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... and many others.

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Until next time, good reading!
Ron and Leanne

ARCANE AMERICA 01: UNCHARTED

ANDERSON, Kevin J & HOYT, Sarah A
A new world. New magic. New history. After Haley's Comet was destroyed in a magical battle in 1759, the backlash separated the entire New World from the Old in an event known as The Sundering. Now, isolated from the rest of the globe, America has become a very different place, where magic works and history has been changed forever. It is 1803 – a new 1803. Young Meriwether Lewis, footloose and intrigued, goes to hear a lecture in St Louis by the venerated old wizard Benjamin Franklin. Franklin's talk is disrupted by the attack of a winged fire-breathing beast, much like legends from Lewis' own Welsh heritage. In the aftermath, Franklin tells the young man that he knows of a great, growing evil that lurks in the uncharted Arcane Territories west of the Mississippi. Using his own vast fortune, Franklin commissions Lewis and his own talented partner William Clark to embark on a remarkable voyage of exploration, to meet and document the indigenous tribes, to find a route all the way to the Pacific Ocean – and, perhaps, beyond the magical veil to Europe, again – and to stop the growing evil that is filling the American West...

Alternate history PBK \$21.95

HARBINGER 01: STORM AND FURY

ARMENTROUT, Jennifer L
Eighteen-year-old Trinity Marrow may be going blind, but she can see and communicate with ghosts and spirits. Her unique gift is part of a secret, so dangerous that she's been in hiding for years in an isolated compound fiercely guarded by Wardens – gargoyles shape-shifters, who protect humankind from demons. If the demons discover the truth about Trinity, they'll devour her, flesh and bone, to enhance their own powers. When Wardens from another clan arrive with disturbing reports that something out there is killing both demons and Wardens, Trinity's safe world implodes...

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

AGE OF DREAD 03: MAGEBANE

ARYAN, Stephen
This third instalment follows *Mageborn* and *Magefall* (PBK, \$22.99 each).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

THREE-BODY PROBLEM PARAQUEL: THE REDEMPTION OF TIME

BAOSHU
This is Tianming's story. It reveals what happened to him, when he was intercepted by the Trisolarians. It reveals the true nature of the struggle that has created the universal 'dark forest', and the ultimate fate of the Universe... A companion volume to the bestselling Three-Body Problem trilogy.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

MAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

BARGER, Shaun
Post-apocalyptic fantasy TP \$31.95

JACOB'S LADDER 02: SANCTION

BEAR, Elizabeth
The generation ship *Jacob's Ladder* has barely survived cataclysms, from without and within. Now, riding the shock wave of a nova blast toward an uncertain destiny, the damaged ship – the only world its inhabitants have ever known – remains a war zone. Even as Perceval, the new captain, struggled to come to terms with the traumas of her past, the remnants of rebellion aboard the ship still threaten the crew's survival. Yet, as Perceval's relatives Tristen and Benedict play a deadly game of cat and mouse in pursuit of a traitor, through a cast ship that is renewing itself in strange and dangerous ways; an even more insidious threat is building, in a place no one ever thought to look. And this implacable enemy could change the face of the ship forever, if a ragtag band of heroes cannot stop it. Originally published in 2010, as *Chill*. The sequel to *Pinion* (PBK, \$22.99) (originally published in 2007, as *Dust*).

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

TRAITOR'S TRILOGY 03: THE TRAITOR'S KINGDOM

BEATY, Erin
The trilogy's two previous novels – *The Traitor's Kiss* and *The Traitor's Ruin*, are available in paperback (\$16.99 each), now, as well.

