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Includes new books by:

Jasper Fforde

Traci Harding

Robin Hobb

Sharon Lee &

Steve Miller

Neal Stephenson

Ian Tregillis

Catherynne M. Valente

David Weber

...and many others

THE MAD SCIENTIST'S GUIDE TO WORLD DOMINATION: ORIGINAL SHORT FICTION FOR THE MODERN EVIL GENIUS

ADAMS, John Joseph (Editor)

Includes stories from Seanan McGuire, Naomi Novik, and Daniel H. Wilson.

SF anthology TP \$27.95

UNDER THE MOONS OF MARS: NEW ADVENTURES ON BARSOOM

ADAMS, John Joseph (Editor)

Fourteen swashbuckling new adventures extend the exploits of John Carter and his descendants on Edgar Rice Burroughs' version of the Red Planet. Contributors include Garth Nix, Peter S. Beagle, Theodora Goss, L.E. Modesitt, Jr., Genevieve Valentine, S.M. Stirling, and Catherynne M. Valente.

YA anthology PBK \$19.95

OZ REIMAGINED: NEW TALES FROM THE EMERALD CITY AND BEYOND

ADAMS, John Joseph (Editor)

Includes stories from Jeffrey Ford, Simon R. Green, Seanan McGuire, Rachel Swirsky, Tad Williams, and Jane Yolen.

Fantasy anthology TP \$27.95

FUSE

BAGGOTT, Julianna

"In Baggott's laceratingly inventive *Pure* [\$12.99], in which those not safely under the Dome at the apocalyptic moment have been permanently fused to whatever was at hand, Partridge defied his father, Dome master Willux, by escaping to the wider world. Here, Willux goes to evil lengths to get him back. Exceptional writing, even if you're wearying of dystopian fiction" - *Library Journal*

YA dystopian PBK \$19.99

THE CULTURE; 25 ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION

BANKS, Iain M.

Orbit have celebrated the 25th anniversary of SF's best utopia by collecting the first three Culture novels - Consider Phlebas, Player of Games, Use of Weapons - in a box set. The perfect introduction to one of the finest series in SF. Recommended.

Science fiction PBK \$49.95

STONEMOUTH

BANKS, Iain

Stewart Gilmour is back in Stonemouth. After five years in exile his presence is required at the funeral of Joe Murston, and even though the last time Stu saw the Murstons he was running for his life, staying away might be even more dangerous than turning up. Banks' last 'straight' novel, *The Steep Approach to Giberdale*, was his worst ever and, thankfully, only a glitch. Says Iain here at Pulp: *Stonemouth* is excellent - along the lines of *The Crow Road*.

Fiction PBK \$19.99

THE CRONING

BARRON, Laird

"Donald Miller, geologist and academic, has walked along the edge of a chasm for most of his nearly eighty years, leading a charmed life between endearing absent-mindedness and sanity-shattering realization. Now, all things must converge. Donald will discover the dark secrets along the edges, unearthing savage truths about his wife Michelle, their adult twins, and all he knows and trusts. For Donald is about to stumble upon the secret - of The Croning" - *publisher's blurb*

Horror TP \$27.95

GIDEON'S ANGEL

BEAL, Clifford

1653: The long and bloody English Civil War is at an end. King Charles is dead and Oliver Cromwell rules the land as king in all but name. Richard Treadwell, an exiled royalist officer and soldier-for-hire to the King of France, decides upon a self-appointed mission: to return to England in secret and assassinate the new Lord Protector. Once back on English soil however, he learns that his is not the only plot in motion. A secret army run by a deluded Puritan is bent on the same quest, guided by the Devil's hand. When demonic entities are summoned, Treadwell finds himself in a desperate turnaround: he must save Cromwell to save England from a literal descent into Hell.

