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Until next time, good reading!
 Ron, Iain and Beau

THE RACE

ALLAN, Nina
 In a future scarred by fracking and ecological collapse, Jenna Hoolman's world is dominated by illegal smartdog racing: greyhounds genetically modified with human DNA. When her young niece goes missing that world implodes... Christy's life is dominated by fear of her brother, a man she knows capable of monstrous acts and suspects of hiding even darker ones. Desperate to learn the truth she contacts Alex, who has his own demons to fight... And Maree, a young woman undertaking a journey that will change her world forever. 'A literate, gorgeously and superbly strange sf novel.' – *Alastair Reynolds*.

Science fiction TP \$29.95

SOULS OF FIRE 03: FLAMEOUT

ARTHUR, Keri
 Urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

TRANSFORMATION 02: WAR FACTORY

ASHER, Neal
 Follows *Dark Intelligence* (PBK, \$19.99), which returns to the world of the Prador.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

ASPECT-EMPEROR 03: THE GREAT ORDEAL

BAKKER, R Scott
 Fantasy HC \$53.95

SPIN TRILOGY 01: CREATION MACHINE

BANNISTER, Andrew
 It is the aftermath of civil war in the vast pageant of planets and stars, known as The Spin. Three years since he crushed the rebellion, Vikkun Haas, industrialist and leader of the Hegemony, is eliminating all remnants of the opposition. Starting with his own daughter. But Fleare Haas, fighter for Society Otherwise has had a long time to plan her next move. Sprung from her remote monastery prison and reuniting with a team of loyal friends, Fleare's journey will take her across The Spin to the cluster of fallen planets, known as The Catastrophe Curve – and from exile, to the very frontiers of war. Meanwhile, in the brutal and despotic empire of The Fortunate, word is reaching viceroy Alameche of a most unusual piece of plunder from their latest invasion. For hundreds of millions of years, the bizarre planets and stars of The Spin itself have been the only testament to the god-like engineers that created it. Now, buried in the earth of a ruined planet, one of their machines has been found... An absolutely fantastic debut, reminiscent of Iain M Banks. Highly recommended.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

ALEX CAINE 03: ABDUCTION

BAXTER, Alan
 Alex Caine has been suffering the weight of the world, and some days it's hard to even get out of bed. Alone one night, a band of Fey overwhelm him and steal him away from the mortal realm. Silhouette, desperate to save her lover, calls in Armour, but the organisation seems reluctant to help. The first two Alex Caine books – *Bound* and *Obsidian* (TP, \$24.99) – have been reissued, to coincide with the release of *Abduction*.

Paranormal thriller TP \$24.99

RED RIGHT HAND

BLACK, Levi
 Charlie Tristan Moore isn't a hero. She's a survivor. Already wrestling with the demons of her past, she finds herself tested, as never before, when she arrives home one night to find herself under attack by three monstrous skinhounds, straight out of a nightmare. Just as hope seems lost, she is saved by a sinister Man in Black, dressed in a long, dark coat that seems to possess a life of its own and wielding a black-bladed sword in his grisly, red, right hand. But her rescue comes at a cost.

Cthulhuiana HC \$46.95

CINDER SPIRES 01: THE AERONAUT'S WINDLASS

BUTCHER, Jim
 This is the first in a new series, 'set in a world where people live in highly developed societies housed in spires that protrude into the sky. Each spire has its own guard and fleets of airships to use for trade and defence fleets made up of Master and Commander-style ships that float through the mist-shrouded skies, powered by magical crystals. A disgraced fleet captain and a group of young guardsmen and women loyal to Spire Albion are forced together after a surprise attack by Spire Aurora, but, as they soon learn, this attack is much more than a simple war between Spires. With shifting points of view, short chapters, fast-paced action, and awesome battle scenes, the large cast of characters, elaborate world building, and intricate plot are revealed quickly and realised fully. It all reminds readers of when they first fell for Harry Dresden'. – *Booklist*. Recommended!

