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## Science Fiction & Fantasy Catalogue

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Charles Stross  
Adrian Tchaikovsky  
David Weber  
& Richard Fox  
T A Willberg  
... and many others.

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Ron and Leanne

Abbreviations used in this catalogue:

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

### Body Work

Rivers of London graphic novel 01 (deluxe writers' edition)

**Aaronovitch, Ben; Cartmel, Andrew & Sullivan, Lee (illustrator)**

Grant is part of a very special London police unit. Full-time cop and part time wizard he works on rather unusual crimes – those that involve magic and the general weirdness that permeates London's dark underbelly. His latest case begins with a perfectly innocent car on a homicidal killing spree – without a driver. But, before you know it, there's a Bosnian refugee, the Most Haunted Car in England, a bunch of teenagers loaded on Ketamine and seemingly-harmless wooden bench with the darkest of pasts...

A hardcover, deluxe edition.  
Urban fantasy (reissue) HC \$49.99

### The Witness for the Dead Addison, Katherine

When the young half-goblin emperor Maia sought to learn who had set the bombs that killed his father and half-brothers, he turned to an obscure resident of his father's Court, a Prelate of Ullis and a Witness for the Dead. Thara Celehar found the truth, though it did him no good to discover it. He lost his place as a retainer of his cousin the former Empress, and made far too many enemies among the many factions vying for power in the new Court. The favour of the Emperor is a dangerous coin. Now, Celehar lives in the city of Amalo, far from the Court though not exactly in exile. He has not escaped from politics, but his position gives him the ability to serve the common people of the city, which is his preference. He lives modestly, but his decency and fundamental honesty will not permit him to live quietly. As a Witness for the Dead, he can, sometimes, speak to the recently dead: see the last thing they saw, know the last thought they had, experience the last thing they felt. It is his duty use that ability to resolve disputes, to ascertain the intent of the dead, to find the killers of the murdered. Celehar's skills now lead him out of the quiet and into a morass of treachery, murder, and injustice. No matter his own background with the imperial house, Celehar will stand with the commoners, and possibly find a light in the darkness. Katherine Addison returns to the glittering world she created for her beloved novel (and one of Ron's great faves), *The Goblin Emperor* (TP, \$29.99), in this standalone sequel.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

### Super-State Aldiss, Brian

Forty years has passed, 'Europe' now refers to vast swathes of the Earth: a unified super-state that has just enacted a successful space mission, landing people on Jupiter's Moon and spurring the people at home to

look at their lives and what they've made of the world. Global warming ravages the planet, where shrunken coasts endure huge tidal attacks while inland ideological wars continue. Technology has advanced to the point where androids assist with menial work – but are conscious enough to be baffled by humanity's weaknesses. So much is different, but very little has changed. Told through a network of relatives, lovers, friends, a president (and those sent to assassinate him), *Super-State* looks to the future while exploring the most timeless human challenges with huge wit and precision. A satire skewering best intentions and cynicism alike, written at the start of the new millennium by the master of British science fiction. A new edition of a modern classic.

Satirical SF (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### And the Lurid Glare of the Comet

essay collection

**Aldiss, Brian**

A collection of thought-provoking essays and revelations (seven essays, one speech and an extended autobiography) by Brian Aldiss, the master of British science fiction. Science fiction is everywhere. Every day fantasy is made fact by new technologies, advancements in science and by connection and communication. Imaginings of the future allow us to reshape our understanding of all that we experience – and through classic science fiction we are better able to understand the hopes and ambitions of the past. With precision and humour, Aldiss uses science fiction as a lens with which to examine some of his favourite authors and their work, the role of art and literature – and to look globally at nationhood and culture. With humility and rare insight Aldiss also turns the lens on himself and the experiences which informed his long career in the genre. A reissue.

Science fiction reference (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### A Wolf in Duke's Clothing

Shapeshifters of the Beau Monde 01

**Allen, Susanna**

Alfred Blakesley, Duke of Lowell, has long been an enigma. No one dares to give a man of his status the cut direct, but there's simply something not quite right about him. What would the society ladies say if they learned the truth – that the Duke of Lowell is a wolf shifter and the leader of a pack facing extinction if he doesn't find his true love? So, now, he's on the hunt... for a wife. Felicity Templeton has a goal of her own: to remain unwed until her twenty-fifth birthday, when she will inherit a significant fortune. But that all changes when she meets Alfred, the dashing duke who's determined to have her for his very own... The first in a series.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

### Jack Four Asher, Neal

Created to die – determined to live... Jack Four – one of twenty human clones – has been created to be sold. His purchasers are the alien prador and they only want him for their experimentation program. But there is something different about Jack. No clone should possess the knowledge that's been loaded into his mind. And no normal citizen of humanity's Polity worlds would have this information. The prador's king has been mutated by the Spatterjay virus into a creature even more monstrous than the prador themselves. And his children, the King's Guard, have undergone similar changes. They were infected by the virus during the last humans-versus-prador war, now lapsed into an uneasy truce. But the prador are always looking for new weapons – and their experimentation program might give them the edge they seek. Suzel trades human slaves out of the Stratogaster Space Station, re-engineering them to serve the prador. She thinks the rewards are worth the risks, but all that is about to change. The Station was once a zoo, containing monsters from across known space. All the monsters now dwell on the planet below, but they aren't as contained as they seem. And a vengeful clone may be the worst danger of all. This high-octane adventure is set in the Polity universe. It's a thrilling, fast-paced standalone novel, perfect for fans of Alastair Reynolds and Stephen Baxter.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### How to Talk to a Goddess and Other Lessons in Real Magic

Thinking Woman's Guide to Real Magic 02

**Barker, Emily Croy**

Nora knows she needs to move on and forget about magic. She's back in graduate school, and her life is going surprisingly well. She doesn't need to think about other worlds, about enchantments and demons, or about magicians – even though she once aspired to become one herself. Most of all, she really should forget the magician Aruendiel, who shared the secrets of magic with her but fiercely guarded the deepest secrets of his heart. Then, a chance encounter gives Nora the opportunity to slip between worlds, again – and the next phase of her magical education begins. A long-awaited sequel to the wonderful *The Thinking Woman's Guide to Real Magic* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.95

### Creator

World Engines 02

**Baxter, Stephen**

Trapped on an alternate Earth, the combined crews of a crashed Russian spaceship, a British expeditionary force, and a group of strays from the future must work together

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to survive, escape, and discover what led them to this point. All are from parallel universes where small changes in history led to different realities, and the tensions between the groups are rising. But some changes were not small. The solar system has been altered, changed, shaped in the various realities, and the World Engineers – unspeakably powerful, completely unknown – are still active. Why have they populated this planet with humanity’s ancestors and dinosaurs? What is on the moon of Saturn that gives off such an odd light? And even if they can be found, can they be stopped – and should they be? Malenfant, Deidra and the rest of their party must find a way off the planet, back into space, and into the many dimensions seeking the answer... The World Engineers’ story begins with *Destroyer* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### The Unwilling

**Braffet, Kelly**

A penetrating tale of magic, faith, and pride... The story of Judah, a founding born with a special gift and raised inside Highfall castle along with Gavin, the son and heir to Lord Elban’s vast empire. Judah and Gavin share an unnatural bond that is both the key to her survival... and possibly her undoing. As Gavin is groomed for his future role, Judah comes to realise that she has no real position within the kingdom, in fact, no hope at all of ever travelling beyond its castle walls. Elban – a lord as mighty as he is cruel – has his own plans for her, for all of them. She is a mere pawn to him, and he will stop at nothing to get what he wants. But outside the walls, in the starving, desperate city, a magus, a healer with his own secret power unlike anything Highfall has seen in years, is newly arrived from the provinces. He, too, has plans for the empire, and at the heart of those plans lies Judah... The girl who started life with no name and no history will soon uncover more to her story than she ever imagined. ‘Fantasy at its most sublime.’ – *Erin Morgenstern*. Now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Between Burning Worlds

System Divine 02

**Brody, Jessica & Rendell, Joanne**

Laterre is on the brink of war. The Third Estate are rioting against the injustices of a corrupt system. The Patriarche, reeling from the murder of his only heir, makes brutal attempts to quash the unrest, while a new militant faction launches a series of deadly attacks. And three outlaws find themselves pulled into the fray... Marcellus is now a traitor to his planet, willing to do anything to stop his grandfather from seizing control of Laterre, even if it means joining the Vanguard, a rebel group back from the dead. Chatine is a prisoner on Bastille. Desperate to survive the harsh conditions of the moon, she becomes embroiled in the Vanguard’s dangerous attempt to free their infamous leader. Alouette is a fugitive who has been lied to her entire life. Searching for the truth about her mysterious past, she soon finds herself hunted by the Regime, for reasons she’s only beginning to understand. But when Laterre is threatened by the emergence of a deadly new weapon, these three renegades must risk everything, travelling to the far

reaches of the System Divine and into the white-hot centre of a planet ready to ignite. The sequel to *Sky Without Stars* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA science fiction PBK \$19.99

### King of the Rising

Islands of Blood and Storm 02

**Callender, Kacen**

A revolution has swept through the islands of Hans Lollik and former slave Loren Jannik has been chosen to lead the survivors in a bid to free the islands forever. But the rebels are running out of food, weapons and options. And as the Fjern inch closer to reclaiming Hans Lollik with every battle, Loren is faced with a choice that could shift the course of the revolution in their favour – or doom it to failure. This series begins with *Queen of the Conquered* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Physicians of Vilnoc

Penric & Desdemona novella 08

**Bujold, Lois McMaster**

When a mysterious plague breaks out in the army fort guarding Vilnoc, the port capital of the duchy of Orbas, Temple sorcerer Penric and his demon Desdemona are called upon by General Arisaydia to resurrect Penric’s medical skills and solve its lethal riddle. In the grueling days that follow, Pen will find that even his magic is not enough to meet the challenges without help from dedicated new colleagues – and the god of mischance. *The Physicians of Vilnoc* follows about a year after the events of *The Orphans of Raspay* (HC, \$55.00). We presently expect to have stock in the first week of August. Please reserve your copy by the end of July, as it is a pricey, limited edition from Subterranean Press, and may go out of print on release!

