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

HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

SHARP ENDS: STORIES FROM THE WORLD OF THE FIRST LAW

ABERCROMBIE, Joe

Sharp Ends combines previously published, award-winning tales, with exclusive new short stories. Violence explodes, treachery abounds, and the words are as deadly as the weapons in this rogue's gallery of side shows, back stories, and sharp endings - from the world of the First Law.

Grimdark fantasy

THE PEOPLE IN THE CASTLE: SELECTED STRANGE STORIES

AIKEN, Joan

Here is the whisper in the night, the dog whose loyalty outlasted death, the creak upstairs, that half-remembered ghost story that won't let you sleep, the sound that raises gooseflesh, the wish you'd checked the lock on the door before dark fell. Here are tales of suspense and the supernatural that will chill, amuse, and exhilarate. Features a new introduction by the late author's daughter Lizza Aiken.

Fantasy collection \$45.95

VEILED ALLIANCES

ANDERSON, Kevin J

A novelisation of his graphic-novel prequel to the Saga of the Seven Suns series.

Science fiction

DREAMLAND

ANDERSON, Robert L

Dea Donahue has been able to travel through people's dreams since she was six years old. Her mother taught her the three rules of walking: Never interfere. Never be seen. Never walk the same person's dream, more than once. Dea has never questioned her mother, not about the rules, not about the clocks or the mirrors, not about moving from place to place to be one step ahead of the unseen monsters that Dea's mother is certain are right behind them. But when Dea breaks the rules, the boundary between worlds begins to

deteriorate. How can she know what's real and what's not?

DESTROYERMEN 10: STRAITS OF HELL

ANDERSON, Taylor Military SF **PBK** \$19.95

COMPANY TOWN ASHBY, Madeline

New Arcadia is a city-sized oil rig off the coast of the Canadian Maritimes, now owned by one very wealthy, powerful, byzantine family: Lynch Ltd. Hwa is of the few people in her community (which constitutes the whole rig) to forgo bioengineered enhancements. As such, she's the last truly organic person left on the rig - making her doubly an outsider, as well as a neglected daughter and bodyguard extraordinaire. Still, her expertise in the arts of self-defence, and her record as a fighter, mean that her services are yet in high demand. When the youngest Lynch needs training and protection, the family turns to Hwa. But can even she protect against increasingly intense death threats, seemingly coming from another timeline?

Science fiction

THE WATER KNIFE

BACIGALUPI, Paolo

In a future hammered by climate change and drought, mountain snows have turned to rain, and rain evaporates before it hits the ground. In a fragmenting United States, the cities of Phoenix and Las Vegas skirmish for a dwindling share of the Colorado River. But it is the Las Vegas water knives – assassins, terrorists and spies - who are legendary for protecting Las Vegas' water supplies, and for ensuring Phoenix's ruin. When rumours of a game-changing water source surface. Las Vegas dispatches elite water knife Angel Velasquez to Phoenix to investigate. Recommended.

\$19.99 Science fiction PBK

LAST TRUE VAMPIRE 03: THE DARK VAMPIRE BAXTER, Kate

Paranormal romance

MOTHER OF EDEN

BECKETT, Chris

The sequel to Dark Eden (\$19.99), Beckett's 2013 Arthur C Clarke Award-winning tale of humans stranded on a remote planet who have mostly forgotten their origins. Now, humanity has spread across Eden and two kingdoms have emerged. Both are sustained by violence and dominated by men - and both claim to be the favoured children of Gela, the woman who came to Eden long ago on a boat that could cross the stars.

PBK Science fiction

TUFA 03: LONG BLACK CURL BLEDSOE, Alex

Fantasy PBK

POWER SURGE

BOVA, Ben \$19.95 PBK Science fiction

INSISTENCE OF VISION: SHORT STORIES BRIN, David

Science fiction collection

VORKOSIGAN SAGA 01:

THE WARRIOR'S APPRENTICE BUJOLD, Lois McMaster

A special 30th anniversary, trade paperback reissue of the novel which introduces the teenaged Miles, Lord Vorkosigan (part of the omnibus: Young Miles). Recommended, as a great introduction point for those new to this much-loved series!