Historical fantasy PBK \$17.95

CALLIOPE REAPER-JONES 05: THE GOLDEN AGE OF DEATH

BENSON, Amber

"My name is Calliope Reaper-Jones (Callie to my friends). I'm Death's Daughter and - as of very recently - the (reluctant) head of my father's company, Death, Inc. I was gradually learning how to be a businesswoman. Had the power suits and shoes down, though the day to day was slow going. Then I was blindsided by Enemies Unknown and sent off to I-don't-know-where. Not a good thing. Now not only must my friends and family be frantic, but without a CEO, Death, Inc., can't function. With the newly deceased left free to roam the Earth, it's the zombie apocalypse come true." - *publisher's blurb*

Urban fantasy PBK \$17.95

DEAD THINGS

BLACKMORE, Stephen

Necromancer is such an ugly word, but it's a title Eric Carter is stuck with. He sees ghosts, talks to the dead. He's turned it into a lucrative career putting troublesome spirits to rest, sometimes taking on even more dangerous things. For a fee, of course. When he left LA fifteen years ago, he thought he'd never go back. Too many bad memories. Too many people trying to kill him. But now his sister's been murdered and Carter wants to find out why.

Urban fantasy PBK \$17.95

HOMUNCULUS

BLAYLOCK, James

It is the late 19th century and a mysterious airship orbits through the foggy skies. Its terrible secrets are sought by many, including the Royal Society, a fraudulent evangelist, a fiendish vivisectionist, an evil millionaire and an assorted group led by the scientist and explorer Professor Langdon St. Ives. Can St. Ives keep the alien homunculus out of the claws of the villainous Ignacio Narbondo? A reissue of the first in the Langdon St Ives series, from one of the original steampunkers. Great fun - recommended!

Steampunk PBK \$24.95

A NATURAL HISTORY OF DRAGONS

BRENNAN, Marie

"Isabella, Lady Trent, is a naturalist and adventurer in a country that more or less resembles 19th-century England, yet fantastical creatures roam, Judaism appears to be the dominant religion, and Europe once had an ancient Egypt-like civilization. Isabella has been obsessed with studying dragons since childhood, but a formal scientific career is off limits to a woman. Instead she marries a man who shares her passion for natural history and convinces him to let her join his expedition to see the wild dragons of Vystrana. Along the way, Isabella solves a mystery and proves her worth as a naturalist. Brennan's world-building is wonderfully subtle, rendering a familiar land alien with casual details. Fans of fantasy, science, and history will adore this rich and absorbing tale of discovery." - *Publisher's Weekly*.

Fantasy HC \$42.95

THE DAYLIGHT WAR

BRETT, Peter V.

The third in the *Demon Cycle*, after *The Painted Man* and *Desert Spear* (\$17.99 each). Recommended.

Fantasy TP \$27.99

MERCY THOMPSON 07: FROST BURNED

BRIGGS, Patricia

Urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

BEDLAM

BROOKMYRE, Christopher

"Would it be your ultimate fantasy to enter the world of a video game? A realm where you don't have to go to work or worry about your health; where you can look like a hero or a goddess; where you can fly space-ships, slay dragons, yet all of it feels completely real. Or would it be your worst nightmare? Stuck in an endless state of war and chaos where the pain and fear feels real and from which not even death can offer an escape. Prison or playground. Heaven or hell. This is where you find out. This is white-knuckle action, sprawling adventure, merciless satire and outrageous humour like you've never experienced. This is Bedlam." - *Publisher's blurb*.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

WILDCAT

BROOKS, Cheryl

Paranormal romance PBK \$17.95

ETIQUETTE AND ESPIONAGE

CARRIGER, Gail

In an alternate England of 1851, spirited 14-year-old Sophronia is enrolled in a finishing school where, she is surprised to learn, lessons include not only the fine arts of dance, dress, and etiquette, but also diversion, deceit, and espionage.

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

HOW DARK THE WORLD BECOMES

CHADWICK, Frank

Sasha Naradnyo is a gangster. He's a gangster with heart, sure, but Sasha sticks his neck out for no man. That's how you stay alive in Crack City, a colony stuffed deep into the crust of the otherwise unlivable planet Peeztaan. His parents came to this rock figuring to make it big, only to find that they'd been recruited as an indentured labor force for alien overlords known as the Varoki. Now a pair of rich young Varoki under the care of a beautiful human nanny are fleeing Peeztaan, and Sasha is recruited to help, but finds himself thrust him into the midst of a political battle that could remake the galactic balance of power and save humanity from slow death by servitude.