Fantasy HC \$62.95

### Boundless

Lost Fleet: Outlands 01

**Campbell, Jack**

Geary believed in the Alliance. Even when he uncovered overwhelming evidence that the highest echelons of the government and fleet command were involved in secret programs and prison camps, he believed it was worth saving. And that his duty was to see that justice was served even though some factions feared that revealing the truth would cause the Alliance to crumble. But after narrowly surviving two assassination attempts when he brings evidence of the misdeeds to the capital star system, Geary realises that some have decided the easiest way to make the Alliance’s problems go away is to get rid of him. He finds himself ordered to undertake a perilous new mission outside of the reaches of human-occupied space while the Senate clashes over the evidence. Geary’s warships must escort a diplomatic and scientific mission across the dangerous, disintegrating remnants of the Syndicate Worlds empire. But even if he can make it to Midway Star System, the gateway to alien-controlled space, Geary will face former Syndicate officials who have rebelled and regard the Alliance with deep suspicion. And that will be the easy part... The first in a new series set in the Lost Fleet universe.

Space opera HC \$57.95

### Widowland

**Garey, C J**

*To control the past, they edited history. To control the future, they edited literature.*

London, 1953. Coronation year – but not the Coronation of Elizabeth II. Thirteen years have passed since a Grand Alliance between Great Britain and Germany was formalised. George VI and his family have been murdered and Edward VIII rules as King. Yet, in practice, all power is vested in Alfred Rosenberg, Britain’s Protector. The role and status of women is Rosenberg’s particular interest. Rose Ransom belongs to the elite caste of women and works at the Ministry of Culture, rewriting literature to correct the views of the past. But now she has been given a special task. Outbreaks of insurgency have been seen across the country; graffiti daubed on public buildings. Disturbingly, the graffiti is made up of lines from forbidden works, subversive words from the voices of women. Suspicion has fallen on Widowland, the rundown slums where childless women over fifty have been banished. These women are known to be mutinous, for they have nothing to lose. Before the Leader arrives for the Coronation ceremony of King Edward and Queen Wallis, Rose must infiltrate Widowland – to find the source of this rebellion and ensure that it is quashed. An alternative history with a strong feminist twist, perfect for fans of Robert Harris’ *Fatherland* and the dystopian novels of Margaret Atwood.

Alternate history TP \$32.99

### Frontier

**Ghiles, Patrick**

Marshall Hunter only wanted to fly: the faster, the higher, the better. But the Space Force has other plans that will take its newest officer beyond anything he imagined. Assigned to the cislunar cruiser USS *Borman* as a search-and-rescue officer, Ensign Hunter is resigned to a life of rescuing wayward spacefarers and derelict satellites. The novelty of Earth orbit soon wears off after a series of arduous spacewalks, confirming his suspicion that the new space economy has attracted too many people with more money than sense. His fortunes appear to change when a billionaire couple goes missing on their way to survey a near-Earth asteroid. Out of contact and on a course that will eventually send them crashing into Mars, the nuclear-powered *Borman* is dispatched on an audacious, high-speed interplanetary run to find the couple’s wayward spacecraft and bring them home. As they approach the asteroid, the *Borman* itself becomes hopelessly disabled, its only chance of rescue coming from a surprising source. With the *Borman* suddenly out of commission and far beyond reach, cislunar space begins falling into chaos as critical satellites fail and valuable lunar mineral shipments begin disappearing in transit. Nothing is as it seems, and the crew suspects none of it is by coincidence. Facing an impossible choice between salvation and sacrifice, Marshall Hunter will have to find a way to save both his crewmates and their civilian charges.

Military SF TP \$35.95

### The Whispering Dead

Gravekeeper 01

**Coates, Darcy**

Homeless, hunted, and desperate to escape a bitter storm, Keira takes refuge in an abandoned groundskeeper’s cottage. Her new home is tucked away at the edge of a cemetery; surrounded, on all sides, by gravestones: some recent, some hundreds of years old, all suffering from neglect. And in the darkness, she can hear the unquiet dead whispering. The cemetery is alive with faint, spectral shapes, led by a woman who died before her time... and Keira, the only person who can see her, has become her new target. Determined to help put the ghost to rest, Keira digs into the spirit’s past life with the help of unlikely new friends, and discovers a history of deception, ill-fated love, and murder. But the past is not as simple as it seems, and Keira’s time is running out. Tangled in a dangerous web, she has to find a way to free the spirit... even if it means offering her own life in return. The first in a new series.

Horror TP \$22.99

### The Nightborn

Stormbringer 02

**Gooper, 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 Varengir, 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

### Court of Lions

Mirage 02

**Daud, Somaiya**

After being swept up into the brutal Vathek court, Amani, the ordinary girl forced to serve as the half-Vathek princess’ body double, has been forced into complete isolation. The cruel but complex princess, Maram, with whom Amani had cultivated a tenuous friendship, discovered Amani’s connection to the rebellion and has forced her into silence, and if Amani crosses Maram once more, her identity – and her betrayal – will be revealed to everyone in the court. Amani is desperate to continue helping the rebellion, to fight for her people’s freedom. But she must make a devastating decision: will she step aside, and watch her people suffer, or continue to aid them, and put herself and her family in mortal danger? And whatever she chooses, can she bear to remain separated, forever, from Maram’s fiancé, Idris? The sequel to *Mirage* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

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### Juniper Wiles de Lint, Charles

Juniper Wiles once starred as a plucky teen detective in the popular TV show, *Nora Constantine*. When the series ended seven years ago, Juniper made a decision to leave LA and return home to Newford – where she joined friends at the artists' collective, Bramleyhaugh, the centre of which is her pal, beloved faerie artist Jilly Coppercorn. Now, out of the blue, the fictional world of Nora Constantine is bleeding into Newford, starting with the inexplicable murder of a young man. Juniper may have wanted to leave her role as a detective behind, but when she's accosted by the ghost of that young man everything changes. To solve this crime will require all the skills she learned, training for Nora Constantine. And the effervescent Jilly, always up for a new adventure, is ready to come along for the ride.

Fantasy TP \$36.95

### Attack Surface Doctorow, Cory

Most days, Masha Maximow was sure she'd chosen the winning side. In her day job as a counterterrorism wizard, for a transnational cybersecurity firm, she made the hacks that allowed repressive regimes to spy on dissidents, and manipulate their every move. The perks were fantastic, and the pay was obscene. Just for fun, and to piss off her masters, Masha sometimes used her mad skills to help those same troublemakers evade detection, if their cause was just. It was a dangerous game and a hell of a rush. But seriously self-destructive. And unsustainable. When her targets were strangers in faraway police states, it was easy to compartmentalise, to ignore the collateral damage of murder, rape, and torture. But when it hits close to home, and the hacks and exploits she's devised are directed at her friends and family – including boy wonder Marcus Yellow, her old crush and archrival, and his entourage of naive idealists – Masha realises she has to choose. And whatever choice she makes, someone is going to get hurt.

Cyberpunk PBK \$19.99

### The Parasite and Other Tales of Terror

Haunted Library of Horror Classics  
**Doyle, Arthur Conan**  
Presented by the Horror Writers Association, this collection of classic short stories was written by iconic author – and creator of Sherlock Holmes – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Classic stories of horror and terror include: 'The Parasite', 'The Mystery of Sasassa Valley', 'J Habakuk Jephson's Statement', 'The Captain of the *Pole-Star*', 'The Great Keinplatz Experiment', 'The Ring of Thoth', 'The Bully of Brocas Court', 'Selecting a Ghost and', and 'How it Happened'.

Classic horror TP \$27.99

### Ruthless Gods

Something Dark & Holy 02

#### Duncan, Emily A

A Gothic, icy world where shadows whisper, and no one is who they seem... Nadya doesn't trust her magic anymore. Serefin is fighting off a voice in his head that doesn't belong to him. Malachiasz is at war with

who – and what – he's become. As their group is continually torn apart, the girl, the prince, and the monster find their fates irrevocably intertwined. Their paths are being orchestrated by someone... or something. The voices that Serefin hears in the darkness, the ones that Nadya believes are her gods, the ones that Malachiasz is desperate to meet – those voices want a stake in the world, and they refuse to stay quiet, any longer. The sequel to *Wicked Saints* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Blessed Monsters

Something Dark & Holy 03

#### Duncan, Emily A

The girl, the monster, the prince, the queen. They broke the world. And some things can never be undone. They must unite, once more, to fight the dark chaos they've unleashed – but is it already too late? The thrilling conclusion to the Something Dark and Holy trilogy, which begins with *Wicked Saints* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy TP \$21.99

### The Bone Maker

#### Durst, Sarah Beth

Twenty-five years ago, five heroes risked their lives to defeat the bone maker Eklor – a corrupt magician who created an inhuman army using animal bones. But victory came at a tragic price. Only four of the heroes survived. Since then, Kreya, the group's leader, has exiled herself to a remote tower and devoted herself to one purpose: resurrecting her dead husband. But such a task requires both a cache of human bones and a sacrifice – for each day he lives, she will live one less. She'd rather live one year with her husband than a hundred without him, but using human bones for magic is illegal in Vos. The dead are burned – as are any bone workers who violate the law. Yet, Kreya knows where she can find the bones she needs: the battlefield where her husband and countless others lost their lives. But defying the laws of the land exposes a terrible possibility. Maybe, the dead don't rest in peace, after all. Five warriors – one broken, one gone soft, one pursuing a simple life, one stuck in the past, and one who should be dead. Their story should have been finished. But evil doesn't stop, just because someone once said, 'the end'.