Space opera

CORSAIR

CAMBIAS, James

In the early 2020s, two young, genius computer hackers, Elizabeth Santiago and David Schwartz, meet at MIT, where Schwartz is sneaking into classes, and have a brief affair. David is amoral and out for himself, and soon disappears. Elizabeth dreams of technology and space travel and takes a military job after graduating. Nearly ten years later, David is setting himself to become a billionaire by working in the shadows, and Elizabeth works in intelligence preventing international space piracy.

Science fiction thriller

LOST FLEET: BEYOND THE FRONTIER 05: **LEVIATHAN**

CAMPBELL, Jack

Also available in May: the hardcover edition of Campbell's Shattered Spear, the fourth book in the Lost Stars series (\$49.95).

\$19.95

CELESTIAL BATTLE 03: BLACK JADE

CHAN, Kylie **Fantasy**

A SHADOW ALL OF LIGHT

CHAPPELL, Fred

This stylish, episodic fantasy novel follows the exploits of Falco, a young man from the country, who arrives in the port city of Tardocco with the ambition of becoming an apprentice to a master shadow thief. Maestro Astolfo, whose mysterious powers of observation would rival those of Sherlock Holmes, sees Falco's potential and puts him through a gruelling series of physical lessons and intellectual tests. Falco's adventures coalesce into one overarching story of con men, monsters, ingenious detection, cats, and pirates. A wry humour leavens this fantastical concoction, and the style is as rich and textured as one would hope.

ARMADA

CLINE, Ernest

It's just another day of high school for Zack Lightman. He's daydreaming through another boring math class, with just one more month to go until graduation and freedom - if he can make it that long, without getting suspended again. Then he glances out his classroom window and spots the flying saucer... Recommended! Science fiction PBK

ASTRAL SAGA 01: VIRTUES OF WAR

COLES, Bennett R

Lieutenant Katja Emmes is assigned to the fast-attack craft *Rapier*, ioining a mission to investigate weapons smuggling activity between the Terran colonies of Sirius and Centauria. If true, this act of rebellion could escalate rapidly, and lead to all-out war. When combat does erupt, its ferocity stuns the Terran forces, and pushes them to their limits. It tests the abilities of Lieutenant Emmes as well, along with Sublieutenant Jack Mallory and Lieutenant Commander Thomas Kane, commanding officer of the Rapier. But failure is not acceptable. They must defeat the enemy... by whatever means necessary.

Military SF

EVAGARDIAN 01: ADMIRAL

DANKER, Sean

He is the last to wake. The label on his sleeper pad identifies him as an admiral of the Evagardian Empire – a surprise as much to him, as to the three recent recruits now under his command. He wears no uniform, and he is ignorant of military protocol, but the ship's records confirm he is their superior officer. Whether he is an Evagardian admiral or a spy will be of little consequence, if the crew members all end up dead. They are marooned on a strange world, their ship's systems are failing one by one - and they are not

Military SF

DANGER, SWEETHEART DAVIDSON, MaryJanice

PBK \$19.99

KHARKANAS TRILOGY 02: FALL OF LIGHT ERIKSON, Steven

Before the Malazan Empire, there was a time that set the stage for all those tales yet to be told... The winter is bitter. Civil war threatens Kurald Galain for the warrior Urusander's army has begun its march on the city of Kharkanas. Led by the ruthless Hunn Raal, it intends to cast aside Mother Dark's consort. Draconus, and set Urusander himself on the throne, beside the Living Goddess.

