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

2034: a novel of the Next World War **Ackerman, Elliot & Stavridis James**

On March 12, 2034, US Navy Commodore Sarah Hunt is on the bridge of her flagship, the guided missile destroyer USS *John Paul Jones*, conducting a routine freedom of navigation patrol in the South China Sea; when her ship detects an unflagged trawler in clear distress, smoke billowing from its bridge. On that same day, US Marine aviator Major Chris Wedge Mitchell is flying an F35E Lightning over the Strait of Hormuz, testing a new stealth technology as he flirts with Iranian airspace. By the end of that day, Wedge will be an Iranian prisoner, and Sarah Hunt's destroyer will lie at the bottom of the sea, sunk by the Chinese Navy. Iran and China have clearly coordinated their moves, which involve the use of powerful new forms of cyber weaponry that render US ships and planes defenceless. In a single day, America's faith in its military's strategic pre-eminence is in tatters. A new, terrifying era is at hand. A powerful blend of geopolitical sophistication and human empathy, *2034* takes us inside the minds of a global cast of characters – Americans, Chinese, Iranians, Russians, Indians – as a series of arrogant miscalculations on all sides leads the world into an intensifying international storm. In the end, China and the United States will have paid a staggering cost, one that forever alters the global balance of power.

Alternate history TP \$32.99

Dead Money **Adiga, Srinath**

Hong Kong, 2002. A stock market trader desperate to pay off a gangster debt invents a scam: Afterlife Dollars. A product inspired by an ancient Chinese custom that allows people to buy their way into heaven. It's the beginning of a dizzying chain reaction that ripples in Mumbai, where one man does the unthinkable to secure his afterlife – while thousands of miles away in Amsterdam, another man races against time to stop an apocalypse. As a cast of larger-than-life characters grapple with unprecedented moral dilemmas, their choices will affect the rest of humanity.

Satirical dystopian thriller TP \$29.99

She Wouldn't Change a Thing **Adlakha, Sarah**

A second chance is the last thing she wants. When 39-year-old Maria Forssmann wakes up in her 17-year-old body, she doesn't know how she got there. All she does know is she has to get back: to her home in Bienville, Mississippi, to her job as a successful psychiatrist and, most importantly, to her husband, daughters, and unborn son. But she also knows that, in only a few weeks, a devastating tragedy will strike her husband, a tragedy that will lead to their meeting each

other. Can she change time, and still keep what it's given her?

Science fiction HC \$55.00

Knight Watch **Akers, Tim**

John Rast went to the Ren Faire looking for a fight. Well, a simulated fight, with blunt swords and safety equipment. But when his final opponent turns into a living, fire-breathing dragon, it's John or nothing stopping a disaster in its tracks – and the only real weapon at hand is his mom's Volvo. So, John decides to let it roll... And that's when destiny comes to call. John is spirited away to the well-hidden base of Knight Watch, the organisation that stands between humanity and the real nasties the rest of the world doesn't know about. Knight Watch would be John's dream job – except for the storm goddess that destroys his parents' house, the abandoned mall replete with too much dead, and the Fetch that aims to make John's domain a final resting place. All this has John's putative allies in the Knight Watch worried that John is the one bringing bad things into multiple worlds. John and his reluctant team-mates have to figure out who, or what, is pulling the strings – before all of Knight Watch falls prey to a well-concealed puppet master and far worse things enter this world.

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.95

Cwen **Albinia, Alice**

On an unnamed archipelago off the east coast of Britain, the impossible has come to pass. Women control the civic institutions. Decide how the islands' money is spent. Run the businesses. Tend to their families. Teach the children hope for a better world. They say that this gynotopia is Eva Levi's life's work, and that now she has disappeared, it will be destroyed. But they don't know about Cwen. Cwen has been here longer than the civilisation she has returned to haunt. The clouds are her children, and the waves. Her name has ancient roots, reaching down into the earth and halfway around the world. The islands she inhabits have always belonged to women. And she will do anything she can to protect them.

Dystopia HC \$29.99

Winds of Wrath

Destroyermen 15

Anderson, Taylor

Matt Reddy and his sailors have fought, bled, and died for their Lemurian friends and other allies from across time, but their enemies are still operational. In Africa, the Grik General Eshk has escaped defeat to build a new army and new weapons, and is desperate enough to use them to destroy the world if he can't have it. In South America, the NUS, General Shinya, and the Army of the Sisters have the evil Dominion on the ropes and are closing

in on the seat of its blood-drenched power, but the twisted Don Herman has struck a deal with the fascist League, and Victor Gravois is finally assembling the awesome fleet of modern ships he's always craved. If he's successful, the war will be lost. Undermined by treachery on a stunning scale, Matt Reddy must still steam his battered old ship halfway around the world, scraping up what forces he can along the way, and confront the mightiest armada the world has ever seen in a fiery duel to the death.