Grimdark fantasy TP \$29.99

### How to Mars

#### Ebenbach, David

What happens when your dream mission to Mars is a reality television nightmare? For the six lucky scientists selected by the Destination Mars! corporation, a one-way ticket to Mars – in exchange for a lifetime of research – was an absolute no brainer. The incredible opportunity was clearly worth even the most absurdly tedious screening process. Perhaps, worth following the strange protocols in a nonsensical handbook written by an eccentric billionaire. Possibly, even worth their constant surveillance, the video of which is carefully edited into a ratings bonanza, back on Earth. But it turns out that after a while even scientists can get bored of science. Tempers begin to fray; unsanctioned affairs blossom. When perfectly good

equipment begins to fail, the Marsonauts are faced with a possibility that their training just cannot explain. This debut, science-fiction romp with heart follows the tradition of Ray Bradbury's *Martian Chronicles*, with a dash of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, and a hint of *Mythbusters*.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

### The Best of Greg Egan

collection

#### Egan, Greg

Twenty of the very best stories and novellas from the award-winning master storyteller and rigorous, exploratory thinker, Greg Egan. Greg Egan is arguably Australia's greatest living science fiction writer. In a career spanning more than thirty years, he has produced a steady stream of novels and stories that address a wide range of scientific and philosophical concerns: artificial intelligence, higher mathematics, science versus religion, the nature of consciousness, and the impact of technology on the human personality. All these ideas and more find their way into this generous and illuminating collection, the clear product of a man who is both a master storyteller and a rigorous, exploratory thinker. *The Best of Greg Egan* contains twenty stories and novellas arranged in chronological order, and each of them is a brilliantly conceived, painstakingly developed gem, including the Hugo Award-winning novella *Oceanic*, a powerful account of a boy whose deeply-held religious beliefs are undermined by what he comes to learn about the laws of the physical world. This book really does represent the best of Greg Egan, and it therefore takes its place among the best of contemporary SF. Startling, intelligent and always hugely entertaining, it provides an ideal introduction to one of the most accomplished and original writers working today. This is an important and provocative collection, and it deserves a place on the serious science fiction reader's permanent shelf.

SF Masterworks PBK \$24.99

### The Cottingley Cuckoo

#### Elwood, A J

Captivated by books and stories, Rose dreams of a more fulfilled life, away from the confines of the Sunnyside Care Home where she works to support herself and her boyfriend. She hopes the situation will be short term. Charlotte Favell, an elderly resident, takes a strange, sinister interest in Rose, but offers an unexpected glimpse of enchantment. She has a mysterious and aged stack of letters about the Cottingley Fairies, the photographs made famous by Arthur Conan Doyle, but later dismissed as a hoax. The author of the letters insists he has proof that the fairies exist; Rose is eager to learn more, but Charlotte only allows her to read on when she sees fit. Discovering she is unexpectedly pregnant, Rose feels another door to the future has slammed. The letters' content grows more menacing, inexplicable events begin to occur inside her home, and Rose begins to entertain dark thoughts about her baby and its origins. Can this simply be depression? Or is something darker taking root?

Gothic fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Queen of Storms

Firemane Saga 02

#### Feist, Raymond E

Hatushaly and his young wife Hava have arrived in the prosperous trading town of Beran's Hill to restore and reopen the fire-damaged Inn of the Three Stars. They are also preparing for the popular midsummer festival, where their friends Declan and Gwen will be wed. But Hatu and Hava are not the ordinary loving couple they appear to be. They are assassins from the mysterious island of Coaltachin, home to the powerful and lethal Nocusara, the fearsome 'Hidden Warriors'. Posing as innkeepers, they are awaiting instructions from their masters in the Kingdom of Night. Hatu conceals an even more dangerous secret. He is the last remaining member of the legendary Firemanes, the ruling family of Ithrace. Known as the Kingdom of Flames, Ithrace was one of the five greatest realms of Tembria, ruled by Hatu's father, Stervern Langene, until he and his people were betrayed. His heir, Hatu – then a baby – was hidden among the Nocusara, who raised him to become a deadly spy. Hatu works hard to hide his true identity, from all who would seek to use or to destroy him – as fate has other plans for the noble warrior. Unexpected calamity forces him to make choices he could not have dreamed awaited him. A series of horrific events shatters the peace of Beran's Hill, bringing death and devastation and unleashing monstrous forces. Once more, the Greater Realms of Tembria are threatened – and nothing will ever be the same again. Feist's newest series (which is non-Riftwar) begins with *King of Ashes* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Tempus Fury

Time Shards 03

#### Fredsti, Dana

#### & Fitzgerald, David

When time shatters, the survivors must fight their way to the ends of the Earth before it's too late. They call it 'the Event' – an unimaginable cataclysm that renders 600 million years of the world's timeline into jumbled fragments. Our Earth is gone, instantly replaced by a new one made of fractured remnants of the past, present, and future. All exist alongside one another in a nightmare patchwork of 'time shards' – some hundreds of miles long, and others no more than a few feet across. With surprising help from throughout history, an American girl and her companions first must save ancient Alexandria, the last bastion of civilisation, from a panzer tank invasion. Then they will face the ultimate challenge at the end of the world... the shatterfield. Crossing it sends them on a final quest spanning time, space, and dimensions. Only then will they learn if their mission will save their world – or destroy it. This series begins with *Time Shards* (PBK, \$19.99).

Time travel PBK \$19.99

### The Ice Lion

Rewilding Reports 01

#### Gear, Kathleen O'Neal

One thousand years in the future, the zyme, a thick blanket of luminous green slime, covers the oceans. Glaciers, three miles' high,

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rise over the continents. The old stories say that when the Jemen, godlike beings from the past, realised their efforts to halt global warming had gone terribly wrong, they made a desperate gamble to save life on earth and recreated species that had survived the worst of the earth's Ice Ages. Sixteen-summer-old Lynx and his best friend Quiller are members of the Sealion People – archaic humans known as Denisovans. They live in a world growing colder, a world filled with monstrous predators that hunt them for food. When they flee to a new land, they meet a strange old man who impossibly seems to be the last of the Jemen. He tells Lynx the only way he can save his world is by sacrificing himself to the last true god, a quantum computer named Quancee. The first in a new series.

Cli-fi/Post-apocalypse HC \$55.00

### Adrift

Donovan 05

#### Gear, W Michael

The Maritime Unit had landed in paradise. After a terrifying ten-year transit from Solar System aboard the Ashanti, the small band of oceanographers and marine scientists were finally settled. Perched on a reef five hundred kilometres out from shore, they were about to embark on the first exploration of Donovan's seas. For the twenty-two adults and nine children, everything is new, exciting, and filled with wonder as they discover dazzling sea creatures, stunning plant life, and fascinating organisms. But Donovan is never what it seems; the changes in the children were innocuous – oddities of behaviour normal to kids who'd found themselves in a new world. Even then it was too late. An alien intelligence, with its own agenda, now possesses the children, and it will use them in a most insidious way: as the perfect weapons. How can you fight back when the enemy is smarter than you are, and wears the face of your own child? Welcome to Donovan. The Donovan series begins with *Outpost* (PBK, \$26.95).

Space opera HC \$57.95

### The High House Greengrass, Jessie

Crisis slid from distant threat to imminent probability, and we tuned it out like static. Francesca is Caro's stepmother, and Pauly's mother. A scientist, she can see what is going to happen. The high house was once her holiday home; now looked after by locals Grandy and Sally, she has turned it into an ark, for when the time comes. The mill powers the generator; the orchard is carefully pruned; the greenhouse has all its glass intact. Almost a family, but not quite, they plant, store seed, and watch the weather carefully. How do we get used to change that once seemed unthinkable; how do we place the needs of our families, against the needs of others; and who, if we had to, would we save?

Science fiction TP \$27.99

### The Magician's Land

Magicians 03

#### Grossman, Lev

Quentin Coldwater has lost everything. He has been cast out of the secret magical land of Fillory; and, now, friendless and broke, he returns to where his story began: Brakebills Preparatory College of Magic.

But Quentin's past soon catches up with him... Meanwhile, Fillory's magical barriers are failing, and barbarians from the north have invaded. To save their beloved world from extinction, Eliot and Janet, High King and Queen of Fillory, must embark on a final, dangerous quest. Quentin's adventure takes him from Antarctica to the enchanted Netherlands – where he finds old friends. But all roads lead back to Fillory, where Quentin must put things right, or die trying. A reissue of the final book in Lev Grossman's *Magicians* trilogy.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Star Eater Hall, Kerstin

*All martyrdoms are difficult.* Elfreda Raughn will avoid pregnancy if it kills her, and one way or another, it will kill her. Though, she's able to stomach her gruesome day-to-day duties, the reality of preserving the Sisterhood of Aytrium's magical bloodline horrifies her. She wants out, whatever the cost. So, when a shadowy faction approaches Elfreda with an offer of escape, she leaps at the opportunity. As their spy, she gains access to the highest reaches of the Sisterhood, and enters a glittering world of opulent parties, subtle deceptions, and unexpected bloodshed. A phantasmagorical indictment of hereditary power, set in a perilous and uncanny world, where even the most powerful women are forced to choose what sacrifices they will make... so, that they might have any choice, at all. We expect this to be available (HC, \$45.99) through a local distributor in September.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

### Rafael

Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter 28

#### Hamilton, Laurell K

*My name is Anita Blake. I'm a US Marshal for the Preternatural Branch, and I always have my friend's back. Even when they ask me to risk everything...* Rafael, king of the wererats, is facing a challenge to his crown. He wants me, one of his closest allies, to help him take down a dangerous opponent unlike any he's fought before. A new challenger has arisen among Rafael's enemies... one who is younger, hungrier and has dark secrets that could destroy both the wererats and the vampires. Now, my friend must go into the magical heart of his people to find the power and violence that he needs to save them all – or die trying. More of a novella-sized spinoff to the main series – so, it didn't come out in hardcover, first – which annoyed some of the hardcore fans/collectors! The first in the series is *Guilt Pleasures* (PBK, \$19.99).