YA fantasy HC \$26.99

ENDEAVOR 01: NIGHTCHASER

BOUCHET, Amanda
Wanted criminal Tess Bailey and her band of merry thieves are desperate, and on the run. The most powerful ruler in the universe wants them dead, and while he hunts them, the stolen ship they escaped on is running out of steam. Their one offer of help comes from Shade Ganavan, a tall, dark and arrogant stranger with ambiguous motivations. At her side is gentle, blind Shiori, Fiona, an ex-rebel fighter with a rage so strong it could bring generals to their knees, and determined Jax and Miko, steering their ship through the depths of space. Together, their friendship gives them strength, but will their bond be strong enough to defeat an enemy, whose ruthlessness is legendary? As their luck runs out, Tess will have to choose an ending to her story – and whether to fight against, or yield to, a temptation so strong – it threatens to cleave the land of stars in two. The first in a new series.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

GRAND TOUR 22: EARTH

BOVA, Ben
Science fiction HC \$55.00

CTRL+S

BRIGGS, Andy
In near-future London, Theo must navigate the darkest corners of *Space*, to rescue his kidnapped mother. Log in > load world > save her. Life in the near future's not *all* bad. We've reversed global warming; and fixed the collapsing bee population. We even created *Space*, a virtual-sensory universe; where average guys, like Theo Wilson, can do almost anything they desire. But *almost anything* isn't enough, for some. Every day, normal people are being taken, their emotions harvested – and lives traded – to create death-defying thrills for the rich and twisted. Now, Theo's mother has disappeared. And as he follows her breadcrumb trail of clues, he'll come up against the most dangerous... *Space* has to offer: vPolice, AI Bots, and anarchists – as well as a criminal empire that will kill – to stop him finding her... For fans of *Ready Player One* and *The Martian*.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

ROTHERWEIRD 03: LOST ACRE

CALDECOTT, Andrew
Wynter is here... and if he isn't stopped, this could be the end of Rotherweird – for good. 'Intricate and crisp, witty and solemn' – *Hilary Mantel*. The sequel to *Rotherweird* and *Wyntertide* (PBK, \$22.99 each). Recommended.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

GENESIS FLEET 03: TRIUMPHANT

CAMPBELL, Jack
Space opera PBK \$19.99

THE BEST SCIENCE FICTION OF THE YEAR: VOLUME FOUR

CLARKE, Neil (editor)
Also available, now, an anthology celebrating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, *The Eagle Has Landed: 50 Years of Lunar Science Fiction* (TP, \$39.95).

Year's Best TP \$39.95

TERRA NULLIUS

COLEMAN, Claire G
The Natives of the Colony are restless. The Settlers are eager to have a nation of peace, and to bring the savages into line. Families are torn apart, re-education is enforced. This rich land will provide for all. This is not Australia as we know it. This is not the Australia of our history. This *terra nullius* is something new, but all too familiar. An incredible debut from a striking new and award-winning Australian Aboriginal voice, now in paperback.

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

PAN'S LABYRINTH: THE LABYRINTH OF THE FAUN

DEL TORO, Guillermo & FUNKE, Cornelia
In fairy tales, there are men and there are wolves, there are beasts and dead parents, there are girls and forests. Ofelia knows all this, like any young woman with a head full of stories. And she sees right away what the Capitán is, in his immaculate uniform, boots and gloves, smiling: a wolf. But nothing can prepare her for the fevered reality of the Capitán's eerie house, in the midst of a dense forest which conceals many things: half-remembered stories of lost babies; renegade resistance fighters hiding from the army; a labyrinth; beasts and fairies. There is no one to keep Ofelia safe, as the labyrinth beckons her into her own story – where the monstrous and the human are inextricable, where myths pulse with living blood... Inspired by Del Toro's 2006 film.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

CROWN OF SHARDS 02: PROTECT THE PRINCE

ESTEP, Jennifer
Despite the dangers, Evie goes ahead with a scheduled trip to the neighbouring kingdom of Andvari – in order to secure a desperately-needed alliance. But complicating matters is the stubborn Andvarian king, who wants to punish Evie for the deaths of his countrymen during the Seven Spire massacre... Evie's magic, life, and crown aren't the only things in danger – so, is her heart; thanks to Lucas Sullivan, the Andvarian king's bastard son, and Evie's... well, Evie isn't quite sure, what Sullivan is to her. The sequel to *Kill the Queen* (TP, \$29.99), which customers have been loving! Recommended.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

