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Until next time, good reading!
Ron and Leanne

THE HEAP

ADAMS, Sean

Standing nearly five hundred stories tall, *Los Verticalés* once bustled with life and excitement. Now, this marvel of modern architecture and non-traditional urban planning has collapsed into a pile of rubble known as the Heap. In exchange for digging gear, a rehabilitated bicycle, and a small living stipend, a vast community of Dig Hands removes debris, trash, and bodies from the building's mountainous remains, which span twenty acres of unincorporated desert land. Orville Anders burrows into the bowels of the Heap to find his brother Bernard – the beloved radio DJ of *Los Verticalés*; who is alive and miraculously broadcasting, somewhere under the massive rubble. For months, Orville has lived in a sea of campers that surrounds the Heap, working tirelessly to free Bernard – the only known survivor of the imploded city – whom he speaks to every evening, calling into his radio show. The brothers' conversations are a ratings bonanza, and the station's parent company, Sundial Media, wants to boost its profits, by having Orville slyly drop brand names into his nightly talks with Bernard. When Orville refuses, his access to Bernard is suddenly cut off; but strangely, he continues to hear his own voice over the airwaves, casually shilling products, as 'he' converses with Bernard. What follows is an imaginative and darkly hilarious story of conspiracy, revenge, and the strange life and death of *Los Verticalés* that both captures the wonderful weirdness of community and the bonds that tie us together.

Absurdist dystopia HC \$45.00

LITTLE BONES

BAILLIE, David

Hamilton, Ontario, 1953. A nine-year-old boy meets with a horrific death at the hands of a sociopath; his little body is then hidden away in a soon-to-be-sealed tenement coal chute where it lies for two decades. The remains, discovered by contractors rerouting a pipe in 1974, make for sensational news; the fact that ten small bones are missing causes further speculation. But interest in the cold case fades quickly – except in the imagination of a tragically lonely boy named Scott Campbell, a resident of that sad building who suffers (equally) from undiagnosed Selective Mutism and the terrible neglect of his mentally ill mother. In the building's furnace room, Scotty meets his one and only friend: a child's playful, coal-black shadow that follows him through a litany of foster homes and into adulthood. Now, in 1987, thirteen years after the discovery of those remains, Scotty is an enigmatic street artist who makes strange sculptures out of found objects, which he leaves in the forgotten and overlooked corners of the city. Scotty's social worker, Simon, despairs over Scotty's plight: the mute will soon be completely on his own, for he aged out of government-sponsored aid, almost two years ago; and is now living on the remnants of a miracle extension arranged by Simon's boss. Simon also has his own dilemma: as a Mohawk with invested interest in the Six Nations of the Grand River, he feels like he is betraying his own community by working for the government-funded Children's Aid Society in Hamilton. Caught between pressure at home, and the impending end of Scotty's meagre support, Simon is losing faith in both the System and himself.

Horror TP \$37.95

MERCY THOMPSON II: STORM CURSED

BRIGGS, Patricia

The popular Mercy Thompson series begins with *Moon Called* (PBK, \$19.99).

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

FALL OF SHANNARA 03: THE STIEHL ASSASSIN

BROOKS, Terry

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

THE SHOCKWAVE RIDER

BRUNNER, John

In a world drowning in data and information and choking on novelty and innovation, Nickie Haflinger – a most dangerous fugitive, who doesn't even appear to exist – provides a window onto a global society falling apart in all directions, with madness run amok and personal freedom surrendered to computers and bureaucrats. Caught and about to be reprogrammed, can he escape once again, defy the government and turn the tide of organisational destruction? An electrifying novel about identity in the digital age from a Hugo and BSFA Award-winning author.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

PENRIC & DESDEMONA 01-3:

PENRIC'S PROGRESS (OMNIBUS)

BUJOLD, Lois McMaster

Set in Bujold's World of Five Gods, footloose nobleman Penric journeys from young lord to sorcerer and scholar in the Bastard's Order – and solves mysteries along the way. An omnibus edition collecting the first three Penric and Desdemona novellas – *Penric's Demon*, *Penric and the Shaman*, and *Penric's Fox* – which have previously only been available as ebooks, or pricey Subterranean Press editions. Recommended.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