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### The Wayward Mage

Wayward Mages 03

#### Hanover, Sara

When her father disappeared into limbo years ago, Tessa's world fell apart. It took her discovery of magic for her to begin to put things back together. But she hasn't been able to restore her father from his ghostly half-existence – and he is fading fast. Magic has a price, and Tessa is learning that it is both steep and deadly. The phoenix wizard who could train her has deserted Tessa. She has friends among the Iron dwarves and harpies,

even a lesser demon, and the mysterious Malender with his sinister whip of thorns and fire. But she is still faced with a delicate balancing act. Then her mother incurs the wrath of the magical world when she writes a dissertation exposing its reality. That is the final straw, as Magic fights back and an assassin accepts a contract on their lives. Tessa must learn to master her new powers as a sorceress, or everyone and everything she loves is doomed. The first in this trilogy is *The Late Great Wizard* (PBK, \$25.95).

Portal fantasy TP \$37.95

### The Shadow in the Glass

Harwood, J J A

A deliciously gothic story of wishes and curses – a new dark fairy tale set against a Victorian backdrop full of lace and smoke. Once upon a time Ella had wished for more than her life as a lowly maid. Now, forced to work hard under the unforgiving, lecherous gaze of the man she once called stepfather, Ella's only refuge is in the books she reads by candlelight, secreted away in the library she isn't permitted to enter. One night, among her beloved books of far-off lands, Ella's wishes are answered. At the stroke of midnight, a fairy godmother makes her an offer that will change her life: seven wishes, hers to make as she pleases. But each wish comes at a price and Ella must decide whether it's one she's willing to pay... A smouldering, terrifying new spin on *Cinderella* – perfect for fans of Laura Purcell and Erin Morgenstern.

Fairy tale retold TP \$29.99

### Bacchanal

Henry, Veronica G

Abandoned by her family, alone on the wrong side of the colour line, with little to call her own, Eliza Meeks is coming to terms with what she does have. It's a gift, for communicating with animals. To some, she's a magical tender. To others, a she-devil. To a talent prospector, she's a crowd-drawing oddity. And the Bacchanal Carnival is Eliza's ticket out of the swamp trap of Baton Rouge. Among fortune-tellers, carnies, barkers, and folks even stranger than herself, Eliza finds a new home. But the Bacchanal is no ordinary carnival. An ancient demon has a home there too. She hides behind an iridescent disguise. She feeds on innocent souls. And she's met her match in Eliza, who's only beginning to understand the purpose of her own burgeoning powers. Only then can Eliza save her friends, find her family, and fight the sway of a primordial demon preying upon the human world. Rolling across a consuming dust bowl landscape, Eliza may have found her destiny.

Fantasy TP \$27.99

### Dark Lullaby

Ho-Yen, Polly

A mother desperately tries to keep her family together in a society, where parenting standards are strictly monitored. Kit is an 'out', she doesn't want children. Infertility is universal and she has witnessed the agonies of her friends and sister going through the painful and dangerous fertility treatment, Induction, and then struggling to keep their babies, and cannot face going through it herself. But then she meets Thomas, and gradually the idea of a baby becomes more

and more important. She and Thomas go through Induction and have a baby girl, Mimi. At first, everything goes well but then the small mistakes, ISPs (Insufficient Standard of Parenting), build up and suddenly Kit is face to face with the idea of losing Mimi, and she is forced to ask herself how far she will go to keep her family together. For fans of *Black Mirror* and *The Handmaid's Tale*.

Dystopia PBK \$19.99

### The Loop

Johnson, Jeremy Robert

Turner Falls is a small tourist town nestled in the hills of western Oregon, the kind of town you escape to for a vacation. When an inexplicable outbreak rapidly develops, this idyllic town becomes the epicentre of an epidemic of violence as the teenaged children of several executives from the local biotech firm become ill and aggressively murderous. Suddenly the town is on edge, and Lucy and her friends must do everything it takes just to fight through the night.

Horror PBK \$19.99

### The Shadows of London

Joseph Bridgeman 02

#### Jones, Nick

A time traveller's work is never done. Likable antiques dealer Joseph Bridgeman is back in the present and dreaming of a quiet life. But when a mysterious and enigmatic time traveller arrives in his shop, Joe learns that his first trip was just the beginning and this time, the rules of the game have changed. Blackmailed into accepting a new mission, Joe is flung back to 1960s' London – where he comes face-to-face with a ruthless gangster and witnesses the brutal murder of an innocent woman. Joe knows better than most that death can be reversed, and the final chapter is sometimes where the story actually begins. Emotionally involved, he has no choice but to act, and quickly. With the help of Vinny, his vinyl-loving sidekick, Joe once again sets out to change the course of history. Sounds simple enough... but when it comes to time travel, nothing is ever as it seems. Who is the old time traveller working for? And who decides what can and can't be changed? Joe discovers that the victim is critically important to the future, and what starts out as a straightforward mission soon becomes a race to unravel a mystery – one that threatens the very timeline he fought so hard to protect. Joe must dig deeper than ever, master his newfound skills, and save the woman before the past catches up with him for good. Turns out... time doesn't heal, after all. It just adds salt.

Supernatural thriller HC \$55.00

### A River of Royal Blood

Joy, Amanda

Sixteen-year-old Eva is a princess, born with the magick of blood and marrow – a dark and terrible magick that hasn't been seen for generations in the vibrant but fractured country of Myre. Its last known practitioner was Queen Raina, who toppled the native khimaer royalty and massacred thousands, including her own sister, eight generations ago, thus beginning the Rival Heir tradition. Living in Raina's long and dark shadow, Eva must now face her older sister, Isa, in a battle to the death if she hopes to ascend to the

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Ivory Throne – because in the Queendom of Myre only the strongest, most ruthless rulers survive. When Eva is attacked by an assassin just weeks before the battle with her sister, she discovers there is more to the attempt on her life than meets the eye – and it isn't just her sister who wants to see her dead. As tensions escalate, Eva is forced to turn to a fey instructor of mythic proportions and a mysterious and handsome khimaer prince for help in growing her magick into something to fear. Because despite the love she still has for her sister, Eva will have to choose: Isa's death, or her own. Set in an ancient North African-inspired fantasy world.

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

### The Deep

#### Katsu, Alma

Someone, or something, must be haunting the ship. Between mysterious disappearances and sudden deaths, the guests of the *Titanic* have found themselves suspended in an eerie, unsettling twilight zone from the moment they set sail. Several of them, including maid Annie Hebley, guest Mark Fletcher, and millionaires Madeleine Astor and Benjamin Guggenheim, are convinced there's something sinister – almost otherworldly – afoot. But before they can locate the source of the danger, as the world knows, disaster strikes. Years later, Annie, having survived that fateful night, is working as a nurse on the sixth voyage of the *Titanic's* sister ship, the *Britannic*, newly refitted as a hospital ship. When she happens across an unconscious Mark, now a soldier fighting in World War I. At first, Annie is thrilled and relieved to see he survived the sinking. But soon, Mark's presence awakens deep-buried feelings and secrets, forcing Annie to reckon with the demons of her past – as they both discover that the terror may not yet be over.

Historical ghost story PBK \$19.99

### Zed

#### Kavenna, Joanna

One corporation has made a perfect world, based on a perfect algorithm... now, what to do with all these messy people? Lionel Bigman is dead. Murdered by a robot. Guy Matthias, the philandering founder and CEO of the mega-corporation Beetle, insists it was human error. But was it? Either the predictive algorithms of Beetle's supposedly omniscient 'lifechain' don't work; or, they've been hacked. Both scenarios are impossible to imagine and signal the end of Beetle's technotopia, and life, as we know it.

Dystopia PBK \$19.99

### The Hollow Places

#### Kingfisher, T

*Pray they are hungry.* Kara finds these words in the mysterious bunker that she's discovered behind a hole in the wall of her uncle's house. Freshly divorced and living back at home, Kara now becomes obsessed with these cryptic words and starts exploring this peculiar area – only to discover that it holds portals to countless alternate realities. But these places are haunted by creatures that seem to hear thoughts... and the more one fears them, the stronger they become. 'Innovative, unexpected, and absolutely chilling.' – *Mira Grant.*

Horror PBK \$19.99

### Beyond

Founding of Valdemar 01

#### Lackey, Mercedes

Within the Eastern Empire, Duke Kordas Valdemar rules a tiny, bucolic Duchy that focuses mostly on horse breeding. Anticipating the day, when the Empire's exploitative and militant leaders would not be content to leave them alone, Kordas' father set out to gather magicians in the hopes of one day finding a way to escape and protect the people of the Duchy from tyranny. Kordas has lived his life looking over his shoulder. The signs in the Empire are increasingly dire. Under the direction of the Emperor, mages have begun to harness the power of dark magics, including blood magic, the powers of the Abyssal Planes, and the binding and milking of Elemental creatures. But then one of the Duchy's mages has a breakthrough. There is a way to place a Gate at a distance so far from the Empire that it is unlikely the Emperor can find or follow them as they evacuate everyone that is willing to leave. But time is running out, and Kordas has been summoned to the Emperor's Court. Can his reputation as a country bumpkin and his acting skills buy him and his people the time they need to flee? Or will the Emperor lose patience, invade to strip Valdemar of everything of worth, and send its conscripted people into the front lines of the Imperial wars? The long-awaited story of the founding of Valdemar comes to life in this first book of new series by the beloved fantasist.