Fantasy with airships PBK \$22.95

WOLF'S EMPIRE: GLADIATOR

CHRISTIAN, Claudia & BUCHANAN, Morgan Grant
 When her mother and brother are murdered, young noblewoman Accala Viridius cries out for vengeance. But the empire is being torn apart by a galactic civil war, and her demands fall on deaf ears. Undeterred, Accala sacrifices privilege and status to train as a common gladiator. Mastering the one weapon available to her – a razor-sharp discus that always returns when thrown – she enters the deadly imperial games, the only arena where she can face her enemies.

Alternate history HC \$38.99

TIME SIEGE

CHU, Wesley
 Having been haunted by the past and enslaved by the present, James Griffin-Mars is taking control of the future. Earth is a toxic, sparsely-inhabited wasteland – the perfect hiding place for a fugitive exchronman to hide from the authorities. James has allies, scientists he rescued from previous centuries: Elise Kim, who believes she can renew Earth, given time; Grace Priestly, the venerated inventor of time travel, herself; Levin, James's mentor and former pursuer, now disgraced; and, the Elfreth, a population of downtrodden humans – who want desperately to believe that James and his friends will heal their ailing home world. James also has enemies. They include the full military might of beighted solar system, ruled by corporate greed, and a desperate fear of what James will do next. Sequel to the excellent *Time Salvager* (\$22.99).

Time travel PBK \$22.99

LAND OF STORIES 05: AN AUTHOR'S ODYSSEY

COLFER, Chris
 YA fantasy HC \$24.99

RELIC GUILD 02:

CATHEDRAL OF KNOWN THINGS
 COX, Edward
 Fantasy PBK \$22.99

ODYSSEY ONE 05: WARRIOR KING
 CURRIE, Evan
 Military SF TP \$29.95

THE DRAGON HAMMER
 DANIEL, Tony

Evil from the dawn of time is on the verge of domination, but Wulf von Dunstig figured none of that mattered to 'him'. What could he do about it? After all, he was basically nobody the sixteen-year-old third son of a duke destined for an uneventful life as a ranger. But when destiny comes calling, it turns out there is only Wulf to answer. After a devastating invasion of his native land, Wulf must rally the peaceful valley of Shenandoah. He must free his family and his land from the grip of intruders controlled by vampiric evil.

Fantasy TP \$26.95

BEST HORROR OF THE YEAR VOLUME 8
 DATLOW, Ellen (editor)
 Horror anthology TP \$31.95

CAELI-AMUR 02: THE STARS ASKEW
 DAVIDSON, RJURIK
 Sequel to the Mievilleque *Unwrapped Sky* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy HC \$47.95

SILVER KINGS 04: THE SILVER KINGS
 DEAS, Stephen
 Fantasy PBK \$22.99

THE TRAITOR
 DICKINSON, Seth

Baru Cormorant – a young woman from a conquered people – tries to transform an empire, in this richly-imagined, geopolitical fantasy.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

THE YEAR'S BEST SCIENCE FICTION: THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL COLLECTION
 DOZOIS, Gardner (editor)

The definitive yearly collection of short science fiction.

SF anthology TP \$44.95

DARK VICTORY:
 A NOVEL OF THE ALIEN RESISTANCE
 DUBOIS, Brendan

A decade ago, the alien Creepers came to Earth, dropping asteroids to drown our coastal cities, detonating nuclear weapons overhead to destroy our communications, power and computer systems, and to set up their network of killer stealth satellites to kill anything on our planet that used modern technology. In a matter of days, Earth was driven back to a nineteenth century existence. Then the war really began, as the Creepers descended and set up domed bases that were impervious to everything save a nuclear bomb. For ten years then, the battered and surviving members of humanity have fought against the Creepers and their mechanised exoskeletons, until something unexpected has happened: a chance for victory...

