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TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperback
HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency

Dirk Gently 01

Adams, Douglas

What do a dead cat, a computer whiz kid, an Electric Monk who believes the world is pink, quantum mechanics, a Chronologist over 200 years old, Samuel Taylor Coleridge (poet), and pizza have in common? Apparently, not much; until Dirk Gently, self-styled private investigator, sets out to prove the fundamental interconnectedness of all things by solving a mysterious murder, assisting a mysterious professor, unravelling a mysterious mystery, and eating a lot of pizza – not to mention saving the entire human race from extinction along the way (at no extra charge). To find out more, read this book (better still, buy it then read it) – or contact Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency. A reissue with new cover art.

Comic sf (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul

Dirk Gently 02

Adams, Douglas

When a passenger check-in desk at Terminal Two, Heathrow Airport, shot up through the roof engulfed in a ball of orange flame, the usual people tried to claim responsibility. First the IRA, then the PLO and the Gas Board. Even British Nuclear Fuels rushed out a statement to the effect that the situation was completely under control, that it was a one in a million chance, that there was hardly any radioactive leakage at all and that the site of the explosion would make a nice location for a day out with the kids and a picnic, before finally having to admit that it wasn't actually anything to do with them at all. No rational cause could be found for the explosion – it was simply designated an act of God. But, think Dirk Gently, which God? And why? What God would be hanging around Terminal Two of Heathrow Airport trying to catch the 15:37 to Oslo? Funnier than *Psycho*... more chilling than *Jeeves Takes Charge*... shorter than *War and Peace*... A reissue with new cover art.

Comic sf (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Salmon of Doubt

collection

Adams, Douglas

Here is Douglas Adams' indispensable guide to life, the universe and everything. This sublime collection dips into the wit and wisdom of the man behind *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, uncovering his unique comic musings on everything from his school trousers to malt whisky and from the letter Y through to his own nose, via atheism, hangovers, and fried eggs. Including short stories, and a lengthy unpublished Dirk Gently extract, *The Salmon of Doubt* is for fans and new readers alike. These hilarious collected writings reveal the warmth,

enthusiasm and ferocious intelligence behind this most English of comic writers; a man who was virtually an unofficial member of the Monty Python team. Douglas Adams on his passion for P G Wodehouse, The Beatles, and the perfect cup of tea alone make this a must-have collection and a remarkable signoff from one of the best loved writers of all time. A reissue with new cover art.

Comic sf (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

H2G2 01 (illustrated edition)

Adams, Douglas

& Riddell, Chris (illustrator)

Gorgeous 42nd Anniversary gift edition of Douglas Adams' pop-culture classic, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, stunningly illustrated throughout by Costa Award-winner Chris Riddell. It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent, until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and Arthur's best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and a book inscribed in large, friendly letters: DON'T PANIC. The book is *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and the weekend has only just begun... Douglas Adams' mega-selling pop-culture classic sends logic into orbit, plays havoc with physics and twists time – but, most importantly, it's very, very funny.

Comic sf (reissue) PBK \$26.99

The Damned

Beautiful 02

Ahdieh, Renée

Sébastien Saint Germain is now cursed and forever changed. The treaty between the Fallen and the Brotherhood has been broken, and war between the immortals seems imminent. The price of loving Celine was costly. But Celine has also paid a high price for loving Bastien. Still recovering from injuries sustained during a night, she can't quite remember; her dreams are troubled. And she doesn't know she has inadvertently set into motion a chain of events that could lead to her demise and unveil a truth about herself she's not ready to learn. Forces hiding in the shadows have been patiently waiting for this moment. And just as Bastien and Celine begin to uncover the danger around them, they learn their love could tear them apart.

YA dark fantasy PBK \$17.99

Westside Saints

Gilda Carr Tiny mysteries 02

Akers, W M

Six months ago, the ruined Westside of Manhattan erupted into civil war, and private detective Gilda Carr nearly died to save her city. In 1922, winter has hit hard, and the desolate Lower West is frozen solid. Like the other lost souls who wander these

overgrown streets, Gilda is weary, cold, and desperate for hope. She finds a mystery, instead. Hired by a family of eccentric street preachers to recover a lost saint's finger, Gilda is tempted by their promise of 'electric resurrection', when the Westside's countless dead will return to life. To a detective this cynical, faith is a weakness, and she is fighting the urge to believe in miracles when her long dead mother, Mary Fall, walks through the parlour door. Stricken with amnesia, Mary remembers nothing of her daughter or her death, but that doesn't stop her from being as infuriatingly pushy as Gilda, herself. As her mother threatens to drive her insane, Gilda keeps their relationship a secret so that they can work together to investigate what brought Mary back to life. The search will force Gilda to reckon with the nature of death, family, and the uncomfortable fact that her mother was not just a saint, but a human being. The follow-up to *Westside* (TP, \$27.99).

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$32.99

A Chinese Perspective

novella

Aldiss, Brian

On Earth, a spiritual and traditionalist China is the dominant global power; but, in Space, people live across a variety of artificial planetoids. Edward lives on one such planet as an inventor, building a device which gives predictions for the user's life. It's rather like a horoscope, but it's science. Edward believes that everything in life can be predicted and accounted for if one could only access the correct data. Outside of work, Edward's only joy comes from Zenith, the woman he loves – despite knowing nothing about her or even what she looks like. They have only ever spoken through technology, but when he is sent to sell his invention on Earth, Edward decides to invite his new love along. Despite a lifetime of believing in the power of data and creating a device to control the future, revelations on Earth will rock his worldview, in ways he couldn't predict... Set between outer space and an imagined, futuristic China, this reissued novella is a classic, offering modern readers an insight into the balance between east and west, as seen through golden age of science fiction.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Grace and Glory

Harbinger 03

Armentrout, Jennifer L

Trinity Marrow has lost the battle and her beloved Protector. Even with both demons and Wardens on her side, Trin may not win the war against the Harbinger. Bringing Lucifer back to the world to fight the Harbinger is probably a really, really bad idea, but they're out of options – and the world's ultimate fallen angel is the only being powerful enough to impact the outcome. As Trin and Zayne form a new and more dangerous bond and Lucifer unleashes Hell on earth, the apocalypse looms and

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the world teeters on the end of forever. Win or lose, one thing is certain – nothing will ever be the same.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Dark Intelligence

Transformation 01

Asher, Neal

Set in Asher's popular Polity universe. *One man will transcend death to seek vengeance. One woman will transform herself to gain power. And no one will emerge unscathed...* Thorvald Spear wakes in hospital, where he finds he's been brought back from the dead. What's more, he died in a human versus alien war which ended, a whole century ago. But when he relives his traumatic final moments, he finds the spark to keep on living. That spark is vengeance. Trapped and desperate on a world surrounded by alien Prador forces, Spear had seen a rescue ship arriving. But instead of providing backup, Penny Royal, the AI within the destroyer turned rogue. It annihilated friendly forces in a frenzy of destruction, and, years later, it's still free. Spear vows to track it across worlds and do whatever it takes to bring it down. Isobel Satomi ran a successful crime syndicate. But after competitors attacked, she needed more power. Yet, she got more than she bargained for when she negotiated with Penny Royal. She paid it to turn her part-AI herself, but the upgrades hid a horrifying secret. The Dark AI had triggered a transformation in Isobel that would turn her into a monster, rapidly evolving into something far from human. Spear hires Isobel to take him to the Penny Royal AI's last known whereabouts. But he cheats her, in the process, and he becomes a target for her vengeance. And, as she evolves further, into a monstrous predator; rage soon wins over reason. Will Spear finish his hunt, before he becomes the hunted? A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$19.99

War Factory

Transformation 02

Asher, Neal

One seeks judgement, another faces damnation and one man will have his revenge... Thorvald Spear is losing his mind as he drowns in dark memories that aren't his own. Penny Royal, rogue artificial intelligence, has linked Spear with the stored personalities of those it's murdered. And whether the AI seeks redemption or has some more sinister motive, Spear needs to destroy it. He feels the anger of the dead and shares their pain. As Spear tracks the AI across a hostile starscape, he has company. Sverl, an alien prador, has been warped by Penny Royal and hungers to confront it. But will the AI's pursuers destroy each other or hunt it together? Sverl's prador enemies aren't far behind either. They plan to use his transition to prove human meddling, triggering a devastating new war. Clues suggest Penny Royal's heading for the defective war factory that made it. So, allies and enemies converge, heading for the biggest firestorm that sector of space has ever seen. But will Spear secure vengeance for his quietest dead? A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Infinity Engine

Transformation 03

Asher, Neal

A man battles for his life, two AIs vie for supremacy and a civilisation hangs in the balance... Several forces now pursue rogue artificial intelligence Penny Royal, hungry for revenge or redemption. And the Brockle is the most dangerous of all. This criminal swarm-robot AI has escaped its confinement and is upgrading itself, becoming ever more powerful in anticipation of a deadly showdown. Events also escalate aboard the damaged war factory station where Penny Royal was constructed. Here, Thorvald Spear, alien prador, and an assassin drone struggle to stay alive, battling insane AIs and technology gone wild. Then the Weaver arrives – last of the Atheter, resurrected from a race that suicided two million years ago. But what could it contribute to Penny Royal's tortuous plans? And beyond the war factory a black hole conceals a tantalising secret which could destroy the Polity. As AIs, humans and prador clash at its boundary, will anything survive their explosive final confrontation? A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Nightfall and Other Stories

collection

Asimov, Isaac

From one of history's most influential writers of science fiction comes this collection of twenty short works of fiction, arranged in order of publication from 1941 to 1967. Compiled by Asimov himself, who prefaced each story with an introduction, it begins with 'Nightfall', the tale of a world with eternal sun that is suddenly plunged into total darkness and utter madness. 'Nightfall' – published when the author was only 21 – was arguably his breakout work, making such an impression that, almost thirty years later, the Science Fiction Writers of America voted it the best science-fiction short story ever written. The other stories in the collection span far and wide: A dedicated scientist who whips up his own love potion. Machines that learn to think for themselves – and direct their thoughts to overturning the establishment. The discovery that Earthlings are being destroyed by a mysterious kind of psychological virus. A day when walking outdoors becomes a sign of psychosis. And many more.

Classic sf TP \$37.95

The 22 Murders of

Madison May

Barry, Max

'If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.' In Queens, New York, 22-year-old real estate agent Madison May is showing a house. The buyer, a man she's never met, is friendly, engaging... and claims to be her soulmate from a parallel life. She's in danger, he tells her. He's come to save her. Later that day, newspaper journalist Felicity Staples is assigned to report on Madison May's murder. Discontent with her own life, Felicity finds herself drawn into a shocking conspiracy involving a powerful group who have harnessed the ability to slip between lives – to move between one version of reality to another. On the run, turned into an impostor in her own life, Felicity is forced to seek the truth behind Madison May, the woman

who is murdered, over and over, in different ways, wherever she goes. For only by saving Madison May can Felicity reassemble the broken pieces of herself.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Providence

Barry, Max

The video changed everything. Before that, we could believe that we were safe. Special. Chosen. We thought the universe was a twinkling ocean of opportunity, waiting to be explored. Afterward, we knew better. Seven years after first contact, *Providence Five* launches. It is an enormous and deadly warship, built to protect humanity from its greatest ever threat. On board is a crew of just four – tasked with monitoring the ship and reporting the war's progress to a mesmerised global audience by way of social media. But while pursuing the enemy across space, Gilly, Talia, Anders, and Jackson confront the unthinkable: their communications are cut, their ship decreasingly trustworthy and effective. To survive, they must win a fight that is suddenly and terrifyingly real. An inventive, speculative adventure and the intimate tale of four people facing their most desperate hour – alone, together, at the edge of the universe.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Fortress of Magi

Chronicles of Amicae 03

Bolender, Mirah

The Hive Mind has done the impossible – left its island prison. It's a matter of time before Amicae falls, and Laura Kramer has very few resources left to prevent it. The council has tied her hands and the gangs want her dead. Her only real choice is to walk away and leave the city to its fate. The series begins with *City of Broken Magic* (TP, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Space Station Down

Bova, Ben & Beason, Doug

When an ultra-rich space tourist visits the orbiting International Space Station, NASA expects a \$100 million win-win: his visit will bring in much needed funding and publicity. But the tourist venture turns into a scheme of terror. Together with an extremist cosmonaut, the tourist slaughters all the astronauts on board the million-pound ISS – and prepares to crash it into New York City at 17,500 miles an hour, causing more devastation than a hundred atomic bombs. In doing so, they hope to annihilate the world's financial system. All that stands between them, and their deadly goal, is the lone survivor aboard the ISS, Kimberly Hasid-Robinson, a newly-divorced astronaut – who has barricaded herself in a secure area.

SF thriller TP \$39.95

The Follower

Bowling, Nicholas

When her twin brother goes missing in Northern California, Vivian Owens follows his trail to the town of Mount Hookey, home to the followers of Telos: a mountain-worshipping cult that offers spiritual fulfilment to those who seek it. While trying to navigate the town's bizarre inhabitants and the seductive preaching of the initiates of Telos, Vivian will have to confront questions

about herself, her family, and everything she thinks she knows about the world. She quickly realises that her search is about far more than her missing brother – it is a quest for the secret of happiness itself. To that end, there is only one question she needs to answer: what is really at the top of Mount Hookey?