EARLY RISER

FFORDE, Jasper
Imagine a world where all humans must hibernate through a brutally cold winter, their bodies dangerously close to death, as they enter an ultra-low metabolic state of utterly dreamless sleep. All humans, that is, apart from the Winter Consuls – a group of officers who diligently watch over the vulnerable sleeping citizens. Charlie Worthing is a novice, chosen by a highflying hero Winter Consul to accompany him to the Douzey, a remote sector in the middle of Wales, to investigate a dream which is somehow spreading amongst those in the hibernational state, causing paranoia, hallucination, and a psychotic episode that can end in murder. Worthing has been trained to deal with Tricky Nightwalkers, whose consciousness has been eroded by hibernation, leaving only one or two skills and an incredible hunger; he's been trained to stay alive through the bleakest and loneliest of winters... Leanne loved this (Rick Astley jokes, belike); and thinks it has all the charm of the early Thursday Nexts.

Fantasy adventure PBK \$19.99

WORLDS 2 (COLLECTION)

FLINT, Eric
Short fiction collection PBK \$21.95

THE GIRL WHO COULD MOVE

SH*T WITH HER MIND
FORD, Jackson
For Teagan Frost, sh*t just got real. Teagan Frost is having a hard time keeping it together. Sure, she's got telekinetic powers – a skill that the government is all too happy to make use of... sending her on secret break-in missions that no ordinary human could carry out. But all she really wants to do is kick back, have a beer, and pretend she's normal for once. But then a body turns up, at the site of her last job – murdered in a way that only someone, like Teagan, could have pulled off. She's got 24 hours to clear her name – and it's not just her life at stake. If she can't unravel the conspiracy in time, her hometown of Los Angeles will be in the crosshairs of an underground battle that's on the brink of exploding... Full of imagination, wit and random sh*t flying through the air, this insane adventure from an irreverent, new voice will blow your tiny mind.

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

CAINE RIORDAN 05: MARQUE OF CAINE

GANNON, Charles E
Space opera TP \$31.95

THE RECORD KEEPER

GOMILLION, Agnes
Dystopia PBK \$19.99

AN ABSOLUTELY REMARKABLE THING

GREEN, Hank
Science fiction PBK \$19.99

ISMAEL JONES: INTO THE THINNEST OF AIR

GREEN, Simon R
Paranormal mystery TP \$29.95

SHERLOCK HOLMES VS CTHULHU 03: THE ADVENTURE OF THE INNSMOUTH MUTATIONS

GRESH, Lois H
Sherlockiana/Cthulhuiana TP \$29.95

DRAGONSLAYER

HAMILTON, Duncan M
Mirabaya, a country similar to medieval France, is ruled by a young, untried king who should be easily led by Amaury, the head of the church. Amaury knows power is often best wielded from behind the throne, out of sight, out of range of an assassin... Threatening his plans is news of a dragon, a creature thought destroyed centuries ago. How best to deal with this nuisance? Once a member of the King's personal guard, Gill now spends most days drinking and mourning his wife and child. He's stunned to be ordered to find and destroy a marauding dragon – weren't they hunted to extinction, long before he was born? Together with Solene, a young woman who has an unstable, dangerous magical talent, this unlikely hero faces treachery and uncovers lost history as they attempt to defeat a dragon that shouldn't exist. The first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$26.99

TIME'S CONVERT

HARKNESS, Deborah
On the battlefields of the American Revolution, Matthew de Clermont meets Marcus MacNeil, a young surgeon from Massachusetts, during a moment of political awakening when it seems that the world is on the brink of a brighter future. Marcus seizes the opportunity to become a vampire. But his transformation is not an easy one and the ancient traditions and responsibilities of the de Clermont family clash with Marcus' deeply-held beliefs in liberty, equality, and brotherhood. In contemporary London, where Marcus was equal for Phoebe Taylor, a young employee at Sotheby's. She decides to become a vampire, too; and, the couple discovers that the challenges facing a human, who wishes to be a vampire, are no less formidable in the modern world than they were in the 18th century... Set in the world of All Souls trilogy (one of Leanne's faves), Marcus and Phoebe's love story offers glimpses into the lives of the rest of the Bishop-Clairmont clan. Leanne totally recommends anything by Harkness. If you're new to these books, start with *A Discovery of Witches* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