Valdemar HC \$57.95

### Escape Pod: The Science

#### Fiction Anthology

##### Lafferty, Mur

##### & Divya, S B (editors)

Celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of cutting-edge science fiction from the hit podcast, *Escape Pod*. *Escape Pod* has been bringing the finest short fiction to millions of ears all over the world, at the forefront of a new fiction revolution. This anthology gathers together sixteen stories, including new and exclusive work from writers such as from N K Jemisin, Ted Chiang, Cory Doctorow, Ann Leckie, Ken Liu, Charlie Jane Anders, and more. From editors Mur Lafferty and S B Divya comes the science fiction collection of the year, bringing together bestselling authors in celebration of the publishing phenomenon that is, *Escape Pod*.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

### Dead or Alive

Skulduggery Pleasant 14

#### Landy, Derek

In a matter of days, the world will change. Billions of lives will be wiped away in a final, desperate search for the Child of the Faceless Ones – she who is destined to bring about the return of humankind's ancient overlords. To prevent this, Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain have one last – terrible – option: the assassination of Damocles Creed. With protests stirring in the magical city of Roarhaven, with riots and revolutions on the horizon, Valkyrie must decide who she wants to be: the hero who risks everything for a noble ideal, or the killer who sacrifices her own soul for the fate of humanity. The decision must be made, and time is running out.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### The World Gives Way

#### Levien, Marissa

In fifty years, Myrra will be free. Until then, she's a contract worker. Ever since she was five, her life and labour have belonged to the highest bidder on her contract – butchers, laundries, and now the powerful, secretive Carlyles. But when one night finds the Carlyles dead, Myrra is suddenly free a lot sooner than she anticipated – and at a cost she never could have imagined. Burdened with the Carlyles' orphaned daughter and the terrible secret they died to escape, she runs. With time running out, Myrra must come face to face with the truth about her world – and embrace what's left before it's too late.

Dystopia HC \$57.95

### Unravel the Dusk

#### Lim, Elizabeth

Maia Tamarin proved her skill as a tailor when she wove the dresses of the sun, the moon, and the stars, but it will take more than a beautiful gown to hide the darkness rising up within her... Maia Tamarin's journey to sew the dresses of the sun, the moon and the stars has taken a grievous toll. She returns to a kingdom on the brink of war, while Edan, the boy she loves, is gone – perhaps forever. No sooner does she set foot in the Autumn Palace, than she is forced to don the dress of the sun and assume the place of the emperor's bride-to-be. But the emperor's rivals learn of her deception, and there is hell to pay – yet the war raging around Maia is nothing compared to the battle within. Ever since she was touched by the demon Bandur, she has been changing: losing control of her magic, her body and her mind. It's only a matter of time before Maia loses herself completely, but until then she will stop at nothing to find Edan, protect her family, and bring lasting peace to her home. The stakes are higher than ever in this breathtaking sequel to *Spin the Dawn* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

### Hold Up the Sky

collection

#### Liu, Cixin

Cixin Liu takes us across time and space, from a rural mountain community where elementary students must use physics to prevent an alien invasion; to coal mines in northern China where new technology will either save lives or unleash a fire that will burn for centuries; to a time very much like our own, when superstring computers predict our every move; to 10,000 years in the future, when humanity is finally able to begin anew; to the very collapse of the universe itself. Written between 1999 and 2017 and never before published, in English, these stories came into being during decades of major change in China and will take you across time and space through the eyes of one of science fiction's most visionary writers. Experience the limitless and pure joy of Cixin Liu's writing and imagination in this stunning collection.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

### The Tangleroot Palace:

#### Stories

##### Liu, Marjorie

Marjorie Liu leads you deep into the heart of the tangled woods. In her long-awaited debut

collection of dark, lush, and spellbinding short fiction, you will find unexpected detours, dangerous magic, and even more dangerous women. Briar, bodyguard for a body-stealing sorceress, discovers her love for Rose, whose true soul emerges only once a week. An apprentice witch seeks her freedom through betrayal, the bones of the innocent, and a meticulously plotted spell. In a world powered by crystal skulls, a warrior returns to save China from invasion by her jealous ex. A princess runs away from an arranged marriage, finding family in a strange troupe of travelling actors at the border of the kingdom's deep, dark woods. Concluding with a gorgeous full-length novella, Marjorie Liu's first short fiction collection is an unflinching sojourn into her thorny tales of love, revenge, and new beginnings.

Speculative fiction TP \$37.95

### The Kingdom of Back

#### Lu, Marie

Two siblings. Two brilliant talents. But only one Mozart. Born with a gift for music, Nannerl Mozart has just one wish – to be remembered forever. But even as she delights audiences with her masterful playing, she has little hope she'll ever become the acclaimed composer she longs to be. She is a young woman in 18th-century Europe, and that means composing is forbidden to her. She will perform only until she reaches a marriageable age – her tyrannical father has made that much clear. And as Nannerl's hope grows dimmer with each passing year, the talents of her beloved younger brother, Wolfgang, only seem to shine brighter. His brilliance begins to eclipse her own, until one day a mysterious stranger from a magical land appears with an irresistible offer. He has the power to make her wish come true – but his help may cost her everything.

YA historical fantasy PBK \$18.99

### Floodpath

Outlaw Road 02

#### Martin, Emily B

When their hopes for ending Moquoia's brutal system of bondage are crushed, unlikely allies Lark and Veran are forced to flee into the harsh desert. With no weapons or horses, they must make their way to safety across the 50-mile expanse of waterless plains known as the water scrape. It is an odyssey filled with unexpected dangers that challenge even a skilled outlaw like Lark – though the farther they travel, the more she wonders if she even fits the fearsome title of the Sunshield Bandit, anymore. Injured in the coup to overthrow the Moquoian monarchy, Tamsin, accompanied by Iano, retreat to a safe house, where they await the return of Lark and Veran. Determined to uncover the traitor in the court, they devise a plan to confront the new palace ashoki, Kimela. Imperilled by wilderness and their own tenuous alliances, Lark, Tamsin, and Veran each face massive risks to uncover the truth. But even if they find it, will their combined forces be strong enough to stop the evil infecting their beautiful land... and transform it into a fairer society, for all? The conclusion to the epic adventure begun in *Sunshield* (TP, \$32.99).

YA science fiction TP \$32.99

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### **Seven Deaths of an Empire** **Matthews, G R**

*The Emperor is dead. Long live the Empire.* General Bordan has a lifetime of duty and sacrifice behind him in the service of the Empire. But with rebellion brewing in the countryside, and assassins, thieves and politicians vying for power in the city, it is all Bordan can do to protect the heir to the throne. Apprentice Magician Kyron is assigned to the late Emperor's honour guard escorting his body on the long road back to the capital. Mistrusted and feared by his own people, even a magician's power may fail when enemies emerge from the forests, for whoever is in control of the Emperor's body, controls the succession. Seven lives and seven deaths to seal the fate of the Empire. A new grimdark fantasy, perfect for fans of Anna Smith-Spark and Mark Lawrence.

Grimdark fantasy HC \$57.95

### **We Unleash the Merciless Storm**

We Set the Dark on Fire 02

#### **Mejia, Tehlor Kay**

La Voz operative Carmen is forced to choose between the girl she loves and the success of the rebellion she's devoted her life to... Being a part of the resistance group La Voz is an act of devotion and desperation. On the other side of Medio's border wall, the oppressed class fights for freedom and liberty, sacrificing what little they have to become defenders of the cause. Carmen Santos is one of La Voz's best soldiers. She spent years undercover, but now, with her identity exposed and the island on the brink of a civil war, Carmen returns to the only real home she's ever known: La Voz's headquarters. There, she must reckon with her beloved leader, who is under the influence of an aggressive new recruit, and with the devastating news that her true love might be the target of an assassination plot. Will Carmen break with her community and save the girl who stole her heart – or fully embrace the ruthless rebel she was always meant to be. The nail-biting sequel to *We Set the Dark on Fire* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA dystopia PBK \$19.99

### **Rabbits** **Miles, Terry**

*What happens in the game, stays in the game...* Rabbits is a secret, dangerous and sometimes fatal underground game. The rewards for winning are unclear, but there are rumours of money, CIA recruitment or even immortality. Or it might unlock the universe's greatest secrets. But everyone knows that the deeper you get, the more deadly the game becomes – and the body count is rising. Since the game first started, ten iterations have taken place... and the eleventh round is about to begin. K can't get enough of the game and has been trying to find a way in, for years. Then Alan Scarpio, reclusive billionaire and alleged Rabbits winner, shows up out of nowhere. And he charges K with a desperate mission. Something has gone badly wrong with the game, and K needs to fix it – before Eleven starts – or the world will pay the price. Five days later, Scarpio is declared missing. Two weeks after that Eleven begins, so K blows the deadline. And, suddenly, the fate of the entire universe is at stake.

SF thriller TP \$32.99

### **Obliteration**

Awakened 03

#### **Murray, James S & Wearmouth, Darren**

Thanks to the heroics of former New York City Mayor Tom Cafferty and his team, the world is once again safe. The villainous Foundation for Human Advancement has been dismantled, the cities of the world are safe from nuclear annihilation, and Cafferty is now on a hunt to decimate every nest of creatures on the planet. When Cafferty enters a nest underneath the Nevada desert, he is horrified to find it completely empty. It can only mean one thing: the battle for survival is not over. Across the planet, creatures are emerging from their subterranean homes. Now, the all-out war against humanity has begun – a war in which only one apex species will survive. Humankind has finally met its match. Cafferty knows that only one man can help him stop the onslaught. A man who is despised by the world. A man who has already caused the death of millions. A man who is a sworn enemy, hell bent on taking Tom Cafferty down, forever: Albert Van Ness. But even this desperate move may not be enough to stop the creatures and save humanity... This New York City-set horror series begins with *Awakened* (PBK, \$19.99).