Supernatural thriller TP \$35.95

Gifting Fire

Boyden, Alina

The battle has been won, but the war is just beginning. Although at long last Razia Khan has found peace with herself and love with her prince, Arjun, her trials are far from over. In order to save her prince and his city from certain destruction, Razia made a deal with the devil – her father, the Sultan of Nizam. Now the bill has come due. Razia must secure the province of Zindh, a land surrounded by enemies, and loyal to a rebel queen who has survived her father's purge. But when her old tormentor Prince Karim invades her new home and forces her into a marriage alliance, Razia finds herself trapped in the women's quarters of a foreign palace, with her beloved Prince Arjun exiled from her side. Now, in order to free herself, and her province, from Karim's clutches, she must call upon all of her training as a royal princess, a cunning courtesan, and a daring thief to summon new allies and old friends for a battle that will decide her fate, and the fate of an empire. The follow-up to *Stealing Thunder* (TP, \$26.99).

Fantasy TP \$27.99

The Splinter King

God-King Chronicles 02

Brooks, Mike

The world fractures as a dead god rises... Darel, dragon knight and the new leader of Black Keep, must travel to the palace of the God-King to beg for the lives of his people. But in the capital of Narida, Marin and his warrior husband will be drawn into a palace coup, and Princess Tila will resort to murder to keep her hold on power. In the far reaches of the kingdom, an heir in exile is hunted by assassins, rumours of a rival God-King abound, and daemonic forces from across the seas draw ever nearer... The follow-up to *The Black Coast* (PBK, \$22.99) – which was very popular with our regulars.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Prime Directive

Bunn, Davis

When a number of scientists are mysteriously killed on an insignificant scientific outpost on the planet of Loria and no alarm is raised, Commander Ricketts of the Galactic Space Arm (GSA) is angered that no one can explain why. Ricketts orders Lieutenant Amanda Bostick along with two armed Guardians, Sergeant Hamoud and Corporal Nasim, to investigate. All three have faced setbacks in their careers and time is against them: the GSA is demanding answers within ten days. But they have no idea what to expect as there are few reports on the planet. Why are the scientists being killed? Is there more to the mission than first appears? Are the sentient Lorians, who inhabit the planet, more of a threat than the GSA realise?

Military sf HC \$62.95

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Immunity Index

Burke, Sue

In a US, facing growing food shortages, stark inequality, and a fascist government, three perfectly normal young women will discover they share something in common. Something... abnormal. Their creator, the gifted geneticist Peng, made them that way – before such things were outlawed. A seemingly harmless new virus makes its way through an unprotected population on the verge of rebellion, only to turn deadly. As the women fight to stay alive, Peng races to find a cure – and the coverup behind the virus. 'Prescient and powerful, this is a gut-punch of a book... Sue Burke only gets better and better. She is a genuine if unsung hero of our genre.' – *Seanan McGuire*. From the author of *Semiosis* (PBK, \$22.99).

Pandemic HC \$49.99

Parable of the Sower

graphic novel adaptation

Butler, Octavia E

& Duffy, Damian (adapted by); Jennings, John (illustrator)

In the year 2024, the country is marred by unattended environmental and economic crises that lead to social chaos. Lauren Olamina, a preacher's daughter living in Los Angeles, is protected from danger by the walls of her gated community. However, in a night of fire and death, what begins as a fight for survival soon leads to something much more: a startling vision of human destiny... and the birth of a new faith. In this graphic novel adaptation by Damian Duffy and John Jennings, the award-winning team behind *Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation*, the author portrays a searing vision of America's future.

Dystopia TP \$24.99

Artifact Space

Cameron, Miles

Out in the darkness of space, something is targeting the Greatships. With their vast cargo holds and a crew that could fill a city, the Greatships are the lifeblood of human occupied space, transporting an unimaginable volume – and value – of goods from City, the greatest human orbital, all the way to Tradepoint at the other, to trade for xenoglas with an unknowable alien species. It has always been Marca Nbaro's dream to achieve the near impossible: escape her upbringing and venture into space. All it took, to make her way onto the crew of the Greatship *Athens* was thousands of hours in simulators, dedication, and pawning or selling every scrap of her old life in order to forge a new one. But though she's made her way onboard with faked papers, leaving her old life – and scandals – behind isn't so easy. She may have just combined all the dangers of her former life, with all the perils of the new... A fresh and zingy space opera from the author of the *Traitor Son Cycle*.

Space opera TP \$32.99

Scorpion

Cantrell, Christian

Quinn Mitchell is a nine-to-five spy – an intelligence analyst for the CIA during the day, and a suburban wife and mother on evenings and weekends. After her young

daughter is killed in a tragic accident, sending her life into a tailspin, Quinn hopes to find a new start in her latest assignment: investigating a series of bizarre international assassinations whose victims have been found with numeric codes tattooed, burned, or carved into their flesh. As Quinn follows the killer's trail across the globe, always one body behind, she begins uncovering disturbing connections between the murders – and herself. Every lead she tracks down, in pursuit of the assassin, brings Quinn one step closer to the Epoch Index, a mysterious encrypted message discovered in the archives of the Large Hadron Collider. Its origins are unknown and decrypting it is beyond even the CIA. Yet nothing else can possibly link together a slew of unsolvable murders, an enigmatic and sophisticated serial killer who always seems to be three steps ahead, a quirky young physics prodigy whose knowledge extends well beyond her years, and, underlying everything, the inescapable tragedy of Quinn's own past. Discovering the meaning of the Epoch Index leads Quinn to a shocking twist that shatters everything she thought she knew about the past, the future, and the delicate balance of right and wrong that she must, now, fight to preserve.

SF thriller TP \$32.99

Speaker for the Dead

Ender Quintet 02

Gard, Orson Scott

In the aftermath of his terrible war, Ender Wiggin disappeared, and a powerful voice arose: *The Speaker for the Dead*, who told the true story of the Buggler War. Now, long years later, a second alien race has been discovered, but again the aliens' ways are strange and frightening... again, humans die. And it is only *The Speaker for the Dead*, who is also Ender Wiggin the Xenocide, who has the courage to confront the mystery... and the truth. A reissue.

Military sf (reissue) PBK \$24.95

Xenocide

Ender Quintet 03

Gard, Orson Scott

The war for survival of the planet Lusitania will be fought in the heart of a child named Gloriously Bright. On Lusitania, Ender found a world where humans and pequininos and the Hive Queen could all live together; where three very different intelligent species could find common ground at last. Or, so, he thought. Lusitania also harbours the *descolada*, a virus that kills all humans it infects, but which the pequininos require in order to become adults. The Starwars Congress so fears the effects of the *descolada*, should it escape from Lusitania, that they have ordered the destruction of the entire planet, and all who live there. The Fleet is on its way, a second xenocide seems inevitable. A reissue.

Military sf (reissue) PBK \$24.95

The Velvet City

Kingdom of the Lost Book 04

Carmody, Isabelle

In this last part of their long journey, Bily and Zluty must each travel to the dangerous Velvet City, where they will learn the shocking truth about themselves... even as

their beloved Monster faces the fate he fled. The final instalment in the award-winning and beloved fantasy series.

Children's fantasy HC \$19.99

The Empire of Gold

Daevabad Trilogy 03

Chakraborty, S A

After a brutal conquest stripped the city of its magic, Nahid leader Banu Manizheh and her resurrected commander, Dara, must try to repair their fraying alliance and stabilise a fractious, warring people. But the death of his people and loss of his beloved Nahri have unleashed the worst demons of Dara's dark past. To vanquish them, he must face some ugly truths about his history and put himself at the mercy of those he once considered enemies. Having narrowly escaped their murderous families and Daevabad's deadly politics, Nahri and Ali, now safe in Cairo, face difficult choices of their own. Though Nahri is finding peace in the rhythms of her old home, she is haunted by the knowledge that the loved ones she left behind and the people who considered her a saviour, are at the mercy of a new tyrant. Ali, too, cannot help but look back, and is determined to return to rescue his city and the family that remains. As peace grows more elusive and old players return, Nahri, Ali, and Dara come to understand that, in order to remake the world, they may need to fight those they once loved... and take a stand for those they once hurt. The trilogy begins with *The City of Brass* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

Whisper Down the Lane

Chapman, Clay McLeod

Richard doesn't have a past. For him, there is only the present: a new marriage, a first chance at fatherhood, and a quiet life as an art teacher in Virginia. Then the body of a ritualistically murdered rabbit appears on his school's playground with a birthday card for Richard. Richard doesn't have a birthday – but Sean does. Sean is a five-year-old boy who has just moved to Virginia with his mother. Like most moms of the 1980s, she's worried about bills, childcare, putting food on the table... and an encroaching threat that can take the face of anyone: a politician, a neighbour, or even a teacher. When Sean's school sends a letter to the parents revealing that Sean's favourite teacher is under investigation, a white lie from Sean lights a fire that engulfs the entire nation – and Sean and his mother are left holding the match. Now, thirty years later, someone is here to remind Richard that they remember what Sean did. And though Sean doesn't exist anymore, someone needs to pay the price for his lies.

Horror TP \$24.99

The Nightborn

Stormbringer 02

Cooper, Isabel

As the Traitor God's army grows and war looms ever closer, Sentinel Branwyn arrives in the gleaming city-state of Heliodar to ask its High Council for aid. Its youngest member, Zelen Varenagir, is sympathetic to her cause, but his hands are tied by his powerful family – and when they demand he spy upon

the beautiful warrior, there is little he can do but obey. But something stronger than blood draws Zelen and Branwyn together, and when Branwyn is framed for the murder of the High Lord himself, the unlikely duo must learn to trust each other if they want to discover the deep secrets hidden in the heart of the city, uncover the real enemies moving against them, and embrace the attraction neither can deny... all while facing down the return of the greatest threat the world has ever known.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

Spin

Captain Chase 02

Gornwell, Patricia

In the aftermath of a NASA rocket launch gone terribly wrong, Captain Calli Chase comes face to face with her missing twin sister – as well as the startling truth of who they really are. Now, a top-secret program put in motion years ago has spun out of control, and only Calli can redirect its course. Aided by cutting-edge technologies, the NASA investigator and scientist turned Space Force pilot sets out on a frantic search for the missing link between the sabotaged rocket launch and her predetermined destiny... a search that someone else seems very interested in stopping. From NASA to the Chase family farm, to the White House to distant orbits of space, Calli plays a high-stakes game of hide and seek with a cunning and ruthless adversary. One wrong move will unleash cataclysmic consequences reaching far beyond the boundaries of Earth. The sequel to *Quantum* (TP, \$24.99).

Military sf TP \$37.95

Destroyer of Worlds

Saga of the Forgotten Warrior 03

Gorreia, Larry

In the Capitol, Grand Inquisitor Omand Vokkan hatches a plot to kill every member of the untouchable caste in all of Lok, down to the last man, woman, and child. As a member of the Order of Inquisition, Vokkan has no official say in the creation of Law, but he has powerful allies willing to do his bidding. Through them, he has convinced the Judges that the genocide will be swift, complete, and without complication. Nothing is further from the truth. Lord Protector Devedas has sworn to uphold the Law. Once, he and the traitor Ashok Vadal had been like brothers. Now, he hunts Vadal and the Sons of the Black Sword, heretics and rebels who seek to live outside the rule of the Law. All Devedas must do is find and kill his best friend and order will be restored to Lok. The rebels seek the secret kingdom spoken of by the Prophet Thera, a paradise where water is pure and food plentiful, where there are no castes, where the people rule themselves, and are not slaves to the Capitol. Ashok Vadal is not sure he believes in such a paradise, but he – along with his allies – do seek refuge in the rebellion's hideout in Akershan. But Vadal, a former High Protector who has turned his back on the corrupt Law, will not merely wait meekly, hoping that fleeing to Akershan will spare the rebellion from the clutches of the Great Extermination. No, if it's a war the Capitol wants, Vadal, who has faced down gods and demons, will be all too willing to give it to them.

Military fantasy PBK \$24.95

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The Hollow Ones

Blackwood Tapes 01

**del Toro, Guillermo
& Hogan, Chuck**

A horrific crime that defies ordinary explanation. A rookie FBI agent in dangerous, uncharted territory. An extraordinary hero for the ages. FBI agent Odessa's life is derailed when she's forced to turn her gun on her partner, who becomes suddenly, inexplicably violent while apprehending a murderer. Devastated, Odessa is placed on desk leave pending a full investigation. But what troubles her most isn't the tragedy itself – it's the shadowy presence she saw fleeing his body after his death. Questioning her future with the FBI, and her sanity, Odessa accepts a low-level assignment to clear out the belongings of a retired agent. What she finds there puts her on the trail of a mysterious figure who claims to have been alive for centuries, and who is either an unhinged lunatic... or humanity's best and only defence against unspeakable evil.

Urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

Witchshadow

Witchlands 04

Dennard, Susan

War has come to the Witchlands... and nothing will be the same again. Iseult has found her heartsister Safi at last, but their reunion is brief. For Iseult to stay alive, she must flee Cartorra while Safi remains. And, though Iseult has plans to save her friend, they will require her to summon magic more dangerous than anything she has ever faced before. Meanwhile, the Bloodwitch Aeduan is beset by forces he cannot understand. And Vivia – rightful queen of Nubrevna – finds herself without a crown or home. As villains from legend reawaken across the Witchlands, only the mythical Cahr Awen can stop the gathering war. Iseult could embrace this power and heal the land, but first she must choose on which side of the shadows her destiny will lie. *Truthwitch* (PBK, \$18.99) is the first in this young adult series.

YA fantasy PBK \$18.99

The Last Watch

Divide 01

Dewes, J S

The Divide. It's the edge of the universe. Now, it's collapsing – and taking everyone and everything with it. The only ones who can stop it are the Sentinels – the recruits, exiles, and court-martialled dregs of the military. At the Divide, Adequin Rake commands the Argus. She has no resources, no comms – nothing, except for the soldiers that no one wanted. Her ace in the hole could be Cavalon Mercer – genius, asshole, and exiled prince who nuked his grandfather's genetic facility for 'reasons'. She knows, they're humanity's last chance.

Space opera TP \$32.99

The Serpent

Time of Heroes 03

Drake, David

Jon of Dun Add has created a civilisation where before there had only been isolated pockets of humanity in a shattered cosmos. Young knight Pal is one of the most respected members of Lord Jon's Hall of Champions.

But Pal's greatest talent lies not on the field of battle, though he's no slouch there. He is also a Maker, one who can repair the tools the Ancients had left – sometimes. Moreover, he has learned to use his warrior dog's ability to predict motion better than any human could, an ability that has saved his skin and won the day more than once. Now, Pal will need all his talent – as a fighter, as a Maker, as a Champion – to deal with the monsters the Waste throws at him – and to deal with his fellow humans. For there are those who would destroy Dun Add, and Lord Jon's vision of a humanity united in peace, from within... Time of Heroes begins with *The Spark* (PBK, \$25.95).

Military sf HC \$55.00

The Poison Throne

Epic of Tumanbay 03

Dryden, Walker

Once the most magnificent city on earth – now, the dark heart of an empire which lies in ruins. Occupied by the fanatical forces of the mysterious cult of Maya, corpses hang from the gallows, and citizens are flogged for next to nothing. Barakat, leader of the Inquisition, leads the purge. Gregor, former spymaster to the Sultan, lives in fear. Madu, heir to the throne, is opiated and installed as a puppet ruler. And Qulan, the great general, rots in prison. But the history of Tumanbay shows that those who can rise to power can just as easily fall. And there are whispers of rebellion, of a reckoning – as well as rumblings of plague on the horizon...

The sequel to *The City of a Thousand Faces* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The God is Not Willing

Witness 01

Erikson, Steven

Many years have passed since three Teblor warriors brought carnage and chaos to Silver Lake. Now, the tribes of the north no longer venture into the southlands. The town has recovered and yet the legacy remains. Indeed, one of the three, Karsa Orlong, is now revered as a god, albeit an indifferent one. In truth, many new religions have emerged and been embraced across the Malazan world. There are those who worship Coltaine, the Black-Winged Lord, and the cult of Iskar Jarak, Guardian of the Dead, is popular among the Empire's soldiery.

Responding to reports of a growing unease among the tribes beyond the border, a legion of Malazan marines marches towards Silver Lake. They aren't quite sure what they're going to be facing, but, while the Malazan military has evolved and these are not the marines of old, one thing hasn't changed: they'll handle whatever comes at them. Or die trying. And in those high mountains, a new warleader has risen amongst the Teblor. Scarred by the deeds of Karsa Orlong, he intends to confront his god even if he has to cut a bloody swathe through the Malazan Empire to do so. But further north, a new threat has emerged and now it seems it is the Teblor who are running out of time. Another long-feared migration is about to begin and this time it won't just be three warriors. No, this time tens of thousands are poised to pour into the lands to the south. And in their way, a single company of

Malazan marines... It seems the past is about to revisit Silver Lake, and that is never a good thing... The first in a new Malazan sequence.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Murder at Sunrise Lake Feehan, Christine

It starts in her dreams. Hideous flashes from a nightmare only she can stop. Images of a murderer stalking the ones she cares about most... Stella Harrison thought she got away from the traumas of her past. Running the Sunrise Lake resort high in the Sierra Nevada mountains has brought her peace, even though she doesn't truly share her quiet life with anyone. Not even Sam, the hired handyman that notices everything and always seems to know exactly what she needs. Stella doesn't know anything about Sam's past, but somehow over the last two years his slow, steady presence has slipped past her defences. Still, she knows she can't tell him about her recent premonitions. So far, there's been no murder. No body. No way to prove what's about to happen without destroying the life she's built for herself. But a killer is out there. And Stella knows that, this time, she'll do whatever it takes to stop him. A thrilling, standalone novel by the bestselling author of the Carpathian series.

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

The Constant Rabbit Fforde, Jasper

What happens when a family of human-sized, human-like rabbits moves in next door? The village of Much Hemlock has always been a right-wing stronghold. British. Solid. Traditional. Then, they move in. They're different from everyone else: they have a weird religion, an aggressive vegan agenda, and too many children. They may seem quiet and peace loving, but who knows where it could lead? They are a family of human-sized rabbits, the result of an inexplicable anthropomorphising event half a century before. With a mass rehoming, to Wales, for 1.2 million rabbits looming, long-term resident Peter Knox is drawn from his customary spot on the fence and must choose his corner: a cosy job for life at the Rabbit Compliant Taskforce, or stand with the rabbits – and weather the full brunt of human savagery. It'll take a rabbit, to teach a human, humanity...

Satirical fantasy PBK \$22.99

Grantville Gazette IX

Ring of Fire 32 (anthology)

**Flint, Eric; Boyes, Walt;
Ward, Joy (editors)**

Where were you in 1632? The most popular alternate history series of all continues. When a cosmic disturbance hurls your town from 20th-century West Virginia back to 17th-century Europe – and into the middle of the Thirty Years War – you have to adapt to survive. And the natives of that time period, faced with American technology and politics, need to be equally adaptable. Here's a generous helping of more stories of Grantville, the American town lost in time, and its impact on the people and societies of a tumultuous age. Featuring stories by Eric Flint, Tim Sayeau, Robert Noxon, Griffin Barber, Bjorn Hasseler, Clair Kiernan,

Margo Ryor, Mark Huston, Robert Waters, Phillip Riviezzo, Jack Carroll, Terry Howard, Tim Roesch, Sarah Hays, Mike Watson, Iver P Cooper, Kerry Offord, Rick Boatright, Brad Banner, Anne Keener, Jackie Britton Lopatin, Bjorn Hasseler, David Carrico, and Tim Sayeau.

Alternate history HC \$55.00

Revelations

Netherspace 03

Foster, Nigel

It wasn't much of an army to save Earth from alien, pre-cog domination. Only three people: an heiress, a sociopathic artist and their leader, a female licensed assassin. But time has run out. The artificial intelligences – alien artefacts – that run Earth and its colonies are going mad. Long held human grudges, suspicions and fears have erupted in violence throughout the world. Earth's own pre-cogs have seen the trio victorious... maybe. For Kara Jones, the assassin, it is a time of chaos made worse by the absence of Tatia Nerein, the heiress now warrior who is following her own dangerous path across alien worlds, and Marc Keislack, who stepped into netherspace, the dimension that allows star travel. Kara searches for a way to snatch her people back from a hostile galaxy even as she is assailed by doubts. But loyalty is everything and she will sacrifice anything to find her comrades and complete a mission she barely understands. This trilogy begins with *Netherspace* (PBK, \$19.99).

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

The Neil Gaiman Collection Gaiman, Neil

A box set collection of five iconic novels by Neil Gaiman. *Neverwhere*: Under the streets of London lies a world most people could never dream of. And for Richard Mayhew, it's just the beginning. *Stardust*: Young Tristan Thorn goes over his town's ancient wall into the mysterious land of Faerie – a world that is dangerous and strange beyond imagining... *American Gods*: A profoundly strange American road trip. War is coming, and Shadow Moon is standing squarely in its path. *Anansi Boys*: Everything changes for Fat Charlie Nancy, the South London boy so called by his father, the day his dad drops dead while doing karaoke. *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*: The recollections of a man who thought he was lost but is now, perhaps, remembering a time when he was saved... Neil Gaiman. With stories come possibilities. Perfect for Gaiman collectors, or for introducing these wonderful novels to a first-time reader.

Fantasy BOXSET \$95.00

Everyone Knows Your Mother is a Witch

Galchen, Rivka

1618, in the German duchy of Württemberg – plague is spreading. The Thirty Years' War has begun, and fear and suspicion are in the air throughout the Holy Roman Empire. In the small town of Leonberg, Katharina Kepler is accused of being a witch. Katharina is an illiterate widow, known by her neighbours for her herbal remedies and the success of her children, including her eldest, Johannes, who is the Imperial Mathematician

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and renowned author of the laws of planetary motion. It's enough to make anyone jealous, and Katharina has done herself no favours by being out and about and in everyone's business. So, when the deranged and insipid Ursula Reinbold (or, as Katharina calls her, the Werewolf) accuses Katharina of offering her a bitter, witchy drink that has made her ill, Katharina is in trouble. Her scientist son must turn his attention from the music of the spheres to the job of defending his mother. Facing the threat of financial ruin, torture, and even execution, Katharina tells her side of the story to her friend and next-door neighbour Simon, a reclusive widower imperilled by his own secrets. Drawing on real historical documents, but infused with intensity of imagination, sly humour, and intellectual fire.

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

At the End of the World

Black Tide Rising 08

Gannon, Charles E

Six kids ranging from suburban geeks to street-smart pariahs. A British captain who rarely talks and never smiles. All on the 70-foot pilot house ketch *Crosscurrent Voyager*, bound on a senior summer cruise to adventure and serious fun. Except most of the kids don't get along. And they'll be gone all summer. And none of them have sailed before. And worst of all – because they booked at the last minute – they got the destination nobody else wanted: the frigid and remote South Georgia Islands. But there's one other hitch: they'll never see their families or friends again. Just days after they leave, a plague starts spreading like wildfire, turning most of its survivors into shrieking, cannibalistic rage monsters. So, with their past dying as fast as the world that shaped it, the kids' hated destination becomes their one hope for survival. But it's an uncertain hope. Not only are other hostile survivors headed there, but South Georgia Island is unable to support permanent habitation. So, if the strange crew of the *Voyager* doesn't come up with a further plan, they are – in every sense – heading straight toward the end of the world.

Military sf PBK \$24.95

Strange Beasts of China

Ge, Yan
In the fictional Chinese city of Yong'an, an amateur cryptozoologist is commissioned to uncover the stories of its fabled beasts. These creatures live alongside humans, in near inconspicuousness – save their greenish skin, serrated earlobes, and strange birthmarks. Aided by her elusive former professor and his enigmatic assistant, our narrator sets off to document each beast, and is slowly drawn deeper into a mystery that threatens her very sense of self. Part detective story, part metaphysical enquiry, *Strange Beasts of China* engages existential questions of identity, humanity, love, and morality with whimsy and stylistic verve.

Urban fantasy HC \$55.00

Hella

Gerrold, David

Hella is a planet where everything is oversized – especially the ambitions of the colonists. The trees are mile high, the

dinosaur herds are huge, and the weather is extreme – so extreme, the colonists have to migrate twice a year to escape the blistering heat of summer and the atmosphere-freezing cold of winter. Kyle is a neuro-atypical young man, emotionally challenged, but with an implant that gives him real-time access to the colony's computer network, making him a very misunderstood savant. When an overburdened starship arrives, he becomes the link between the established colonists and the refugees from a ravaged Earth. The Hella colony is barely self-sufficient. Can it stand the strain of a thousand new arrivals, bringing with them the same kinds of problems they thought they were fleeing? Despite the dangers to himself and his family, Kyle is in the middle of everything – in possession of the most dangerous secret of all. Will he be caught in a growing political conspiracy? Will his reawakened emotions overwhelm his rationality? Or will he be able to use his unique ability to prevent disaster?

Science fiction TP \$37.95

The Yellow Wallpaper & Herland

Macmillan Collector's Library

Gilman, Charlotte Perkins

Charlotte Perkins Gilman's progressive views on feminism and mental health are powerfully showcased in her two most famous stories. Confined to her attic bedroom and isolated from her newborn baby, the nameless narrator of *The Yellow Wallpaper* keeps a secret diary in which she records the sprawling and shifting patterns of the room's lurid yellow wallpaper as she slowly sinks into madness. This chilling story is based on the author's own experience of depression. In *Herland*, a trio of men set out to discover an all-female community rumoured to be hidden deep in the jungle. What they find surprises them all; they're captured by women who, for two thousand years, have lived in a peaceful and prosperous utopia without men. This edition is introduced by journalist and author Lucy Mangan.

