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Abbreviations used in this catalogue:

PBK = "A" format (standard size) paperback TPB = "B" & "C" format (oversize) paperback

HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

THE KING'S BLOOD

ABRAHAM, Daniel War casts its shadow over the lands that the dragons once ruled. Only the courage of a young woman with the mind of a gambler and loyalty to no one stands between hope and universal darkness. The sequel to The Dragon's Path (\$19.99).

**Fantasy** 

WHITE HORSE

ADAMS, Alex

There is no other thought but survival. And so begins a treacherous post-apocalyptic trek across a desolate world in search of a life for her unborn baby. Through the remains of what was once civilisation, Zoe crosses continents strewn with fellow survivors.

Post apocalyptic

MAMMOTH BOOK OF NEBULA AWARDS SF ANDERSON, Kevin J. (Editor)

Anthology

TECHNIC CIVILIZATION 07: FLANDRY'S LEGACY

ANDERSON, Poul Science fiction PBK

#### THE DROWNED CITIES

BACIGALUPI, Paolo

"Two damaged children, Mouse and Mahlia, are the focus of Bacigalupi's brutal novel that further explores the world depicted in the Ship Breaker (\$17.99). With the half-man, Tool, making a reappearance, the action shifts to the flooded ruins of the Drowned Cities (a futuristic approximation of Washington, D.C.), where rival warlords battle for control of the ravaged metropolis. Bacigalupi takes on child soldiers, global warming, the soul-numbing impact of violence, and even the current political discord in this disturbing and propulsive page-turner." - Booklist. Recommended.

**YA** science fiction

#### THE JANUS AFFAIR

BALLANTINE, Pip & MORRIS, Tee Certainly no strangers to peculiar occurrences, agents Wellington Books and Eliza Braun are nonetheless stunned to observe a fellow passenger aboard Britain's latest hypersteam train suddenly vanish in a dazzling bolt of lightning. The first in the series is Phoenix Rising (\$17.95).

**Fantasy** 

#### LOSERS IN SPACE

BARNES, John

In 2129, hoping to bypass the exams and training that might lead to a comfortable life, Susan, her almost-boyfriend Derlock, and seven fellow students stow away on a ship to Mars, unaware that Derlock is a sociopath with bigger plans.

**YA Science fiction** 

#### EMBRACE OF THE DAMNED

BAST, Anya Paranormal romance

**ALT.HUMAN** 

BROOKE, Keith

The aliens are here, all around us. They always have been. And now, one by one, they're destroying our cities. Dodge Mercer and Hope Burren lead a ragged band of survivors on a search for sanctuary in what may be the only hope for humankind.

#### WEIRD SPACE: THE DEVIL'S NEBULA

When an evil race threatens not only the Expansion, but the alien Vetch too, only cooperation between them means the difference between a chance of survival and no chance at all. PBK Science fiction

#### BEST HORROR OF THE YEAR VOLUME 4

DATLOW, Ellen (Editor) Horror anthology

**BLEEDING OUT** 

BATTIS, Jess Urban fantasy PBK

ARCADIA BELL 02: SUMMONING THE LIGHT

BENNETT, Jean Urban fantasy

#### **BLACK HEART**

BLACK, Holly

Cassel Sharpe knows he's been used as an assassin, but he's trying to put all that behind him. But with a mother on the lam, the girl he loves about to take her place in the Mob, and new secrets coming to light, the line between what's right and what's wrong becomes increasingly blurred. The previous in the series, Red Glove, is now into paperback (\$19.99).