ARKAD'S WORLD

CAMBIAS, James L

Young Arkad is the only human on a distant world, on his own among beings from across the Galaxy. His struggle to survive on the lawless streets of an alien city is disrupted by the arrival of three humans: an eccentric historian named Jacob, a superhuman cyborg girl called Baichi, and a mysterious ex-spy known as Ree. They seek a priceless treasure which might free Earth from alien domination. Arkad risks everything to join them on an incredible quest halfway across the planet. With his help they cross the fantastic landscape, battling pirates, mercenaries, bizarre creatures, vicious bandits and the harsh environment. But the deadliest danger comes from treachery and betrayal within the group as dark secrets and hidden loyalties come to light.

Space opera PBK \$22.95

MASTERS & MAGES 03: BRIGHT STEEL

CAMERON, Miles

Follows *Cold Iron* and *Dark Forge* (PBK, \$22.99 each).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

A BEGINNING AT THE END

CHEN, Mike

Six years after a global pandemic wiped out most of the planet's population, the survivors are rebuilding the country, split between self-governing cities, hippie communes and wasteland gangs. In post-apocalyptic San Francisco, former pop star Moira has created a new identity to finally escape her past – until her domineering father launches a sweeping public search to track her down. Desperate for a fresh start herself, jaded event planner Krista navigates the world on behalf of those too traumatised to go outside, determined to help everyone move on – even if they don't want to. Rob survived the catastrophe with his daughter, Sunny, but lost his wife. When strict government rules threaten to separate parent and child, Rob needs to prove himself worthy in the city's eyes by connecting with people again. Krista, Moira, Rob and Sunny are brought together by circumstance, and their lives begin to twine together. But when reports of another outbreak throw the fragile society into panic, the friends are forced to finally face everything that came before – and everything they still stand to lose. Because sometimes having one person is enough to keep the world going.

Post-apocalyptic HC \$52.95

FOREIGNER 20: RESURGENCE

CHERRYH, C J

Science fiction HC \$52.95

FROZEN ORBIT

CHILES, Patrick

When a tiny space probe hurtled past Pluto in 2015, no one could know that its most amazing discovery would remain hidden, for years. Only when a long-lost Soyuz is destroyed in the skies above Siberia does the truth begin to emerge. About to embark on NASA's first expedition to the outer planets, the crew of the spacecraft *Magellan* learns someone else has beaten them by a few decades: a top-secret Soviet project, codenamed Arkangel. It was a mission that began before most of them were even born, and the Kremlin believes it drove their most trusted crew mad. During their long race to the Kuiper Belt, astronauts Jack Templeton and Traci Keene unwind a decades-old mystery buried in the pages of a dead cosmonaut's journal. Challenging their own beliefs about the nature of humanity, they will soon confront the question of existence, itself...

SF adventure TP \$33.95

THE BINDING

COLLINS, Bridget

Emmett Farmer is working in the fields, when a letter arrives – summoning him to begin an apprenticeship. He will work for a Bookbinder, a vocation that arouses fear, superstition and prejudice – but one neither he nor his parents can afford to refuse. He will learn to handcraft beautiful volumes, and within each he will capture something unique and extraordinary: a memory. If there's something you want to forget, he can help. If there's something you need to erase, he can assist. Your past will be stored safely in a book and you will never remember your secret, however terrible. In a vault under his mentor's workshop, row upon row of books – and memories – are meticulously stored and recorded. Then, one day, Emmett makes an astonishing discovery: one of them has his name on it. Gorgeously written, we recommended this debut novel – now in paperback!

