

Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

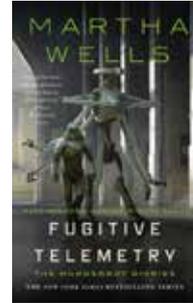
May 2021

Fugitive Telemetry (Murderbot Diaries 06)

Martha Wells

No, I didn't kill the dead human. If I had, I wouldn't dump the body in the station mall. When Murderbot discovers a dead body on Preservation Station, it knows it is going to have to assist station security to determine who the body is (was), how they were killed (that should be relatively straightforward, at least), and why (because apparently that matters to a lot of people – who knew?) Yes, the unthinkable is about to happen: Murderbot must voluntarily speak to humans! Again! This sixth entry into the series is a standalone novella, set before *All Systems Red*. Love, love, love it! Cannot recommend highly enough! (If you want one, but we don't have any in the shop – please, do order one, to stake your claim on the stock we will receive!) If you haven't read the preceding books in Wells' fab series – then start with *All Systems Red* (HC, \$29.99) (see #2).

Science fiction novella | HC | \$29.99



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All Systems Red (Murderbot Diaries 01)

Martha Wells

In a corporate-dominated, spacefaring future, planetary missions must be approved and supplied by the Company. Exploratory teams are accompanied by Company-supplied security androids, for their own safety. But in a society where contracts are awarded to the lowest bidder, safety isn't a primary concern. On a distant planet, a team of scientists are conducting surface tests, shadowed by their Company-supplied 'droid – a self-aware SecUnit that has hacked its own governor module, and refers to itself (though, never out loud) as 'Murderbot'. Scornful of humans, all it really wants is to be left alone, long enough to figure out who it is. But when a neighbouring mission goes dark, it's up to the scientists and their Murderbot to get to the truth. This first in the series won both the Hugo and Nebula Awards for Best Novella – and rightly so! So, love this – and its three sequels making up the first quartet. Can't recommend them highly enough! (Best to reserve your copies, though – they tend to sell out as soon as stock arrives!)

Science fiction novella | HC | \$29.99



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Network Effect (Murderbot Diaries 05)

Martha Wells

Winner of the 2021 Nebula Award! Congratulations, Martha! The first full-length novel in Martha Wells' bestselling Murderbot Diaries series. 'I caught myself rereading my favourite parts... and I can't recommend it enough.' – *New York Times*. You know that feeling when you're at work, and you've had enough of people, and then the boss walks in with yet another job that needs to be done right this second or the world will end, but all you want to do is go home and binge your favourite shows? And you're a sentient murder machine programmed for destruction... Come for the pew-pew space battles, stay for the most relatable AI you'll read, this century. *I'm usually alone in my head, and that's where 90-plus percent of my problems are.* When Murderbot's human associates (not friends, never friends) are captured and another not-friend from its past requires urgent assistance, Murderbot must choose between inertia and drastic action. Drastic action, it is, then. Love, love, love it! Cannot recommend highly enough! (If you want one, but we don't have any in the shop – please, do order one, to stake your claim on the stock we will receive!) If you haven't read Wells' preceding novellas – then start with *All Systems Red* (HC, \$29.99) (see #2).

Science fiction | HC | \$42.99



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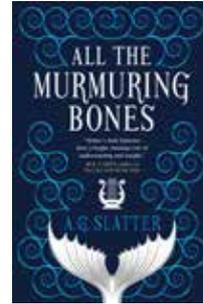
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All the Murmuring Bones

A G Slatter

For fans of Naomi Novik and Katherine Arden, a dark gothic fairy tale from multi-award-winning Brisbane author, Angela Slatter. 'Harrowing and beautiful, this is the grim, fairy-tale gothic you've been waiting for' – *Christopher Golden*, author of *Ararat*. Long ago Miren O'Malley's family prospered due to a deal struck with the mer: safety for their ships in return for a child of each generation. But for many years the family have been unable to keep their side of the bargain and have fallen into decline. Miren's grandmother is determined to restore their glory, even at the price of Miren's freedom. A spellbinding tale of dark family secrets, magic and witches, and creatures of myth and the sea; of strong women and the men who seek to control them. This really is fantastic – highly recommended!

Fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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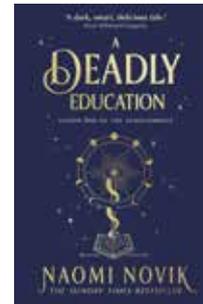
A Deadly Education (Scholomance 01)

Naomi Novik

Enter a school of magic unlike any you have ever encountered. There are no teachers, no holidays, friendships are purely strategic, and the odds of survival are never equal. Once you're inside, there are only two ways out: you graduate, or you die. El Higgins is uniquely prepared for the school's many dangers. She may be without allies, but she possesses a dark power strong enough to level mountains and wipe out untold millions – never mind, easily destroy the countless monsters that prowl the school. Except, she might accidentally kill all the other students, too. So, El is trying her hardest not to use it... that is, unless she has no other choice.