Science fiction TP \$25.95

THE MAD SCIENTIST'S DAUGHTER

CLARK, Cassandra Rose

"Cat, this is Finn. He's going to be your tutor." Finn looks and acts human, though he has no desire to be. He was programmed to assist his owners, and performs his duties to perfection. A billion-dollar construct, his primary task now is to tutor Cat. But when the government grants rights to the ever-increasing robot population, however, Finn struggles to find his place in the world. This is getting some excellent reviews.

Science fiction romance TP \$27.95

GUARDIAN OF THE NIGHT

DANIEL, Tony

For alien Commander Arid Ricimer there was no going home. His species was winning the war with Earth, but the civilization he had fought for was gone, destroyed from within by ideologues and bureaucrats. So he does the only thing that makes sense to a person of integrity—he attempts to defect to Earth with his officers and an entire spaceship.

Science fiction PBK \$17.95

THE KING OF THE CRAGS

DEAS, Stephen

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

THE BURN ZONE

DECKER, James K.

Plagued by overpopulation, disease, and starvation, humanity was headed for extinction - until an alien race called the haan arrived. And then the real trouble began. It's been a rough day for Sam Shao. As part of a program that requires humans to act as surrogates to haan infants, Sam has been genetically enhanced to bond with them. So when three soldiers invade her apartment and arrest her guardian for smuggling a dangerous weapon into the country, Sam can sense that something isn't right. "Between the bone crack tension, the fertile cascade of ideas, and the neon bright setting, *The Burn Zone* is a hell of a ride." - *Richard Kadrey*

Science fiction PBK \$17.95

THE OFFICE OF MERCY

DJANKIAN, Ariel

Having lived her whole life in the comforts of a high-tech underground colony called America-Five, 24-year-old Natasha Wiley is asked to join a team heading Outside for the first time. "Both believable and chilling, this tale transports readers to a futuristic utopian life where good and evil mingle with equal opportunity and are often indistinguishable to the characters." - *Kirkus Reviews*. This has been getting great reviews.

Science fiction HC \$42.95

EXILE

DORNBUSCH, Betsy

Draken vae Khellian, bastard cousin of the Monoean King, had risen far from his ignominious origins, becoming both a Bowrank Commander and a member of the Crown's Black Guard. But when he is falsely condemned for the grisly murder of his beloved wife, he is banished from the kingdom and cast upon the distant shore of Akrasia, at the arse-end of the world. But it is also a realm on the brink of a bloody revolution, as a sinister conspiracy plots against Akrasia's embattled young queen-and malevolent banes possess the bodies of the living. Consumed by grief, and branded a murderer, Draken lives only to clear his name and avenge his wife's murder. But the fates may have bigger plans for him...

Fantasy HC \$42.95

RCN - LT. LEARY 09: THE ROAD OF DANGER

DRAKE, David

Captain Daniel Leary with his friend-and spy-Officer Adele Mundy are sent to a quiet sector to carry out an easy task: helping the local admiral put down a coup before it takes place. But with anarchy and rebellion in the air, it's up to Leary and Mundy to put a stop to the madness. *With the Lightnings* (\$17.95) is the first in this excellent space opera.

Science fiction PBK \$17.95

RIFT RUNNERS 02: THE DARK DIVIDE

FALLON, Jennifer

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

THE WOMAN WHO DIED A LOT

FFORDE, Jasper

The BookWorld's leading enforcement officer Thursday Next is four months into an enforced semi-retirement following an assassination attempt, but she returns home to an array of family problems - son Friday's lack of focus since his career in the Chronoguard was relegated to a might-have-been, daughter Tuesday's difficulty perfecting the Anti-Smote shield needed to thwart an angry Deity's promise to wipe Swindon off the face of the earth, and Jenny, who doesn't exist. And that's not all. With Goliath attempting to replace Thursday at every opportunity with synthetic Thursdays, the prediction that Friday's Destiny-Aware colleagues will die in mysterious circumstances, and a looming meteorite that could destroy all human life on earth, Thursday's retirement is going to be anything but easy.