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

A THRONE OF SWANS

CORR, Katharine & Elizabeth

In a world where the flightless are ruled by those who can fly... When her father dies just before her birthday, seventeen-year-old Aderyn inherits the role of Protector of Atrats, a dominion in a kingdom where nobles are able to transform at will into the bird that represents their family bloodline. Aderyn's ancestral bird is a swan. But she has not transformed for years, not since witnessing the death of her mother – ripped apart by hawks that have supposedly been extinct, since the long-ago War of the Raptors. With the benevolent shelter of her mother and her father now lost, Aderyn is at the mercy of her brutal uncle, the King, and his royal court. Driven by revenge and love, she must venture into the

malevolent heart of the Citadel in order to seek the truth about the attack that so nearly destroyed her, to fight for the only home she has ever known, and for the land she has vowed to protect. The first of a duology, retelling *The Swan Princess*.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

DARK VICTORY 03: BLACK TRIUMPH

DUBOIS, Brendan

Military SF PBK \$22.95

MAP OF UNKNOWN THINGS 03:

THE FUGITIVE AND THE VANISHING MAN

DUNCAN, Rod

Gaslamp fantasy PBK \$21.99

STARS UNCHARTED 02: STARS BEYOND

DUNSTALL, S K

An engineer, with a fondness for weapons. A captain, with no memory. An obsessive gene modder, who loves to tinker. Meet the crew of *Another Road*. Josune, Roystan, and Nika have escaped the company thugs trying to kill them. They've gotten a new spaceship to replace *The Road* (after it was blown up, underneath them).

And their new ship is armed to the teeth with dangerous weapons, courtesy of Josune. All that's left to do – before they head out to find the legendary lode of transurides – is to restore Roystan's memory. To do that, they need to collect the genemod machine Nika has ordered. But first, they have to shake off the Justice Department agents and the companies tracking them. It should be easy. They've done it before. What could possibly go wrong? The sequel to the popular *Stars Uncharted* (TP, \$26.99).

Space opera TP \$27.99

HOSTAGE OF EMPIRE 01:

THE THRONE OF THE FIVE WINDS

EMMETT, S C

Two queens, two concubines, six princes. Innumerable secret agendas. A single hidden blade... The imperial palace – full of ambitious royals, sly gossip, and unforeseen perils – is perhaps the most dangerous place in the Empire of Zhaon. Komor Yala, lady-in-waiting to the princess of the vanquished kingdom of Khir, has only her wits and her hidden blade to protect herself and her charge, who was sacrificed in marriage to the enemy as a hostage for her conquered people's good behaviour, to secure a tenuous peace. But the Emperor is aging, and the Khir princess and her lady-in-waiting soon find themselves pawns in the six princes' deadly schemes for the throne – and a single spark could ignite fresh rebellion in Khir. Then, the Emperor falls ill – and a far bloodier game begins... The first in a new series by Lilith Saintcrow, writing as S C Emmett.

Fantasy TP \$22.99

HEIRS OF ALEXANDRIA 06:

ALL THE PLAGUES OF HELL

FLINT, Eric & FREER, Dave

Fantasy PBK \$22.95

CHILDREN OF D'HARA 04: WITCH'S OATH

(NOVELLA)

GOODKIND, Terry

Fantasy HC \$18.99

ISHMAEL JONES 08: NIGHT TRAIN TO MURDER

GREEN, Simon R

The sixth of Ishmael Jones' paranormal mysteries, *Murder in the Dark*, is now available in trade paperback (\$29.95), as well.

Paranormal mystery HC \$44.95

THE FAMILIARS

HALLS, Stacey

To save her child, she will trust a stranger. To protect a secret, she must risk her life... Fleetwood Shuttleworth is 17 years old, married, and pregnant for the fourth time. But as the mistress at Gawthorpe Hall, she still has no living child, and her husband Richard is anxious for an heir. When Fleetwood finds a letter – she isn't supposed to read – from the doctor who delivered her third stillbirth... she is dealt the crushing blow that she will not survive another pregnancy. Then she crosses paths by chance with Alice Gray, a young midwife. Alice promises to help her give birth to a healthy baby, and to prove the physician wrong. As Alice is drawn into the witchcraft accusations that are sweeping the northwest, Fleetwood risks everything by trying to help her. But is there more to Alice than meets the eye? Soon, the two women's lives will become inextricably bound together as the legendary trial at Lancaster approaches, and Fleetwood's stomach continues to grow. Time is running out, and both their lives are at stake. Only they know the truth. Only they can save each other.