'Hilarious and wild! Take any fictional magic school, make it as over-the-top dangerous as possible, and populate it with a bunch of snarky teenagers; the result is pure batshit fun.' – *N K Jemisin*, three-time Hugo Award winner, and author of *The Fifth Season*. Highly Recommended! Now in paperback.

Fantasy | PBK | \$19.99



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Governor (Ascent to Empire 01)

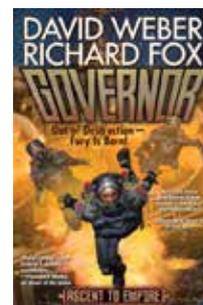
David Weber & Richard Fox

Brand-new military space opera series from one of the masters of the genre...

For more than fifty years, the Terran Republic 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. Rear Admiral Terrence Murphy is a Heart Worlder. His family is part of the Five Hundred. 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. 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, to unearth those secrets, and he doesn't much care what the Five Hundred want. He intends to put a stop to the killing. Terrence Murphy is coming for whoever has orchestrated fifty-six years of bloodshed and slaughter, and Hell itself is coming with him...

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Space opera | HC | \$55.00



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Penric's Travels (Penric & Desdemona novellas 04–6 omnibus)

Lois McMaster Bujold

Set in Bujold's World of Five Gods, footloose nobleman Penric journeys from young lord to sorcerer and scholar in the Bastard's Order – and solves mysteries along the way. An omnibus edition collecting novellas 4–6: *Penric's Mission*, *Mira's Last Dance*, and *The Prisoner of Limnos* – which have, previously, only been available as eBooks, or pricey Subterranean Press editions. Recommended. The first omnibus, *Penric's Progress*, collecting the first three Penric & Desdemona novellas – *Penric's Demon*, *Penric and the Shaman*, and *Penric's Fox* – is definitely still available (PBK, \$24.95)!

Fantasy | PBK | \$24.95



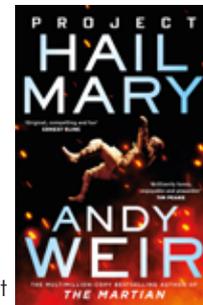
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Project Hail Mary

Andy Weir

A lone astronaut. An impossible mission. An ally he never imagined. Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission – and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish. Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it. All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company. His crewmates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, Ryland realises that an impossible task now confronts him. Hurtling through space on this tiny ship, it's up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery-and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species. And with the clock ticking down and the nearest human being light-years away, he's got to do it all alone. Or does he? Latest from the bestselling author of *The Martian* and *Artemis* – lots of good customer feedback, thus far!

Space opera | TP | \$32.99



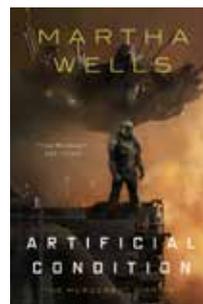
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Artificial Condition (Murderbot Diaries 02)

Martha Wells

Artificial Condition is the follow-up to Martha Wells' Hugo, Nebula, Alex, and Locus Award-winning, *New York Times*-bestselling *All Systems Red* (see #2). It has a dark past – one in which a number of humans were killed. A past that caused it to christen itself 'Murderbot'. But it has only vague memories of the massacre that spawned that title, and it wants to know more. Teaming up with a Research Transport vessel, named ART (you don't want to know what the 'A' stands for), Murderbot heads to the mining facility where it went rogue. What it discovers will forever change the way it thinks... This won the Nebula Award for best novella – and if it's possible – I think I love this even more than the first one (it's the interaction between AIs – just great!) Really – you just have to read these! – Ron. Note that *Artificial Condition* won both the Nebula and Hugo Awards for Best Novella (just as the first one did!) in 2019.

Science fiction novella | HC | \$29.99



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Peace Talks (Dresden Files 16)

Jim Butcher

When the Supernatural nations of the world meet up to negotiate an end to ongoing hostilities, Harry Dresden, Chicago's only professional wizard, joins the White Council's security team to make sure the talks stay civil. But can he succeed, when dark political manipulations threaten the very existence of Chicago – and all he holds dear? Everyone says the wait was worth it – so great to have a new Butcher, at last! Now in paperback. Series is recommended! – begin with *Storm Front* (PBK, \$22.99).

Urban fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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