Military SF PBK \$19.95

BOUND GODS 01: IN THE SHADOW OF THE GODS
 DUNNE, Rachel

Eons ago, a pair of gods known as the Twins grew powerful in the world of Fiatera, until the Divine Mother and Almighty Father exiled them, binding them deep in the earth. But the price of keeping the fire lands safe is steep. To prevent these young gods from rising again, all twins in the land must be killed at birth, a safeguard that has worked, until now. Trapped for centuries, the Twins are gathering their latent powers to break free and destroy the Parents for their tyranny – to set off a fight between two generations of gods for control of the world and the mortals who dwell in it. When the gods make war, only one side can be victorious...

Fantasy TP \$29.99

SHADOW 01: SHADOW RIDER
 FEEHAN, Christine

The first in a new series, starring a Chicago crime family hiding a dark secret.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

A NATURAL HISTORY OF HELL: STORIES

FORD, Jeffrey
 A book of fantastic stories about the hell on earth, that is living.

Dark fantasy collection TP \$31.95

THE BEAST'S GARDEN

FORSYTH, Kate
 A retelling of the Grimms' 'Beauty and the Beast', set in Nazi Germany.

Fiction PBK \$22.99

HOW TO TALK TO GIRLS AT PARTIES (GRAPHIC NOVEL)

GAIMAN, Neil

Science fiction HC \$29.99

NEVERWHERE

GAIMAN, Neil & RIDDELL, Chris (illustrator)
 A new edition of Gaiman's beloved 1996 novel, beautifully illustrated by Chris Riddell.

Urban fantasy HC \$35.00

THE MANY SELVES OF KATHERINE NORTH
 GEEN, Emma

Since she was twelve, Kit has been a phenomenaut, her consciousness projected into the bodies of lab-grown animals, for the purpose of research. Kit experiences a multitude of other lives – fighting and fleeing, predator and prey – always hoping, but never quite believing, that her work will help humans better understand the other species living alongside them. But after a jump as an urban fox ends in disaster, Kit begins to suspect that those she has trusted for her entire working life may be out to cause her harm.

Science fiction TP \$27.99

CRAFT SEQUENCE 05: FOUR ROADS CROSS

GLADSTONE, Max

Fantasy HC \$49.95

GIRL AT MIDNIGHT 02: THE SHADOW HOUR

GREY, Melissa

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

BEYOND THE WOODS: FAIRY TALES RETOLD

GURAN, Paula (editor)

Fantasy anthology TP \$31.95

RED QUEEN

HENRY, Christina
 Alice and Hatcher are on a mission to find his daughter, a quest they will not forsake, even as it takes them deep into the clutches of the mad White Queen and her goblin, or into the realm of the twisted and cruel Black King. The pieces are set and the game has already begun. Each move brings Alice closer to her destiny. But, to win, she will need to harness her newfound abilities and ally herself with someone even more powerful – the mysterious and vengeful Red Queen. A sequel to the creepily brilliant *Alice* (TP, \$29.95).

Dark fantasy TP \$29.95

FITZ AND THE FOOL 02: FOOL'S QUEST

HOBB, Robin

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

WORLDMAKER TRILOGY 02: HEARTLAND

HOUNSOM, Lucy

The first in the Worldmaker Trilogy, *Starborn*, is available in paperback (\$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

QUEEN OF THE TEARLING 02: THE INVASION OF THE TEARLING

JOHANSEN, Erika

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

CHARLEY DAVIDSON 10: THE CURSE OF TENTH GRAVE

JONES, Darynda

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

SANDMAN SLIM 08: THE PERDITION SCORE

KADREY, Richard

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

LEAGUE 09: BORN OF LEGEND

KENYON, Sherrilyn

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

ASHLEY BELL

KOONTZ, Dean

Paranormal thriller PBK \$19.99

THE FLICKER MEN

KOSMATKA, Ted

The Man: Eric Argus, a washed-up quantum physicist given one last chance. The Experiment: An investigation probing the true composition of light and matter. The Discovery: Unexpected and unprecedented evidence for the existence of the soul. The Consequences: A shocking revelation about the underlying reality of the universe. And a grave threat to humanity that only Eric Argus has any hope of preventing. But who trusts a washed-up scientist to save the world?