Classic SF HC \$19.99

When Days Tilt

Time Catchers 01

Ginnane, Karen

It's 1858, and there are two queens on the throne. Victoria reigns over London, the biggest city the world has ever known. But London has a secret shadow city, called Donlon, where another queen, the Green Witch, rules her own domain – time. London is in turmoil. The Thames is at the height of the Great Stink; a blazing comet is searing the sky; technology is moving so fast it seems otherworldly; and the city is exploding with more people than it can hold. Darwin is about to publish his theory of evolution and humanity's very place in the world is in question. On top of all this, people are disappearing into thin air. If they return, it is with empty eyes and torn souls, never to be the same again. Ava, a 14-year-old Londoner, feels trapped by the limited life of a young Victorian woman and by her watchmaking apprenticeship with her father. Her predictable world is turned upside down when she discovers that the body in her mother's grave is not her mother, but a stranger. When Ava goes in search of her real

mother and her true identity, she is thrust into the dark world of Donlon and must fight a battle to save those she loves and the future of both worlds... The first in a series.

YA historical fantasy PBK \$16.99

Mother of All

Women's War 03

Glass, Jenna

In the once male-dominated world of Seven Wells, women now control their own reproduction, but the battle for equality is far from over. Even with two thrones held by women, there are still those who cling to the old ways and are determined to bring them back. Now, into this struggle comes a darker power. Delnamal, the former King of Aalwell, may have lost his battle to undo the spell that gave women reproductive control, but he has gained a terrible and deadly magic – and he uses these new abilities to raise an army the likes of which the world has never seen. Delnamal and his allies seem like an unstoppable force, destined to crush the fragile new balance between men and women. Yet, sometimes, it is possible for determined individuals to stem the tide, and it falls to a unique triad of women – maiden, mother, and crone – to risk everything... not only to preserve the advances they have won but to change the world, one final time.

Fantasy TP \$39.95

The Witch's Heart

Gornichev, Genevieve

Angrboda's story begins where most witches' tales end: with a burning. A punishment from Odin for refusing to provide him with knowledge of the future, the fire leaves Angrboda injured and powerless, and she flees into the farthest reaches of a remote forest. There she is found by a man who reveals himself to be Loki, and her initial distrust of him transforms into a deep and abiding love. Their union produces three unusual children, each with a secret destiny, who Angrboda is keen to raise at the edge of the world, safely hidden from Odin's all-seeing eye. But as Angrboda slowly recovers her prophetic powers, she learns that her blissful life – and possibly all of existence – is in danger. With help from the fierce huntress Skadi, with whom she shares a growing bond, Angrboda must choose whether she'll accept the fate that she's foreseen for her beloved family... or rise to remake their future.

Norse fantasy PBK \$19.99

A Beautifully Foolish Endeavour

Absolutely Remarkable Thing 02

Green, Hank

The statues disappeared in an instant. While they were on Earth, they caused confusion and destruction without ever lifting a finger. They also contributed to the untimely death of April May: a young woman who stumbled into their path, naming them the Carls, and gaining viral fame in an avalanche of conspiracy theories. When April's friends try to carry on with their lives, a series of clues arrive – mysterious books that seem to predict the future – and which also seem to suggest April may be very much alive... But there's

a bigger mystery to solve. Did the Carls ever really leave us, and what happens if they're here to stay? The sequel to *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

The Nature of Witches

Griffin, Rachel

For centuries, witches have maintained the climate, but now their control is faltering as the atmosphere becomes more erratic; the storms, more destructive. All hope lies with Clara, a once-in-a-generation Everwitch whose magic is tied to every season. In Autumn, Clara wants nothing to do with her power. It's wild and volatile, and the price of her magic – losing the one she loves – is too high, despite the need to control the increasingly dangerous weather. In Winter, the world is on the precipice of disaster. Fires burn, storms rage, and Clara accepts that she's the only one who can make a difference. In Spring, she falls for Sang, the witch training her. As her magic grows, so do her feelings, until she's terrified Sang will be the next one, she loses. In Summer, Clara must choose between her power and her happiness, her duty and the people she loves... before she loses Sang, her magic, and thrusts the world into chaos.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Map's Edge

Tethered Citadel 01

Hair, David

Dashryn Cowl has run out of places to hide. The erstwhile sorcerer of the Imperial College fled the Bolgravian Empire when his high-flying family fell from grace, but the tyrannical empire is still hunting for him. So, when he gets his hands on a map showing a place outside the known lands rich in istariol, the mineral that fuels sorcery, he sees a way back to power. There's only one problem: it means masquerading as an Imperial Cartomancer (an instant death sentence) and finding some dupes to help him mine the istariol in secret, no questions asked. But somehow, amid the dangers of the road (floods and avalanches, beasts, barbarians, and monsters), a strange thing begins to happen: Dashryn starts to care about his ragtag followers and their strange odyssey into the ruins of an ancient forgotten civilisation. But his past won't let him be: the implacable Imperial Bloodhound Toran Zorne has caught his scent, and Zorne has never yet failed to bring his quarry to ground. At the edge of the map, there's no going forward and no going back... The first in a new series – now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Richards and Klein

Haley, Guy

A new omnibus edition, collecting *Reality 36* and *Omega Point*. Meet Richards and Klein – the Holmes and Watson of the 22nd century. Well... if Holmes were an advanced AI, obsessed with pulp fiction, and Watson a gun-toting cyborg. When AI-rights activist Zhang Qifang winds up murdered, Richards has to get involved – the man set his kind free, after all. What should be a simple case turns out to be anything but, because Qifang has been killed more than

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once. Someone really wanted him dead. A deadly trail leads the duo across a warming globe, from New London to Colorado, Sinosiberia and beyond, for the ultimate answers lie in the virtual world of Reality... Warhammer 40,000 author Guy Haley's first original series, remastered and collected! Cyberpunk (reissue) TP \$24.99

The Saints of Salvation

Salvation Sequence 03
Hamilton, Peter F
Humanity is struggling to hold out against a hostile takeover by an alien race that claims to be on a religious mission to bring all sentient life to its God at the End of Time. But while billions of cocooned humans fill the holds of the Olyx's deadly arkships, humankind is playing an even longer game than the aliens may have anticipated. From an ultra-secret spy mission to one of the grandest battles ever seen, no strategy is off the table. Will a plan, millennia in the making, finally be enough to defeat this seemingly unstoppable enemy? And what secrets are the Olyx truly hiding in their most zealously protected stronghold? This is the US mass-market paperback; we expect the UK B-format edition (\$19.99) at the end of August – for those who like their books to match. Hamilton's latest trilogy began with *Salvation* (PBK, \$19.99).
Science fiction PBK \$26.95

Composite Creatures

Hardaker, Caroline
How close would you hold those you love, when the end comes? In a society where self-preservation is as much an art as a science, Norah and Arthur are learning how to co-exist in their new little world. Though they hardly know each other, everything seems to be going perfectly – from the home they're building together to the ring on Norah's finger. But survival in this world is a tricky thing, the air is thicker every day and illness creeps fast through the body. And the earth is becoming increasingly hostile to live in. Fortunately, Easton Grove is here for that in the form of a perfect little bundle to take home and harvest. You can live for as long as you keep it – or her – close.
Post-apocalypse TP \$24.99

The Sunken Land Begins to Rise Again

Harrison, M John
Shaw had a breakdown, but he's getting himself back together. He has a single room, a job on a decaying London barge, and an on-off affair with a doctor's daughter called Victoria, who claims to have seen her first corpse at age fourteen. It's not ideal, but it's a life. Or it would be if Shaw hadn't got himself involved in a conspiracy theory that, on dark nights by the river, seems less and less theoretical... Meanwhile, Victoria is up in the Midlands, renovating her dead mother's house, trying to make new friends. But what, exactly, happened to her mother? Why has the local waitress disappeared into a shallow pool in a field behind the house? And why is the town so obsessed with that old Victorian morality tale, 'The Water Babies'? As Shaw and Victoria struggle to maintain their relationship, the sunken lands are rising up again, unnoticed in the shadows around them. Now in paperback.
Science fiction PBK \$22.99

In Beta Harvey, Prescott

It's 1993, and Jay and Colin are small-town geeks. Senior year is nearly over, and they're still as unpopular as ever. Everything changes when they discover a disk containing a computer program called The Build, a pixel-perfect replica of their hometown. As the boys tweak its code, they discover they can bend the laws of reality. With godlike power, they react as any teenager would: hacking high school to make it more awesome. But someone – or something – is watching. And as their friends and neighbours begin acting increasingly strange, they buckle in for an epic battle. Jay and Colin must pull out all their cheat codes to save themselves, their town – and the very fabric of existence.
Humorous sf TP \$41.95

Daughters of Sparta Heywood, Claire

As princesses of Sparta, Helen and Klytemnestra have known nothing but luxury and plenty. With their high birth and unrivalled beauty, they are the envy of all of Greece. But such privilege comes at a cost. While still only girls, the sisters are separated and married to foreign kings of their father's choosing – the powerful Agamemnon, and his brother Menelaos. Yet, even as Queens, each is only expected to do two things: birth an heir and embody the meek, demure nature that is expected of women. But when the weight of their husbands' neglect, cruelty, and ambition becomes too heavy to bear, Helen and Klytemnestra must push against the constraints of their society to carve new lives for themselves, and in doing so, make waves that will ripple throughout the next three thousand years.
Greek myth retold TP \$32.99

Pilgermann

Penguin Classics
Hoban, Russell
After Pilgermann – a German Jew in the year 1096 – ravishes the tax collector's wife, an angry Christian mob retaliates by brutally castrating him. Bleeding and left for dead, Pilgermann experiences a vision of Jesus Christ and resolves to set out on a journey to the Holy Land. Along the way, he will be joined by a motley group of companions: the headless corpse of the tax collector, a lascivious talking pig, a dead bear, and Death, himself. A reissue.
Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Lion of Boaz-Jachin and Jachin-Boaz

Penguin Classics
Hoban, Russell
Jachin-Boaz is a maker and seller of maps. In his shop are maps that will lead you to whatever it is you most desire: love, inspiration, wealth. But his greatest achievement is a master-map showing the location of everything that has ever been found in the world, which he intends to give to his son, Boaz-Jachin. There is only one thing missing from the map: lions – for there are no more lions left. Or are there? When Jachin-Boaz sets out on a quest to find a lion for his son, Boaz-Jachin will follow in search of his father, and both will discover something wholly unexpected... A reissue.
Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Lisey's Story

TV tie-in edition
King, Stephen
Every marriage has two hearts, one light and one dark. Lisey knew it when she first fell for Scott. And, now, he's dead, she knows it for sure. Lisey was the light to Scott Landon's dark for 25 years. As his wife, only she saw the truth behind the public face of the famous author – that he was a haunted man whose bestselling novels were based on a terrifying reality. Now, Scott has gone, Lisey wants to lock herself away with her memories. But the fans have other ideas. And when the sinister threats begin, Lisey realises that, just as Scott depended on her strength – her light – to live, so she will have to draw on his darkness to survive. Tie-in to the Apple TV+ limited series starring Julianne Moore and Clive Owen, adapted by the author, himself.
Horror (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Flash Fire

Extraordinaries 02
Klune, T J
Through bravery, charm, and an alarming amount of enthusiasm, Nick landed himself the superhero boyfriend of his dreams. Now, instead of just writing stories about him, Nick actually gets to kiss him. On the mouth. A lot. But having a superhero boyfriend isn't everything Nick thought it would be – he's still struggling to make peace with his own lack of extraordinary powers. When new Extraordinaries begin arriving in Nova City – siblings who can manipulate smoke and ice, a mysterious hero who can move objects with their mind, and a drag queen superhero with the best name and the most-seeked costume anyone has ever had – it's up to Nick and his friends Seth, Gibby, and Jazz... to determine who is virtuous and who is villainous. And new Extraordinaries aren't the only things coming to light. Long-held secrets and neglected truths are surfacing that challenge everything Nick knows about justice, family, and being extraordinary. Which is a lot to handle when Nick really just wants to finish his self-insert bakery AU fanfic. Will it all come together in the end, or will it all go down in flames? The sequel to *The Extraordinaries* (PBK, \$17.99).
Science fiction TP \$22.99

The Family Business Kupari, Mike

Decades ago, the Visitors descended on Earth. They claimed to bring peace and prosperity. Their real goal was the total subjugation of humankind. But humanity did not give up its only home without a fight. After a devastating war, the Visitors were driven back to Mars. Their willing human collaborators were left behind. The task of hunting down these former alien collaborators and bringing them to justice falls to Federal Recovery Agents, like Nathan Foster. Emmogene Anderson was taken to the Visitors as a teenager and was experimented upon by the alien invaders. She carries within her body a semi-functional alien device that allows her to control other people. Until recently, she was serving a prison sentence for aiding and abetting the enemy. That is, until she was broken out by her obsessive ex-lover, Anthony Krieg, a former commando for the Visitors' forces, physically enhanced but mentally unstable. Now, Nathan Foster

and his 14-year-old nephew, Ben, are tasked with bringing the pair to justice. Krieg must be killed, Emmogene captured and returned to the proper authorities. An easy enough job – but Emmogene has been implanted with something else, something much more important... Nathan and Ben must decide what is right in a largely lawless world – and the fate of the planet hangs in the balance.
Military sf TP \$35.95