Historical fantasy PBK \$19.99

WAYWARD MAGES 02:

THE NEW IMPROVED SORCERESS

HANOVER, Sara

Tessa didn't believe in magic, but magic believed in her, and that started a fight for her life. An ancient artefact known as a maelstrom stone has embedded itself in her left palm. It thrives on chaos, which describes her new life perfectly. She battles to find a balance between the ordinary world and the magical one... all, while freeing her father from his ghostly state; helping a phoenix wizard restore his rejuvenation ritual; and retrieving the stolen Eye of Nimora,

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PBK = 'A' & 'B' format (standard size) paperback

TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperback

HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

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for the Broadstone clan. Tessa must also help her mother navigate the rocky road of academia and single motherhood finances; fall in love herself; and steer her college teammates to a divisional championship. She needs friends, both ordinary and magical, by her side. Then a strange and forbidding book of the Dark Arts strikes her with actual power... and Tessa realises, more than ever, that there is no *I* in team – unless it's the one in new, improved sorceress. The sequel to *The Late Great Wizard* (PBK, \$22.95).

Portal fantasy TP \$33.95

BLACK IRON LEGACY 02: THE SHADOW SAINT HANRAHAN, Gareth

As the Godswar draws ever closer and tensions within the city escalate, how long will the people of Guerdon be able to keep their enemies at bay? The sequel to *The Gutter Prayer* (PBK, \$22.99). 'A ground-breaking and extraordinary novel... Hanrahan has an astonishing imagination' – Peter McLean, author of *Priest of Bones*.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

GUNNIE ROSE 02: A LONGER FALL

HARRIS, Charlaiane

Lizbeth Rose is hired onto a new crew for a seemingly easy protection job, transporting a crate into Dixie – just about the last part of the former United States of America, she wants to visit. But what seemed like a straight-forward job turns into a massacre, as the crate is stolen. Up against a wall in Dixie, where social norms have stepped back into the last century, Lizbeth has to go undercover with an old friend to retrieve the crate; as what's inside can spark a rebellion, if she can get it back in time. The sequel to *An Easy Death* (PBK, \$22.99), the first in this new series.

Paranormal TP \$29.99

TALES OF PELL 02:

NO COUNTRY FOR OLD GNOMES

HEARNE, Kevin & DAWSON, Delilah S

It takes only one halfling bomb, and Offi Numminen's world is turned upside down – or downside up, really, since he lives in a hole in the ground. His goth cardigans and aggressive melancholy set him apart from the other gnomes, as does his decision to fight back against their halfling oppressors. Suddenly, Offi is the leader of a band of lovable misfits and outcasts – from a gryphon who would literally kill for omelettes, a young dwarf herbalist who is better with bees than his cudgel, to an assertive and cheerful teen witch with a beard as long as her book of curses – all on a journey to the Toot Towers to confront the dastardly villain, intent on tearing Pell asunder... The sequel to hugely-popular *Kill the Farm Boy* (TP, \$33.95). Great fun, recommended!

Fantasy parody TP \$33.95

CAS RUSSELL 02: NULL SET

HUANG, S L

Math-genius mercenary Cas Russell has decided to Fight Crime.™ After all, with her extraordinary mathematical ability, she can neuter bombs or out-shoot an army. And the recent outbreak of violence in the world's cities is Cas' fault – she's the one who crushed the organisation of telepaths keeping the world's worst offenders under control. But Cas' own power also has a history, one she can't remember – or control. One that's creeping into her mind and fracturing her sanity... just when she's gotten herself on the hit list of every crime lord on the West Coast. And her best, only, sociopathic friend. Cas won't be able to save the world. She might not even be able to save herself. The sequel to *Zero Sum Game* (TP, \$39.95). 'Cas Russell is who I want to be when I grow up. She kicks ass with her fists and her brain – a true, twenty-first century action hero. I loved this book.' – Richard Kadrey on *Zero Sum Game*.

