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

HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

SHATTERED SEA 03: HALF A WAR

ABERCROMBIE, Joe

Princess Skara has seen all she loved made blood and ashes. She is left with only words. But the right words can be as deadly as any blade. She must conquer her fears and sharpen her wits to a lethal edge if she is to reclaim her birthright. Half a King and Half the World begin this great trilogy (\$19.99 each).

 ${\it DAGGER\, AND\, COIN\, 05:}\ {\it THE\, SPIDER'S\, WAR}$

ABRAHAM, Daniel The final in the Dagger and Coin series, from the co-author of the

Expanse series. Fantasy

THE LAST DAYS OF JACK SPARKS

ARNOPP, Jason

In 2014, Jack Sparks - the controversial pop culture journalist - died in mysterious circumstances. To his fans, Jack was a fearless rebel; to his detractors he was a talentless hack. Either way, his death came as a shock to everyone. It was no secret that Jack had been researching the occult for his new book. He'd already triggered a furious Twitter storm by mocking an exorcism he witnessed in rural Italy. Then there was that video: thirty-six seconds of chilling footage that Jack repeatedly claimed was not of his making, yet was posted from his own YouTube account. Nobody knew what happened to Jack, in the days that followed - until now. This book, compiled from the files found after his death, reveals the chilling details of Jack's final hours. Read on and decide for yourself what really happened to the notorious Jack Sparks – in this razor-sharp tale about the dangers of mocking what you don't believe...

Paranormal thriller

FIRST MACHINE DYNASTY 02: iD

ASHBY, Madeline

In the sequel to vN, Javier is a self-replicating humanoid on a journey of redemption. Javier's quest takes him from Amy's island, where his actions have devastating consequences for his friend, toward Mecha, where he will find either salvation... or death Science fiction PBK

THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE WHEEL

BELCHER, R S

A small offshoot of the Knights Templar endure and have returned to the order's original mission: to defend the roads of the world and guard those who travel on them. Jimmy Aussapile is one such knight. He's driving a big rig down South, when a promise to a ghostly hitchhiker sets him on a quest to find out the terrible truth behind a string of children gone missing all across the country. **Urban fantasy**

OTHERS 04: MARKED IN FLESH

BISHOP, Anne

Since the Others allied themselves with the 'cassandra sangue', the fragile yet powerful human blood prophets who were being exploited by their own kind, the delicate dynamic between humans and Others has changed. Some, like Simon Wolfgard, wolf shifter and leader of the Lakeside Courtyard, and blood prophet Meg Corbyn, see the new, closer companionship as beneficial, both personally and practically. But not everyone is convinced. A group of radical humans is seeking to usurp land through a series of violent attacks on the Others...

Urban fantasy

BABA YAGA 03: WICKEDLY POWERFUL BLAKE, Deborah

Paranormal romance

LAST GOD STANDING

BOATMAN, Michael

The extraordinary adventures of the world's most unusual stand-up comedian, for all fans of Tom Holt and Christopher Moore. When God decides to quit and join the human race, to see what all the fuss is about, all Hell breaks loose. Sensing his abdication, the other defunct gods of Earth's vanquished pantheons want a piece of the action He abandoned. Meanwhile, the newly-humanised deity must discover the whereabouts and intentions of the similarly reincarnated Lucifer, and block the ascension of a murderous new God. Urban fantasy/humour PBK

CENTRAL CORPS 01: THE COLD BETWEEN

BONESTEEL, Elizabeth

When her crewmate, Danny, is murdered on the colony of Volhynia, Central Corps engineer Commander Elena Shaw is shocked to learn the main suspect is her lover, Treiko Zajec. She knows Trey is innocent - he was with her, when Danny was killed. So, who is the real killer and why are the cops framing an innocent man? Retracing Danny's last hours, she discovers that his death may be tied to a tragedy from the past. For twenty-five years, Central Gov has been lying about the mystery, even willing to go to war to protect their secrets. Secrets that hide a conspiracy so deep within Central Gov that it threatens all of human civilisation throughout the inhabited reaches of the galaxy - and beyond. This space opera has been getting excellent reviews.