TP MALAZAN EMPIRE: PATH TO ASCENDANCY 01: DANCER'S LAMENT

ESSLEMONT, Ian C

Esslemont's all-new prequel trilogy takes readers deeper into the politics and intrigue of the Malazan Empire. Dancer's Lament

skilled assassin, who, alongside the mage, Kellanved, would found the Malazan Empire **Fantasy**

focuses on the genesis of the empire, and features Dancer, the

\$32.99

FIRE BOUND FEEHAN, Christine

PBK \$19.99 Paranormal romance

GAIA CHRONICLES 02: ROOK SONG

FOYLE, Naomi \$22.99 Science fiction

CRAFT SEQUENCE 04: LAST FIRST SNOW GLADSTONE, Max

The fourth novel set in Max Gladstone's compellingly modern fantasy world of the Craft Sequence.

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Fantasy A SWORD OF TRUTH PREQUEL:

THE FIRST CONFESSOR GOODKIND, Terry

Fantasy \$19.99 **UNDER GROUND**

GREY, S L PBK

CIEL HALLIGAN 04: ALL FIXED UP GRIMES, Linda HC

SPEAK

HALL, Louisa

Science fiction

Urban fantasy

Speak is the story of artificial intelligence; of those who loved it, hated it and created it. Spanning geography and time, the novel takes us from Alan Turing's conviction, in the 1950s, to a Silicon Valley prodigy imprisoned, in 2040, for creating illegally lifelike dolls. From a pilgrim girl writing her diary, to a traumatised child exchanging messages with a software program; all these lives have shaped and changed a single artificial intelligence: MARY3. In Speak, she tells you their story, and her own. It is the last story she will ever tell, spoken both in celebration and also warning, a warning against creating and abandoning beings with the ability to feel as deeply as we do. 'Speak is that rarest of finds: a novel that doesn't remind me of any other book I've ever read. A complex, nuanced, and beautifully written meditation on language immortality, the nature of memory, the ethical problems of artificial intelligence.' - Emily St John Mandel. Highly recommended!

MIDNIGHT, TEXAS 03: NIGHT SHIFT

HARRIS, Charlaine

\$29.99 Urban fantasy

PBK

SYMPHONY OF AGES 08: THE HOLLOW QUEEN HAYDON, Elizabeth

\$19.95

MIST-TORN WITCHES 04: TO KILL A KETTLE WITCH

HENDEE, Barb Fantasy

HEX HEUVELT, Thomas Olde

TP

STRANGELY BEAUTIFUL

HIEBER, Leanna Renee

Persephone Parker is different, with her snow-white hair. pearlescent skin, and uncanny ability to see and communicate with ghosts. Percy never imagined that she had immense power, much less that she would someday find true love, in a most unexpected place. Athens Academy, an elite boarding school in Queen Victoria's London, is the citadel of the Guard, an ancient order that battles the forces of evil. Professor Alexi Richman, who leads the Guard, dreams of their missing seventh member, and fears that without her, they will be unable to defeat the hellhound wreaking havoc in Whitechapel – killings attributed to Jack the Ripper. This author's preferred edition reunites Heiber's critically-acclaimed first two books (The Strangely Beautiful Tale of Miss Percy Parker and The Darkly Luminous Fight for Persephone Parker) and has been revised.

\$34.95 Gaslamp fantasy TP **WOLFHOUND CENTURY 03: RADIANT STATE**

HIGGINS, Peter

PBK \$19.99 Science fiction

THE FIREMAN

HILL, Joe

Nobody knew where the virus came from. FOX News said it had been set loose by ISIS, using spores that had been invented by the Russians, in the 1980s. MSNBC said sources indicated it might've been created by engineers at Halliburton and stolen by culty Christian types, fixated on the Book of Revelation. CNN reported both sides. While every TV station debated the cause, the world burnt. Pregnant school nurse, Harper Grayson, had seen lots of people burn on TV, but the first person she saw burn, for real, was in the playground behind the school. This is one woman's story of survival, at the end of the world.