Science fiction thriller PBK \$22.99

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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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HEROINE COMPLEX

KUHN, Sarah
Evie Tanaka is the put-upon personal assistant to Aveda Jupiter, her childhood best friend and San Francisco's most beloved superheroine. She's great at her job blending into the background, handling her boss's epic diva tantrums, and getting demon blood out of leather pants. Unfortunately, she's not nearly as together, when it comes to running her own life, standing up for herself, or raising her tempestuous teenage sister, Bea. But everything changes, when Evie's forced to pose as her glamorous boss for one night, and her darkest secret comes out: she has powers, too.

Urban fantasy TP \$29.95

DESERTS OF FIRE: SPECULATIVE FICTION AND THE MODERN WAR

LAIN, Douglas (editor)
Speculative fiction is a vital tool to understanding the inexplicable. *Deserts of Fire* is a war-inspired anthology for the new millennium; because, for many, the recent wars in the deserts of Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Middle East are just as slippery to grasp and difficult to understand, as Vietnam was, two generations earlier.

Anthology TP \$31.95

LIADEN UNIVERSE 19: ALLIANCE OF EQUALS

LEE, Sharon & MILLER, Steve
Featuring the lovely Shan yos' Galan.

Space opera HC \$47.95

THE WOLF ROAD

LEWIS, Beth
Since the Damn Stupid turned the clock back on civilisation by centuries, the world has been a harsher place. But Elka has learned everything she needs to survive from the man she calls Trapper, the solitary hunter who took her in, when she was just seven years old. So, when Elka sees the Wanted poster in town, her simple existence is shattered. Her Trapper – Kregar Hallet – is wanted for murder. Even worse, Magistrate Lyon is hot on his trail, and she wants to talk to Elka. Elka flees into the vast wilderness, determined to find her true parents. Perfect for fans of *Station Eleven* by Emily St John Mandel.

Alternate history thriller TP \$32.99

WHO'S AFRAID?

LEWIS, Maria
Meet Tommi Grayson: she's all bark... and all bite. 'It was like my wolf had been there all along, waiting for me to tap its hand and step into the ring...' Tommi Grayson's never exactly been a normal girl. Bright blue hair, a mysterious past and barely controlled rage issues have a way of making a woman stand out. Yet she's never come close to guessing who she really is... When her mother dies, a shattered Tommi decides to track down her estranged father. Leaving Scotland for a remote corner of New Zealand, she discovers the truth of her heritage – and it's a whole lot more than merely human. Barely escaping with her life, Tommi must now return to her friends, pretending everything is normal, while all too aware of the dangers lurking outside – and within.

Urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

I AM BEHIND YOU

LINDQVIST, John Ajvide
Four families wake up one morning in their caravans, next to their cars, on an ordinary campsite, in southern Sweden. However, during the night something strange has happened. Everything else has disappeared, and the world has been transformed into an endless expanse of grass. The sky is blue, but there is no sign of the sun; there are no trees, no flowers, no birds. And every radio plays nothing but the songs of sixties pop icon Peter Himmelstrand. As the holidaymakers try to come to terms with what has happened, they are forced to confront their deepest fears and secret desires, and in many cases expose the less appealing aspects of their character.

Horror TP \$32.99

GOD FRAGMENTS 01: STRANGER OF TEMPEST

LLOYD, Tom
Lynx is a mercenary with a sense of honour; a dying breed in the Riven Kingdom. Failed by the nation he served, and weary of the skirmishes that plague the continent's principalities, he walks the land in search of purpose. He wants for little – so, bodyguard work keeps his belly full and his mage-gun loaded. It might never bring a man fame or wealth, but he's not forced to rely on others, or kill without cause. Little could compel Lynx to join a mercenary company, but he won't turn his back on a kidnapped girl. At least, the job seems simple enough; the mercenaries less stupid and vicious than most he's met, over the years. So long as there are no surprises, or hidden agendas, along the way... it should work out fine.