Science fiction

MERCY THOMPSON 09: FIRE TOUCHED BRIGGS, Patricia

Paranormal romance TP/HC \$29.99/\$49.95 JANI AND THE GREATER GAME 02: JANI AND THE GREAT PURSUIT

BROWN, Eric

Being an account of certain events enacted in the Capital of the Empire, Europe, and elsewhere and of various astounding and life-threatening escapades, as experienced by a Ladv. Miss Janisha Chatterjee. Jani and the Greater Game is the first in the series (\$19.95).

Steampunk PBK

MADE TO KILL

CHRISTOPHER, Adam

Raymond Electromat, the world's last robot, is a Private Investigator, the lone employee of the Electromatic Detective Agency. When a familiar-looking woman arrives at the agency wanting to hire Ray to find a missing movie star, he's inclined to tell her to take a hike. But she had the cold hard cash, a demand for total anonymity, and tendency to vanish on her own. Plunged into a glittering world of fame, fortune, and secrecy, Ray uncovers a sinister plot that goes much deeper than the silver screen – and this robot is at the wrong place, at the wrong time.

PBK

SPIDER WAR 02: THE MACHINE AWAKES CHRISTOPHER, Adam

TP Space opera

DARK ARTIFICES 01: LADY MIDNIGHT

CLARE, Cassandra

The Shadowhunters of Los Angeles star in the first novel in Cassandra Clare's newest series, The Dark Artifices, a sequel to the Mortal Instruments series.

CASE FILES OF JUSTIS FEARSSON 02: HIS FATHER'S EYES

COE, David B

Justis Fearsson is a weremyste. He wields potent magic, but every month, on the full moon, he loses his mind. He's also a private detective, who can't afford to take time off from his latest investigation while his sanity goes AWOL. A legion of dark sorcerers has descended on Phoenix, wreaking havoc in the blistering desert heat. With the next moon phasing approaching, Jay has to figure out what connects a billionaire financier and a vicious drug kingpin to an attempted terrorist attack, a spate of ritual killings, and the murder of a powerful runemyste. And he has to do it fast. Because these same dark sorcerers have nearly killed the woman he loves and have used their spells to torment Jay's father. Now, they have Jay in their crosshairs, and with his death they intend to extend their power over the entire magicking world. The sequel to Spell Bind (\$19.95).

PBK **Urban fantasy**

BOOKS OF PELLINOR: THE BONE QUEEN CROGGON, Alison

Cadvan of Lirigon, one of the most brilliant Bards of his generation, has been exiled for a terrible crime that unleashed the power of the Bone Queen, and wrought destruction across Annar, Meanwhile, in Lirigon, several unnerving events suggest that the Dark is growing in strength, once again, and that the Bone Queen may vet lurk in the world. If he is to save both the living and the dead, Cadvan must once again face the evil that almost destroyed him. Croggon introduces readers to the world of Pellinor, in this compelling story of Cadvan's struggle for redemption.

YA fantasy

THE DESTRUCTIVES

DE ABAITUA, Matthew

Theodore Drown is a destructive. A recovering addict to weirdcore, he's keeping his head down lecturing at the university of the moon. Twenty years after the appearance of the first artificial intelligence, and humanity is stuck. The AIs or, as they preferred to be called emergences have left Earth and reside beyond the orbit of Mercury in a Stapledon Sphere known as the university of the sun. The emergences were our future but they chose exile. All except one; Dr Easy remains, researching a single human life from beginning to end. Theodore's life.

Science fiction **PBK**

CITIZEN 02: INTO THE MAELSTROM

DRAKE, David & LAMBSHEAD, John

The Cutter Stream colonies were at peace. If everybody behaved reasonably, that peace could last a thousand years. Allen Allenson had known war; it had made him peaceful and reasonable. He was far too experienced to believe the same was true of all his fellow colonists, however, let alone the government of the distant homeworld across the Bight. War was coming, a war that the colonies had to win if they were ever to be more than prison camps and a dumping ground for incompetent noblemen. The experience that had caused Allenson to hate war made him the only man who could lead the colonial army. Allenson knew that he wasn't really a general, but he understood his fellow colonists better than any homeworld general could. He would free the Cutter Stream, or he would die trying. The sequel to Into the Hinterlands (\$19.95). PBK Science fiction