Military sf PBK \$26.95

A Desert Torn Sunder

Song of Shattered Sand 06

Beaulieu, Bradley

The plans of the desert gods are coming to fruition. Meryam, the deposed queen of Qaimir, hopes to raise the buried elder god, Ashael, an event that would bring ruin to the desert. eda and Emre sail for their ancestral home to bring the traitor, Hamid, to justice. To their horror, they discover that the desert tribes have united under Hamid's banner. Their plan? A holy crusade to annihilate Sharakhai, a thing long sought by many in the tribes. In Sharakhai, meanwhile, the blood mage, Davud, examines the strange gateway between worlds, hoping to find a way to close it. And King Ihsan hunts for Meryam, but always finds himself two steps behind. When Meryam raises Ashael, all know the end is near. Ashael means to journey to the land that was denied to him an age ago, no matter the cost to the desert. It now falls to eda and her unlikely assortment of allies to find a way to unite not only the desert tribes and the people of Sharakhai, but the city's invaders as well. Even if they do, stopping Ashael will cost them dearly, perhaps more than all are willing to pay. The final book in the Song of the Shattered Sands series, which begins with *Twelve Kings* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Tomorrow **Beckett, Chris**

'Tomorrow, I'm going to begin my novel...'

A would-be author has taken time out from life in the city to live in a cabin by a river and write a novel. And not just any novel. A novel that will avoid all the pitfalls and limitations of other novels, a novel that will include everything. At first, these new surroundings are so idyllic that it's hard to find the motivation to get started. And then, in all its brutality, the outside world intervenes... Ranging constantly backwards and forwards in time and space, *Tomorrow* becomes a restless search for meaning in a precarious and elusive world. A captivating and provocative novel that explores the importance of storytelling, as well as questioning how human beings understand our place within society, time, and even space.

Science fiction HC \$34.99

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Neptune

Outer Planets trilogy 02

Bova, Ben

In the future, humanity has spread throughout the solar system, on planets and moons once visited only by robots or explored at a distance by far-voyaging spacecraft. No matter how hostile or welcoming the environment, mankind has forged a path and found a home. In the far reaches of the solar system, the outer planets – billions of miles from Earth, unknown for millennia – are being settled. Neptune, the ice giant, is swathed in clouds of hydrogen, helium, and methane and circled by rings of rock and dust. Three years ago, Ilona Magyr's father, Miklos, disappeared while exploring the seas of Neptune. Everyone believes he is dead – crushed, frozen, or boiled alive in Neptune's turbulent seas. With legendary space explorer Derek Humbolt piloting her ship and planetary scientist Jan Meitner guiding the search, Ilona Magyr knows she will find her father – alive – on Neptune. Her plans are irrevocably altered when she and her team discover the wreckage of an alien ship deep in Neptune's ocean, a discovery which changes humanity's understanding of its future... and its past. This new trilogy began with *Uranus* (HC, \$57.95).

Space opera HC \$62.95

The Desert Prince

Nightfall Saga 01

Brett, Peter V

Fifteen years have passed, since the end of the war with demons, creatures of darkness who have hunted the night and plagued humanity since time out of mind. The heroes of humanity's hour of need have become legend, and those who remain struggle to escape their shadows. Olive Paper and Darin Bales have grown up in this new peaceful world. Demons have been all but destroyed, but dangers still lurk for the children of heroes. Olive, Princess of Hollow, has her entire life planned out by her mother, Duchess Leesha Paper: a steady march on a checklist to prepare her for succession. The more her mother writes the script, the more Olive rails against playing the parts she is assigned. Darin faces challenges of a different kind. Though free to choose his own path, the weight of legacy hangs heavy around his shoulders. It isn't easy being the son of the man people say saved the world. Everyone expects greatness from Darin, but the only thing he's ever been great at is hiding. But when Olive and Darin step across the wards, one night, they learn the demons are not all gone, and those that remain hunger for revenge. Events are set in motion that only prophecy can foresee as Olive and Darin seek to find their own places in the world in time to save it again.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Devolution