Fantasy HC \$35.00

LORIEN LEGACIES 07: UNITED AS ONE

LORE, Pittacus

YA science fiction PBK \$22.99

GENTLEMAN BASTARD SEQUENCE BOX-SET

LYNCH, Scott

Fantasy PBK \$59.99

THE LAST ADVENTURE OF CONSTANCE

VERITY
MARTINEZ, A Lee
Constance Verity has been saving the world since she was seven, and she's sick of it. She sets off on one last adventure to reset her destiny and become the one thing she's never been: ordinary. Ever since she was granted a wish at birth by her fairy godmother, Constance Verity has become the world's great adventurer. She is a master of martial arts, a keen detective, and possesses a collection of strange artefacts. Constance has spent the past twenty-eight years saving the world, and she's tired of it. All she wants is to work in an office and date a nice, normal guy. And she's figured a way out. The only problem is that saving the world is Constance's destiny. She's great at it, and there are forces at work to make sure she stays in the job. Then again, it's also her destiny to have a glorious death. The first in a new series.

Urban fantasy HC \$46.95

DAEDALUS 03: THE VENUSIAN GAMBIT

MARTINEZ, Michael J

Science fiction PBK \$19.95

FAIRYLAND

MCAULEY, Paul
When gene hacker Alex Sharkey helps a super-smart girl turn a genetically-engineered doll into a new species, he accidentally gives history a dangerous shove.

SF Masterwork PBK \$22.99

DINOSAUR LORDS 02: DINOSAUR KNIGHTS

MILAN, Victor
This is the second in Victor Milan's lush, exotic tale about knights... Knights riding dinosaurs.

Fantasy HC \$49.95

TEMERAIRE 09: LEAGUE OF DRAGONS

NOVIK, Naomi
Napoleon's invasion of Russia has been roundly thwarted. But even as Captain William Laurence and the dragon Temeraire pursue the retreating enemy through an unforgiving winter, Napoleon is raising a new force, and he'll soon have enough men and dragons to resume the offensive. This is the final instalment in the Temeraire saga.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

ROBERT ASPRIN'S MYTH-FITS

NYE, Jody Lynn
Humorous fantasy novel, latest in the long-running Myth Adventures series.

Fantasy TP \$31.95

THE INTERMINABLES

ORWIN, Paige
It's 2020, and a magical cataclysm has shattered reality as we know it. Now a wizard's cabal is running the East Coast of the US, keeping a semblance of peace. Their most powerful agents, Edmund and Istvan – the former a nearly immortal 1940s-era mystery man, the latter, well, a ghost – have been assigned to hunt down an arms smuggling ring that could blow up Massachusetts. Turns out the mission's more complicated than it seemed. They discover a shadow war that's been waged since the world ended, and, even worse, they find out that their own friendship has always been more complicated than they thought. To get out of this alive, they'll need to get over their feelings, their memories, and the threat of a monstrous foe who's getting ready to commit mass murder...

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

LONG EARTH 05: THE LONG COSMOS

PRATCHETT, Terry & BAXTER, Stephen

Science fiction TP \$32.99

INVISIBLE PLANETS: COLLECTED FICTION

RAJANIEMI, Hannu
Drawn from anthologies, magazines, and online publication; and brought together in book form – for the first time – this collection, of sixteen short stories, ranges from the lyrical to the bizarre, from the elegiac to the impish. It is a collection that shows one of the great new imaginations in SF having immense fun.

SF collection TP \$32.99

BEYOND THE AQUILA RIFT: THE BEST OF ALASTAIR REYNOLDS

REYNOLDS, Alastair
'This is an amazing collection of some of the best short fiction ever written in the SF genre, by an author acclaimed as "the mastersinger of space opera"' – *The Times*. Recommended.