THE LIFE ENGINEERED

DUBEAU, J F

The year 3594: humanity is little more than a memory a legend of the distant past destined to reappear. Capeks, a race of artificial creatures originally created by humans, have inherited the galaxy and formed a utopian civilization built on the shared goal of tirelessly working to prepare for their makers return. One moment a

cop dying in the line of duty in Boston, the next reborn as a Capek, Dagir must find her place in this intricate society... A robot built for rescue and repair, she finds her abilities tested immediately after her awakening when the large, sentient facility that created her is destroyed; marking the only instance of murder the peaceful Capeks have ever known. For the first time in their history, conflicting philosophies clash, setting off a violent civil war that could lay waste to the stars themselves. Dagir sets off on a quest to find the killers, and finds much more than she sought.

Science fiction TP \$29.95

LINESMAN 02: ALLIANCE

DUNSTALL, S K

Captain Selma Kari Wang has lost everything her ship, her crew, her legs. But the New Alliance of Worlds is not done with her, yet. After they rebuild her broken body, they send her to captain one of the new alien ships, teaming her up with Ean, the only one who can understand the alien lines. Kari Wang and Ean are poised on the threshold of discoveries that could change the world. But not everyone wants the New Alliance to control the secrets they uncover and those who oppose won't hesitate to do whatever it takes to stop them... The first in this new series, Linesman (PBK, \$19.95), is getting great customer feedback.

\$19.95 Science fiction WAR OF THE GODS TRILOGY 01:

THE LYRE THIEF

Her Serene Highness, Rakaia, Princess of Fardohnya, is off to Hythria, where her eldest sister is now the High Princess, to find herself a husband, and escape the inevitable bloodbath in the harem, when her brother takes the throne.

Fantasy \$29.99

CARPATHIAN: DARK PROMISES

FEEHAN, Christine Paranormal romance \$29.99

FANTASY MASTERWORK: THE CIRCUS OF DR LAO

FINNEY, Charles G

To the residents of Abalone, Arizona, a sleepy southwestern town whose chief concern is surviving the Great Depression, the arrival of a circus in town is a chance to forget their woes for a while. But this is the circus of Dr Lao and instead of relief, the townsfolk are confronted with an array creature seemingly straight out of mythology: a chimera, a Medusa, a sphinx, a sea serpent and, of course, the elusive, ever-changing Dr Lao. As the circus unfolds, it spins events towards a climactic final act that will change the lives of Abalone's residents, for ever.

Fantasy \$22,99

GAIA CHRONICLES 03:

THE BLOOD OF THE HOOPOE FOYLE, Naomi

Science fiction

OTHERWORLD/SISTERS OF THE MOON 18:

DARKNESS RAGING GALENORN, Yasmine

Paranormal romance

\$19.95 FIRE BENEATH THE SKIN 03: A PAINTED

PBK

\$29.99

GODDESS GISCHLER, Victor

Follows Ink Mage and The Tattooed Duchess (TP, \$29.95 each) in this well-regarded series. \$29.95

THE PHOENIX DESCENT

GROSSART, Chuck

The year is 2025. Astronaut Caitlyn Sif Wagner and her team emerge from stasis, to discover that their Mars mission has gone terribly awry - the crew has run off course in space and, they suspect, in time as well. Their damaged ship returns to an Earth, reduced to overgrown cities and blasted terrain. Yet humans have somehow survived, living in caves, foraging at night, returned to a tribal existence. Sif meets Litsa, the fiercest warrior in her tribe, and learns a horrific truth: the planet is overrun with the Riy, a swarm of spore-releasing revenants... intent only on spreading their infection. Science fiction TP