Horror PBK \$19.99

### **The Story of Silence**

#### **Myers, Alex**

There was once, long ago, a foolish king who decreed: women should not, and would not, inherit. Thus, when a girl-child was born to Lord Cador – Merlin-enchanted fighter of dragons and Earl of Cornwall – he secreted her away: to be raised a boy so that the family land and honour would remain intact. That child's name was Silence. Silence must find their own place in a medieval world that is determined to place the many restrictions of gender and class upon them. With dreams of knighthood and a lonely heart to answer, Silence sets out to define themselves. Soon, their silence will be ended.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### **Petra's Ghost** **O'Ginneide, C S**

A man's pilgrimage becomes something from his darkest nightmares when secrets arise, and ghosts haunt his path. A woman has vanished on the Camino de Santiago, the ancient five-hundred-mile pilgrimage that crosses northern Spain. Daniel, an Irish expat, walks the lonely trail carrying his wife, Petra's, ashes, along with the damning secret of how she really died. When he teams up to walk with vibrant California girl Ginny, she seems like the perfect antidote for his grieving heart. But a nightmare figure begins to stalk them, and Daniel's mind starts to unravel from the horror of things he cannot explain. Unexpected twists and turns echo the path of the ancient trail they walk upon. The lines begin to blur between reality and madness, between truth and the lies we tell ourselves. 'In prose as clean as bone O'Ginneide tells an unsettlingly elegant tale. By turns horrifying and beautiful, this is a very fine ghost story indeed.' – *Angela Slatter*.

Ghost story PBK \$19.99

### **This Eden** **O'Loughlin, Ed**

*Ever felt like you were living in a dystopian tech thriller? That's because you are...*

Michael is out of his depth. The closest he ever came to working in tech was when he rode a delivery bike for a food app in Vancouver. Yet, when his coder girlfriend dies, he is inexplicably headhunted by sinister tech mogul Campbell Fess, who transplants him to Silicon Valley. There, a reluctant female spy named Aoife lures him into the hands of Towse, an enigmatic wargamer, who tricks them both into joining his quest to save the world, and reality itself, from the deadliest weapon ever invented. Hunted by government agents and corporate goons, manipulated at every turn by the philosophising Towse, Aoife, and Michael find themselves in an intercontinental chase which will take them from California to New York, from the forests of Uganda to Jerusalem, Gaza, Alexandria and Paris, and to a final showdown with the truth in Aoife's native Ireland.

SF thriller TP \$32.99

### **Inside Man** **Parker, K J**

An anonymous representative of the Devil, once a high-ranking Duke of Hell – and, now, a committed underachiever – has spent the last forever of an eternity leading a perfectly tedious existence distracting monks from their liturgical devotions. It's interminable, but he prefers it that way, now that he's been officially designated by Downstairs as 'fragile'. No, he won't elaborate. All that changes when he finds himself ensnared, along with a sadistic exorcist, in a labyrinthine plot to subvert the very nature of Good and Evil. In such a circumstance, sympathy for the Devil is practically inevitable. K J Parker returns to the amoral world of *Prosper's Demon* (PBK, \$19.99) with a 128pp Tor.com novella; flipping the eternal, rule-governed battle, between men and demons, on its head. We expect this to be available (\$24.99) through a local distributor in September.

Dark fantasy TP \$28.95

### **The Ninth Metal**

Comet Cycle 01

#### **Percy, Benjamin**

It might have been the end of days. Instead, it was the beginning of something shockingly new. They called the comet Cain, after the astronomer who discovered it. It passed 500,000 miles from Earth. We were spared planetary destruction and granted a light show like no other. But, one year later, Earth span into the debris field left by the comet and a meteor storm struck. Roads, buildings and even a small town were annihilated. The meteors impacted heavily around the dying mining town of Northfall, Minnesota. It was the night of a mysterious double murder, the deed overshadowed by the discovery that the burning remains of the rock contained an unknown substance more precious than gold: the Ninth Metal. And with that discovery, everything changed. The first of a cycle of novels, set in a shared universe.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### **The Forgotten Kingdom**

Lost Queen 02

#### **Pike, Signe**

AD 573. Imprisoned in her chamber, Languoreth awaits news in torment. Her husband and son have ridden off to war against her brother, Lailoken. She doesn't yet know that her young daughter, Angharad, who was training with Lailoken to become a Wisdom Keeper, has been lost in the chaos. As one of the bloodiest battles of early medieval Scottish history abandons its survivors to the wilds of Scotland, Lailoken and his men must flee to exile in the mountains of the Lowlands, while nine-year-old Angharad must summon all Lailoken has taught her to follow her own destiny through the mysterious, mystical land of the Picts. In the aftermath of the battle, old political alliances unravel, opening the way for the ambitious adherents of the new religion: Christianity. Lailoken is half mad with battle sickness, and Languoreth must hide her allegiance to the Old Way to survive her marriage to the next Christian king of Strathclyde. Worst yet, the new King of the Angles is bent on expanding his kingdom at any cost. Now, the exiled Lailoken, with the help of a young warrior named Artur, may be the only man who can bring the warring groups together to defeat the encroaching Angles. But to do so, he must claim the role that will forever transform him. He must become the man known to history as 'Myrddin.'

Fantasy TP \$39.95

### **We Are Satellites**

#### **Pinsker, Sarah**

*Everybody's getting one.* Val and Julie just want what's best for their kids, David and Sophie. So, when teenage son David comes home one day asking for a Pilot, a new brain implant to help with school, they reluctantly agree. This is the future, after all. Soon, Julie feels mounting pressure at work to get a Pilot to keep pace with her colleagues, leaving Val and Sophie part of the shrinking minority of people without the device. Before long, the implications are clear, for the family and society: get a Pilot or get left behind. With government subsidies and no downside, why would anyone refuse? And how do you stop a technology, once it's everywhere? Those are the questions Sophie and her anti-Pilot movement rise up to answer, even if it puts them up against the Pilot's powerful manufacturer and pits Sophie against the people she loves most.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### **Sooner or Later Everything Falls Into The Sea**

collection

#### **Pinsker, Sarah**

In this collection, Pinsker weaves music, memory, technology, history, mystery, love, loss, and even multiple selves on generation ships and cruise ships, on highways and high seas, in murder houses and tree houses. They feature runaways, fiddle-playing astronauts, and retired time travellers; they are weird, wired, hopeful, haunting, and deeply human. They are often described as beautiful, but Pinsker also knows that the heart wants what the heart wants and that is not always right,

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or easy. The baker's dozen stories, gathered here (including a new, previously-unpublished story!) turn readers into travellers to the past, the future, and explorers of the weirder points of the present.

Post-apocalypse PBK \$19.99

### We Shall Rise

Black Tide Rising 10

**Ringo, John & Poole, Gary**

The world has been brought to its knees by the 'zombie virus'. Nations have fallen, cities have been overrun by the infected, and the human race has come perilously close to extinction. But with the first winter come and gone, the infected have been reduced to not much more than a background nuisance and survivors around the world are taking stock and vowing to rebuild and rise up – stronger, better, and unafraid. All new stories from John Ringo's Black Tide Rising series by: Kevin J Anderson; Brendon DuBois; Jody Lynn Nye; Michael Z Williamson & Stephanie Osborn; Kacey Ezell; Mike Massa; Christopher L Smith; Lydia Sherrer; Jason Cordova; Brian Trent; Patrick Vanner; and Jamie Ibson.

Post-apocalypse HC \$55.00

### New Horizons:

#### the Gollancz Book of South Asian Science Fiction

anthology

**Saint, Tarun K (editor)**

A breathtaking collection of new science fiction from the South Asian subcontinent, collected together for the very first time. The citizens of Karachi wake up and discover the sea missing from their shores, the last Parsi on Earth must escape to other worlds when debt collectors come knocking, and a family visiting a Partition-themed park gets more entertainment than they bargained for. These stories and others showcase the epic scope of science fiction from the South Asian subcontinent. Offering a fresh perspective on our hyper-global, often alienating and always paranoid world, *New Horizons* brings together tales of masterful imagination where humanity and love may triumph, yet.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### Greythorne

Bloodleaf Trilogy 02

**Smith, Crystal**

Princess Aurelia's life is upended when the kingdom she thought she saved falls to ruin, a loved one is tragically killed in a shipwreck, and her home country turns against her. With no place left to call her own, Aurelia returns to Greythorne Manor – her best friend's family mansion – only to find that Greythorne has sinister secrets of its own. With enemies closing in on all sides, Aurelia is caught in a mad fight to protect the only people she has left – her family. In her darkest moments, when all seems grim, will Aurelia find a spark of hope from a love she thought long lost? The sequel to *Bloodleaf* (PBK, \$26.95).

YA fantasy TP \$26.95

### The City of Zirdai

Archives of the Invisible Sword 02

**Snyder, Maria V**

Through her courage and tenacity, Shyla Sun-Kissed has awoken the power of The Eyes of Tamburah. But this feat only marks

the beginning of the challenges that the magical order, the Invisible Sword, faces to free the underground city of Zirdai. Though, they have allies among the monks and splinter cells inside the city, Shyla knows the Invisible Sword doesn't have the strength to win. With the group fracturing due to the strain of losses from their latest ordeal, thinly veiled suspicions and endless disagreements, it's up to Shyla to forge a new united order. When both the draconian Water Prince and brutal Heliacal Priestess learn of Shyla's new powers, life becomes even more complicated as they will stop at nothing to capture Shyla and take the magic of The Eyes, for themselves. Hunted at every turn and unable to hide, Shyla and the Invisible Sword must use every resource at their command – and unearth new ones – in their race to save the city from destruction. But their enemies always seem to be one step ahead. And the cost to win the battle may be more than Shyla would ever be willing to pay... The sequel to *The Eyes of Tamburah* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Fire with Fire

**Soria, Destiny**

Dani and Eden Rivera were both born to kill dragons, but the sisters couldn't be more different. For Dani, dragon slaying takes a back seat to normal high school life, while Eden prioritises training above everything else. Yet, they both agree on one thing: it's kill, or be killed, where dragons are concerned. Until Dani comes face-to-face with one and forges a rare and magical bond with him. As she gets to know Nox, she realises that everything she thought she knew about dragons is wrong. With Dani lost to the dragons, Eden turns to mysterious and alluring sorcerers to help save her sister. Now, on opposite sides of the conflict, each sister will do whatever it takes to save the other. But the two are playing with magic that is more dangerous than they know, and there is another, more powerful enemy waiting for them both in the shadows.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### 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 packmate 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. Heather and Enrick grow ever closer, but will they be willing to sacrifice their wild friendship, for true love?