LOKI 02: THE TESTAMENT OF LOKI

HARRIS, Joanne M
A follow-up to *The Gospel of Loki* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mythic fantasy PBK \$19.99

LIGHT

HARRISON, M John
SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

POISON WAR 01: CITY OF LIES

HAWKE, Sam
Only a handful of people in Silasta know Jovan's real purpose in life. To most, he is just another son of the ruling class. The quiet, forgettable friend of the Chancellor's charming, irresponsible heir. In reality, Jovan has been trained for most of his life to detect, concoct and withstand poisons in order to protect the ruling family. Until now, peace has reigned in Silasta for hundreds of years. But when the Chancellor succumbs to an unknown poison and an army storms the gates, the so-called Bright City is completely unprepared... An award-winning debut fantasy novel by a new Australian voice.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

THE GIRL IN RED

HENRY, Christina
It's not safe for anyone alone in the woods. There are predators that come out at night: critters and coyotes, snakes and wolves. But the

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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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woman in the red jacket has no choice. Not since the Crisis came, decimated the population, and sent those who survived fleeing into quarantine camps that served as breeding grounds for death, destruction, and disease. She was just a woman trying not to get killed in a world that didn't look anything like the one she'd grown up in, the one that had been perfectly sane and normal and boring until three months ago. There are worse threats in the woods than the things that stalk their prey at night. Sometimes, there are men. Men with dark desires, weak wills, and evil intents. Men in uniform with classified information, deadly secrets, and unforgiving orders. And sometimes, just sometimes, there's something worse than all of the horrible people and vicious beasts combined. Red didn't like to think of herself as a killer, but she wasn't going to let herself get eaten up just because she was a woman alone in the woods...

Post-apocalyptic fairy-tale **PBK** **\$19.99**

CAS RUSSELL 02: NULL SET

HUANG, S L
SF thriller **HC** **\$52.95**

EMPIRE OF SALT: SHIANG

IGGULDEN, C F
The sequel to *Darien* (PBK, \$19.99).
Alternate history **PBK** **\$19.99**

THE GRAND DARK

KADREY, Richard
The Great War is over. The city of Lower Proszawa celebrates the peace with a decadence and carefree spirit as intense as the war's horrifying despair. But this newfound hedonism – drugs, and sex, and endless parties – distracts from strange realities of everyday life: Intelligent automata taking jobs. Genetically-engineered creatures that serve as pets and beasts of war. A theatre, where gruesome murders happen twice a day. And a new plague that even the ceaseless euphoria can't mask. Unlike others, who live strictly for fun, Largo is an addict with ambitions. A bike messenger who grew up in the slums, he knows the city's streets and its secrets intimately. His life seems set. He has a beautiful girlfriend, drugs, a chance at a promotion – and, maybe, an opportunity for complete transformation: a contact among the elite who will set him on the course to lift himself up out of the streets. But dreams can be a dangerous thing, in a city whose mood is turning dark and inward... A lush, dark, standalone fantasy, from the author of the Sandman Slim series.

Fantasy **PBK** **\$19.99**

SHADOW OF THE FOX 02: SOUL OF THE SWORD

KAGAWA, Julie
Kitsune shapeshifter Yumeko has one task: to take her piece of the ancient and powerful scroll to the Steel Feather temple in order to prevent the summoning of the Harbinger of Change, the great Kami Dragon – who will grant one wish, to whoever holds the Scroll of a Thousand Prayers. But she has a new enemy, now. The demon Hakaimono, who for centuries was trapped in a cursed sword, has escaped and possessed the boy she thought would protect her, Kage Tatsumi of the Shadow Clan. Hakaimono has done the unthinkable and joined forces with the Master of Demons, in order to break the curse of the sword and set himself free. To overthrow the empire and cover the land in darkness, they need one thing: the Scroll of a Thousand Prayers. As the paths of Yumeko and the possessed Tatsumi cross, once again, the entire empire will be thrown into chaos. The sequel to *Shadow of the Fox* (PBK, \$19.99). Signed copies are available!