FIRE SERMON 02: THE MAP OF BONES

HAIG, Francesca \$29.99 **Fantasy**

THE LIBRARY AT MOUNT CHAR

HAWKINS, Scott

Carolyn's not so different from the other people around her. After all, she was a normal American, herself, once. That was a long time ago, of course. Before her parents died. Before she and the others were taken in by the man they called Father. In the years since then, Carolyn hasn't had a chance to get out much. Instead, she and her adopted siblings have been raised according to Father's ancient customs. They've studied the books in his Library and learned some of the secrets of his power. And sometimes, they've wondered if their cruel tutor might secretly be God. Now, Father is missing, perhaps even dead, and the Library that holds his secrets stands unguarded. And with it, control over all of creation. As Carolyn gathers the tools she needs for the battle to come, fierce competitors for this prize align against her, all of them with powers that far exceed her own... This has been getting fantastic reviews Dark fantasy

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THE TALE OF SHIKANOKO:

EMPEROR OF THE EIGHT ISLANDS

HEARN, Lian

An omnibus edition of books 1 and 2 of The Tale of Shikanoko. Now, against a dazzling canvas of wild forest, elegant court and savage battlefield, Hearn brilliantly brings to life the world that existed 300 years earlier than the Tales of the Otori. An intricate tapestry - seething with intrigue, adventure and love - of two rival clans struggling over who will be crowned Emperor of the Eight Islands, in a medieval Japanese country inhabited by warriors, assassins, ghosts and guardian spirits. And as the laws of destiny play out their inexorable drama, so the battle for the Lotus Throne begins. Coming soon: Lord of the Darkwood - books 3 and 4 in The Tale of Shikanoko. The five books comprising the Tales of the Otori have been reissued, with new jackets (PBK, \$19.99 each).

Historical fantasy TP

THE UNIT

HOLMQVIS, Ninni

Single, childless, fifty and deemed economically worthless, Dorrit leaves behind her married lover, her beloved dog and her ramshackle house and joins the residents of the Second Reserve Bank Unit for biological material, resigned to making her contribution to society by giving herself, organ by organ, to the 'necessary' population outside the Unit...

Science fiction

WIZARD CRYSTAL: WIZARD OF THE GROVE

HUFF, Tanya

Now available in one volume, the novels which began Tanya Huff's career: Child of the Grove and The Last Wizard.

THE BURIED GIANT ISHIGURO, Kazuo

BLACK CITY SAINT

KNAAK, Richard A

For more than sixteen hundred years, Nick Medea has followed and guarded the Gate that keeps the mortal realm and that of Feirie separate, seeking in vain absolution for the fatal errors he made, when he slew the dragon. If Nick cannot prevent an old evil from opening the way between realms... then not only might Chicago face a fate worse than the Great Fire, but so will the rest of the mortal realm.

Urban fantasy

MIDGARD 03: BATTLESTORM

KRINARD, Susan

Urban fantasy

EVER-EXPANDING UNIVERSE 03:

THE WORLD FORGOT LEICHT, Martin & NEAL, Isla

Humorous SF

THE CROW OF CONNEMARA

LEIGH, Stephen

Colin Doyle is young Irish-American musician from Chicago, whose interest is traditional Irish music. Maeve Gallagher is an Oileanach, an 'Islander' from Ireland's west coast. Islanders are outcasts treated with suspicion by the locals, who think them responsible for wild and strange happenings in the area. Colin soon discovers that he's

connected to Maeve, in ways he never could have imagined. PBK

DEV HARMER MISSIONS 02: WORLD OF WATER LOVEGROVE, James

Science fiction

THE SEER

LYRIS, Sonia

The Arunkel empire has stood a thousand years, forged by wealth and conquest, but now rebellion is stirring on the borders and treachery brews in the palace halls. Elsewhere, in a remote mountain village, a young mother sells the prophecies of her sister, Amarta, in order to keep them and her infant child from starving. It's a dangerous game when such revelations draw suspicion and mistrust, as often as they earn coin. Now, in a tapestry of loyalty, intrigue, magic, and gold, Amarta has become the key to a ruler's ambitions.

MARTIN, George R R & DOZOIS, Gardner (editors)

The biggest draw in this tome is a new Song of Ice and Fire yarn by Martin. Other contributors include Joe Abercrombie, Paul Cornell, Gillian Flynn, Neil Gaiman, Scott Lynch, Garth Nix, Patrick Rothfuss, Carrie Vaughn, and Connie Willis. 'Rambunctious, rowdy and occasionally R-rated: a worthy entertainment, without a dud in the bunch that easily moves from swords and sorcery to hard-boiled Chandleresque.' - Kirkus Reviews.