Thursday Next PBK \$19.99

CITY OF A THOUSAND DOLLS

FORSTER, Miriam

Nisha was abandoned at the gates of the City of a Thousand Dolls when she was just a little girl. Now sixteen, she lives on the grounds of the isolated estate, where orphan girls apprentice as musicians, healers, courtesans, and, if the rumors are true, assassins. She makes her way as Matron's errand girl, her closest companions the mysterious cats that trail her shadow. Only when she begins a forbidden flirtation with the city's handsome young courier does she let herself imagine a life outside the walls. Until one by one, girls around her start to die. Before she becomes the next victim, Nisha decides to uncover the secrets that surround the girls' deaths.

YA fantasy HC \$32.95

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Until next time, good reading!

Ron, Iain and Beau

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TPB = "B" & "C" format (oversize) paperback
HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

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Science Fiction & Fantasy February 2013 (Continued)

THE PREY

FUKUDA, Andrew

For Gene and the remaining humans - or hepers - death is just a heartbeat away. On the run and hunted by society, they must find a way to survive in The Vast...and avoid the hungry predators tracking them in the dark. But they're not the only things following Gene. He's haunted by the girl he left behind and his burgeoning feelings for Sissy, the human girl at his side. When they discover a refuge of exiled humans living high in the mountains, Gene and his friends think they're finally safe. Led by a group of intensely secretive elders, the civilisation begins to raise more questions than answers. A strict code of behaviour is the rule, harsh punishments are meted out, young men are nowhere to be found - and Gene begins to wonder if the world they've entered is just as evil as the one they left behind. The sequel to *The Hunt* (\$19.99).

YA vampire PBK \$19.99

OTHERWORLD 13: HAUNTED MOON

GALENORN, Yasmine

Paranormal romance PBK \$17.95

TRAFALGAR

GORODSICHER, Angelica

"This understated and impressive story cycle, written in 1979 by Argentinean author and World Fantasy Lifetime Achievement Award winner Gorodischer relates the adventures of intergalactic trader and coffee addict Trafalgar Medrano. When he meets with the unnamed narrators, he tells of his attempts to raise money by selling goods and services on other planets; most of his efforts end in improbable, hilarious disaster, such as being mistaken for Mandrake the Magician or finding a world that looks exactly like Earth in 1492... Trafalgar's adventures build on each other nicely, creating a collection that's a joy to read." - *Publisher's Weekly*

Science fiction TP \$27.95

DREAMING OF ZHOU GONG

HARDING, Traci

"Set in ancient China, this is the story of Hudan, one of the mysterious Wu who lives on the sacred mountain of Li Shan. The Wu have been living in isolation for decades while the Shang Emperor and his enchantress have ruled the land. It has been a terrible time for the common people and the noble Ji brothers are keen to bring the emperors arrogant bloodthirsty reign to an end. They believe an ancient prophecy has predicted the fall of the Shang emperor and they are keen to enact it, but first they must journey to the mountain and seek out the Wu. When the Ji brothers join forces with the beautiful, enigmatic Hudan and her equally mysterious tiger sister, they begin a powerful journey of love and adventure." - *Publisher's blurb*

Fantasy TP \$29.99

SHADOW OF NIGHT

HARKNESS, Deborah

It began with *A Discovery of Witches* (\$19.99). Historian Diana Bishop, descended from a line of powerful witches, and long-lived vampire Matthew Clairmont have broken the laws dividing creatures. When Diana discovered a significant alchemical manuscript in the Bodleian Library, she sparked a struggle in which she became bound to Matthew. Now the fragile coexistence of witches, daemons, vampires and humans is dangerously threatened. Seeking safety, Diana and Matthew travel back in time to London, 1590.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

HOME IMPROVEMENT: UNDEAD EDITION

HARRIS, Charlaime & KELNER, Toni L. (Editors)

Stories from Charlaime Harris (a new Sookie Stackhouse), Patricia Briggs, Seanan McGuire, Suzanne MacLeod and many more.