YA fantasy **PBK** **\$19.99**

LAST OF HER NAME

KHOURY, Jessica
YA space opera **HC** **\$35.95**

FKA USA

KING, Reed
2085: the self-interested rule of a final, disastrous president of the United States has provoked the splintering of the states into individual countries. Truckee Wallace, a young man plucked from obscurity from the factory line where he works, is hand-picked by the president to lead a covert mission: to bring a talking goat to the other side of the continent and, hopefully, save civilisation. Along the way, he picks up an android who wants to be human, and a well-intentioned former convict who has had a lobotomy. As this strange foursome encounters an environmentally-depleted and lawless continent, the parallels to our own times become devastatingly – and hilariously – clear. Filled with footnotes that could be an incredible novel, in their own right, *FKA USA* is insanely smart and brimming with social satire.

Dystopian satire **HC** **\$39.99**

HEROINE COMPLEX 03: HEROINE'S JOURNEY

KUHN, Sarah
The third in the popular series, following *Heroine Complex* and *Heroine Worship* (PBK, \$21.95 each), now in paperback

Urban fantasy **PBK** **\$21.95**

FAMILY SPIES 02: EYE SPY

LACKEY, Mercedes
Valdemar **HC** **\$49.95**

EARTHSEA 01: A WIZARD OF EARTHSEA

(ILLUSTRATED)
LE GUIN, Ursula K & Vess, Charles
Beautifully illustrated by Charles Vess, in the same style as last year's *The Books of Earthsea: The Complete Illustrated Edition* (HC, \$65.00).

Fantasy **HC** **\$32.99**

THE WITCH WHO COURTED DEATH

LEWIS, Maria
Considering her status as the world's most powerful medium, Casper von Klitzing and her twin brother, Baristan, have lived a pretty normal life – until now. After a horrific incident in her home city of Berlin, orchestrated by the mysterious Oct, Casper is consumed with vengeance towards an enemy she doesn't understand. But the only other person, ever to escape Oct, was a witch – and so Casper is soon on her trail. But this witch does not want to be found. Diving headfirst into the supernaturally secretive world of spells, charms and covens, it's not long before Casper is crossing more than just the line between the living and the dead...

Urban fantasy **PBK** **\$22.99**

KNIGHT OF STARS

LLOYD, Tom
Fantasy **HC** **\$39.99**

STEP BY STEP 01: DROP BY DROP

LLYWELYN, Morgan
In this first book in the Step by Step trilogy, global catastrophe occurs as all plastic mysteriously liquefies. All the small components making many technologies possible – navigation systems, communications, medical equipment – fail. In Sycamore River, citizens find their lives disrupted as everything they've depended on melts around them, with sometimes fatal results. All they can rely upon is themselves.

Post-apocalypse **TP** **\$26.99**

ANNE MCCAFFREY'S DRAGONRIDERS OF PERN: DRAGON'S CODE

MCCAFFREY, Gigi
The last time Thread attacked Pern, the world was unprepared for the fight – until the Oldtimers appeared. These courageous dragonriders arrived from the past, travelling four hundred years to help their descendants survive. But the collision of past and present took its toll. While most of the displaced rescuers adapted to their new reality, others could not abide the jarring change and found themselves in soul-crushing exile, where unhappiness and resentment seethed. Piemur, a journeyman harper, also feels displaced, cast adrift by the loss of his spectacular boyhood voice and uncertain of his future. But when the Masterharper of Pern sees promise in the young man and sends him undercover among the exiled Oldtimers, Piemur senses the looming catastrophe that threatens the balance of power between the Weyrs and Holds of Pern... In honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the Dragonriders of Pern series, Gigi does her mother proud, adding to the family tradition of spinning unputdownable tales.