YA fantasy

**DARK JENNY** 

BLEDSOE, Alex Freelance Sword Jockey Eddie LaCrosse is in the wrong place at the wrong time while conducting an undercover investigation on the island kingdom of Grand Bruan. When a poisoned apple kills a member of the Queens personal guard, Eddie becomes the prime suspect in the murder. The sequel to The Sword-Edged Blonde (\$16.95). "Raymond Chandler meets Raymond E. Feist." -

Publishers Weekly Urban fantasy

STANDS A SHADOW

BUCHANAN, Col Fantasy

INVINCIBLE

CAMPBELL, Jack

The second in the Beyond the Frontier series, after Dreadnaught (\$17.95).Science fiction HC

JAG IN SPACE 03: RULE OF EVIDENCE

CAMPBELL, Jack

Against All Enemies, the next in the series, has also been reissued.

Science fiction **PBK** \$15.99 each

NAAMAH'S BLESSING

CAREY, Jacqueline Fantasy

**METRO WINDS** 

CARMODY, Isobelle

A new collection of stories. Also, her 1996 collection, Green Monkey Dreams, has been reissued (\$19.99).

Collection

#### **BITTERBLUE**

CASHORE, Kristin

The long-awaited companion to Graceling and Fire (\$19.99 each). Eight years have passed since the young Princess Bitterblue, and her country, were saved from the vicious King Leck. Now Bitterblue is the queen of Monsea, and her land is at peace. But the influence of her father, a violent psychopath with mind-altering abilities, lives on.

Fantasy TP

#### **SCAR-CROW MEN**

CHADBOURN, Mark

1593 London. English spies are being murdered across the city. The killer's next target: Will Swyfte, who first appears in Sword $of\,Albion\,(\$19.95,\, aka\,\, The\, Silver\, Skull).$ 

\$19.95. **Fantasy** 

**SPELLBOUND** 

CHARLTON, Blake **PBK** 

MORTAL INSTRUMENTS 05:

CITY OF LOST SOULS CLARE, Cassandra

YA fantasy \$24.95

#### **HEART OF BRASS**

CROSS, Kate

London, 1898: Arden Grey is an undercover agent for one of the most powerful organizations of this steam powered world, the Wardens of the Realm, a group with extraordinary abilities, dedicated to protecting England against evil. But ever since the disappearance of her husband, Lucas, none of this means anything to her. Until one night, when Arden spies a man watching her—a man she recognizes as her missing husband.

Paranormal romance **PBK** 

#### **UNDER MY SKIN**

DE LINT, Charles

For the past six months, something has been happening to young people in Santa Feliz. Week after week, there's news of another teen changing shape, transforming from human to wild animal and back again. Josh Saunders has seen the news reports, but he is still unprepared when it happens to him.

#### \$17.95 WALKING THE CLOUDS: AN ANTHOLOGY OF INDIGENOUS SCIENCE FICTION DILLON, Grace (Editor)

'Though I'm not usually a fan of anthologies compiled by race. sex, etc., this book is so good that I'm happy to have these stories collected together however it came about... they're damn good stories by damn good writers." - Charles de Lint

Science fiction anthology TP

#### THE DEVIL'S DIADEM

DOUGLASS, Sara

It is mid-twelfth century Europe and Evelyn Langtofte joins an aristocratic English household. Then a plague that has swept Europe overtakes England and, as life descends into chaos, Evelyn is about to discover that the horrors she survived at Pengraic Castle were but a prelude to the terrifying maelstrom which now envelops her.

Historical fantasy PBK **CARCE 02: OUT OF THE WATERS** DRAKE, David

\$17.95

#### **KNIGHT'S CURSE**

DUVALL, Karen

A skilled knife fighter since the age of nine, Chalice knows what it's like to live life on the edge - precariously balanced between the dark and the light. But the time has come to choose. The evil sorcerer who kidnapped her over a decade ago requires her superhuman senses to steal a precious magical artifact - or she must suffer the consequences. Recommended for fans of Mercedes Lackey's 500 Kingdom's series and C.E. Murphy's Joanna Walker series. The next in the series is Darkest Knight (TP, \$24.99).