Collection

SOMETHING COMING THROUGH

MCAULEY, Paul

The Jackaroo have given humanity 15 worlds and the means to reach them. They're a chance to start over, but they're also littered with ruins and artefacts left by the Jackaroo's previous clients. Miracles that could reverse the damage caused by war, climate change, and rising sea levels. Nightmares that could for ever alter humanity - or even destroy it. Chloe Millar works in London, mapping changes caused by imported scraps of alien technology. When she stumbles across a pair of orphaned kids possessed by an ancient ghost, she must decide whether to help them or to hand them over to the authorities. And on one of the Jackaroo's gift-worlds, the murder of a man who has just arrived from Earth leads policeman Vic Gayle to a war between rival gangs over possession of a remote excavation site. Something is coming through. Something linked to the visions of Chloe's orphans, and Vic Gayle's murder investigation.

Science fiction

THE AUTUMN REPUBLIC

MCCLELLAN, Brian

The explosive conclusion to the award-winning Powder Mage trilogy, which begins with Promise of Blood (\$19.99). Highly recommended.

Fantasy

THUNDERBIRD

MCDEVITT, Jack

A ten-thousand-year-old stargate has been discovered on a Sioux reservation. Travel through the gate leads to three mysterious destinations: a seemingly empty garden world; a strange maze of underground passageways; and a space station with a view of a galaxy that appears to be the Milky Way. The race to explore and claim the stargate quickly escalates. Two opposing camps emerge. divided over whether the stargate is an unprecedented opportunity for scientific research or a disastrous threat to national – if not planetary – security. Especially since travel through the stargate isn't, necessarily, only one way...

Science fiction

AN UNATTRACTIVE VAMPIRE

MCDONIEL, Jim

After three centuries trapped underground, thousand-year-old Yulric Bile - also known as the Cursed One, the Devil's Apprentice, He Who Worships the Slumbering Horrors - awakens, only to find that no one believes he is a vampire. Apparently he's just too ugly. Modern vampires, he soon discovers, are pretty, weak, and, most disturbing of all, good. Determined to re-establish his bloodstained reign, Yulric sets out to correct this disgusting turn of events or, at the very least, murder the person responsible

INCRYPTID 05: CHAOS CHOREOGRAPHY

MCGUIRE, Seanan Urban fantasy

THIS CENSUS-TAKER

MIEVILLE, China

In a remote house on a hilltop, a lonely boy witnesses a traumatic event. He tries - and fails - to flee. Left alone with his increasingly deranged parent, he dreams of safety, of joining the other children in the town below, of escape. When, at last, a stranger knocks at his door, the boy senses that his days of isolation might be over. But by what authority does this man keep the meticulous records he carries? What is the purpose behind his questions? Is he friend? Enemy? Or something else altogether?

IMAGER PORTFOLIO 09: MADNESS IN SOLIDAR

MODESITT JR, LE PBK Fantasy

DOWN STATION

A small group of commuters and tube workers witness a fiery apocalypse overtaking London. They make their escape through a service tunnel. Reaching a door they step through... and find themselves on a wild shore backed by cliffs and rolling grassland. The way back is blocked. Making their way inland they meet a man dressed in a wolf's cloak and with wolves by his side. He speaks English and has heard of a place called London – other people have arrived here, down the ages - all escaping from a London that is burning. None of them have returned. Except one - who travels, between the two worlds, at will. The group begin a quest to find this one survivor; the one who holds the key to their return and to the safety of London. Heaps of fun – recommended!