Pern **PBK** **\$21.95**

RAVEN'S MARK 03: CROWFALL

MCDONALD, Ed
The third instalment, following *Blackwing* and *Ravenry* (PBK, \$19.99 each).

Grimdark fantasy **TP** **\$32.99**

WAR FOR THE ROSE THRONE 02: PRIEST OF LIES

MCLEAN, Peter
When Tomas Piety and his Pious Men returned from the war, he just wanted to rebuild his crime empire and look after his people. But the sinister Queen's Men had different ideas and whether he likes it or not, he's now a spy as well. Now, half the city of Ellinburg lies in ashes and the webs of political intrigue are stretching out from the Queen's capital to pull Tomas in. Dannsburg is calling. In Dannsburg, the nobility fight with words, not blades, but the results are every bit as bloody. In this pit of beasts, Tomas must decide once and for all whether he is, truly, the people's champion... or just a priest of lies. And as Tomas' power grows, the nobility had better watch their backs... The sequel to *Priest of Bones* (PBK, \$22.99) which had some great customer feedback.

Grimdark fantasy **TP** **\$32.99**

INSPECTION

MALERMAN, Josh
J is a student at a school deep in a forest, far away from the rest of the world. J is one of only twenty-six students, all of whom think of the school's enigmatic founder as their father. J's peers are the only family he has ever had. The students are being trained to be prodigies of art, science, and athletics; and their life at the school is all they know – and all they are allowed to know. But J suspects that there is something out there, beyond the pines, that the founder does not want him to see, and he's beginning to ask questions. What is the real purpose of this place? Why can the students never leave? And what secrets is their father hiding from them? Meanwhile, on the other side of the forest – in a school very much like J's – a girl named K is asking the same questions. J has never seen a girl, and K has never seen a boy. As K and J work to investigate the secrets of their two strange schools, they come to discover something even more mysterious: each other.

From the author of *Bird Box* (PBK, \$22.99).

Horror **TP** **\$32.99**

DEATHLESS 02: THE RUTHLESS

NEWMAN, Peter
For years, Vasin Sapphire has been waiting for the perfect opportunity to strike. Now, as other Deathless families come under constant assault from the monsters that roam the Wild, that time has come. In the floating castle of Rochant Sapphire, loyal subjects await the ceremony to return their ruler to his rightful place. But the child raised to give up his body to Lord Rochant is no ordinary servant. Strange and savage, he will stop at nothing to escape his gilded prison. Far below, another child yearns to see the human world. Raised by a creature of the Wild, he knows their secrets better than any other. As he enters into the struggle between the Deathless houses, he may be the key to protecting their power or destroying it completely. The sequel to *The Deathless* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy **TP** **\$29.99**

GIRLS OF PAPER AND FIRE

NGAN, Natasha
Each year, eight beautiful girls are chosen as Paper Girls to serve the king. It's the highest honour they could hope for... and the most demeaning. This year, there's a ninth. And, instead of paper, she's made of fire. Lei is a member of the Paper caste, the lowest and most persecuted class of people in Ikharra. Ten years ago, her mother was snatched by the royal guards, and her fate remains unknown. Now, the guards are back... and, this time, it is Lei they're after – the girl with the golden eyes, whose rumoured beauty has piqued the king's interest. Over weeks of training in the opulent but oppressive palace, Lei and eight other girls learn the skills and charm that befit a king's consort. There, Lei does the unthinkable – she falls in love. Her forbidden romance becomes enmeshed with an explosive plot that threatens her world's entire way of life. Lei, still the wide-eyed country girl at heart, must decide how far she's willing to go for justice and revenge. Perfect for fans of Renee Ahdieh, Laini Taylor, and Sabaa Tahir.