**Romantic fantasy** \$19.99

THE OTHER LOG OF PHILEAS FOGG

FARMER, Philip Jose

Phileas Fogg's famous race around the globe is more than the result of a mere bet. In fact, it is part of a secret war between two ruthless alien races, a war that pits Fogg against the villainous genius of Captain Nemo . . . and Professor Moriarity. Also reissued is Time's Last Gift (\$19.95), a prequel novel in the Wold Newton universe, in which characters such as Sherlock Holmes, Flash Gordon, Doc Savage, James Bond and Jack the Ripper are all mysteriously connected: Three men and a woman onboard a timeship travel from 2070 AD to 12,000 BC - and none of them was prepared for what they would discover.

PBK

\$19.95

\$17.95

BROTHERBAND 02: INVADERS

FLANAGAN, John

YA fantasy

**CASKET OF SOULS** FLEWELLING, Lynn

Science fiction

More than the dissolute noblemen they appear to be, Alec and Seregil are skilful spies, dedicated to serving queen and country. But when they stumble across evidence of a plot pitting Queen Phoria

against Princess Klia, the two Nightrunners will find their loyalties torn as never before. The latest Nightrunners novel - recommended

**THRESHOLD** 

FLINT, Eric & SPOOR, Ryk E.

When the strange fossil she'd discovered gave her a trip to Mars, Helen Sutter thought she'd gone about as far as any palaeontologist would ever go in her lifetime. But soon Helen's new discoveries will lead her to the mysterious asteroid, Ceres.

PLAGUE TOWN

FREDSTI, Dana

Science fiction

Attacked by zombies, Ashley discovers that she is a "Wild-Card", immune to the virus, and she is recruited to fight back and try to

control the outbreak. PBK Zombie \$14.99

#### SPACE CAPTAIN SMITH

FROST, Toby

In the 25th Century the British Space Empire faces the gathering menace of the evil ant-soldiers of the Ghast Empire hive. Isambard Smith, the square-jawed, courageous, and somewhat asinine new commander of the battle damaged light freighter John Pym, is destined to take on the alien threat because nobody else is available. If he is to get back to Blighty alive, Smith must also defeat void sharks, a universe-weary android assassin, and John Gilead, psychopathic naval officer from the fanatically religious Republic of New Eden before facing his greatest enemy: a ruthless alien warlord with a very large behind.

#### THE HUNT

Against all odds, 17-year-old Gene has survived in a world where humans have been eaten to near extinction by the general population. Every decade there is a government sponsored hunt. When Gene is selected to be one of the combatants he must learn the art of the hunt but also elude his fellow competitors whose

suspicions about his true nature are growing. YA science fiction

#### THE BLACK OPERA

GENTLE, Marv

Naples, the 19th Century. Conrad Scalese is a struggling librettist whose latest opera has landed him in trouble with the Holy Office of the Inquisition. Rescued by King Ferdinand II, Conrad finds himself recruited to write and stage a counteropera that will, hopefully, cancel out the apocalyptic threat of the black opera, provided the Prince's Men, and their spies and saboteurs, don't get to him first.

#### FALLEN BLADE

GRIMWOOD, Jon Courtenay

Venice in the early 15th century is at the height of its power. One night, Duke Marco's fifteen-year-old cousin is praying for deliverance from a forced marriage. It is her bad fortune to be alone in the chapel when Mamluk pirates break in to steal a chalice, but it is the Mamluks' good luck - a Millioni princess is a much greater

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prize. In the gardens behind the chapel, Atilo, the Duke's chief assassin, dispatches his latest victim. Having cut the man's throat, he hears a noise and turns back. He finds a boy crouched over the dying man, drinking from the wound. The speed with which the boy dodges a thrown dagger and scales a wall stuns Atilo. And the assassin knows he has to find the boy. Not to kill him, but to train as his apprentice. Grimwood's Venice-that-never-was is wonderful, and his writing is as powerful as ever - recommended.