Seven Devils

Lam, Laura & May, Elizabeth
Seven resistance fighters will free the galaxy from the ruthless Empire – or die trying. When Eris faked her death, she thought she had left her old life as the heir to the galaxy's most ruthless empire behind. But her recruitment by the Novantaen Resistance – an organisation opposed to the empire's voracious expansion – throws her right back into the fray. Eris has been assigned a new mission: to infiltrate a spaceship ferrying deadly cargo and return the intelligence gathered to the Resistance. But her partner for the mission, mechanic and hotshot pilot Cloelia, bears an old grudge against Eris, making an already difficult infiltration even more complicated. When they find the ship, they discover more than they bargained for: three fugitives with firsthand knowledge of the corrupt empire's inner workings. Together, these women possess the knowledge and capabilities to bring the empire to its knees. But the clock is ticking: the new heir to the empire plans to disrupt a peace summit with the only remaining alien empire, ensuring the empire's continued expansion. If they can find a way to stop him, they will save the galaxy. If they can't, millions may die. Gripping space opera – rebels, an evil empire, and more snappy dialogue than *Firefly* – for fans of Ann Leckie, and Becky Chambers. 'A witty, fast-paced feminist space opera' – *Booklist*. The first in a duology, now in paperback.
Space opera PBK \$22.99

Six Crimson Cranes

Lim, Elizabeth
A princess in exile. Six enchanted cranes. An unspeakable curse. Shiori'anma, the only princess of Kiata, has a secret. Forbidden magic runs in her veins. And on the morning of her betrothal ceremony, Shiori loses control. At first, her mistake seems like a stroke of luck, forestalling the wedding she never wanted, but it also catches the attention of Raikama, her stepmother. A sorceress in her own right, Raikama banishes the young princess, turning her brothers into cranes, and warning Shiori that she must speak of it to no one: for with every word that escapes her lips, one of her brothers will die. Penniless, voiceless, and alone, Shiori searches for her brothers, and uncovers a dark conspiracy to seize the throne. Only Shiori can set the kingdom to rights, but to do so she must place her trust in a paper bird, a mercurial dragon, and the very boy she fought so hard not to marry. And she must embrace the magic she's been taught, all her life, to contain – no matter what it costs. A beautiful and immersive retelling of the Grimm brothers' 'The Six Swans' fairy tale, set in an East-Asian inspired world.
YA fantasy TP \$22.99

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Breath by Breath

Step by Step 03

Llywelyn, Morgan

The residents of Sycamore River emerge from nuclear war caused by the Change, and its effects on technology. As they try to rebuild their shattered lives, they discover the Change continues. For some, the air has become lethally toxic. The small band of Sycamore River townsfolk only have to survived the unthinkable, but will they survive the last of the Change? The follow-up to *Inch By Inch* (TP, \$29.99).

Apocalypse HC \$49.99

The Memory of Souls

A Chorus of Dragons 03

Lyons, Jenn

Could this life be their last? The city of Atrine lies in ruins. And, now, Relos Var has revealed his plan to free the monstrous god, Vol Karoth, the end of the world is closer than ever. To buy time for humanity, Kihrin and his friends need to convince a king to perform an ancient ritual. The power released would imprison the god for an age to come. But this may come at too high a price for the King of the Vane, as the ritual would strip his people of their immortality. As a result, some will do anything to prevent this ritual – including assassinating those championing this solution. Worse, Kihrin must come to terms with a horrifying possibility. It seems his connection to Vol Karoth is growing in strength... but what does it mean? And how can Kihrin hope to save his world, when he might be the greatest threat of all? A Chorus of Dragons begins with *The Ruin of Kings* (PBK, \$18.99). Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Collapsium

Queendom of Sol 01

McCarthy, Wil

In the eighth decade of the Queendom of Sol, three commodities rule the day. The first is wellstone, a form of programmable matter capable of emulating almost any substance. The second is collapsium, a deadly crystal composed of miniature black holes, vital for the transmission of information and matter – including humans – throughout the Solar System. The third is the bitter rivalry between Her Majesty's top scientists. Bruno de Towaji, famed lover and statesman, dreams of building an arc de fin, an almost mythical device capable of probing the farthest reaches of space-time. Marlon Sykes, de Towaji's rival in both love and science, is meanwhile hard at work on a vast telecommunications project whose first step is the construction of a ring of collapsium around the Sun. But when a ruthless saboteur attacks the Ring Collapsiter and sends it falling into the Sun, the two scientists must put aside personal animosity and combine their prodigious intellects to prevent the destruction of the Solar System – and every living thing within it. The first in a reissued series.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$24.95

The Green Cathedral

McDonald, Kerry & Tidball, Lee

As a DEA agent caught in an unwinnable drug war, Abel has spent his life with the ugliest side of humanity. It's no wonder he's given in to corruption, bribery, and an illegal side hustle that has him on the run from some

of the most dangerous men in South America. Then, he stumbles upon an alluring creature – a stranded alien who has made her home under the green canopy of the deepest part of the jungle. Her spacecraft crash landed, a decade ago; his life crashed and burned well before that. But as this unlikely pair grow closer, Abel will realise that his dark past has tracked him down and threatens to destroy the very beauty he has fallen in love with.

SF thriller TP \$41.95

The Council of Animals

McDonnell, Nick & Tabbutt, Steven (illustrator)

'Now,' continued the cat, 'there is nothing more difficult than changing an animal's mind. But I will say, in case I can change yours: humans are more useful to us outside our bellies than in.' Perhaps.

After The Calamity, the animals thought the humans had managed to do themselves in. But, it turns out, a few are covering in makeshift villages. So, the animals – among them a cat, a dog, a crow, a baboon, a horse, and a bear – have convened to debate whether to help the last human stragglers... or to eat them. Rest assured, there is a happy ending. Sort of.

Dystopian fable HC \$55.00

Monstrous Heart

Deepwater trilogy 01

McKenna, Claire

Arden Beacon arrives in the salt-swept port of Vigil with a job to do. Tasked with using the magic in her blood to keep the lighthouse burning, she needs to prove herself worthy of her family name and her ancestors' profession. But the coastline Arden must keep alight – battered by a sea teeming with colossal, ancient beasts – is far from the cultured, urban world she knows. It is a place of secrets, rumours and tight-lipped expectations of a woman's place. More than anyone, the town folk whisper about Arden's neighbour, Jonah Riven, the hunter of leviathans. They say he murdered his wife. They say he is as much a monster as his prey. Amidst all her determination and homesickness Arden cannot get this shadowy stranger out of her head. A plot swirls around the lighthouse keeper, the hunter and the authorities. Arden must make sense of these dark waters – before they wash her away. A sensational debut novel by a new Australian voice, now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

Priest of Gallows

War for the Rose Throne 03

McLean, Peter

Tomas Piety has everything he ever wanted. In public he's a wealthy, highly respected businessman, happily married to a beautiful woman and governor of his home city of Ellinburg. In private, he's no longer a gang lord, head of the Pious Men, but one of the Queen's Men, invisible and officially nonexistent, working in secret to protect his country. The queen's sudden death sees him summoned back to the capital – where he discovers his boss, Dieter Vogel, Provost Marshal of the Queen's Men, is busy tightening his stranglehold on the country. Just as he once fought for his Pious Men, Tomas must now bend all his wit and hard-

won wisdom to protect his queen – even when he can't always tell if he's on the right side. Tomas has started to ask himself, what is the price of power? And, more importantly, is it one he is willing to pay? This gritty grimdark series begins with *Priest of Bones* (PBK, \$22.99).

Grimdark fantasy PBK \$22.99

Come with Me

Malfi, Ronald

Aaron Decker's life changes one December morning, when his wife Allison is killed. Haunted by her absence – and her ghost – Aaron goes through her belongings, where he finds a receipt for a motel room in another part of the country. Piloted by grief and an increasing sense of curiosity, Aaron embarks on a journey to discover what Allison had been doing in the weeks prior to her death. Yet, Aaron is unprepared to discover the dark secrets Allison kept, and the death and horror that make up the tapestry of her hidden life. And with each dark secret revealed, Aaron becomes more and more consumed by his obsession to learn the terrifying truth about the woman who had been his wife, even if it puts his own life at risk.

Horror TP \$35.95

Song of the Forever Rains

Mousai 01

Mellow, E J

The Thief Kingdom is a place hidden within the world of Aadilor. Many whisper of its existence, but few have found this place, where magic and pleasure abound. There, the mysterious Thief King reigns supreme with the help of the Mousai, a trio of revered and feared sorceresses. Larkyra Bassette may be the youngest of the Mousai, but when she sings her voice has the power to slay monsters. When it's discovered the Duke of Lachlan is siphoning a poisonous drug from the Thief Kingdom and using it to abuse his tenants, Larkyra is offered her first solo mission to stop the duke. Eager to prove herself, Larkyra accepts by posing as the duke's potential bride. But her plans grow complicated when she finds herself drawn to Lord Darius McKenna, Lachlan's rightful heir. Soon she suspects Darius has his own motivations for ridding Lachlan of the corrupt duke. Larkyra and Darius must learn to trust each other if there is to be any hope of saving the people of Lachlan – and themselves. Welcome to the world of Aadilor, where lords and ladies can be murderers and thieves, and the most alluring notes are often the deadliest. Dare to listen? The first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$28.95

Speed of Dark

Moon, Elizabeth

Lou has been told he is different to 'normal' people. He interacts with the world in a way they do not understand. He might not see the things they see, however, but he also sees many things they do not. Lou is autistic. One of his skills is an ability to find patterns in data: extraordinary, complex, beautiful patterns that not even the most powerful computers can comprehend. The company he works for has made considerable sums of money from Lou's work. But now they want Lou to change – to become 'normal' like themselves. And he must face the greatest

challenge of his life. To understand the speed of dark. A near-future SF thriller that is both page turning and thought provoking. A reissue of the 2003 winner of the Nebula Award for Best Novel. Recommended!

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Mexican Gothic

Moreno-Garcia, Silvia

He is trying to poison me. You must come for me, Noemi. You have to save me.

When glamorous socialite Noemi Taboada receives a frantic letter from her newlywed cousin begging to be rescued from a mysterious doom, it's clear something is desperately amiss. Catalina has always had a flair for the dramatic, but her claims that her husband is poisoning her and her visions of restless ghosts seem remarkable, even for her. Noemi's more suited to cocktail parties than amateur sleuthing, but she heads immediately to High Place, a remote mansion in the Mexican countryside, determined to discover what is so affecting her cousin. She's tough and smart, with an indomitable will, and she is not afraid: not of her cousin's new husband, who is both menacing and alluring; not of his father, the ancient patriarch who is fascinated by Noemi; and not of the house itself, which begins to invade Noemi's dreams with visions of blood and doom. Her only ally in this inhospitable abode is the family's youngest son. Shy and gentle, he wants to help – but he might also be hiding dark knowledge of his family's past. For there are many secrets behind the walls of High Place. The family's once colossal wealth and faded mining empire kept them from prying eyes, but as Noemi digs deeper she unearths stories of violence and madness. And Noemi, mesmerised by the terrifying yet seductive world of High Place, may soon find it impossible to leave this enigmatic house behind...

Gothic fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Return of the Sorceress

novella

Moreno-Garcia, Silvia

Yalxi, the deposed Supreme Mistress of the Guild of Sorcerers, is on a desperate mission. Her lover and confidant seized her throne and stole the precious diamond heart, the jewel that is the engine of her power. Yalxi sets out to regain her magic and find a weapon capable of destroying the usurper. But this will mean turning to unlikely allies and opening herself up to unpleasant memories that have been suppressed for many years. For Yalxi, is no great hero, but a cunning sorceress who once forged her path in blood – and must reckon with the consequences. Set in a fantastical land where jewels and blood provide symbiotic magical powers to their wearers, *The Return of the Sorceress* evokes the energy of classic sword and sorcery, while building a thoroughly fresh and exciting adventure ripe for our era. This 96pp novella is a pricey, limited edition from Subterranean Press, and may go out of print on release!

Fantasy HC \$79.95

Girl One

Murphy, Sara Flannery

Josephine Morrow is Girl One, the first of nine Miracle Babies conceived without male DNA on an experimental commune known as the Homestead. The Girls were raised

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in the shadow of controversy – plagued by zealots calling them aberrations and their mothers, demons – until a devastating fire at the Homestead claimed the lives of three people, leaving the survivors to scatter across the United States. Years later, upon learning that her mother has gone missing, Josie sets off on a desperate road trip, tracking down the only people who might help: her estranged sisters. Tracing clues her mother left behind, Josie joins forces with two of the Girls, and they journey back through their past, uncovering secrets about their origins and unlocking devastating abilities they never knew they had.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

The Boundless

Deathless 03

Newman, Peter

House Sapphire has a new leader, but High Lord Vasinidra cannot stand still for a moment. The monsters of the Wild are hunting with a new intelligence and purpose, and one Deathless family is already on the brink of extinction. In the forests of the Wild, Chandni faces a choice that will transform her or destroy her. Far above, her two sons are reunited at last and forced to confront their true origins. Pari Tanzanite has never stayed within the rules. On a desperate journey to the source of her world's magic, Pari will discover secrets even she could never have imagined – secrets that will change the rules completely. The thrilling conclusion to an epic trilogy which begins with *The Deathless* (PBK, \$19.99)

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

We Have Always Been Here

Nguyen, Lena

Misanthropic psychologist Dr Grace Park is placed on the *Deucalion*, a survey ship headed to an icy planet in an unexplored galaxy. Her purpose is to observe the thirteen human crew members aboard the ship – all specialists in their own fields – as they assess the colonisation potential of the planet, Eos. But frictions develop as Park befriends the androids of the ship, preferring their company over the baffling complexity of humans, while the rest of the crew treats them with suspicion and even outright hostility. Shortly after landing, the crew finds themselves trapped on the ship by a radiation storm, with no means of communication or escape until it passes – and that's when things begin to fall apart. Park's patients are falling prey to waking nightmares of helpless, tongueless insanity. The androids are behaving strangely. There are no windows aboard the ship. Paranoia is closing in, and soon Park is forced to confront the fact that nothing – neither her crew, nor their mission, nor the mysterious Eos, itself – is as it seems.