YA fantasy **PBK** **\$16.99**

BROKEN PLACES AND OUTER SPACES: FINDING CREATIVITY IN THE UNEXPECTED

OKORAFOR, Nnedi
Nnedi uses her own experience as a jumping off point to follow the phenomenon of creativity born from hardship. From Frida Kahlo to

Mary Shelley, she examines great artists and writers who have pushed through their limitations, using hardship to fuel their work. Through these compelling stories and her own, Nnedi reveals a universal truth: What we perceive as limitations have the potential to become our greatest strengths – far greater than when we were unbroken.

Memoir/motivational speech **HC** **\$19.99**

DAVID MOGO, GODHUNTER

OKUNGBOWA, Suyi Davies
Godpunk **TP** **\$22.95**

CENTENAL CYCLE 03: STATE TECTONICS

OLDER, Malka
Concluding the Centenal Cycle trilogy, which begins with *Infomocracy* (PBK, \$23.99).
Science fiction **TP** **\$26.99**

ADJUSTMENT DAY

PALAHNIUK, Chuck
People pass the word only to those they trust most: Adjustment Day is coming. They've been reading a mysterious blue-black book and memorising its directives. They are ready for the reckoning. Smug, geriatric politicians hatch a nasty fate for the burgeoning population of young males; working-class men dream of burying the elites; and professors propound theories that offer students only the bleakest future. When it arrives, Adjustment Day inaugurates a new Disunited States of America.

Alternate history/political satire **PBK** **\$19.99**

THE NEED

PHILLIPS, Helen
Molly is exhausted, anxious, losing her grip on reality. Her husband is away, and she is running between her children and her job, where things are unravelling. She's a paleobotanist, working at a fossil quarry, and has recently unearthed artefacts that defy understanding: the coke bottle with the lettering that leans the wrong way, an alternative version of the Bible. Where do these things come from? At home, as dusk falls, she gets jumpy. Are those footsteps out in the hall? What was that noise? She holds her two small children close to her; and tries to pull herself together. But her worlds of work and home are about to collide. She discovers that the stranger in her sitting room knows everything about her life and, as their identity becomes chillingly clear, this intruder makes a demand of Molly that upends everything, forcing her to reckon with her most unspeakable fears.

SF thriller **TP** **\$29.99**

THE TOLL

PRIEST, Cherie
Titus and Melanie Bell are on their honeymoon and have reservations in the Okefenokee Swamp cabins for a canoeing trip. But shortly before they reach their destination, the road narrows into a rickety bridge with old stone pilings, with room for only one car. Much later, Titus wakes up, lying in the middle of the road – no bridge in sight. Melanie is missing. When he calls the police, they tell him there is no such bridge on Route 177...

Gothic horror **TP** **\$24.99**

AN AMERICAN STORY

PRIEST, Christopher
Ben Matson lost someone he loved in the 9/11 attacks. Or thinks he did – a body has not been recovered, and she shouldn't have been on that particular plane, at that time. But he knows she was. The world has moved on from that terrible day. Nearly 20 years later, it has faded into a dull memory for most people. But a chance encounter rekindles Ben's interest in the event, and the inconsistencies that always bothered him... Also available now, a new collection of short fiction by Christopher Priest, *Episodes* (TP, \$29.99) – collecting the best of four decades' work.

Science fiction **PBK** **\$22.99**

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THE SISTERS OF THE WINTER WOOD

ROSSNER, Rena
In a remote village surrounded by forests on the border of Moldova and Ukraine, sisters Liba and Laya have been raised on the honeyed scent of their Mami's babka, and the low rumble of their Tati's prayers. But when a troupe of mysterious men arrives, Laya falls under their spell – despite their mother's warning to be wary of strangers. And this is not the only danger lurking in the woods... Recommended to fans of Katherine Arden.