Apocalypse

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Science Fiction & Fantasy May 2016 (continued)

FAR-CALLED TRILOGY 03: THE STEALERS' WAR HUNT, Stephen **Fantasy**

PAX ARCANA 04: IN SHINING ARMOR

JAMES, Elliott

THE EVERYTHING BOX

KADREY, Richard

22000 BC. A beautiful, ambitious angel stands on a mountaintop, surveying the world and its little inhabitants below. He smiles because, soon, the last of humanity who survived the great flood will meet its end, too. And he should know. He's going to play a big

Urban fantasy

CHILDREN OF EARTH AND SKY

KAY, Guy Gavriel

From the small coastal town of Senian, notorious for its pirates, a young woman sets out to find vengeance for her lost family. That same spring, from the wealthy city – state of Seressa, famous for its canals and lagoon, come two very different people: a young artist traveling to the dangerous east to paint the Grand Khalif at his request – and possibly to do more – and a beautiful oman, posing as a doctor's wife in her role of a spy. The trading ship that carries them is commanded by the clever younger son of a merchant family - with ambivalence about the life he's been born to live. And, farther east, a boy trains to become a soldier in the elite infantry of the khalif - to win glory in the war everyone knows is coming. As these lives entwine, their fates – and those of many others – will hang in the balance, when the khalif sends out his massive army, to take the great fortress that is the gateway to the western world. **Epic fantasy**

THE WOLF IN THE ATTIC

KEARNEY, Paul

1920s Oxford: home to C S Lewis, J R R Tolkien... and Anna Francis, a young Greek refugee looking to escape the grim reality of her new life. The night they cross paths, none suspect the fantastic world at work around them.

Fantasy

WAKE

KNOX, Elizabeth

ALIEN 13: CAMP ALIEN

KOCH, Gini

Science fiction

ROBOTEER 02: NEMESIS

LAMB, Alex

Years ago, one starship and its crew discovered an alien entity which changed everything. Its discovery finally bought an end to the interstellar war being fought between the masses of humanity and the few pockets of genetically engineered colonists. An uneasy peace was negotiated as the human race realised there was something else sharing our universe. Something that had plans for us. But the aliens have remained silent. The earthers have begun to test the edges of the peace treaty. Will, once a roboteer, once a human, now the most powerful being alive, has been sidelined and ignored. And a system-wide conspiracy threatens to plunge humanity back into war. Now, one man, his head full of alien technology that lets him interact with machinery, must get to the bottom of the plot, find out what the aliens want, stop the oncoming war and save Will. And his journey will uncover a new threat to humanity. Nemesis is coming. Follows Roboteer (PBK, \$19.99). Science fiction

FORSAKEN LANDS 03: THE FALL OF THE DAGGER

LARKE, Glenda

Fantasy

LIADEN UNIVERSE 18: DRAGON IN EXILE

LEE, Sharon & MILLER, Steve Star-trading Clan Korval - known to Terrans as the Tree-and-

Dragon Family and to the locals simply as the Dragon – has been convicted of crimes against the homeworld. No matter that one of the 'crimes' consisted of saving the elitist planet of Liad from very real internal threats, the Council of Clans wanted Korval heads to roll. Unfortunately for the council, the Dragon's allies conspired to impose a milder punishment for saving the world: banishment rather than execution. If you love Bujold's Miles Vorkosigan series and other good space opera - you'll love the Liaden Universe! Science fiction PBK \$19.95

EVERTIDE 01: SUMMER DRAGON

LOCKWOOD, Todd

Maia and her family raise dragons for the political war machine. As she comes of age, she hopes for a dragon of her own to add to the stable of breeding parents. But the war goes badly, and the needs of the Dragonry dash her hopes. Her peaceful life is shattered, when the Summer Dragon – one of the rare and mythical High Dragons – makes an appearance in her quiet valley. The Summer Dragon is an omen of change, but no one knows for certain what kind of change he augurs. Political factions vie to control the implied message, each to further their own agendas.

Fantasy

DAY FOUR

LOTZ, Sarah

COURT OF THORNS AND ROSES 02: A COURT OF MIST AND FURY

MAAS, Sarah J

YA fantasy SOMETHING COMING 02: INTO EVERYWHERE

Humanity's future has been disrupted and shaped by the mysterious alien Jackaroo. We spread to the planets they gave us, and we discovered the ruins of a dozen previous civilisations. All previous clients of the Jackaroo, all dead. So far we have escaped that fate -

but we have also escaped from the Jackaroo's planets and begun to explore the galaxy.