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

### In the Ravenous Dark

**Strickland, A M**

In Thanopolis, those gifted with magic are assigned undead spirits to guard them – and control them. Ever since Rován's father died trying to keep her from this fate, she's hidden her magic. But when she accidentally reveals

her powers, she's bound to a spirit and thrust into a world of palace intrigue and deception. Desperate to escape, Rován finds herself falling for two people she can't fully trust: Lydea, a beguiling, rebellious princess; and Ivrilos, the handsome spirit with the ability to control Rován, body and soul. Together, they uncover a secret that will destroy Thanopolis. To save them all, Rován will have to start a rebellion in both the mortal world and the underworld, and find a way to trust the princess and spirit battling for her heart – if she doesn't betray them first.

YA fantasy TP \$19.99

### Dead Lies Dreaming

New Management 01

**Stross, Charles**

In a nightmarish vision of a Britain where magic has gone mainstream, a policewoman and a group of petty criminals are pulled into a heist – to find a forbidden book of spells that should never be opened. A new adventure begins, in the world of the Laundry Files. Now in paperback. Recommended.

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

### First, Become Ashes

**Szpara, K M**

Lark spent the first twenty-four years of his life training for a righteous quest: to rid the world of monsters. Alongside his partner Kane, he wore the cage and endured the scourge in order to develop his innate magic. He never thought that when Kane left, he'd next see him in the company of FBI agents and a SWAT team. He never dreamed that the leader of the Fellowship would be brought up on charges of abuse and assault. He never expected the government would tell him that the monsters aren't real – that there is no magic, that all his pain was for nothing. Lark is determined to fulfil his quest, to defeat the monsters he was promised. Along the way he will grapple with the past, confront love, and discover his long-buried truth. *First, Become Ashes* contains explicit sadomasochism and sexual content, as well as abuse and consent violations, including rape.

Urban fantasy HC \$54.99

### Shards of Earth

Final Architects 01

**Tchaikovsky, Adrian**

The war is over. Its heroes forgotten. Until one chance discovery... Idris has neither aged nor slept since they remade his mind in the war. And one of humanity's heroes now scrapes by on a freelance salvage vessel, to avoid the attention of greater powers. Eighty years ago, Earth was destroyed by an alien enemy. Many escaped, but millions more died. So, mankind created enhanced humans – such as Idris – who could communicate, mind to mind, with our aggressors. Then these 'Architects' simply disappeared, and Idris and his kind became obsolete. Now, Idris and his crew have something strange, abandoned in space. It's clearly the work of the Architects – but are they really returning? And if so, why? Hunted by gangsters, cults and governments, Idris and his crew race across the galaxy hunting for answers. For they now possess something of incalculable value, that many would kill to obtain it. The first instalment of a new series by Tchaikovsky.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### Empire in Black and Gold

Shadows of the Apt 01

**Tchaikovsky, Adrian**

Seventeen years ago, Stenwold witnessed the Wasp Empire storming the city of Myna in a brutal war of conquest. Since then, he has preached vainly against this threat in his home city of Collegium, but now the Empire is on the march, with its spies and its armies everywhere, and the Lowlands lie directly in its path. All the while, Stenwold has been training youthful agents to fight the Wasp advance, and the latest recruits include his niece, Che, and his mysterious ward, Tynisa. When his home is violently attacked, he is forced to send them ahead of him and, hotly pursued, they fly by airship to Heleron, the first city in line for the latest Wasp invasion. Stenwold and Che are Beetle-kin, one of many human races that take their powers and inspiration each from a totem insect, but he also has allies of many breeds: Mantis, Spider, Ant, with their own particular skills. Foremost is the deadly Mantis-kin warrior, Tisamon, but other very unlikely allies also join the cause. As things go from bad to worse amid escalating dangers, Stenwold learns that the Wasps intend to use the newly completed railroad between Heleron and Collegium to launch a lightning strike into the heart of the Lowlands. Then he gathers all of his agents to force a final showdown in the engine yard... A reissue of the first book in Tchaikovsky's debut fantasy series, with new jacket art.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Dragonfly Falling

Shadows of the Apt 02

**Tchaikovsky, Adrian**

Two young companions, Totho and Salma, arrive at Tark to spy on the menacing Wasp army, but are there mistakenly apprehended as enemy agents. By the time they are freed, the city is already under siege. Over in the imperial capital the young emperor, Alvdan, is becoming captivated by a remarkable slave, the vampiric Uctebri, who claims he knows of magic that can grant eternal life. In Collegium, meanwhile, Stenwold is still trying to persuade the city magnates to take seriously the Wasp Empire's imminent threat to their survival. A reissue of Tchaikovsky's debut fantasy series, with new jacket art.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Blood of the Mantis

Shadows of the Apt 03

**Tchaikovsky, Adrian**

Driven by the ghosts of the Darakyon, Achaeos has tracked the stolen Shadow Box to the marsh-town of Jerez, but he has only days before the magical box is lost to him forever. Meanwhile, the forces of the Empire are mustering over winter for their great offensive, gathering their soldiers and perfecting their new weapons. Stenwold and his followers have only a short time to gather what allies they can before the Wasp armies march again, conquering everything in their path. If they cannot throw back the Wasps this spring then the imperial black-and-gold flag will fly over every city in the Lowlands before the year's end. In Jerez, a fierce struggle begins over the Shadow Box, as lake creatures, secret police and renegade magicians compete to take possession. If it

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falls into the hands of the Wasp Emperor, however, then no amount of fighting will suffice to save the world from his relentless ambition. A reissue of Tchaikovsky's debut fantasy series, with new jacket art.  
Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Salute the Dark

Shadows of the Apt 04

#### Tchaikovsky, Adrian

The vampiric sorcerer Uctebri has at last got his hands on the Shadow Box and can finally begin his dark ritual – a ritual that the Wasp-kin Emperor believes will grant him immortality. But Uctebri has his own plans both for the Emperor and the Empire. The massed Wasp armies are on the march, and the spymaster Stenwold must see which of his allies will stand now that the war has finally arrived. This time the Empire will not stop until a black and gold flag waves over Stenwold's own home city of Collegium. Tisamon the Weaponsmaster is faced with a terrible choice: a path that could lead him to abandon his friends and his daughter, to face degradation and loss, but that might possibly bring him before the Wasp Emperor with a blade in his hand. But is he being driven by Mantis-kin honour, or manipulated by something more sinister? A reissue of Tchaikovsky's debut fantasy series, with new jacket art.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Threadneedle

Language of Magic 01

#### Thomas, Cari

Within the boroughs of London, nestled among its streets, hides another city, filled with magic. 'Magic and love. Love and magic. They destroy everything in the end...' Anna's Aunt has always warned her of the dangers of magic. Its twists. Its knots. Its deadly consequences. Now, Anna counts down the days to the ceremony that will bind her magic forever. Until she meets Effie and Attis. They open her eyes to a London she never knew existed. A shop that sells memories. A secret library, where the librarian feeds off words. A club, where revellers lose themselves in a haze of spells. But as she is swept deeper into this world, Anna begins to wonder if her Aunt was right, all along. Is her magic a gift... or a curse? The first of a new series.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### All These Monsters

#### Tintera, Amy

Seventeen-year-old Clara is ready to fight back. Fight back against her abusive father, fight back against the only life she's ever known, and most of all, fight back against scabs, the earth-dwelling monsters that are currently ravaging the world. So, when an opportunity arises for Clara to join an international monster-fighting squad, she jumps at the chance. When Clara starts training with her team-mates, however, she realises what fighting monsters really means: sore muscles, exhaustion, and worst of all, death. Scabs are unpredictable, violent, and terrifying. But as Clara gains confidence in her battle skills, she starts to realise scabs might not be the biggest evil. The true monsters are the ones you least expect.

YA science fiction TP \$26.95

### Sir Gawain and the Green Knight with Pearl and Sir Orfeo

Tolkien, J R R & Tolkien, Christopher (editor)

A collection of three medieval English poems, translated by Tolkien for the modern-day reader; containing romance, tragedy, love, sex, and honour. *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* and *Pearl* are two poems by an unknown author, written in about 1400. *Sir Gawain* is a romance, a fairy tale for adults, full of life and colour; but it is also much more than this, being at the same time a powerful moral tale which examines religious and social values. *Pearl* is apparently an elegy on the death of a child, a poem pervaded with a sense of great personal loss: but, like *Gawain* it is also a sophisticated and moving debate, on much less tangible matters. *Sir Orfeo* is a slighter romance, belonging to an earlier and different tradition. It was a special favourite of Tolkien's. The three translations represent the complete rhyme and alliterative schemes of the originals.

Tolkien PBK \$19.99

### Questland

Vaughn, Garrie

Literature professor Dr Addie Cox is living a happy, if sheltered, life in her ivory tower when Harris Lang, the famously eccentric billionaire tech genius, offers her an unusual job. He wants her to guide a mercenary strike team sent to infiltrate his island retreat off the northwest coast of the United States. Addie is puzzled by her role on the mission until she understands what Lang has built: Insula Mirabilis, an isolated resort where tourists will one day pay big bucks for a convincing, high-tech-powered fantasy-world experience, complete with dragons, unicorns, and, yes, magic. Unfortunately, one of the island's employees has gone rogue and activated an invisible force shield that has cut off all outside communication. A Coast Guard cutter attempting to pass through the shield has been destroyed. Suspicion rests on Dominic Brand, the project's head designer – and Addie Cox's ex-boyfriend. Lang has tasked Addie and the mercenary team with taking back control of the island at any cost. But Addie is wrestling demons of her own – and not the fantastical kind. Now, she must navigate the deadly traps of Insula Mirabilis as well as her own past trauma. And no d20, however lucky, can help Addie make this saving throw.