SF thriller TP \$39.95

HUMPTY DUMPTY LIVED NEAR A WALL (ILLUSTRATED)

HUGHES, Derek

'Humpty Dumpty lived near a wall...' begins this well-known fable. But, this time, Humpty is ready for battle, with a secret mission and a touch of mischief. Can all the King's horses and all the King's men help put Humpty together again? Or, maybe, the mission, no matter how small, is simply to question the point of a wall. Looks like the wall has finally met its match. This classic tale gets a modern twist, with a Humpty Dumpty for a new generation.

Fable HC \$24.99

MALUS DOMESTICA 01: BURN THE DARK

HUNT, S A

Robin is a YouTube celebrity, gone viral, with her intensely-realistic witch-hunter series. But even her millions of followers don't know the truth: her series isn't fiction. Her ultimate mission is to seek revenge against the coven of witches – who wronged her mother, long ago. Returning home to the rural town of Blackfield, Robin draws attention from a motley crew of locals – a boy with the ability to see beyond our world, her childhood best friend harbouring occult knowledge, and a veteran combat medic running from his past. Then, a new, mysterious threat known as the Red Lord suddenly rears its head, and Robin must discover the link between the coven and this demon before evil reigns in Blackfield.

Dark fantasy TP \$26.99

WORLDBREAKER SAGA 03:

THE BROKEN HEAVENS

HURLEY, Kameron

Following *The Mirror Empire* (PBK, \$24.99) and *Empire Ascendant* (PBK, \$21.99)

Epic fantasy TP \$24.99

MARS WARS 02: ROGUE PLANET

KARR, John Andrew

The mission: make Mars inhabitable for humans with a thermonuclear reawakening. But for the adventurous remnants of the Space Consortium of America, the biggest threat isn't from the erupting rage of the Red Planet. It's from a treacherous, blue marble

– called Earth... The second in the Mars Wars series, following

Detonation Event (TP, \$35.95).

Space opera TP \$35.95

ILLUMINAE FILES 03: OBSIDIO

KAUFMAN, Amie & KRISTOFF, Jay

YA science fiction PBK \$19.99

A CURSE SO DARK AND LONELY 02: A HEART SO FIERCE AND BROKEN

KEMMERER, Brigid

Harper has freed Prince Rhen from the curse that almost destroyed his kingdom. But all is not well; rumours are rife that there is a rival heir with a stronger claim to the throne and that 'Princess' Harper of Disi is nothing but a fraud. Grey has fled the castle carrying a terrible secret. When he is discovered by soldiers and returned to Ironrose by force, Grey's allegiances begin to shift. And as he grows closer to an enemy princess, he is forced to decide whether he will stand against Rhen – for the crown he never wanted... The sequel to *A Curse So Dark and Lonely* (PBK, \$16.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

QUALITYLAND

KLING, Marc-Uwe

Welcome to QualityLand: the greatest and most advanced country in the world. Everything in QualityLand is geared towards optimising your life. QualityPartner identifies your ideal mate, earworm personal assistants get you where you need to go, and android drones know you need a six pack of beer at the end of a long day even before you crave one. Humans, robots and algorithms coexist, everything is seamlessly corporatised, stratified, and monetised. Your very name reveals much of what we need to know about you and your profile discloses the rest. Peter Jobless is a down-and-out metal press operator, dumped by his long-term girlfriend when she is alerted to a better option on her QualityPad. But Peter has another problem – he seems to be the only one noticing that his fellow Qualityland robot citizens are experiencing an existential crisis. There is a drone, who's afraid to fly. A sex droid, with erectile dysfunction. A combat robot, with PTSD. Instructed to destroy these malfunctioning AI, Peter starts to suspect the technology that rules us all has a flaw... perhaps, a fatal one. Not only that, these robots might be his only friends... Hilarious, chilling, and... prescient?

Satirical cyberpunk TP \$32.99

NINE REALMS 01: A QUEEN IN HIDING

KOZLOFF, Sarah

Exiled and hunted, Cerulia, Princess of Weirandale, knows she has one destiny. Her enemies failed to kill her, and no one harbouring her is safe. Raised in obscurity, she has no resources, no army, nothing that can help her against her enemies. Except their gods. This debut fantasy novel is the first in a series.