Fantasy	PBK	\$19.99
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#### OUTCAST BLADE

GRIMWOOD, Jon Courtenay

As the Byzantine and German emperors plot war, Venice's future rests in the hands of three unwilling individuals: The newly knighted Sir Tycho, the grieving Lady Giulietta, and a naked, mud-strewn girl who crawls from a grave on an island in the Venetian lagoon and begins by killing the men who buried her.

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Fantasy	TP	\$29.99

**ZOMBIE ISLAND** 

HANDELAND, Lori The sequel to Shakespeare Undead (\$22.99).

#### THE IMPOSSIBLE CUBE

HARPER, Steven

Declared enemies of the Crown, Alice Michaels and Gavin Ennock have little choice but to flee in search of a cure for the clockwork plague ravaging Gavin's mind.

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Fantasy	PBK	\$17.95

DEADLOCKED

HARRIS, Charlaine Sookie Stackhouse TP/HC \$29.99/\$42.95

#### **SHOWTIME**

Old family fights can go on forever, especially if you're undead... This collection includes a story featuring Gary and Lissa from Narelle's excellent Australian vampire novel, The Opposite of Life (\$21.95).

Collection

#### **QUEEN OF KINGS:**

A NOVEL OF CLEOPATRA, THE VAMPIRE

HEADLY, Maria Dahyana

**Historical fantasy** 

#### IN THE COMPANY OF WITCHES

HILL, Joey, W.

Paranormal romance

**INHERITANCE** HOBB, Robin

#### **Fantasy collection**

THE CHAOS HOPKINSON, Nalo

Toronto sixteen-year-old Scotch may have to acknowledge her own limitations and come to terms with her mixed Jamaican, white, and black heritage if she is to stop the Chaos that has claimed her brother and made much of the world crazy. Also released is Report from Planet Midnight (\$23.95), a collection of stories from the feminist Afro-Caribbean point of view. HC

#### YA fantasy **JACK CLOUDIE**

HUNT, Stephen

Thanks to his father's gambling debts, young Jack Keats finds himself on the streets trying to survive as a pickpocket. He narrowly escapes the scaffold, only to be pressed into Royal Aerostatical Navy, and sent to almost certain death in the faraway deserts of Cassarabia.

**PBK Fantasy VENGEANCE** IRVINE, Ian

**PBK** 

#### **Fantasy NIGHT'S ENGINES**

JAMIESON, Trent

The conclusion of the Night-Bound Land duology. The Roil has Hirotaka, and Catherynne M. Valente. not yet been defeated and extends its grip on Shale, following the commands of the Dreaming Cities. Wars will be fought. Doomsday weapons employed... The Roil (\$17.95) in stock. **PBK** 

#### **UNDER SUSPICION**

JAYNE, Hanna

Being a human immune to magic has helped Sophie Lawson get promoted. It's also made her a major, very reluctant player in a game that stretches beyond even the Underworld. As a frightening number of demons disappear, Sophie suspects an Armageddon-level prophecy is about to become everyone's nightmare.

**Urban fantasy** 

#### THE KILLING MOON

JEMISIN, N.K.

In the ancient city-state of Guiaareh, peace is the only law. Upon its rooftops and amongst the shadows of its cobbled streets wait the Gatherers - the keepers of this peace. Priests of the dream-goddess, their duty is to harvest the magic of the sleeping mind and use it to heal, soothe - and kill those judged corrupt. But when a conspiracy blooms within Gujaareh's great temple, Ehiru - the most famous of the city's Gatherers - must question everything he knows. "[A] gripping series launch... as well as a rousing political and  $supernatural\ adventure."-Publishers\ Weekly$ 

#### **Fantasy**

#### LIFE GUARDS IN THE HAMPTONS

JEROME, Celia

Supernaturally empowered Graphic novelist Willow Tate meets a creature from Unity who needs her help. And it doesn't hurt that handsome veterinarian Matt Spenser is ready and willing to assist Willow in her efforts.