SF noir HC \$55.00

Notes from the Burning Age

North, Claire

Ven was once a holy man, a keeper of ancient archives. It was his duty to interpret archaic texts, sorting useful knowledge from the heretical ideas of the Burning Age – a time of excess and climate disaster. For, in Ven's world, such material must be closely guarded, so that the ills that led to that cataclysmic

era can never be repeated. But when the revolutionary Brotherhood approaches Ven, pressuring him to translate stolen writings that threaten everything he once held dear, his life will be turned upside down. Torn between friendship and faith, Ven must decide how far he's willing to go to save this new world, and how much he is willing to lose.

Dystopia TP \$32.99

Lycanthropy and Other Chronic Illnesses

O'Neal, Kristen

Priya worked hard to pursue her premed dreams at Stanford, but a diagnosis of chronic Lyme disease during her sophomore year sends her back to her loving but overbearing family in New Jersey – and leaves her wondering if she'll ever be able to return to the way things were. Thankfully, she has her online pen pal, Brigid, and the rest of the members of 'oof, ouch, my bones', a virtual support group that meets on Discord to crack jokes and vent about their own chronic illnesses. When Brigid suddenly goes offline, Priya does something out of character: she steals the family car and drives to Pennsylvania to check on Brigid. Priya isn't sure what to expect, but it isn't the horrifying creature that's shut in the basement. With Brigid nowhere to be found, Priya begins to puzzle together an impossible but obvious truth: the creature might be a werewolf – and the werewolf might be Brigid. As Brigid's unique condition worsens, their friendship will be deepened and challenged in unexpected ways, forcing them to reckon with their own ideas of what it means to be normal.

YA paranormal TP \$18.99

Catalyst Gate

Protectorate 03

O'Keefe, Megan E

The universe is under threat and an ancient alien intelligence threatens to bring humanity down – unless Major Sanda Greeve and her crew can stop it... The code has been cracked. The secrets of the Casimir gates have been revealed. But humanity still isn't safe. The alien intelligence known as Rainier and her clones are still out there, hell bent on its destruction. And only Sanda can stop them. With the universe's most powerful ship under her command and some of the most skilled hackers, fighters and spies on her team, it will still take everything she has to find the key to taking down an immortal enemy with seemingly limitless bodies, resources and power. Don't miss the final book of this explosive space opera trilogy... we haven't been able to keep the first two books – *Velocity Weapon* and *Chaos Vector* (PBK, \$22.99 each) – in stock! (Inconsequentially, all three also have great cover art!)

Space opera PBK \$22.99

Nineteen Eighty-Four: the Graphic Novel

Orwell, George

In 1984, London is a grim city in the totalitarian state of Oceania, where Big Brother is always watching you and the Thought Police can practically read your mind. Winston Smith is a man in grave danger for the simple reason that his memory

still functions. Drawn into a forbidden love affair, Winston finds the courage to join a secret revolutionary organisation called the Brotherhood, dedicated to the destruction of the Party. Together with his beloved Julia, he hazards his life in a deadly match against the powers that be. With evocative, immersive art from Fido Nesti, this vision of George Orwell's dystopian masterpiece provides a new perspective for long-time fans, but is also an accessible entry point for young readers and adults who have yet to discover the iconic story that is still so relevant, today.

Dystopia HC \$35.00

I Get Loud

Ouimet, David

I Get Loud sees the introverted heroine go out into the world as she gains confidence in her voice and makes a friend for the first time. It is a tale of the emboldening nature of the imagination, the redemptive power of friendship and why we should all embrace our own beautiful, singular weirdness. The gorgeously-illustrated sequel to the acclaimed *I Go Quiet* (HC, \$24.99) – about discovering friendship for the first time. 'Completely original. Unique, in fact' – Philip Pullman.

Fantasy HC \$24.99

The Ravens

Paige, Danielle & Morgan, Kass

The sorority girls are real witches. At first glance, the sisters of ultra-exclusive Kappa Rho Nu – the Ravens – seem like typical sorority girls. Ambitious, beautiful, and smart, they're the most powerful girls on Westerly College's Savannah, Georgia, campus. But the Ravens aren't just regular sorority girls. They're witches. Scarlett Winter has always known she's a witch – and she's determined to be the sorority's president. But if a painful secret from her past ever comes to light, she could lose absolutely everything... Vivi Devereaux has no idea she's a witch. So, when she gets a coveted bid to pledge the Ravens, she vows to do whatever it takes to be part of the magical sisterhood. The only thing standing in her way is Scarlett, who doesn't think Vivi is Ravens' material. But when a dark power rises on campus, the girls will have to put their rivalry aside to save their fellow sisters. Someone has discovered the Ravens' secret. And that someone will do anything to see these witches burn...

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

The Carpet People

50th anniversary edition

Pratchett, Terry

'In the beginning, there was nothing but endless flatness. Then came the Carpet...' That's the old story everyone knows and loves (even if they don't really believe it). But, now, the Carpet is home to many different tribes and peoples and there's a new story in the making. The story of Fray, sweeping a trail of destruction across the Carpet, and two brothers, who set out on an adventure to end all adventures. A special 50th anniversary edition, of the first book Sir Terry Pratchett ever wrote! A hilarious fantasy, perfect for ages seven and up, written by the master storyteller.

Children's fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Alien Stars and Other Stories

Axiom collection

Pratt, Tim

Delilah Mears joins the crew of the *Golden Spider*, as its cyborg captain Ashok leads them deep into space to investigate a mysterious cosmic anomaly, leading to an encounter with a truly unusual band of space pirates; AI (and Trans-Neptunian Alliance President). Shall receives a strange summons from a past version of himself to help defeat an existential threat to the entire universe; And intrepid alien truth-teller, Lantern, journeys home to confront the monsters of her past, and the deepest secrets of her heart (or the closest thing she has in her circulatory system to a heart). In this collection of previously-unpublished novellas, Hugo Award-winner Tim Pratt returns to the sci-fi universe of his Axiom trilogy. Each of these three stories takes fans and new readers alike deeper into the rich world of the Axiom than ever before, revisiting the crewmembers of the *White Raven*, as they strike out on new and enthralling adventures.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

The Lost Future of Pepperharrow

Pulley, Natasha

For Thaniel Steepleton, an unexpected posting to Tokyo can't come at a better moment. The London fog has made him ill and doctor's orders are to get out. His brief is strange: the staff at the British Legation have been seeing ghosts, and his first task is to find out what's going on. But staying with his closest friend Keita Mori in Yokohama, Thaniel starts to experience ghostly happenings himself. For reasons, he won't say, Mori is frightened. Then, he vanishes. Meanwhile, something strange is happening in a frozen labour camp, in northern Japan. Takiko Pepperharrow, an old friend of Mori's, must investigate. As ghosts appear across Tokyo and the weather turns bizarrely electrical, Thaniel grows convinced that it all has something to do with Mori's disappearance – and that Mori might be in far more trouble than any of them first thought. An enchanting sequel to *The Watchmaker of Filigree Street* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

Black Sun

Between Earth and Sky 01

Roanhorse, Rebecca

In the holy city of Tova, the winter solstice is usually a time for celebration and renewal, but this year it coincides with a solar eclipse, a rare celestial event proscribed by the Sun Priest as an unbalancing of the world. Meanwhile, a ship launches from a distant city bound for Tova and set to arrive on the solstice. The captain of the ship, Xiala, is a disgraced Teek – whose song can calm the waters around her, as easily as it can warp a man's mind. Her ship carries one passenger. Described as harmless, the passenger, Serapio is a young man, blind, scarred, and cloaked in destiny. As Xiala well knows, when a man is described as harmless, he usually ends up being a villain. The first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$37.95

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The Freedom Race

Dreambird Chronicles 01

Roy, Lucinda

The second Civil War, the Sequel, came and went in the United States leaving radiation, sickness, and fractures too deep to mend. One faction, the Homestead Territories, dealt with the devastation by recruiting immigrants from Africa and beginning a new slave trade while the other two factions stood by and watched. Ji-ji Lottermule was bred and raised in captivity on one of the plantations in the Homestead Territories of the Disunited States to serve and breed more 'mulesseeds'. There is only one way out – the annual Freedom Race. First prize, freedom. An underground movement has plans to free Ji-ji, who unknowingly holds the key to breaking the grip of the Territories. However, before she can begin to free them all, Ji-ji must unravel the very real voices of the dead.

Dystopia HC \$57.95

Cast in Conflict

Chronicles of Elnatra 16

Sagara, Michelle

A Dragon and ten Barrani wouldn't be anyone's ideal roommates, if a person wants peace and tranquillity at home. The residue of three Draco-Barrani wars can make things pretty awkward – on a good day. Kaylin Neya has run out of good days. In the upheaval surrounding the Academia, the Tower in the fief of Candallar is now without its lord. The Towers were created to protect Elnatra against Shadow. Dragon Bellusdeo wants to captain the Tower and continue a war she'll never be able to abandon. But Sedarias, leader of the Barrani cohort, wants the Tower for the cohort. And Barrani and Dragons don't negotiate, even when they're living under the same roof. If there were ever a time for Shadow to strike, it's now, when alliances are fractured and the Tower is vulnerable for the first time in centuries. More than ever, Kaylin needs her friends to work together, if they're going to be able to stop the threat to Elnatra.

Fantasy TP \$37.95

The Tower of Fools

Hussite trilogy 01

Sapkowski, Andrzej

Reinmar of Bielau, called Reynevan, flees after being caught in an affair with a knight's wife. With strange, mystical forces gathering in the shadows and pursued not only by the Stercza brothers bent on vengeance, but also by the Holy Inquisition, Reynevan finds himself in the Narrenturm, the Tower of Fools, a medieval asylum for the mad, or for those who dare to think differently and challenge the prevailing order. The 'patients' of this institution form an incomparable gallery of colourful types: including, among others, the young Copernicus, proclaiming the truth of the heliocentric solar system. The new historical fantasy from the author of the Witcher series, now in paperback.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Stranding

Sawyer, Kate

Her world fell to pieces. From the bones, she built a new life. Ruth lives in the heart of the city. Working, drinking, falling in love: the rhythm of her vivid and complicated life is set against a background hum of darkening

news reports from which she deliberately turns away. When a new romance becomes claustrophobic, Ruth chooses to leave behind the failing relationship, but also her beloved friends and family, and travels to the other side of the world in pursuit of her dream life working with whales in New Zealand. But when Ruth arrives, the news cycle she has been ignoring for so long is now the new reality. Far from home and with no real hope of survival, she finds herself climbing into the mouth of a beached whale, alongside a stranger. When she emerges, it is to a landscape that bears no relation to the world they knew before. When all has been razed to the ground, what does it mean to build a life? A story about the hope that can remain, even when the world is changed beyond recognition; set in the south island of New Zealand.

Post-apocalypse TP \$32.99

Infinite Stars:

Dark Frontiers

anthology

Schmidt, Brian Thomas (editor)

The definitive collection of explorers and soldiers, charting the dark frontiers of our expanding universe. Amongst the infinite stars we find epic sagas of wars, tales of innermost humanity, and the most powerful of desires – our need to create a better world. The second volume of seminal short science fiction (following *Infinite Stars* (PBK, \$19.99)), featuring 26 new stories from series such as Wayfarers, Confederation, Lost Fleet, Waypoint Kangaroo, Ender, Dream Park, the Polity, and more. Alongside work from tomorrow's legends, revisit works by masters, who helped define the genre: Arthur C Clarke, Jack Campbell, Becky Chambers, Robert Heinlein, George R R Martin, Susan R Matthews, Orson Scott Card, James Blish, E E Doc Smith, Tanya Huff, Curtis C Chen, Seanan McGuire, Sharon Lee and Steve Miller, Larry Niven and Steven Barnes, Gardner Dozois, David Farland, Mike Shepherd, C L Moore, Neal Asher, Weston Ochse, Brenda Cooper, Alan Dean Foster, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Kevin J Anderson, David Weber, and C J Cherryh.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Half Sick of Shadows

Sebastian, Laura

Everyone knows the legend. Of Arthur, destined to be a king. Of the beautiful Guinevere, who will betray him with his most loyal knight, Lancelot. Of the bitter sorceress, Morgana, who will turn against them all. But Elaine alone carries the burden of knowing what is to come – for Elaine of Shalott is cursed to see the future. On the mystical isle of Avalon, Elaine runs free and learns of the ancient prophecies surrounding her and her friends – countless possibilities, almost all of them tragic. When their future comes to claim them, Elaine, Guinevere, Lancelot, and Morgana accompany Arthur to take his throne in stifling Camelot, where magic is outlawed, the rules of society chain them, and enemies are everywhere. Yet the most dangerous threats may come from within their own circle. As visions are fulfilled and an inevitable fate closes in, Elaine must decide how far she will go to

change destiny – and what she is willing to sacrifice along the way. The Lady of Shalott reclaims her story in this bold feminist reimagining of the Arthurian myth.