Urban fantasy anthology PBK \$19.99

WHEN WE WAKE

HEALEY, Karen

Sixteen-year-old Tegan is just like every other girl living in 2027 - she's happiest when playing the guitar, she's falling in love for the first time, and she's joining her friends to protest the wrongs of the world: environmental collapse, social discrimination, and injustice. But on what should have been the best day of Tegan's life, she dies - and wakes up a hundred years in the future, locked in a government facility with no idea what happened. 'A stirring and century-spanning adventure story that vividly shows how the future is created by our mistakes, our triumphs, and our love.' - *Scott Westerfeld*

YA dystopia PBK \$16.99

MAMMOTH BOOK OF BEST NEW HORROR 23

JONES, Stephen (Editor)

Jones also edits the collection *Zombie Apocalypse! Fightback* (PBK, \$16.99).

Horror anthology PBK \$14.99

BLACK CITY

HENRY, Christina

Urban fantasy PBK \$17.95

THE WILLFUL PRINCESS AND THE PIEBALD PRINCE

HOBB, Robin

Diving into the deep mythology of the Elderlings, Hobb offers a worm's-eye view of an event that shaped the realm, laying the groundwork for Hobb's *Farseer* trilogy. A limited edition novella (184pp) from Subterranean Press. Also, *Rain Wilds 03: City of Dragons*, is now in paperback (\$17.95).

Fantasy HC \$49.99

HELL TO PAY

HUGHES, Matthew

Meet Chesney Arnstruther. Once a mild-mannered insurance actuary, now a full-time crime-fighting superhero, it's all he can do to kick bad-guy ass while at the same time holding down a steady relationship with the gorgeous Melda.

Urban fantasy PBK \$17.95

UNDER THE GUN

JAYNE, Hannah

"Life is never dull at San Francisco's Underworld Detection Agency. In the fast-paced, sexy, and uproariously funny fourth installment of Jayne's urban fantasy series, hapless UDA investigator Sophie Lawson contends with the return of her werewolf ex-boss, Pete Sampson, presumed dead and now on the run from werewolf hunters. San Francisco is rocked by a mysterious series of unusually vicious murders during an equally brutal heat wave, and Sophie wonders whether Pete might be the culprit. Part will-they/won't-they supernatural romance, part heart-pounding mystery, and part love letter to San Francisco, this page-turner is packed full of unforgettable characters and suspense. It will delight new readers and fans alike." - *Publisher's Weekly*

Urban fantasy PBK \$17.95

'TIL THE WORLD ENDS

KAGAWA, J., AGUIRRE, A. & DUVAL, K.

Dawn of Eden by Julie Kagawa: For Kylie, the miracle of her survival from the Red Lung virus is also her burden: as a doctor at one of the clinics for the infected, she is forced to witness endless suffering. What's worse, strange things are happening to the remains of the dead, and by the time she befriends Ben Archer, she's beginning to wonder if a global pandemic is the least of her problems... *Thistle & Thorne* by Ann Aguirre: After a catastrophic spill turns the country into a vast chemical wasteland, those who could afford it retreated to fortresses, self-contained communities run by powerful corporations. But for Mari Thistle, life on the outside, in the Red Zone, is a constant struggle. To protect her family, Mari teams up with the mysterious Thorne Goodman. *Sun Storm* by Karen Duval: Sarah Daggot has been chasing storms since she was a child. But after the biggest solar flares in history nearly destroy the planet, she becomes a Kinetic, endowed by her exposure to radiation with the power to sense coming storms—in the cosmos and beyond.

Paranormal romance TP \$27.95

FROGGY STYLE

KAZIMER, J.A.

Less than two weeks before he turns thirty, Jean-Michel La Grenouille - the Frog Prince - must find his One. Only by marrying the girl who originally turned him human can he keep from turning back into a frog. When Jean-Michel is introduced to Beauty, a beautiful blonde with a sleeping disorder, he's convinced she's the One and proposes. But after a drunken night out in Cin City, Jean-Michel discovers that there's a hit out on Beauty. If she's killed before they get married, he'll return to his lilypad forever. He sets out to find the assassin and stop him - but it seems Beauty isn't too keen on getting married either.