SF collection TP \$35.00

DARKEST HOUR TRILOGY 02: THE FALLEN

RICHARDSON, Tarn
Set in an alternate World War I, unspeakable creatures roam the grisly trenches, and a ruthless Catholic Inquisition holds sway – still powerful, but working in the shadows. *The Damned*, which introduces this trilogy, is now available in paperback (\$22.99).

Dark fantasy TP \$32.99

TWENTY TRILLION LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA

ROBERTS, Adam
It is 1958 and France's first nuclear submarine, *Plongeur*, leaves port for the first of its sea trials. The *Plongeur* makes her first dive and, losing control, plummets to a depth where the pressure will crush her hull, killing everyone on board. The pressure builds, the hull protests, the crew prepare for death, the boat reaches the bottom of the sea and finds... nothing. Her final dive continues, the pressure begins to relent, but the depth gauge is useless. They have gone miles down. Hundreds of miles, thousands. And on board the crew succumb to madness, betrayal, religious mania and murder. Has the *Plongeur* left the limits of our world and gone elsewhere?

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

CRASHING HEAVEN

ROBERTSON, AI
With Earth abandoned, humanity resides on Station, an industrialised asteroid run by the sentient corporations of the Pantheon. Under their leadership a war has been raging against the Totality – ex-Pantheon AIs gone rogue. With the war over, Jack Forster and his sidekick Hugo Fist, a virtual puppet tied to Jack's mind and created to destroy the Totality, have returned home. Labeled a traitor for surrendering to the Totality, all Jack wants is to clear his name but when he discovers two old friends have died under suspicious circumstances he also wants answers. Soon, he and Fist are embroiled in a conspiracy that threatens not only their future, but all of humanity's. But with Fist's software licence about to expire, taking Jack's life with it, can they bring down the real traitors before their time runs out?

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

DRACONIS MEMORIA 01: THE WAKING FIRE

RYAN, Anthony
Throughout the vast lands controlled by the Ironship Syndicate, nothing is more prized than the blood of drakes. But not many know the truth: that the lines of drakes are weakening. The Syndicate's last hope resides in whispers of the existence of another breed of drake, far more powerful than the rest, and the few who have

been chosen by fate to seek it. Claydon Torcreek is a petty thief and an unregistered blood-blessed, who finds himself pressed into service by the protectorate and sent to wild, uncharted territories in search of a creature he believes is little more than legend. Lizanne Lethridge is a formidable spy and assassin, facing gravest danger on an espionage mission deep into the heart of enemy territory. And Corrick Hilemore is the second lieutenant of an ironship, whose pursuit of ruthless brigands leads him to a far greater threat at the edge of the world. As lives and empires clash and intertwine, as the unknown and the known collide, all three must fight to turn the tide of a coming war, or drown in its wake.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

ORBS 01: ORBS

SANSBURY SMITH, Nicholas
The year is 2061, and the planet is dying. Cataclysmic solar storms have forced leaders from around the world to finally put aside their differences and agree on one thing – to jump ship. The human race is headed to Mars. Dr Sophie Winston is hired by New Tech Corporation to test a biosphere deep within the heart of Cheyenne Mountain; a mission she believes will help prepare the company for the three-year flight to the red planet. But, just days into the assignment, things start to go wrong. When the blast doors hiss open, Winston's team finds a changed world outside. Humans are gone, vanished without a trace, and they aren't the only thing missing. The planet's water is gone, too. As the team explores their surroundings, they find thousands of luminous blue orbs lining the streets.

Science fiction thriller PBK \$19.99

(RE)EVOLUTION 03: REGENERATION

SAULTER, Stephanie

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

THE SAVAGE SONG

SCHWAB, Victoria
Kate Harker wants to be as ruthless as her father. After five years and six boarding schools, she's finally going home to prove that she can be. August Flynn wants to be human. But he isn't. He's a monster, one that can seal souls with a song. He's one of the three most powerful monsters in a city overrun with them. His own father's secret weapon. Kate and August are the only two who see both sides, the only two who could do something. But how do you decide to be a hero or a villain when it's hard to tell which is which? 'Crackling with energy, just the ticket for an all-night read.' – *Kirkus Reviews*.