#### Urban fantasy

#### REFLECTIONS

IONES Diana Wynne

Posthumously published collection of essays on fantasy and writing Reference HC \$59.95

#### **BLACK WINGS OF CTHULHU: TALES OF**

LOVECRAFTIAN HORROR

JOSHI, S.T. (Editor)

#### THE IMMORTAL RULES

KAGAWA, Julie

"In a future world, vampires reign. Humans are blood cattle. And one girl will search for the key to save humanity." – publisher's blurb

YA fantasy

LEAGUE 05: BORN OF SILENCE

#### KENYON, Sherrilyn Paranormal romance

THE WIND THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

"For readers new to The Dark Tower, The Wind Through the Keyhole is a stand-alone novel, and a wonderful introduction to the series. It is a story within a story, which features both the younger and older gunslinger Roland on his quest to find the Dark Tower." - publisher's blurb. The first in the series, The

Gunslinger, is being promoted for \$9.99.

#### **ENCHANTED**

The youngest of seven sisters, Sunday, writes stories that come true. "Absolutely delectable; if it has more fripperies and furbelows than are strictly speaking necessary, it makes up for that in the wizardly grace of its storytelling." - Kirkus Reviews **YA** fantasy

#### THE FOUNTAIN OF AGE

KRESS, Nancy

Nine new stories including the Hugo Award winner The Erdmann Nexus and Nebula Award winner The Fountain of Age.

#### Science fiction collection

REDEMPTION IN INDIGO LORD, Karen

Paama's husband is a fool and a glutton. Bad enough that he followed her to her parents' home in the village of Makende, now he's disgraced himself by murdering livestock and stealing corn. When Paama leaves him for good, she attracts the attention of the undving ones - the diombi - who present her with a gift: the Chaos Stick, which allows her to manipulate the subtle forces of the world. Recommended.

**Fantasy** 

#### LIGHT DRAGONS 03: SPARKS FLY

MACALISTER, Katie Paranormal romance

**GOING INTERSTELLAR** MCDEVITT, Jack & JOHNSON, Les (Editors) Essays by space scientists and engineers are teamed with a collection of fiction - all addressing new methods of star travel.

Science fiction/science fact

**SAVAGE CITY** 

PBK

#### MCDOUGALL, Sophia

\$19.99

Alternate history

#### THE FUTURE IS JAPANESE

MAMATAS, Nick (Editor)

Science fiction and fantasy from, and about, Japan, including stories from Project Itoh, Bruce Sterling, Rachel Swirsky, Tobi

Anthology

#### NINJA VERSUS PIRATE -FEATURING ZOMBIES

MARSHALL, James

"In a world controlled by zombies, one fantastically rich 16-yearold kid sets out to end human suffering. Can Guy Boy Man find love in a world where everyone is doomed to become either zombies or zombie food, depending on their score on the ZAT (Zombie Aptitude Test)? ... Chaotic, crazy, and undeniably captivating, "NVPFZ" is the quirkiest take yet on the zombie genre." – Library Journal Fantasy

#### THE WALLS OF THE UNIVERSE

John Rayburn thought all of his problems were the mundane ones of an Ohio farm boy in his last year in high school. Then his doppelganger appeared, tempting him with a device that let him travel across worlds, stealing his life from him.

WIZARD UNDERCOVER MILLS, K.E.

Fantasy

IMAGER PORTFOLIO 05: PRINCEPS MODESITT, L.E.

**Fantasy PBK** \$44.95

#### THE GIFT OF FIRE & ON THE HEAD OF A PIN

MOSLEY, Walter

In The Gift of Fire, the Titan Prometheus, tortured by an eagle sent by Zeus as punishment for sharing divine knowledge with mankind, manages to escape to present-day Los Angeles, where he adopts human guise. The reality-bending On the Head of a Pin, a focused on a technological breakthrough that accidentally led to "the most important discovery in the history of this world - or the next...

