.

Science fiction collection

FOURLANDS 04: FAIR REBEL

SWAINSTON, Steph

Fifteen years after the last devastating Insect attack, the immortal Circle is finally ready to launch an offensive against their implacable enemies. This time, they have a new weapon - gunpowder. Highly $recommended-if\ you\ have\ read\ the\ previous\ three\ in\ the\ trilogy,\ all$ available in new editions (PBK, \$19.99 each).

Fantasy

THE GONE WORLD

SWETERLITSCH, Tom 1997: When ex-Navy Seal Patrick Mursult's family are found murdered, he is the number one suspect. But NCIS Special Agent Shannon Moss isn't convinced, particularly after Patrick apparently commits suicide. 2014: Years after the brutal killings, while working undercover, Moss stumbles across a witness from the Mursult case, who unwittingly tells her far more than she had, at the time. Inspired by this retrospective progress, Moss determines to travel through time... to a host of potential futures, to track down the killer and close this cold case, once and for all.

Science fiction

PARIS ADRIFT SWIFT, E.J.

There's a strange woman called The Chronometrist, who will not leave Hallie alone. Garbled warnings from bizarre creatures keep her up, at night. And there's a time portal in the keg room of the bar, where she works. Soon, Hallie is tumbling through the turbulent past and future Paris, making friends, changing the world - and falling in love. But with every trip, Hallie loses a little of herself, and every infinitesimal change she makes ripples through time, until the future she's trying to save suddenly looks nothing like what she hoped for...

TAU CETI AGENDA 06: BRINGERS OF HELL

TAYLOR, Travis S

Military SF HC

JAGANNATH TIDBECK, Karin

Time travel adventure

Welcome to the weird world of Karin Tidbeck, the visionary Swedish author of literary sci-fi, speculative fiction, and mind-bending fantasy, who has captivated readers around the world. These are stories in which anything is possible. Originally published by the tiny press, Cheeky Frawg - the passion project of Ann and Jeff VanderMeer.

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A MATTER OF OATHS

WRIGHT, Helen S

When Commander Rallya of the patrol ship Bhattya hires Rafe as Web officer, she knows she is taking a risk. As an oath breaker, Rafe has suffered the ultimate punishment - identity wipe - but luckily for him, there's no one else around qualified for the job. Shunned by his previous shipmates, Rafe is ready to keep his head down and do his job, but his competence quickly earns him respect, admiration, and, in one particular case, love. It's difficult to maintain the glow of acceptance however, when his past is chasing him across the galaxy in the shape of an assassin, intent on dealing once and for all with Rafe, whatever the cost. Originally published in 1988, A Matter of Oaths is a space opera with heart, intergalactic intrigue and epic space battle.

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ZINDELL, David

When the orca Arjuna of the Blue Aria Family encounters three signs of cataclysm, he leaves his home in the Arctic Ocean to seek out the Idiot Gods and ask us why we are destroying the world. But the whales' ancient Song of Life is beyond our understanding, and we know nothing of the Great Covenant between our kinds. Arjuna is captured, starved, tortured and made to do tricks in a tiny pool at Sea Circus. His love for a human linguist gives him hope, even as he despairs that other people twist his words and continue the worldwide slaughter. As the whales' beloved Ocean turns toward the Blood Solstice the fate of humanity hangs in the balance.

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