OUTLIERS TRILOGY 01: THE OUTLIERS

MCCREIGHT, Kimberly YA urban fantasy

EVERY HEART A DOORWAY

MCGUIRE, Seanan

Science fiction

Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children: No Solicitations. No Visitors. No Quests. Children have always disappeared under the right conditions; slipping through the shadows under a bed or at the back of a wardrobe, tumbling down rabbit holes and into old wells, and emerging somewhere... else. But magical lands have little need for used-up miracle children. Nancy tumbled once, but now she's back. The things she's experienced... they change a person. The children under Miss West's care understand all too well. And each of them is seeking a way back to their own fantasy world. But Nancy's arrival marks a change at the Home. There's a darkness just around each corner, and when tragedy strikes, it's up to Nancy and her newfound schoolmates to get to the heart of things. No matter the cost.

Fantasy novella

CORPORATION WARS 01: DISSIDENCE

MACLEOD, Ken

They've died for the companies, more times than they can remember. Now, they must fight to live for themselves. Sentient machines work, fight and die in interstellar exploration and conflict for the benefit of their owners – the competing mining corporations of Earth. But sent over hundreds of light years, commands are late to arrive and often hard to enforce. The machines must make their own decisions, and make them stick. With this newfound autonomy, come new questions about their masters. The robots want answers. The companies would rather see them dead.

Science fiction

SONG OF ICE AND FIRE: A GAME OF THRONES: THE GRAPHIC NOVELS, VOLUMES 1-4 (BOXED SET EDITION)

MARTIN, George R R & ABRAHAM, Daniel George R R Martin's epic fantasy masterwork A Game of Thrones is brought to life, in the pages of these full-colour, graphic novels. This set contains volumes one to four, of a series that is sure to be one of

the most coveted collaborations of the year.

THEMIS FILES 01: SLEEPING GIANTS

NEUVEL, Sylvain

An eleven year old girl, named Rose, is riding her bike in the woods near her home in Deadwood, USA, when the ground disappears beneath her feet. When she comes to, she finds herself in a deep pit, lying in the palm of a giant metallic hand. Seventeen years later, Dr Rose Franklyn is leading a top-secret scientific investigation into the strange artefact she unwittingly discovered, all those years ago. It is clear to Rose and her team that the hand is not only ancient but also not of this world. A search begins for the rest of this vast creation. What they find defies their imaginations: it is perhaps the greatest mystery humanity has ever faced. But even more terrifying is the power it begins to unleash...

Science fiction

NOVIK, Naomi

'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!

QUEEN OF HEARTS 01: THE QUEEN OF HEARTS

Dinah is a princess, the future Queen of Hearts, who will one day reign over Wonderland. Unaware of the dark depths of her kingdom; she longs only for her father's approval and to reign with the boy she loves. But when a betrayal breaks her heart and threatens her throne,

Dinah is launched into the dangers of Wonderland

CHILDREN TRILOGY 02: LEVIATHAN'S BLOOD

Follows The Godless (PBK, \$19.99).

EMPTY THRONE 01: THOSE ABOVE

POLANSKY, Daniel

They enslaved humanity three thousand years ago. Tall, strong, perfect, superhuman and near immortal they rule from their glittering palaces in the eternal city in the centre of the world. They are called Those Above by their subjects. They enforce their will with fire and sword. Twenty five years ago mankind mustered an army and rose up against them, only to be slaughtered in a terrible battle. Hope died that day, but hatred survived. Whispers of another revolt are beginning to stir in the hearts of the oppressed: a woman, widowed in the war, who has dedicated her life to revenge; the general, the only man to ever defeat one of Those Above in single combat, summoned forth to raise a new legion; and a boy killer who

rises from the gutter to lead an uprising in the capital.