Fantasy/science fiction HC

#### 1084

MURAKAMI, Haruki

MAN-KZIN WARS XIII NIVEN, Larry & HERNANDEZ, Alex

TROUBLETWISTERS 02: THE MONSTER

NIX, Garth & WILLIAMS, Sean The first in the series, Troubletwisters, is also \$9.99.

Children's fantasy **PBK** 

SHADOW BLIZZARD

PEHOV, Alexy Fantasy

#### HONEYED WORDS

Sarah Beauhall is a blacksmith, has a night job as a props manager for a low-budget movie, and spends her free time fighting in a medieval re-enactment group. Her world falls apart when she discovers that dragons are real and live among us as shapeshifters. Then she discovers that her girlfriend is from a family that has been battling evil forces for generations, and they look to Sarah as their last best hope. The sequel to Black Blade Blues (\$16.95), which has been going gangbusters.

PIXIE CHRONICLES 02: HICORY UP RADFORD, Irene

#### RIVER OF SHADOWS

REDICK, Robert

Pazel and his companions take the Chathrand across the seas in a desperate bid to stop the sorcerer Arunis unleashing the Swarm of Night. The previous is the series are The Red Wolf Conspiracy and The Rats and the Ruling Sea (\$22.99 each).

**Fantasy** 

#### **TOXICITY**

REMIC, Andy **Science fiction** 

KANE CHRONICLES:

THE SERPENT'S SHADOW

RIORDAN, Rick

#### **FURTHER: BEYOND THE THRESHOLD**

ROBERSON, Chris

The thirty-fourth century. Humankind is spread across three thousand light years in a myriad of worlds and habitats known as the Human Entelechy. Linked by a network of wormholes with Earth at its center, it is the world Captain RJ Stone awakens to after a twelve-thousand-year cryogenic suspension. Stone soon finds himself commanding the maiden voyage of the first spacecraft to break the light speed barrier: the FTL Further.

**Science fiction** 

#### THE TESTAMENT OF JESSIE LAMB

ROGERS, Jane

A rogue virus that kills pregnant women has been let loose. Some blame the scientists, others see the hand of God, and still others claim that human arrogance and destructiveness are reaping the punishment they deserve. Jessie Lamb is an ordinary sixteenyear-old girl living in extraordinary times. As her world collapses, her idealism and courage drive her toward the ultimate act of heroism. Winner of this year's Arthur C. Clarke Award.

#### Science fiction

SILENCE SAGARA, Michelle

Following the death of her boyfriend, Emma discovers she can contact the dead.

YA fantasy

#### SCOURGE OF THE BETRAYER

SALYARDS, Jeff

"Hired to chronicle the exploits of a band of rugged Syldoon warriors, Arki finds himself both frightened and fascinated by the men's enigmatic leader, Captain Braylar Killcoin... A gripping military fantasy in the tradition of Glen Cook, Scourge of the Betrayer explores the brutal politics of Empire-and the impact of violence and dark magic on a man's soul." - publisher's blurb HC

#### THE WARLOCK

SCOTT, Michael YA fantasy

**VIRGA 04: THE SUNLESS COUNTRIES** SCHROEDER, Karl

of Sere, where mysterious attacks from "outside" occur, and a religious movement challenges the idea that their world was not created, but is eternal. Recommended. Science fiction

The fourth book in the wonderful Virga sequence is set in the city

#### ALL SPELL BREAKS LOOSE

SHEARIN, Lisa \$17.95 Fantasy

\$32.95

\$17.95

\$27.95

\$32,95

\$39.95

\$17.95

#### STORE OF THE WORLDS:

THE STORIES OF ROBERT SHECKLEY SHECKLEY, Robert

COURTS OF THE FEYRE 03:

STRANGENESS AND CHARM

#### SHEVDEN, Mike

LOST EVERYTHING

Urban fantasy

Post-apocalyptic

STIRLING, S.M.