Arthurian fantasy HC \$55.00

When the Sparrow Falls

Sharpson, Neil

Life in the Caspian Republic has taught Agent Nikolai South two rules. Trust No One. And work, just hard enough not to make enemies. Here, in the last sanctuary for the dying embers of the human race in a world run by artificial intelligence, if you stray from the path – your life is forfeit. But when a Party propagandist is killed – and is discovered as a 'machine' – he's given a new mission: chaperone the widow, Lily, who has arrived to claim her husband's remains. But when South sees that she, the first 'machine' ever allowed into the country, bears an uncanny resemblance to his late wife, he's thrown into a maelstrom of betrayal, murder, and conspiracy that may bring down the Republic, for good.

SF thriller HC \$55.00

Meet Me in Another Life

Silvey, Gatriona

Thora and Santi have met before... Under the clock tower in central Cologne, with nothing but the stars above and their futures ahead. They will meet again... They don't know it yet, but they'll meet again: in numerous lives they will become friends, colleagues, lovers, enemies – meeting over and over for the first time, every time; each coming to know every version of the other. Only, they can make sure it's not for the last time. But as they're endlessly drawn together and the lines between their different lives begin to blur, they are faced with one question: why? They must discover the truth of their strange attachment before this, and all their lives, are lost forever.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

Sorrowland

Solomon, Rivers

Vern – seven months pregnant and desperate to escape the strict religious compound where she was raised – flees for the shelter of the woods. There, she gives birth to twins, and plans to raise them far from the influence of the outside world. But even in the forest, Vern is a hunted woman. Forced to fight back against the community that refuses to let her go, she unleashes incredible brutality far beyond what a person should be capable of, her body wracked by inexplicable and uncanny changes. To understand her metamorphosis and to protect her small family, Vern has to face the past, and more troublingly, the future – outside the woods. Finding the truth will mean uncovering the secrets of the compound she fled but also the violent history in America that produced it.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Wolf Wore Plaid

Highland Wolf 06

Spear, Terry

Heather MacNeil has never backed down from a fight. So, when some shady shifters from a neighbouring enemy clan come looking for trouble, she refuses to feed their satisfaction. There's only one wolf

that makes her go soft... For pack-mate Enrick MacQuarrie, the work as second in command never ends – as the feud ignites, clan security is more vital than ever. But a certain, unpredictable, feisty Highland lass is determined to stand up to the aggressors, and Enrick is equally determined to protect her. The action builds as Heather and Enrick grow closer, but will they be willing to sacrifice their wild friendship for true love?

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

The Empire's Ruin

Ashes of the Unhewn Throne 01

Staveley, Brian

The Annurian Empire is disintegrating. The advantages it used for millennia have fallen to ruin. The ranks of the Kettral have been decimated from within, and the kenta gates, granting instantaneous travel across the vast lands of the empire, can no longer be used. In order to save the empire, one of the surviving Kettral must voyage beyond the edge of the known world through a land that warps and poisons all living things to find the nesting ground of the giant war hawks. Meanwhile, a monk turned con artist may hold the secret to the kenta gates. But time is running out. Deep within the southern reaches of the empire and ancient godlike race has begun to stir. What they discover will change them and the Annurian Empire forever. If they can survive. The first in a new trilogy, based in the world of the Chronicle of the Unhewn Throne.

Epic fantasy HC \$62.95

Robot Artists

and Black Swans:

the Italian Fantascienza Stories (collection)

Sterling, Bruce

(AKA Argento, Bruno)

In the Esoteric City, a Turinese businessman's act of necromancy is catching up with him. The Black Swan, a rogue hacker, programs his way into alternate versions of Italy. A Parthenopean assassin awaits his destiny in the arms of a two-headed noblewoman. Infuriating to both artists and scientists, a robot wheelchair makes uncategoryable creations. Bruno Argento is the acknowledged master of Italian science fiction. Yet, that same popular *fantascienza* author also is known in America – as Bruce Sterling. In *Robot Artists and Black Swans*, we present the first collection of their uniquely visionary Italian-themed fiction, including tales never before published in English.

Speculative fiction HC \$39.99

The Glass Magician

Stevermer, Caroline

New York 1905 – The Vanderbilts.

The Astors. The Morgans. They are the cream of society – and they own the nation on the cusp of a new century. Thalia Cutler doesn't have any of those family connections. What she does know is stage magic, and she dazzles audiences with an act that takes your breath away. That is, until one night when a trick goes horribly awry. In surviving, she discovers that she can shapeshift, and has the potential to take her place among the rich and powerful. But, first, she'll have to learn to control that power... before the real monsters descend, to feast.

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$34.99

Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy July 2021 (continued)

The Bone Shard Daughter

Drowning Empire 01

Stewart, Andrea

The emperor's rule has lasted for decades, his mastery of bone shard magic powering the animal-like constructs that maintain law and order. But, now, his rule is failing, and revolution is sweeping across the Empire's many islands. Lin is the emperor's daughter and spends her days trapped in a palace of locked doors and dark secrets. When her father refuses to recognise her as heir to the throne, she vows to prove her worth, by mastering the art of bone shard magic. Yet, such power carries a great cost, and when the revolution reaches the gates of the palace itself, Lin must decide how far she is willing to go to claim her birthright – and save her people. This first in a series is an unmissable fantasy debut, now in paperback – perfect for fans of R F Kuang and S A Chakraborty.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Book of Dragons

anthology

Strahan, Jonathan

Here be dragons... A unique collection of stories by the greatest fantasy writers working today. Sparking myths and legends from Asia to Europe, Africa to North America – dragons are the most universal and awe inspiring, of magical creatures. Whether they are fearsome, rampaging monsters or benevolent sages with much to teach humanity, dragons bring creation, destruction, and adventure in stories told all around the globe. In this landmark collection, award-winning editor Jonathan Strahan combines nearly thirty never-before-seen short stories and poems, written by modern masters of science fiction and fantasy, and illustrations by acclaimed artist Rovina Cai. Featuring stories from Scott Lynch, R F Kuang, Garth Nix, Ken Liu, Kate Elliott, and many more.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Inhabited Island

Strugatsky, Arkady & Boris

When Maxim Kammerer, a young space explorer from 22nd-century Earth, crash lands on an uncharted world, he thinks of himself as a latter-day Robinson Crusoe. Eager to establish first contact with the planet's humanlike inhabitants, he finds himself increasingly entangled in their primitive way of life. After his experiences in their nightmarish military, criminal justice, and mental health systems, Maxim begins to realise that his sojourn on this radioactive and war-scarred world will not be a walk in the park. *The Inhabited Island* is one of the Strugatsky brothers' most popular and acclaimed novels, yet the only previous English-language edition (*Prisoners of Power*) was based on a version heavily censored by Soviet authorities. Now, in a sparkling new edition by award-winning translator Andrew Bromfield, this landmark novel can be newly appreciated by both long-time Strugatsky fans and new explorers of the Russian science fiction masters' astonishingly rich body of work.

SF Masterworks PBK \$24.99

Another Time, Another Place

Chronicles of St Mary's 12

Taylor, Jodi

'It's time, Max.' And, so, a whole new chapter opens up... It's long been known that if a thing can go wrong, it will. With knobs on, usually. Disasters start to pile up. A new colleague with no respect for the past and a great deal to prove. Historians lost in time. And – worst of all – Rosie Lee on her very first jump. Then, there's the small matter of Max's dishonourable discharge. From Tudor England to the Tower of Babel – it's all going horribly wrong. Jobless and homeless, Max receives an offer she can't refuse. Another time, another place. A refuge, perhaps. She's got that wrong, too. This series following a group of tea-soaked disaster magnets, hurtling their way around History, is great fun – if you haven't tried them, start with *Just One Damned Thing After Another* (PBK, \$22.99).

Time-travelling history PBK \$22.99

The Doors of Eden

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

They thought we were safe. They were wrong. Four years ago, two girls went looking for monsters on Bodmin Moor. Only one came back. Lee thought she'd lost Mal, but now she's miraculously returned. But what happened that day on the moors? And where has she been all this time? Mal's reappearance hasn't gone unnoticed by MI5 officers either, and Lee isn't the only one with questions. Julian Sabreur is investigating an attack on top physicist Kay Amal Khan. This leads Julian to clash with agents of an unknown power – and they may or may not be human. His only clue is grainy footage, showing a woman who supposedly died on Bodmin Moor. Dr Khan's research was theoretical; then she found cracks between our world and parallel Earths. Now these cracks are widening, revealing extraordinary creatures. And as the doors crash open, anything could come through. 'Inventive, funny and engrossing, this book lingers long after you close it' – *Tade Thompson*.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

A Man Lies Dreaming

Tidhar, Lavie

1939. In a grotty corner of London, in a flat above a shop, a private eye – known as Wolf – keeps his office. The city is in the throes of a very British Fascism, and Wolf is far from the life he left behind in Germany, before the Fall. Business hasn't been good, so when a glamorous Jewish heiress comes through his door, he has no choice but to take on her case. It's a decision Wolf will soon regret. For, in another time and place, a man lies dreaming. Once a Yiddish pulp writer, but now imprisoned in a hell of humanity's making, Shomer creates lurid tales of revenge in his sleep... Prescient, darkly funny, and wholly original, the award-winning *A Man Lies Dreaming* is a modern fable for our time. (Leanne loves this novel.) A reissue.

Alternate history PBK \$19.99

All These Warriors

All These Monsters 02

Tintera, Amy

When the world was crumbling, 17-year-old Clara fought back. She escaped her abusive home and joined Team Seven, a monster

fighting squad of runaways and misfits formed to combat the scrabs terrorising the planet. And after nearly dying in Paris, Clara and Team Seven discovered the sinister truth behind the scrab invasion. Scrabs aren't just mindless monsters set on destruction. They're being trained and weaponised by MDG, a private security firm hired by the government. Now, Clara and the rest of Team Seven have made it their mission to expose MDG. But no one said fighting for the truth would be easy. And as Clara and Team Seven find themselves at the centre of a global conspiracy, they must face their biggest threat yet: their own demons. The sequel to *All These Monsters* (PBK, \$26.95) and the conclusion of the duology.

YA science fiction HC \$39.95

Tales from the Perilous Realm

illustrated edition

Tolkien, J R R & Lee, Alan (illustrator)

This is the definitive collection of Tolkien's five acclaimed modern classic 'faerie' tales in the vein of *The Hobbit*, fully corrected and reset for this edition and all beautifully illustrated in pencil by the award-winning artist, Alan Lee. The five tales are written with the same skill, quality and charm that made *The Hobbit* a classic. Largely overlooked because of their short lengths, they are finally together in a volume which reaffirms Tolkien's place as a master storyteller, for readers young and old. *Roverandom* is a toy dog who, enchanted by a sand sorcerer, gets to explore the world and encounter strange and fabulous creatures. *Farmer Giles of Ham* is fat and unheroic, but – having unwittingly managed to scare off a short-sighted giant – is called upon to do battle when a dragon comes to town. *The Adventures of Tom Bombadil* tells in verse of Tom's many adventures with hobbits, princesses, dwarves, and trolls. *Leaf by Niggle* recounts the strange adventures of the painter Niggle, who sets out to paint the perfect tree. *Smith of Wootton Major* journeys to the Land of Faery, thanks to the magical ingredients of the Great Cake of the Feast of Good Children. This new collection is fully illustrated throughout, by Oscar-winning artist, Alan Lee, who provides a wealth of pencil drawings to bring the stories to life as he did so memorably for *The Hobbit* and *The Children of Húrin*. Alan also provides an afterword, in which he opens the door into illustrating Tolkien's world. Taken together, this rich collection of tales will provide the reader with a fascinating journey into lands as wild and strange as Middle-earth.

Tolkien HC \$39.99

Undercover Wolf

STAT 02

Tyler, Paige

Alpha werewolf Harley Grant isn't comfortable with her inner wolf. Even though she's on a STAT Team where she can use her abilities freely, she refuses to do so, putting herself and her team at risk. Alpha werewolf Sawyer Bishop would give anything for his MI6 Team to know about his inner wolf, but his team-mates are mistrustful of anyone with inhuman abilities. When he meets

Harley on an overlapping case and realises she's a wolf, he's more than a little intrigued. Now, STAT and MI6 have to team up to stop a crew of supernatural bad guys intent on causing a nuclear meltdown. Harley can no longer deny her wolf and Sawyer can no longer hide his. As they grow closer to solving the case, and to each other, they discover things aren't what they seem, and revenge could cost them their lives.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

The Sin in the Steel

Fall of the Gods 01

Van Loan, Ryan

Buc: A brilliant former street-rat, not even 18 years old, with a mind that leaps from clues to conclusions in the blink of an eye. Eld: Despite his relative youth, a military veteran with a hidden past, and Buc's partner in crime. No. In crime solving. It's been weeks, since ships last returned to the magnificent island nation of Servenza with bounty from the Shattered Coast, putting the whole Empire at risk of economic collapse. Hired to investigate, Buc and Eld discover that the trade routes have become the domain of a sharp-eyed pirate queen who sinks all who defy her. To fix things, all they have to do is sink the Widowmaker's ship. Unfortunately for Buc, the gods have other plans. Unfortunately, for the gods, so does Buc. The first in a series. 'Van Loan's swashbuckling Watson and Holmes fantasy debut is like a wild ride on a pirate ship.' – *K B Wagers*. We expect the locally-distributed edition (TP, \$32.99) in mid-September.