Humorous fantasy TP \$35.95

### The Chosen and the Beautiful

Vo, Nghi

Immigrant. Socialite. Magician. Jordan Baker grows up in the most rarefied circles of 1920s' American society – she has money, education, a killer golf handicap, and invitations to some of the most exclusive parties of the Jazz Age. She's also queer, Asian, adopted, and treated as an exotic attraction by her peers, while the most important doors remain closed to her. But the world is full of wonders: infernal pacts and dazzling illusions, lost ghosts and elemental mysteries. In all paper is fire, and Jordan can burn the cut paper heart out of a man. She just has to learn how. Nghi Vo's debut novel reinvents this classic of the American canon as a coming-of-age story

full of magic, mystery, and glittering excess, and introduces a major new literary voice. 'Gatsby, the way it should have been written – dark, dazzling, fantastical.' – *R F Kuang*.  
Historical fantasy HC \$55.00

### The Ruthless Lady's Guide to Wizardry

#### Waggoner, C M

Dellaria Wells, petty con artist, occasional thief, and partly educated fire witch, is behind on her rent in the city of Leiscourt – again. Then she sees the 'wanted' sign, seeking *Female Persons, of Martial or Magical ability, to guard a Lady of some Importance, prior to the celebration of her Marriage*. Delly fast-talks her way into the job and joins a team of highly peculiar women tasked with protecting their wealthy charge from unknown assassins. Delly quickly sets her sights on one of her companions, the confident and well-bred Winn Cynallum. The job looks like nothing but romance and easy money until things take a deadly (and undead) turn. With the help of a bird-loving necromancer, a shapeshifting schoolgirl, and an ill-tempered reanimated mouse named Buttons, Delly and Winn are determined to get the best of an adversary who wields a twisted magic and has friends in the highest of places.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

### Governor

Ascent to Empire 01

#### Weber, David & Fox, Richard

For more than fifty years, the Terran Federation and the Terran League have been killing one another. The death toll has climbed ever higher, year after year, with no end in sight. But the members of the Five Hundred, the social elite of the Republic's Heart Worlds, don't care. Their star systems are light years from any threat of attack. Their children are sheltered from the 'mandatory service' that falls so heavily on the Fringe Worlds' backs. Their trade connections with the Rishathan Sphere bring them wealth and influence. And their contracts to build ships, fighters, missiles, and all the other sinews of war have made them the wealthiest human beings in the history of the galaxy. Rear Admiral Terrence Murphy is a Heart Worlder. His family is part of the Five Hundred. His wife is the daughter of one of the Five Hundred's wealthiest, most powerful industrialists. His sons and his daughter can easily avoid military service, and political power is his for the taking. There is no end to how high he can rise in the Republic's power structure. All he has to do is successfully complete a risk-free military 'governorship', in the backwater Fringe System of New Dublin, without rocking the boat. Without dredging up any lunatic Fringe conspiracy theories. Without undercutting the Five Hundred's stranglehold on wealth and power. But the people sending him to New Dublin have miscalculated, because Terrence Murphy is a man who believes in honour. Who believes in duty – in common decency and responsibility. Who believes there are dark and dangerous secrets behind the façade of what 'everyone knows'. Terrence Murphy intends to meet those responsibilities and unearth those secrets, and he doesn't much care what the Five Hundred want. He intends to put a stop to the killing. Wherever that takes him, he will go. Whatever that costs

him, he will pay. And whatever that requires, he will do. Terrence Murphy is coming for whoever has orchestrated fifty-six years of bloodshed and slaughter, and Hell itself is coming with him. A new novel in the world of *In Fury Born* (PBK, \$25.95) – one of David Weber's most celebrated novels.  
Space opera HC \$55.00

### Ashes of the Sun

Burningblade & Silvereye 01

#### Wexler, Django

Long ago, a magical war destroyed an empire, and a new one was built in its ashes. But still the old grudges simmer, and two siblings will fight on opposite sides to save their world... Gyre hasn't seen his beloved sister since their parents sold her to the mysterious Twilight Order. Now, twelve years after her disappearance, Gyre's sole focus is revenge, and he's willing to risk anything and anyone to claim enough power to destroy the Order. Chasing rumours of a fabled city protecting a powerful artefact, Gyre comes face-to-face with his lost sister. But she isn't who she once was. Trained to be a warrior, Maya wields magic for the Twilight Order's cause. Standing on opposite sides of a looming civil war, the two siblings will learn that not even the ties of blood will keep them from splitting the world in two. The first book in a new epic fantasy trilogy, now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Warrior's Ransom

First Argentines 02

#### Wheeler, Jeff

After a pilgrimage to the East Kingdoms seeking a blessing from the Fountain, source of the land's magic, Sir Ransom Barton returns home in search of two dreams: Claire de Murrow, the heiress he loves, and a patron for his warrior skills. Unexpectedly, Ransom finds himself in the favour of Devon, the notorious Elder King. Brought into the ruler's mesnie and given two wards of his own, Ransom is devoted to his privileged new position. He's also privy to the running of the realm and to all its courtly intrigues – notably, the machinations of the king's three remaining sons, all engaged in a manipulative battle to become heir to the throne. As Ransom is thrust into the middle of poisonous family conspiracies and betrayals, allegiances are shattered, and Ransom fears he may end up serving his worst enemy – or worse, face exile for demonstrating loyalty. Drawing on his developing powers, Ransom takes up arms against the dark forces coming in a war that will test the limits of his courage and determine the fate of the dangerous and fractious Argentine dynasty.

Historical fantasy TP \$27.99

### 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

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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. 'Dazzling... This is sure to enchant' – *Publishers Weekly* (starred review).  
Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Alien Day

Alien 02

#### Wilber, Rick

Will Peter Holman rescue his sister Kait, or will she be the one to rescue him? Will Chloe Cary revive her acting career with the help of the princeling Treble, or will the insurgents take both their lives? Will Whistle or Twoclicks wind up in charge of Earth, and how will the Mother, who runs all of S'hudon, choose between them? And the most important question of all: who are the Old Ones that left all that technology behind for the S'hudonni... and what if they come back? The sequel to *Alien Morning* (TP, \$36.95).  
Science fiction HC \$62.95

### Marion Lane and the Midnight Murder

Inquirers mysteries 01

#### Willberg, T A

They were a band of mysterious private detectives who lived beneath the streets of London in a labyrinth of twisted tunnels and ancient hallways, the entrance to which no one

had ever found... London, 1958: Elaborately disguised and hidden deep beneath the city's streets lies the world of Miss Brickett's, a secret detective agency. From traversing deceptive escape rooms full of baited traps and hidden dangers, to engineering almost magical mechanical gadgets, apprentice detectives at Miss Brickett's undergo rigorous training to equip them with the skills and knowledge they will need to solve the mysteries that confound London's police force. But nothing can prepare 23-year-old apprentice Marion Lane for what happens, after the arrest of her friend and mentor, Frank, on suspicion of murder: he tasks Marion with clearing his name and saving his life. Her investigation will place Marion and her friends in great peril as they venture into the forbidden maze of uncharted tunnels that surround Miss Brickett's. Being discovered out of bounds means immediate dismissal, but that is the least of Marion's problems – when she discovered that the tunnels contain more than just secrets...  
Fantasy mystery TP \$32.99

### Version Zero

#### Yoon, David

Max, a data whiz at the social media company Wren, has gotten a firsthand glimpse of the dark side of big tech. When he questions what his company does with the data they collect, he's fired... then black-balled across Silicon

Valley. With time on his hands and revenge on his mind, Max and his long-time friend (and, secretly, the love of his life) Akiko, decide to get even – by rebooting the internet. After all, in order to fix things, sometimes you have to break them. But when Max and Akiko join forces with a reclusive tech baron, they learn that breaking things can have unintended – and catastrophic – consequences.  
SF thriller TP \$29.99

### Rebel's Karma

Dark Protectors 13

#### Zanetti, Rebecca

For too long, Benjamin Reese has masked his deadly skills and temper with loyalty and humour. A vampire-demon hybrid, he fiercely protects his family, guards his brothers, and destroys the enemy without mercy. But when he discovers one fragile, beautiful blonde – a woman once mated to a Kurjan, no less – every primal instinct he has buried for centuries roars to life. With the mating mark she roused on his hand entwining their fates, no one will prevent him from keeping her safe and making her his, forever... Karma wishes she could remember her last name. Or if she even had one. All she has in this confusing new world is a desperate duty to save the innocent. That means destroying the dark, dangerous, and desirable Benjamin Reese and everything he loves – an impossible task even before his touch arouses a passionate hunger

she can't afford. She's certain a deadly enemy watches her every move, but it's not until Benny kisses her that she tastes true danger...  
Paranormal romance TP \$37.95

### The Lunar Trilogy Zulawski, Jerzy

*Trylogia Księżycowa* (the Lunar Trilogy, or the Moon Trilogy) is a trilogy of science fiction novels by the Polish writer Jerzy Zulawski, written between 1901 and 1911. The trilogy has been translated into Russian, Czech, German, and Hungarian, and has been reprinted several times in Poland, but never into English. The first volume, *Na Srebrnym Globie* (*On the Silver Globe*, 1903) describes, in the form of a diary, the story of a marooned expedition of Earth astronauts who find themselves stranded on the Moon and found a colony. After several generations, they lose most of their knowledge and are ruled by a religious cult. The second volume, *Zwyciezca* (*The Conqueror*, or *The Victor*, 1910), focuses upon the colonists' anticipated Messiah, another traveller from Earth. After initial success, he fails to meet their expectations and is killed in an allegory to the death of Jesus Christ. The third volume, *Stara Ziemia* (*The Old Earth*, 1911) describes the visit of two Lunar colonists to 27th-century Earth. It is one of the early works of science fiction, long recognised as an influential work that has not previously been available in English.  
Science fiction (reissue) TP \$39.95