OUTRIDERS

POSEY, Jay

A daring hostage rescue leads to the discovery of an imminent terrorist attack. Thanks to the Outriders, thousands of lives are saved. Until they aren't. Despite the intelligence and the warnings provided by the unit, the terrorist attack goes off unhindered. What was supposed to be a triumph becomes a tragedy, and a 'mission completed' completely unravels. And when they learn the reasons

why, the Outriders find themselves tasked with stopping a war before it can ever start. A dangerously cunning woman, who most assuredly should be dead, has seemingly returned. And her plans aren't just devastating, they might be unstoppable... The first in a new series.

Science fiction

WHERE

In a coastal town on the Outer Carolina Banks, David Ribault and Merrill Poulnot are at odds, and David wonders if he loves her enough to commit to marriage. When a slick developer, Rawson Steele, arrives in town and starts buying up property, David isn't fooled by his smooth charm and is suspicious of Rawson's seemingly romantic conversations with Merrill. When David agrees to a 4:30am meeting with Rawson, he hopes to confront him, but while he waits, the population of Kraven Island, including Steele, vanishes. Something just lifted everybody - Merrill, her fanatical father, and kid brother, and all - out of this space and time, and dropped them in a mysterious new place. The question is where PBK

MORT(E)

REPINO, Robert

The 'war with no name' has begun, with human extinction as its goal. The instigator of this war is the Colony, a race of intelligent ants who, for thousands of years, have been silently building an army that would forever eradicate the destructive, oppressive humans. Under the Colony's watchful eye, this utopia will be free of the humans' penchant for violence, exploitation and religious superstition. The final step in the Colony's war effort is transforming the surface animals into high-functioning, two-legged beings, who rise up to kill their masters. A former housecat turned war hero, Mort(e) is famous for taking on the most dangerous missions and fighting the dreaded human bioweapon: EMSAH. But the true motivation behind his recklessness is his ongoing search for a pre-transformation friend: a dog named Sheba.

Science fiction TP

TRIALS OF APOLLO 01: THE HIDDEN ORACLE RIORDAN, Rick

YA fantasy

WITCHER SAGA 04:

THE TOWER OF THE SWALLOW SAPKOWSKI, Andrzej

The world has fallen into war. Ciri, the child of prophecy, has vanished. Hunted by friends and foes alike, she has taken on the guise of a petty bandit and lives free for the first time in her life. But the net around her is closing. Geralt, the Witcher, has assembled a group of allies determined to rescue her. Both sides of the war have sent brutal mercenaries to hunt her down. Her crimes have made her famous. There is only one place left to run. The tower of the swallow is waiting... Also, join Geralt – as he battles monsters, demons, and prejudices alike, in the Witcher short story collection: Sword of Destiny, available now in paperback format (\$22.99).

SHATNER, William & ROVIN, Jeff

In the year 2050, the United States sends the FBI to govern its space station, the Empyrean. Under the command of former fighter pilot and FBI field agent Samuel Lord, the space-based Zero-G men are in charge of investigating terrorism, crime, corruption, and espionage beyond the Earth's atmosphere and of keeping an eye on the rival Chinese and Russian stations. In this gripping space adventure, Director Lord must connect the dots to discover who or what has caused a tsunami, as well as subsequent disasters, and how the Chinese might be involved.

Science fiction

VICKY PETERWALD 03: REBEL SHEPHERD, Mike

THE MANDIBLES: A FAMILY, 2029–2047 SHRIVER, Lionel

It is 2029. The Mandibles have been counting on a sizable fortune filtering down, when their 97-year-old patriarch dies. Yet America's soaring national debt has grown so enormous that it can never be

repaid. Under siege from an upstart international currency, the dollar is in meltdown. A bloodless world war will wipe out the savings of millions of American families. Their inheritance turned to ash, each family member must contend with disappointment, but also – as the effects of the downturn start to hit – the challenge of sheer survival. This is not science fiction. This is a frightening, fascinating, scabrously funny glimpse into the decline that may await the United States, all too soon.