Sherlockian fantasy TP \$41.95

The Justice in Revenge

Fall of the Gods 02

Van Loan, Ryan

The island nation of Servenza is a land of flint and steel, sail and gearwork, of gods both Dead and sleeping. It is a society where the wealthy few rule the impoverished many. Determined to change that, former street-rat Buc, along with Eld – the ex-soldier who has been her partner in crime solving – have claimed seats on the board of the powerful Kanados Trading Company. Buc plans to destroy the nobility from within – which is much harder than she expected. Stymied by boardroom politics and dodging mages at every turn, Buc and Eld find a potential patron in the Doga, ruler of Servenza. The deal: by the night of the Masquerade, unmask whoever has been attempting to assassinate the Doga, thereby earning her support in the halls of power. Blow the deadline and she'll have them deported to opposite ends of the world. Armed with Eld's razor-sharp sword and Buc's even sharper intellect, the dynamic duo hit the streets just as the shadow religious conflict between the Gods begins to break into open warfare. Those closest to Buc and Eld begin turning up with their throats slit amid rumours that a hidden mastermind is behind everything that's going wrong in Servenza. Facing wrathful gods, hostile nobles, and a secret enemy bent on revenge, Buc and Eld will need every trick in their arsenal to survive. Luckily, extra blades aren't the only things Buc has hidden up her sleeves. The sequel to *The Sin in the Steel* (TP, \$41.95).

Sherlockian fantasy HC \$62.95

Pulp Fiction

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Breeder

van Rijswijk, Honni

Will Meadows is a seemingly average 15-year-old Westie, who lives and works in Zone F, the rundown outermost ring of the Corporation. In the future state of the Corp, a person's value comes down to productivity: the right actions win units, the wrong ones lose them. If Will is unlucky and goes into unit debt, there's only one place to go: the Rator. But for Zone F Breeders, things are much worse – they're born into debt and can only accrue units through reproduction. Every day in Zone F is a struggle, especially for Will who is fighting against time for access to an illegal medical drug, Crystal 8. Under the cover of night, Will travels to the Gray Zone, where life is less regulated and drugs – and people – are exchanged for gold. There, Will meets Rob, a corrupt member of the Corporation running a Breeder smuggling operation. Will also meets Alex, another teen whom he quickly recognises as a Breeder in disguise. Suddenly, Will has an illicit job and money, access to Crystal, and a real friend. As the pair grows closer, Alex shares her secret: she is part of the Response, an uprising to overthrow the Corporation. Caught up in the new friendship, Will and Alex become careless as the two covertly travel into Zone B for a day of adventure. Nothing goes as planned, and Will's greatest fear is realised. Will his true identity be revealed?

YA dystopia HC \$43.95

The Dragon of Jin-Sayeng

Chronicles of the Wolf Queen 03

Villoso, K S

Queen Talyien is finally home, but dangers she never imagined await her in the shadowed halls of her father's castle. War is on the horizon. Her son has been stolen from her, her warlords despise her, and across the sea, a cursed prince threatens her nation with invasion, in order to win her hand. Worse yet, her father's ancient secrets are dangerous enough to bring Jin-Sayeng to ruin. Dark magic tears rifts in the sky, preparing to rain down madness, chaos, and the possibility of setting her nation aflame. Bearing the brunt of the past and uncertain about her future, Talyien will need to decide between fleeing her shadows or embracing them before the whole world becomes an inferno. The conclusion of the Chronicles of the Wolf Queen, which begins with *The Wolf of Oren-yaro* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Savage Bounty

Savage Rebellion 02

Wallace, Matt

They call them Savages. Brutal. Efficient. Expendable. The empire relies on them. The greatest weapon they ever developed. Culled from the streets of their cities, they take the ones no one will miss and throw them, by the thousands, at the empire's enemies. If they live, they fight again. If they die, well, there are always more. The sequel to *Savage Legion* (TP, \$39.95).

Military fantasy TP \$37.95

Subject Twenty-One

Tomorrow's Ancestors 01

Warren, A E

What if our future lies 40,000 years in our past? Elise's world is forever changed, when she is given the opportunity of a lifetime – to work at the Museum of Evolution and be a Companion to the Neanderthal, Subject Twenty-One. As a Sapien, a member of the lowest order of humans, she and others like her are held responsible for the damages inflicted on the world by previous generations. This job may be Elise's only chance to escape a stagnating life in an ostracised and impoverished community. But it doesn't take long for Elise to realise that, away from the familiarity and safety of her home, her own secrets are much harder to conceal. And the longer she stays the more she comes to realise that little separates her from the exhibits... and a cage of her own? *Subject Twenty-One* is a debut, first novel in a series – in which a young woman's refusal to accept the status quo opens her eyes to the lies her society is built on.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

The Hidden Base

Tomorrow's Ancestors 02

Warren, A E

She wants to escape the past. Is she doomed to repeat it? After a perilous escape, Elise and her companions have made it to the safety of the secret fifth base, Uracil, but her family is still in danger. Desperate to secure them passage and a safe place to live, she makes a deal with the leaders of Uracil – she'll become their spy, jeopardising her own freedom in the process. But, first, she has to help rescue the next Neanderthal, Subject Twenty-Two. Twenty-Two has never left the confines of the steel walls that keep her separated from the other exhibits. She has no contact with the outside world and no way of knowing why she has been abandoned. With diminishing deliveries of food and water, she has to start breaking the museum's rules, if she wants a second chance at living. One belongs to the future and the other to the past, but both will need to adapt – or neither will survive... The sequel to *Subject Twenty-One* (PBK, \$19.99).

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

The Hidden Palace

Golem and the Jinni 02

Wecker, Helene

Chava is a golem, a woman made of clay, who can hear the thoughts and longings of those around her and feels compelled by her nature to help them. Ahmad is a jinni, a restless creature of fire, once free to roam the desert but now imprisoned in the shape of a man. Fearing they'll be exposed as monsters, these magical beings hide their true selves and try to pass as human – just two more immigrants in the bustling world of 1900s Manhattan. Brought together under calamitous circumstances, their lives are now entwined – but they're not yet certain of what they mean to each other. Both Chava and Ahmad have changed the lives of the people around them. Park Avenue heiress Sophia Winston, whose brief encounter with Ahmad left her with a strange illness that makes her shiver with cold, travels to the Middle East to seek

a cure. There she meets Dima, a tempestuous female jinni who's been banished from her tribe. Back in New York, in a tenement on the Lower East Side, a little girl named Kreindel helps her rabbi father build a golem – they name Yossele – not knowing that she's about to be sent to an orphanage uptown; where the hulking Yossele will become her only friend and protector. Can Chava and Ahmad find their places in the human world, while remaining true to each other? Or will their opposing natures and desires eventually tear them apart – especially once they encounter, thrillingly, other beings like themselves? The long-awaited sequel to the Best Fantasy Novel of 2013, *The Golem and the Jinni* (PBK, \$17.99). Recommended!

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$32.99

Network Effect

Murderbot Diaries 05

Wells, Martha

You know that feeling when you're at work, and you've had enough of people, and then the boss walks in with yet another job that needs to be done right this second or the world will end, but all you want to do is go home and binge your favourite shows? And you're a sentient murder machine, programmed for destruction... Come for the *pew-pew* space battles, stay for the most relatable AI you'll read, this century. *I'm usually alone in my head, and that's where 90+ percent of my problems are.* When Murderbot's human associates (not friends, never friends) are captured and another not-friend from its past requires urgent assistance, Murderbot must choose between inertia and drastic action. Drastic action, it is, then. The first full-length novel in Martha Wells' bestselling Murderbot Diaries series. 'I caught myself rereading my favourite parts... and I can't recommend it enough.' – *New York Times*. Winner of the 2021 Nebula Award! Congratulations, Martha! Love, love, love it! Cannot recommend highly enough! (If you want one, but we don't have any in the shop – please, do order one, to stake your claim on the stock we will receive!) If you haven't read Wells' preceding novellas – then start with *All Systems Red* (HC, \$29.99).

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Fugitive Telemetry

Murderbot Diaries 06

Wells, Martha

No, I didn't kill the dead human. If I had, I wouldn't dump the body in the station mall. When Murderbot discovers a dead body on Preservation Station, it knows it is going to have to assist station security to determine who the body is (was), how they were killed (that should be relatively straightforward, at least), and why (because, apparently, that matters to a lot of people – who knew?) Yes, the unthinkable is about to happen: Murderbot must voluntarily speak to humans! *Again!* This sixth entry into the series is a standalone novella, set before *Artificial Protocol* (HC, \$29.99). Love, love, love it! Cannot recommend highly enough! (If you want one, but we don't have any in the shop – please, do order one, to stake your claim on the stock we will receive!) If you haven't read the preceding books in Wells' fab series – then start with *All Systems Red* (HC, \$29.99).

Science fiction novella HC \$39.99

The Book of Accidents

Wendig, Chuck

Long ago, Nathan lived in a house in the country with his abusive father – and has never told his family what happened there. Long ago, Maddie was a little girl making dolls in her bedroom when she saw something she shouldn't have – and is trying to remember that lost trauma, by making haunting sculptures. Long ago, something sinister, something hungry, walked in the tunnels and the mountains and the coal mines of their hometown in rural Pennsylvania. Now, Nate and Maddie Graves are married, and they have moved back to their hometown with their son, Oliver. And, now, what happened long ago is happening again... and it is happening to Oliver. He meets a strange boy who becomes his best friend, a boy with secrets of his own and a taste for dark magic. This dark magic puts them at the heart of a battle of good versus evil and a fight for the soul of the family – and, perhaps, for all of the world. But the Graves family has a secret weapon in this battle: their love for one another.

Dark fantasy TP \$32.99

Repo Virtual

White, Corey J

The city of Neo Songdo is a Russian doll of realities – augmented and virtual spaces anchored in the weight of the real. The smart city is designed to be read by machine vision while people see only the augmented facade of the corporate ideal. At night, the stars are obscured by an intergalactic virtual war being waged by millions of players, while on the streets below people are forced to beg, steal, and hustle to survive. Enter Julius Dax, online repoman and real-life thief. He's been hired for a special job: stealing an unknown object from a reclusive tech billionaire. But when he finds out he's stolen the first sentient AI, his payday gets a lot more complicated. It's no secret that we love Corey's Voidwitch Saga; and we're very excited about his debut full-length novel – now in trade paperback. Recommended!

Cyberpunk heist TP \$32.99

For the Wolf

Wilderwood 01

Whitten, Hannah

The first daughter is for the throne. The second daughter is for the Wolf. As the only Second Daughter born in centuries, Red has one purpose – to be sacrificed to the Wolf in the Wood in order to save her kingdom. Red is almost relieved to go. Plagued by a dangerous power she can't control, at least she knows that in the Wilderwood, she can't hurt those she loves. Again. But the legends lie. The Wolf is a man, not a monster. Her magic is a calling, not a curse. And if she doesn't learn how to use it, the Wilderwood – and her world – will be lost forever. A debut novel, perfect for fans of Naomi Novik and Katherine Arden.

Dark fantasy PBK \$22.99

Pulp Fiction

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Double Threat
Wilson, F Paul

Daley has a problem. Her 26-year life so far has been unconventional, to say the least, but now she's got this voice in her head. It claims to be a separate entity that's going to be sharing her body, from now on. At first, she thinks she's schizophrenic, then considers the possibility that maybe she really has been invaded – but by what? Medical tests turn up nothing, yet the voice persists... and won't

stop talking! When she finally she accepts the reality that she has a symbiont, she discovers that together they can cure people of the incurable. Maybe, hosting a symbiont isn't such a bad thing. She retreats to a remote town in the southwest desert to hone her healing skills. But there she runs afoul of the Pendry clan, leaders of an obscure cult that worships the Visitors who inhabited the area millions of years ago. They plan to bring them back but believe Daley is the prophesied 'Dwad' who will undo all the cult's efforts.

She must be eliminated. You know things are bad, when the voice in your head is the only one you can trust.

Supernatural thriller HC \$55.00

The Fires of Vengeance

Burning 02

Winter, Evan

Desperate to delay an impending attack, by the indigenous people of Xidda, Tau and his queen craft a dangerous plan. If Tau

succeeds, the queen will have the time she needs to assemble her forces and launch an all-out assault on her own capital city, where her sister is being propped up as the 'true' Queen of the Omehi. If the city can be taken, if Tsiora can reclaim her throne and reunite her people, then the Omehi might have a chance to survive the coming onslaught. The follow-up to Winter's popular debut *The Rage of Dragons* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99