Paranormal romance TP \$27.95

THE APES OF WRATH

KLAW, Richard (Editor)

From the jungles of Tarzan to outer space and beyond, the apes in these remarkable tales boldly go where humans dare not. Provocative and fantastical, this anthology, featuring classics and new stories, delves into the cultural fascination with - and dread of - humanity's simian cousins.

Anthology TP \$29.95

FADE TO BLACK

KNIGHT, Francis

Mahala: a city built in the dark depths of a valley. A city built up in layers, where the Ministry rules from its lofty perch at the sunlit summit & where the forsaken lurk in the shadowy depths of the Pit. Rojan is a bounty hunter trying to make his way in the city. Everyone knows he's a womaniser, a shirker of all responsibility, but they don't know he's also a pain-mage: able to draw magic from his own and other people's pain. He's not keen on using it (not least because it's outlawed), but when his niece is abducted and taken to the dark depths of the Pit, he may just be forced to unleash his power.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

PANTOMIME

LAM, Laura

R.H. Ragona's Circus of Magic is the greatest circus of Ellada. Nestled among the glowing blue Penglass - remnants of a mysterious civilisation long gone - are wonders beyond the wildest imagination. It's a place where anything seems possible - where anyone can hide. Iphigenia Laurus, or Gene, the daughter of a noble family, is uncomfortable in corsets and crinoline, and prefers climbing trees to debutante balls. Micah Grey, a runaway living on the streets, joins the circus as an aerialist's apprentice and soon becomes the circus's rising star. But Gene and Micah have balancing acts of their own to perform, and a secret in their blood that could unlock the mysteries of Ellada.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.95

NECESSITY'S CHILD

LEE, Sharon & MILLER, Steve

The new *Liaden* novel!

Science fiction HC \$39.95

THE BEST OF ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS

LORD, Karen

The Sadiri were once the galaxy's ruling élite, but now their home planet has been rendered sterile and most of the population is dead. The few groups living on other worlds are desperately short of Sadiri women, and their extinction is all but certain. Civil servant Grace Delarua is assigned to work with Councillor Dllenaahkh, a Sadiri, on his mission to visit distant communities, looking for possible mates. Delarua is impulsive, garrulous and fully immersed in the single life; Dllenaahkh is controlled, taciturn and responsible for keeping his community viable. They both have a lot to learn.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

HUNTING DAYLIGHT

MAITLAND, Piper

For more than a decade, Caro Barrett has had doubts about the death of her husband, who disappeared while looking for a tribe of day-walking vampires in an African rainforest...

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.95

SF MASTERWORKS: THE CALTRAPS OF TIME

MASSON, David I.

"Masson's only published book of fiction, this is a collection of short stories, most of which made their first appearance in *New Worlds SF* during the 1960s under the editorship of Michael Moorcock. An apocalyptic battle at the edge of the unknown, the deadly fascination of voracious magma, a world where the weather expresses itself as mood. These are only some of the themes tackled with superb scientific speculation by David I. Masson." - *publisher's blurb*

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

BETWEEN TWO THORNS

NEWMAN, Emma

Something is wrong in Aquae Sulis, Bath's secret mirror city. The new season is starting and the Master of Ceremonies is missing. Max, an Arbiter of the Split Worlds Treaty, is assigned with the task of finding him with no one to help but a dislocated soul and a mad sorcerer. There is a witness but his memories have been bound by magical chains only the enemy can break. A rebellious woman trying to escape her family may prove to be the ally Max needs. But can she be trusted? And why does she want to give up eternal youth and the life of privilege she's been born into? "Emma Newman is an extraordinary new voice in SF/F." - *Paul Cornell*

Urban fantasy TP \$27.95

FORERUNNER FACTOR

NORTON, Andre

Reissue of *Forerunner* and *Forerunner: The Second Venture*, featuring young Forerunner/human hybrid Simsa, collected for the first time in one volume. A heroic young woman seeks her origins as she comes of age on worlds of peril and alien mystery.