Fantasy PBK \$18.99

IMPOSSIBLE TIMES 03: DISPEL ILLUSION

LAWRENCE, Mark

The conclusion of Lawrence's time-travelling, D&D-influenced series, following *One Word Kill* and *Limited Wish* (TP, \$22.99 each). Recommended.

Science fiction TP \$22.99

CALA

LEGGE, Laura

Cala, a stone farmhouse on the edge of a village in the Outer Hebrides, is home to four women – witches, the locals say – who scratch out a living on its land. But after ten years of relative harmony, fractures are beginning to appear among them. Eighteen-year-old Euna is tired of Cala's rigid hierarchy and arbitrary rules – the women must wear plain dress, attend strict rituals and consume only what they grow or gather with their hands. Sick of scavenged seaweed and thin soup, Euna decides to go in search of a different way of living.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

FINDING DOROTHY

LETTIS, Elizabeth

The story behind *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, the book that inspired the iconic film – through the eyes of author L Frank Baum's intrepid wife, Maud... and Maud's impact on Judy Garland.

Wizard of Oz PBK \$22.99

BROKEN STARS (ANTHOLOGY)

LIU, Ken (editor)

By turns dazzling, melancholy, and thought-provoking, *Broken Stars'* sixteen short stories celebrate the vibrancy and diversity of sf voices emerging from China. A follow-up to *Invisible Planets* (PBK, \$19.99).

Chinese SF anthology PBK \$19.99

BROKEN LANDS

MABERRY, Jonathan

Ever since her mother's death, Gabriella 'Gutsy' Gomez has spent her days flying under the radar. But when her mother's undead body is returned to her doorstep from the grave and Gutsy witnesses a pack of ravagers digging up *Los Muertos* – her mother's name for the undead – she realises that life finds you no matter how hard you try to hide from it. Meanwhile, Benny Imura and his gang set out on a journey to finish what Captain Joe Ledger started: they're going to find a cure. After what they went through, before... they think they've seen it all, but as they venture into new and unexplored territory, they soon learn that the zombies they fought before were nothing compared to what they'll face in the wild beyond the peace and safety of their fortified town. The first in a new series set in the same world as the Rot and Ruin series.

YA zombies PBK \$19.99

WAYWARD CHILDREN 05:

COME TUMBLING DOWN (NOVELLA)

MCGUIRE, Seanan

When Jack left Eleanor West's School for Wayward Children, she was carrying the body of her deliciously deranged sister – whom

she had recently murdered in a fit of righteous justice – back to their home on the Moors. But death in their adopted world isn't always as permanent as it is here; and when Jack is herself carried back into the school, it becomes clear that something has happened to her. Something terrible. Something of which only the maddest of scientists could conceive. Something only her friends are equipped to help her overcome. Eleanor West's 'No Quests' rule is about to be broken. Again. This 208pp Tor.com novella is the newest in the series which begins with *Every Heart a Doorway* (HC, \$26.99).

Portal fantasy HC \$29.99

PLANETFALL 04: ATLAS ALONE

NEWMAN, Emma

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

DIVIDED AMERICA 02: NORTH

OWEN, Frank

The USA has been ravaged by Civil War. It's been thirty years since the first windborne viruses ended the war between North and South. While the South has been devastated by disease – the North has emerged victorious, but terrified of reprisals. Both territories remain at the mercy of the vicious Northern dictator, Renard. Two survivors, Dyce and Vida, journeyed deep into the Southern terrains, in search of a cure for Renard's chemical warfare. Now, they find themselves scouring the Northern territories on a new and far deadlier pursuit; to eliminate Renard, himself. Could Dyce and Vida unite a fractured America – and at what cost? The conclusion of the tale which began with *South* (PBK, \$19.99).