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A CONSPIRACY OF TRUTHS

ROWLAND, Alexandra
Arrested on accusations of witchcraft and treason, Chant finds himself trapped in a cold, filthy jail cell in a foreign land. With only his advocate, the unhelpful and uninterested Consanza, he quickly finds himself cast as a bargaining chip in a brewing battle between the five rulers of this small, backwards, and petty nation. Or, at least, that's how he would tell the story. In truth, Chant has little idea of what is happening outside the walls of his cell, but he must quickly start to unravel the puzzle of his imprisonment... before they execute him for his alleged crimes. But Chant is no witch – he is a member of a rare and obscure order of wandering storytellers. With no country to call his home, and no people to claim as his own, all Chant has is his wits and his apprentice, a lad more interested in wooing handsome shepherds, than learning the ways of the world. And, yet, he has one great power: his stories in the ears of the rulers determined to prosecute him, for betraying a nation he knows next to nothing about. The tales he tells will topple the Queens of Nuryevet and, just maybe, save his life.

Fantasy **TP** **\$35.95**

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 Sollar 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 **TP** **\$32.99**

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SHEPHERD, Peng
In the middle of a market in India, a man's shadow disappears. As rolling twenty-four-hour news coverage tries to explain the event, more cases are discovered. The phenomenon spreads like a plague as people learn the true cost of their lost part: their memories. Two years later, Ory and his wife Max have escaped 'the Forgetting' by hiding in an abandoned hotel deep in the woods in Virginia. They have settled into their new reality, until Max, too, loses her shadow...

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SNYDER, Maria V
Shyla is a researcher who resides in the underground desert city of Zirdai, which is ruled by the wealthy Water Prince and brutal Heliacal Priestess. Even though Shyla is sun-kissed – an outcast, considered cursed by the Sun Goddess – she is still renowned for uncovering innumerable archaic facts, lost artefacts, ancient maps, and obscure historical documents. Her quiet life is about to change when Banqui, an archaeologist, enlists her services to find the Eyes of Tamburah: legendary gemstones that bestow great magic on their wielder. These ancient objects can tip the balance of power and give whoever possesses them complete control of the city. But chaos erupts, when the Eyes are stolen, soon after they're found – and Shyla is blamed for the theft... The first in a new series.

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STRAHAN, Jonathan
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TESH, Emily
There is a Wild Man who lives in the deep quiet of Greenhollow, and he listens to the wood. Tobias, tethered to the forest, does not dwell on his past life, but he lives a perfectly unremarkable existence with his cottage, his cat, and his dryads. When Greenhollow Hall acquires a handsome, intensely-curious, new owner in Henry Silver, everything changes. Old secrets better left buried are dug up, and Tobias is forced to reckon with his troubled past, both the green magic of the woods, and the dark things that rest in its heart. A 112pp Tor.com novella. 'A true story of the woods, of the fae, and of the heart. Deep and green and wonderful.' – *Naomi Novik*.

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THOMPSON, Tade
Who was Molly Southbourne? What did she leave behind? A burnt-out basement. A name stained in blood. Bodies that remember murder, one of them left alive. A set of rules that no longer apply. Molly Southbourne is alive. If she wants to survive, she'll need to run, hide, and be ready to fight. There are people who remember her, who know what she is and what she's done. Some want her alive, some want her dead, and all hold a piece to the puzzles in her head. Can Molly escape them, or will she confront the bloody history that made her? A 128pp Tor.com novella; the sequel to *The Murders of Molly Southbourne* (PBK, \$19.99) by this year's winner of the Arthur C Clarke Award.

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VALENTE, Catherynne M
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VILHJÁLMSSON, Alexander Dan
Smundur the Mad, addict and sorcerer, has been expelled from the magical university, Svartiskoli, and can no longer study galdur, an esoteric source of magic. Obsessed with proving his peers wrong, he will stop at nothing to gain absolute power and knowledge, especially of that which is long forbidden. Garun is an outcast: half-human, half-huldufolk – her very existence is a violation of dimensional boundaries, the ultimate taboo. A militant revolutionary and graffiti artist, recklessly dismissive of the status quo, she will do anything to achieve a just society, including spark a revolution. Even if she has to do it, alone. This is a tale of revolution set in a twisted version of Reykjavik fuelled by industrialised magic and populated by humans, interdimensional exiles, otherworldly creatures, psychoactive graffiti, and demonic familiars.

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WALLACE, Kali
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WILLIAMSON, Michael Z
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