Science fiction

GHOST FLEET:

A NOVEL OF THE NEXT WORLD WAR

SINGER, PW & COLE, August

An imagining of a war set in the not-too-distant future. Navy captains battle through a modern-day Pearl Harbor; fighter pilots duel with stealthy drones; teenage hackers fight in digital playgrounds; Silicon Valley billionaires mobilise for cyber-war; and a serial killer carries out her own vendetta. Ultimately, victory will depend on who can best blend the lessons of the past with the weapons of the future.

Science fiction/military thriller TP

THE CHANGE:

TALES OF DOWNFALL AND REBIRTH

STIRLING, S M (editor)

THE BEST SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY OF

THE YEAR: VOLUME TEN

STRAHAN, Jonathan (editor) Anthology

HUNTERS AND COLLECTORS SUDDAIN, M

John Tamberlain is The Tomahawk, the universe's most feared food critic - though he himself prefers the term 'forensic

gastronome'. He's on a quest, in search of the much-storied Hotel Grand Skies, a secretive and exclusive haven where the rich and famous retreat to bask in perfect seclusion. A place where the waiters know their fish knife from their butter knife, their carotid from their subclavian artery, and are trained to enforce the house rules, with brutal efficiency.

Fantasy

CHILDREN OF TIME

TCHAIKOVSKY, Adrian

The last remnants of the human race left a dying Earth, desperate to find a new home among the stars. Following in the footsteps of their ancestors, they discover the greatest treasure of the past agea world terraformed and prepared for human life. But all is not right in this new Eden. In the long years since the planet was abandoned, the work of its architects has borne disastrous fruit. The planet is not waiting for them, pristine and unoccupied. New masters have turned it from a refuge into mankind's worst nightmare. Now, two civilisations are on a collision course, both testing the boundaries of what they will do to survive. As the fate of humanity hangs in the balance, who are the true heirs of this new Earth?

THE STEPS OF THE SUN AND FAR FROM HOME:

AN OMNIBUS

TEVIS, Walter The Steps of the Sun – In a time when America's power has been eroded by energy depletion, and world control has been virtually given over to the Chinese, only one man has the courage to seek new mineral resources, among the stars. Far From Home is a collection

of Walter Tevis essential short fiction.

CENTRAL STATION

TIDHAR, Lavie

A worldwide diaspora has left a quarter of a million people at the foot of a space station. Cultures collide in real life and virtual reality. The city is literally a weed, its growth left unchecked. Life is cheap, and data is cheaper. When Boris Chong returns to Tel Aviv from Mars, much has changed. Boris's ex-lover is raising a strangely familiar child who can tap into the data-stream of a mind with the touch of a finger. His cousin is infatuated with a robotnik - a damaged cyborg soldier, who might as well be begging for parts. His father is terminally-ill with a multigenerational mindplague. And a hunted data-vampire has followed Boris to where she is forbidden to return. Rising above them is Central Station, the interplanetary hub between all things: the constantly shifting Tel Aviv; a powerful virtual arena, and the space colonies where humanity has gone to escape the ravages of poverty and war. Science fiction \$31.95

RUINED

TINTERA, Amy

Emelina Flores has nothing. Her home in Ruina has been ravaged by war; her parents were killed and her sister was kidnapped. Even though Em is only a useless Ruined - completely lacking any magic - she is determined to get revenge... Her plan is simple: She will infiltrate the enemy's kingdom, posing as the crown prince's betrothed. She will lead an ambush. She will kill the king and everyone he holds dear, including his son..

\$16.99 YA fantasy

DEVIL 01: THE DEVIL'S DETECTIVE

UNSWORTH, Simon Kurt

Welcome to hell, where skinless demons patrol the lakes and the waves of Limbo wash against the outer walls, while the souls of the Damned float on their surface, waiting to be collected. When an unidentified, brutalised body is discovered, the case is assigned to Thomas Fool, one of Hell's detectives, known as 'Information Men'. But how do you investigate a murder where death is commonplace

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