CHICAGOLAND VAMPIRES 12: MIDNIGHT MARKED

NEILL, Chloe

PBK Paranormal romance

GRIMM AGENCY 04: THE REBURIALISTS NELSON, J C

Urban fantasy

THE VAGRANT

NEWMAN, Peter

The Vagrant is his name. He has no other. Years have passed since humanity's destruction emerged from the Breach. Friendless and alone he walks across a desolate, war-torn landscape. As each day passes the world tumbles further into depravity, bent and twisted by the new order, corrupted by the Usurper, the enemy, and his infernal horde. His purpose is to reach the Shining City, last bastion of the human race, and deliver the only weapon that may make a difference in the ongoing war. What little hope remains is dying. Abandoned by its leader, The Seven, and its heroes, The Seraph Knights, the last defences of a once great civilisation are crumbling into dust. But the Shining City is far away and the world is a very dangerous place. The first in a series

NOVIK, Naomi

'In this breathtaking departure from her Temeraire alternate history series, Novik drops readers into an instantly immersive Polish fairy tale. The so-called Dragon is actually a mana a wizard who takes young women from a rural village as payment for protecting the region from the poisonous influence of the evil Wood. When Agnieszka is chosen to serve the Dragon for ten years, she finds within herself a rare and incredible talent for magic. She is disaster prone and homesick, but nonetheless steps up to the role of heroine when the situation demands it. Soon, Agnieszka's fabulous journey expands to encompass a deadly quest, the terrible glamour of a royal court, a true and unbreakable friendship, and just a touch of romance. Novik's use of language is supremely skilful as she weaves a tale that is both elegantly grand and earthily humble, familiar as a Grimm fairy tale, yet fresh, original, and totally irresistible. This will be a must-read for fantasy fans for years to come.' - Publisher's Weekly. Recommended! The paperback edition (\$19.99) is due in May. TP

THE MAKER OF SWANS

O'DONNELL, Paraic

Mr Crowe was once the toast of the finest salons. A man of learning and means, he travelled the world, enthralling all who met him. Now, Mr Crowe devotes himself to earthly pleasures. He has retreated to his sprawling country estate, where he lives with Clara, his mysterious young ward, and Eustace, his faithful manservant. But Mr Crowe and his extraordinary gifts have not been entirely forgotten. When he acts impetuously over a woman, he attracts the attention of Dr Chastern, the figurehead of a secret society to which Crowe still belongs. Chastern comes to Crowe's estate to call him to DRAGON 03: DRAGON WIZARD account, and what follows will threaten everyone he cares for. But Clara possesses gifts of her own, gifts whose power she has not yet fully grasped. She must learn to use them quickly, if she is to save

Gothic thriller

REVIVER TRILOGY 02: LOST SOULS PATRICK, Seth

PBK **Fantasy**

EMPIRE V: THE PRINCE OF HAMLET

PELEVIN, Victor

Roman thought he'd found the perfect opportunity to rebel. He may have been wrong. He awakens strapped to a set of parallel bars in a richly appointed sitting room, and begins a conversation with a masked man which will change his life. His world has been a façade - one which the mysterious Brahma is about to tear away.

LONG EARTH 04: THE LONG UTOPIA

PRATCHETT, Terry & BAXTER, Stephen Science fiction

DARKEST HAND TRILOGY 01: THE DAMNED

RICHARDSON, Tarn Set in an alternate World War I, unspeakable creatures roam the grisly trenches, and a ruthless Catholic Inquisition holds sway - still

Dark fantasy

ARGENEAU FAMILY 23: RUNAWAY VAMPIRE

SANDS, Lynsay Paranormal romance

OUANTUM NIGHT

powerful, but working in the shadows

SAWYER, Robert J

Experimental psychologist Chris Marchuk has developed a flawless technique for identifying the previously undetected psychopaths lurking everywhere in society. But while being cross-examined about his breakthrough in court, Chris is shocked to discover that he has lost his memories of six months of his life, from twenty years previously – a dark time during which he himself committed heinous acts. Chris is reunited with Kayla Huron, his forgotten girlfriend from his lost period and now a quantum physicist who has made a stunning discovery about the nature of human consciousness. As a rising tide of violence and hate sweeps across the globe, the psychologist and the physicist combine forces in a race against time, to see if they can do the impossible - change human nature - before the entire world descends into darkness.

Science fiction

SPINNING THORNS SHEEHAN, Anna

Sleeping Beauty has woken. The world has been renewed. Everyone is living happily ever after... Almost. Sharp, blood-seeking thorns still surround the castle. A feud remains between those who wield magic and those who were subjected to it. And while the kingdom is divided against itself, nothing can thrive. A rebellion may be needed - and that's where Sleeping Beauty's daughter comes in.