Post-apocalyptic PBK \$19.99

RIOT BABY (NOVELLA)

ONYEBUCHI, Tochi

Ella has a Thing. She sees a classmate grow up to become a caring nurse. A neighbour's son murdered in a drive-by shooting. Things that haven't happened yet. Kev, born while Los Angeles burned around them, wants to protect his sister from a power that could destroy her. But when Kev is incarcerated, Ella must decide what it means to watch her brother suffer while holding the ability wreck cities in her hands. Rooted in the hope that can live in anger, *Riot Baby* is as much an intimate family story as a global dystopian narrative. It burns fearlessly toward revolution and has quietly devastating things to say about love, fury, and the black American experience. Ella and Kev are both shockingly human and immeasurably powerful. Their childhoods are defined and destroyed by racism. Their futures might alter the world. A 176pp Tor.com novella.

Dystopia HC \$29.99

TALES FROM ALAGAËSIA 01:

THE FORK, THE WITCH, AND THE WORM (COLLECTION)

PAOLINI, Christopher

It's been a year since Eragon departed Alagaësia, in search of the perfect home to train a new generation of Dragon Riders. Now he is struggling with an endless sea of tasks: constructing a vast dragonhold, wrangling with suppliers, guarding dragon eggs and dealing with belligerent Urgals and haughty elves. Then a vision from the Eldunarf, unexpected visitors and an exciting Urgal legend offer a much-needed distraction and a new perspective.

A new collection of stories based in the world of the Inheritance Cycle, this volume features three original stories set in Alagaësia; interspersed with scenes from Eragon's own unfolding adventure. Included is an excerpt from the memoir of the unforgettable witch and fortune-teller, Angela the herbalist; penned by Angela Paolini – the inspiration for the character, herself!

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

WAKENHYRST

PAVER, Michelle

In Edwardian Suffolk, a manor house stands alone in a lost corner of the Fens: a glinting wilderness of water whose whispering reeds guard ancient secrets. Maud is a lonely child growing up without a mother, ruled by her repressive father. When he finds a painted medieval devil in a graveyard, unhallowed forces are awakened. Maud's battle has begun. She must survive a world haunted by witchcraft, the age-old legends of her beloved fen – and the even more nightmarish demons of her father's past. Spanning five centuries, *Wakenhyrst* is a darkly-gothic thriller about murderous obsession and one girl's longing to fly free.

Horror PBK \$19.99

REVENGER 03: BONE SILENCE

REYNOLDS, Alastair

Return to the universe of *Revenger* and *Shadow Captain* (PBK, \$22.99). 'A swashbuckling thriller – *Pirates of the Caribbean* meets *Firefly* – that nevertheless combines the author's trademark hard SF with effective, coming-of-age characterisation' – *Guardian*.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

MISS PEREGRINE'S PECULIAR CHILDREN 05:

THE CONFERENCE OF THE BIRDS

RIGGS, Ransom

This popular series begins with *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA fantasy adventure TP \$26.99

LAST JUDGEMENT'S FIRE 01: GUNPOWDER & EMBERS

RINGO, John; EZELL, Kacey; SMITH, Christopher L

Thirty years ago, the world ended. Giant electrovoric ants and pterodons came through a rift in space-time, millions of humans died, and that was that. Thirty years later, humanity has rebuilt... to an extent. Without electricity, human ingenuity has provided some creative solutions, but most folks survive at the subsistence level, farming to keep themselves and their families fed. Chuck Gibson never thought he'd have to leave his family's farm. The simple life of a rancher was enough for him. A dying stranger proved him wrong. Now, he's on the road of destiny, accompanied by a mystic warrior monk, a beautiful dragon-tamer, a runaway

cultist, and a mysterious drunken lecher – all of them searching for the key to reclaiming humanity's future and past. Each of them carrying a single spark of hope. But will that hope be enough to light the beacons of freedom, once again? Or will they face the next century in bondage to the last century's technology?

Post-apocalyptic HC \$52.95

SUN EATER 02: HOWLING DARK

RUOCCHIO, Christopher

Hadrian Marlowe is lost. For half a century, he has searched the farther suns for the lost planet of Vorgossos, hoping to find a way to contact the elusive alien Cielcin. He has not succeeded; and, for years, has wandered among the barbarian Normans as captain of a band of mercenaries. Determined to make peace and bring an end to nearly four hundred years of war, Hadrian must venture beyond the security of the Sollan Empire and among the Extrasolarians – who dwell between the stars. There, he will face not only the aliens he has come to offer peace, but contend with creatures that once were human, with traitors in his midst, and with a meeting that will bring him face to face with no less than the oldest enemy of mankind. If he succeeds, he will usher in a peace, unlike any in recorded history. If he fails... the galaxy will burn. The sequel to the very popular *Empire of Silence* (PBK, \$22.99). Recommended!