YA fantasy HC \$35.95

SPARROW 02: SPARROW FALLING

SEBOLD, Gaie
Eveline Sparrow (formerly Duchon) hopes to put her past experiences as a thief and con-artist to more legitimate use; which is why some of the girls at her Sparrow School receive private lessons in burglary, fakery, and other such underhand practices. But it's hard to get honest work when few businesses will employ young ladies in the security professions. The duns are at the doorstep, her friend Liu the half-fox-spirit is in some sort of trouble, and the rivalries of the Folk are in danger of overflowing into the mundane world and forcing the Empire into a bloody and horrifying war. Can Eveline pull things out of the mire this time, or will the Sparrow's wings be clipped, once and for all?

Steampunk PBK \$19.95

EMPIRE OF STORMS 01: HOPE AND RED

SKOVRON, Jon
One seeks power. The other revenge. Together, they are rebellion. Hope, the lone survivor of a village massacred by the emperor's forces, secretly trains as an assassin and dreams of vengeance. Red, an orphan adopted by a notorious matriarch of the criminal underworld, learns to be an expert thief and con artist. When they meet, empires will fall. The first in a new, blockbuster, fantasy series – perfect for fans of Brent Weeks.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

VERITY FASSBINDER 01: VIGIL

SLATTER, Angela
Verity Fassbinder has her feet in two worlds. The daughter of one human and one Weyrd parent, she has very little power herself, but does claim unusual strength – and the ability to walk between one and the other – as a couple of her talents. As such a rarity, she is charged with keeping the peace between both races, and ensuring the Weyrd remain hidden from us. But, now, Sirens are dying, illegal wine made from the tears of human children is for sale – and in the hands of those Weyrd, who hold with the old ways – and someone has released an unknown and terrifyingly destructive force on the streets of Brisbane. And Verity must investigate – or risk ancient forces carving our world apart. This is award-winning, Brisbane author Angela Slatter's first, full-length novel, *Vigil* (and the first in a new series), where the normal and the Weyrd combine, on the streets of Brisbane. We all loved this, by the way! Signed copies are available.

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

IMPERIAL SAGA 01: THE HIGH GROUND

SNODGRASS, Melinda
Emperor's daughter Mercedes is the first woman ever admitted to the High Ground, the elite training academy of the Solar League's Star Command, and she must graduate if she is to have any hope of taking the throne. Her classmate Tracy has more modest goals – to rise to the rank of captain, and win fame and honour. But a civil war is coming and the political machinations of those who yearn for power threatens the young cadets. In a time of intrigue and alien invasion, they will be tested, as they never thought possible. The first in a new series.

Space opera TP \$29.95

STALLO

SPUJT, Stefan
When an old woman claims that a small furry animal has been standing outside her house, observing her for hours, paranormal investigator Susso picks up her camera and leaves for what will become a terrifying adventure into the unknown.

Horror PBK \$19.99

DROWNED WORLDS

STRAHAN, Jonathan (editor)
Features stories set in futures wracked by the deluge, from some of the best writers in SF, including Kim Stanley Robinson, Ken Liu, Paul McAuley, Kathleen Ann Goonan, Charlie Jane Anders, Lavie Tidhar, Jeffrey Ford, and James Morrow.

Cli-fi anthology TP \$29.95

LAUNDRY FILES 07: THE NIGHTMARE STACKS

STROSS, Charles
The previous in the series, *The Annihilation Score* is also now available in paperback format (\$19.95). Recommended!

Urban fantasy HC \$49.99

CHRONICLES OF ST MARY'S 01: JUST ONE DAMNED THING AFTER ANOTHER

TAYLOR, Jodi
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