SLATTERY, Brian Francis In the not-distant-enough future, a man takes a boat trip up the Susquehanna River with his most trusted friend, intent on reuniting with his son. But the man is pursued by an army, and his own harrowing past; and the familiar American landscape has been savaged by war and climate change until it is nearly unrecognizable

#### SF MASTERWORKS: ODD JOHN

STAPLETON, Olaf

Science fiction \$22.99 THE COUNCIL OF SHADOWS

To stop the Council of Shadows from launching an apocalypse, Adrian and Ellen must ally with the Brotherhood, a resistance group dedicated to breaking the Council's hold on humankind. A

#### Taint in the Blood (\$19.95) is the first in the series. Post apocalyptic

TO SPIN A DARKER STAIR VALENTE, Catherynne M. & MUDGE, Faith

"Forget everything you know about fairytales with this boutique gift book, featuring the exquisite art of Kathleen Jennings and two incredible stories by Catherynne Valente and Faith Mudge."

– publisher's blurb PBK \$8.95 **Fantasy** 

#### **AURORARAMA**

\$17.95

VALTAT, Jean-Christophe

1908. New Venice: An ominous black airship hovers in the sky. and the city is hunting for the author of a radical pamphlet calling for revolt. The lead suspect is Brentford Orsini, one of the city's most prominent figures. As the net around him tightens, Orsini receives a message from a long-lost love that compels him to act. "[A] magnificent achievement, balancing serious intent with arch humour. It's also beautifully stylish, replete with inventive steampunk iconography and fantastical characters in a stunning

polar setting." - Eric Brown, The Guardian JON & LOBO 05: NO GOING BACK

VAN NAME, Mark L. **Science fiction** 

SHADOW BOUND

#### Urban fantasy **PBK**

WAR AND SPACE: RECENT COMBAT

VINCENT, Rachel

WALLACE, Sean (Editor) Contributors include Nancy Kress, Paul McAuley, Sandra MacDonald, Ken MacLeod, Robert Reed, and Alastair Reynolds.

#### Science fiction anthology

THE BOOK OF BLOOD AND SHADOW

WASSERMAN, Robin "What do you get when you combine hyper-smart teenagers trying to crack the uncrackable Voynich manuscript, letters from the infamous alchemist and conjurer Edward Kelley's daughter, a mysterious secret society or two, and chase scenes set in a pitchperfect modern Prague?... Robin Wasserman's sinister, twisty new literary thriller is such a perfect specimen that it's hard to believe it didn't exist until now... this sophisticated, exquisitely crafted book should also find a ready cross-over audience of adult

readers." - Gwenda Bond, Locus Magazine. \$17.99 YA fantasy

**PARTIALS** WELLS, Dan

The only hope for humanity isn't human. In a world where people have been all but wiped out by a virus created by part-human cyborgs called 'Partials', a teenage girl makes it her mission to

find a cure, and save her best friend's unborn child. **YA** science fiction PBK

#### ROBOPOCALYPSE

WILSON, Daniel

Taking on the persona of a shy human boy, a childlike but massively powerful artificial intelligence known as Archos assumes control over the global network of machines that regulates everything. In the months leading up to this, sporadic glitches are noticed by a handful of unconnected humans - a mother disconcerted by her daughter's menacing "smart" toys, a Japanese bachelor who is victimized by his domestic robot companion, an isolated U.S. soldier who witnesses a 'pacification unit' go haywire - but most are unaware of the growing rebellion until it is too late. This is a fantastic read – recommended. Science fiction thriller **PBK** 

#### LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY

WILSON, Geoffrey

It is 1852. The Indian empire of Rajthana has ruled Europe for more than a hundred years. With their vast armies, steam-andsorcery technology and mastery of the mysterious power of sattva, the Rajthanans appear invincible. But a bloody rebellion has broken out in a remote corner of the empire, in a poor and backward region known as England.

Alternate history