Fantasy PBK

FIRSTLIFE SHOWALTER, Gena

Tenley (Ten) Lockwood is an average seventeen-year-old girl who has spent the past thirteen months locked inside the Prynne Asylum. The reason? Not her obsession with numbers, but her refusal to let her parents choose where she'll live after she dies. Soon, Ten finds herself on the run, caught in a wild tug-of-war between the two realms controlling Firstlife, who will do anything to win the right to her soul.

YA fantasy **PBK**

VETERAN 03: THE BEAUTY OF DESTRUCTION

In the past, present and future, humanity is under attack from a mysterious dark power. The invasion reaches its shattering conclusion in this epic space opera. In the far future, after the Loss of Earth, war has begun and an unknowable alien race has awakened, intent on the destruction of everything. Here and now the end of the world has come. And the only way our species will survive is if two augmented humans can fight their way through apocalypse to a faint glimmer of hope. Long ago, the seeds of that apocalypse were resisted by the warrior tribes of Britain, with devastating consequences for them and their lands. And all three of

these times will meet on another world. The Age of Scorpio is the first in the series (\$19.99) \$32.99

BALANCED SWORD 03: PHOENIX ASCENDANT SPOOR, Ryk E **Epic fantasy**

CHILDREN OF THE BLACK SUN 03: NORTH STAR GUIDE ME HOME SPURRIER, Jo

ARKWRIGHT

STEELE, Allen

Nathan Arkwright is a famous science fiction writer, who is convinced that humanity cannot survive on Earth. His Arkwright Foundation dedicates itself to creating a colony in deep space. Fuelled by Nathan's legacy, generations of Arkwrights are drawn together, and pulled apart, by the enormity of the task and weight of their name.

Science fiction HC

OCCUPY ME

SULLIVAN, Tricia

A woman with wings that exist in another dimension. A man trapped in his own body by a killer. A briefcase that is a door to hell A conspiracy that reaches beyond our world. We follow our heroine as she attempts to track down a killer in the body of another man, and the man who has been taken over, his will trapped inside the mind of the being that has taken him over. And at the centre of it all a briefcase that contains countless possible realities.

SWANN, S Andrew

Humorous fantasy \$19.95

LEGEND OF THE GALACTIC HEROES 01: DAWN

TANAKA, Yoshiki

The Golden Brat Reinhard von Lohengramm, a military prodigy and admiral of the Galactic Empire, has ambitions beyond protecting the borders or even defeating the Empire s enemies. He seeks to overthrow the old order and become a truly absolute yet benevolent dictator. His rival, the humble Yang Wen-li of the Free Planets Alliance, wishes to preserve democracy even if he must sacrifice his political ideals to defeat the Empire. Their political and military battles play out over a galactic chessboard in an epic saga fifteen centuries in the making!

Science fiction

TAU CETI AGENDA 04: TRAIL OF EVIL

TAYLOR, Travis S \$19.95 Science fiction

UNITED STATES OF JAPAN

TIERYAS, Peter

In a world where the Japanese Empire rules over America with huge robots, resistance is made possible in the form of subversive

videogames? \$19.99

THE GIRL WHO RACED FAIRYLAND

ALL THE WAY HOME VALENTE, Catherynne M

The fifth and final book in the Fairyland series. The fourth book, The Boy Who Lost Fairyland, is just out in paperback (\$16.99). TP

SF MASTERWORKS: A FIRE UPON THE DEEP VINGE, Vernor

The Hugo Award-winning masterpiece of modern space opera – a gripping tale of galactic war, told on a cosmic scale. Thousands of years hence, many races inhabit a universe where a mind's potential is determined by its location in space. When the warring Straumli realm use an ancient Transcendent artefact as a weapon, they unwittingly unleash an awesome power that destroys thousands of worlds and enslaves all natural and artificial intelligence. Fleeing the threat, a family of scientists, including two children, are taken captive by the Tines - an alien race with a harsh medieval culture - and used as pawns in a ruthless power struggle. A rescue party, not entirely composed of humans, must free the children - and

retrieve a secret that may save the rest of interstellar civilization. Recommended.

\$19.99

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