Space opera PBK \$22.99

THE GOD GAME

TOBEY, Danny

Win and All Your Dreams Come True! Charlie and his friends have entered the GOD Game. Tasks are delivered through their phone screens and high-tech glasses. When they accomplish a mission, the game rewards them. Charlie's money problems could be over. Vanhi can erase the one bad grade on her college application. It's all harmless fun, at first. Then the threatening messages start. *Worship me. Obey me.* Mysterious packages show up at their homes. Shadowy figures start following them. Who else is playing this game, and how far will they go to win? As Charlie looks for a way out, he finds God is always watching – only He will say when the game is done. And if you die in the game, you die for real.

SF thriller TP \$32.99

DEAD ASTRONAUTS

VANDERMEER, Jeff

Under the watchful eye of The Company, three characters – Grayson, Morse and Chen – shapeshifters, amorphous, part human, part extensions of the landscape, make their way through forces that would consume them. A messianic blue fox, who slips through warrens of time and space on a mysterious mission. A homeless woman, haunted by a demon who finds the key to all things in a strange journal. A giant leviathan of a fish, centuries old, who hides a secret, remembering a past that may not be his own. Three ragtag rebels, waging an endless war for the fate of the world against an all-powerful corporation. A raving madman, who wanders the desert lost in the past, haunted by his own creation: an invisible monster, whose name he has forgotten and whose purpose remains hidden.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

SAFEHOLD 10: THROUGH FIERY TRIALS

WEBER, David

Space opera PBK \$22.95

BOOKS OF THE RAKSURA 02: THE SERPENT SEA

WELLS, Martha

Moon, once a solitary wanderer, has become consort to Jade, sister queen of the Indigo Cloud court. Together, they travel with their people on a pair of flying ships in hopes of finding a new home for their colony. Moon finally feels like he's found a tribe where he belongs. But when the travellers reach the ancestral home of Indigo Cloud, shrouded within the trunk of a mountain-sized tree, they discover a blight infecting its core. Nearby they find the remains of the invaders who may be responsible, as well as evidence of a devastating theft. This discovery sends Moon and the hunters of Indigo Cloud on a quest for the heartstone of the tree – a quest that will lead them far away... across the Serpent Sea. The reissued sequel to *The Cloud Roads* (PBK, \$22.95) by the multi-award-winning author of the Murderbot Diaries!

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

WELLS OF SORCERY 01:

SHIP OF SMOKE AND STEEL

WEXLER, Django

In the lower wards of Kahnzoka, the great port city of the Blessed Empire, eighteen-year-old ward boss Isoka enforces the will of her criminal masters with the power of Melos, the Well of Combat. The money she collects goes to keep her little sister living in comfort, far from the bloody streets they grew up on. When Isoka's magic is discovered by the government, she's arrested and brought to the Emperor's spymaster, who sends her on an impossible mission: steal *Soliton*, a legendary ghost ship – a ship from which no one has ever returned. If she fails, her sister's life is forfeit. On board *Soliton*, nothing is as simple as it seems. Isoka tries to get close to the ship's mysterious captain, but to do it she must become part of the brutal crew and join their endless battles against twisted creatures. She doesn't expect to have to contend with feelings for a charismatic fighter who shares her combat magic, or for a fearless princess who wields an even darker power. Young adult adventure fantasy from the author of the beloved flintlock fantasy series: Shadow Campaigns.

YA fantasy PBK \$18.99

QUILLIFER 02: QUILLIFER THE KNIGHT

WILLIAMS, Walter Jon

Quillifer – now, a member of the nobility – finds himself further immersed in court politics, as the outcast princess Floria is suddenly in a position of power with a rebellion stoked by a certain brilliant tactician. A sequel to *Quillifer* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99