Science fiction PBK \$17.95

THE MAMMOTH BOOK OF GHOST STORIES BY WOMEN

O'REGAN, Marie (Editor)

Horror anthology PBK \$14.99

YAMADA MONOGATARI: DEMON HUNTER

PARKS, Richard

In an ancient Japan where the incursions of gods, ghosts, and demons into the living world is an everyday event, an impoverished nobleman named Yamada no Goji makes his living as a demon hunter for hire.

Historical fantasy TP \$27.95

ON MIDNIGHT WINGS

PHOENIX, Adrian

Urban fantasy PBK \$12.99

SF MASTERWORKS: UNQUENCHABLE FIRE

POLLACK, Rachel

"In an America where the miraculous is par for the course, where magic and myths are as real as shopping malls and television game shows, Jennifer Mazdan listens to the modern storytellers recite the tales of the Founders. But when strange things start to happen and Jennie becomes pregnant - from a dream - she enters a struggle which threatens her own life and causes her to question everything she has ever learned. Unquenchable Fire won the Arthur C. Clarke Award in 1989." - *publisher's blurb*

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

CLOCKWORK CENTURY 05: THE

INEXPLICABLES

PRIEST, Cherie

Steampunk PBK \$19.99

CHILDREN OF THE DRAGON NIMBUS 01:

THE SILENT DRAGON

RADFORD, Irene

Fantasy PBK \$17.95

TOUCHSTONE 02: ELSEWHENS

RAWN, Melanie

Fantasy HC \$42.95

THE DEMI-MONDE: SUMMER

REES, Rod

Science fiction TP \$32.99

DEAD LETTER DAY

RENDLAHL, Eileen

Urban fantasy PBK \$17.95

SWORD-BOUND

ROBERSON, Jennifer

The new Tiger and Del novel.

Fantasy HC \$42.95

NEVERWINTER 03: CHARON'S CLAW

SALVATORE, R.A.

Fantasy PBK \$17.95

ASBURY PARK

SCOTT, Rob

Ten weeks ago, Homicide Detective Sailor Doyle worked his first solo case, a gruesome double murder in a remote farmhouse in Virginia. Now Sailor is recuperating with his family at a beach house in Belmar, on the New Jersey shore. He's struggling with prescription drug withdrawal while trying to build up his shattered shoulder and leg, and he's also trying to rebuild his shattered relationship with his wife, Jenny, while pleased he's alive, is less enamoured with the idea of reconciliation. Seeking refuge in a century-old beachfront resort hotel, Sailor meets an elderly man, Mark "Moses" Stillman, a former minor league baseball player whose wife and daughter drowned in the ocean off Belmar years earlier. Sailor's having nightmares about his previous case, and when he starts seeing things again, he realises that once again he's being guided to the truth... even if it's not what he wants to hear.

Horror PBK \$19.99

THE EXPLORER

SMYTHE, James

When journalist Cormac Easton is selected to document the first manned mission into deep space in fifteen years, he dreams of returning home having secured his place in history as one of humanity's great explorers. But, in space, nothing goes according to plan. For a start, the astronauts wake from hypersleep to discover that their captain has died in his allegedly fail-proof safety pod. They mourn - and Cormac sends a beautifully written eulogy back to Earth. The word from ground control is clear: no matter what, the mission must continue. But as the rest of the crew start dying one-by-one, Cormac finds himself alone and spiralling towards his own inevitable death... unless he can do something to stop it.

Science fiction HC \$24.99

TRICKSTER

SOMERS, Jeff

Magic uses blood - a lot of it. The more that's used, the more powerful the effect, so mages find "volunteers" to fuel their spells. Lem, however, is different. Long ago he set up a rule that lets him sleep at night: "never use anyone's blood but your own." He's grifting through life as a Trickster, performing only small Glamours like turning one-dollar bills into twenties. He and his sidekick, Mags, aren't doing well, but they're getting by. That is, until they find young Claire Mannice - bound and gagged, imprisoned in a car's trunk, and covered with invisible rune tattoos. Lem turns to his estranged mentor for help, but what they've uncovered is more terrifying than anybody could have imagined. Mika Renar, the most dangerous Archmage in the world, is preparing to use an ocean of blood to cast her dreams into reality - and Lem just got in her way.

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SURI, Manil

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