Brooks, Max

As the ash and chaos from Mount Rainier's eruption swirled and finally settled, the story of the Greenloop massacre has passed unnoticed, unexamined... until now. But the journals of resident Kate Holland, recovered from the town's bloody wreckage, capture a tale too harrowing – and too earth shattering,

in its implications – to be forgotten. Kate's extraordinary account comes to light for the first time, faithfully reproducing her words alongside extensive investigations into the massacre and the beasts behind it – once thought legendary, but now known to be terrifyingly real. Kate's is a tale of unexpected strength and resilience, of humanity's defiance in the face of a terrible predator's gaze, and inevitably, of savagery and death. Yet, it is also far more than that. Because if what Kate Holland saw, in those days, is real – then we must accept the impossible. We must accept that the creature, known as Bigfoot, walks among us – and that it is a beast of terrible strength and ferocity. Part survival narrative, part bloody horror tale, part scientific journey into the boundaries between truth and fiction, this is a Bigfoot story like none you've ever read, before.

Sasquatch horror PBK \$19.99

In the Palace of Shadow and Joy

Butler, D J

Bard desperate for apprentice and rogue, with sideline in insurance seek work. preferably as good guy. Indrajit Twang is the 427th epic poet of his people, the only person alive to carry their entire epic history and mythology in his head. His people are dwindling in number, and if he can't find a successor in the great city of Kish, their story will disappear with them. Fix grew up a foundling on the ancient streets of Kish and is making his living as a mercenary. The woman he loves married someone else, and Fix has turned to buying and selling risk on the black market – but is he trying to impress her, or prove something to himself? Indrajit and Fix have been hired by a powerful risk-merchant to protect the life of opera star Ilsa without Peer for the duration of a risk contract he's taken on. When an attempt is made on Ilsa's life, Indrajit and Fix find themselves hunted by multiple mercenary squads and targeted by some of the most powerful men in Kish. Will they be able to save themselves, not to mention protect Ilsa, in the Palace of Shadow and Joy?

Space opera PBK \$24.95

Adulthood Rites

Lilith's Brood 02

Butler, Octavia E

Lilith Iyapo has given birth to what looks like a normal human boy, Akin. But his genealogy is complicated and includes an alien race that rescued humanity from a devastating nuclear war. The price the Oankali exact is a high one – they are compelled to genetically merge their species with other races, drastically altering both in the process. On a rehabilitated Earth, this new race is emerging, living alongside the 'pure' humans who choose to resist the aliens and the salvation they offer. These resisters are sterilised so that they cannot reproduce the genetic defect that drives humanity to destroy itself. When the resisters kidnap young Akin, the Oankali choose to leave the child with his captors. Will Akin give the resisters back their fertility and freedom, even though they will only destroy themselves again. A reissue.

Dystopia (reissue) TP \$37.95

Feral Creatures

Hollow Kingdom 02

Buxton, Kira Jane

Once upon an apocalypse, there lived an obscenely handsome American crow named S T... When the world last checked in with its favourite Cheeto addict, the planet had been overrun by flesh-hungry beasts, and nature had started reclaiming her territory from humankind. S T, the intrepid crow, alongside his bloodhound-bestie Dennis, had set about saving pets that had become trapped in their homes after humanity went the way of the dodo. That is, dear reader, until S T stumbled upon something so rare – and so precious – that he vowed to do everything in his power to safeguard what could, quite literally, be humanity's last hope for survival. But in a wild world plagued by prejudiced animals, feather-raising environments, new threats so terrifying they make zombies look like baby bunnies, and a horrendous dearth of cheesy snacks, what's a crow to do? Why, wing it on another big-hearted, death-defying adventure, that's what! Joined by a fabulous new cast of animal characters, S T faces many new challenges plus his biggest one, yet: parenthood. The follow-up to *Hollow Kingdom* (PBK, \$19.99).

Apocalypse HC \$57.95

Master Artificer

Silent Gods 02

Gall, Justin

Annev has avoided one fate. But a darker path may still claim him... After surviving the destruction of Chaenbalu, new mysteries and greater threats await Annev and his friends in the capital city of Luqura. As they navigate the city's perilous streets, Annev searches for a way to control his nascent magic and remove the cursed artefact now fused to his body. But what might removing it cost him? As Annev grapples with his magic, Fyn joins forces with old enemies and new allies, waging a secret war against Luqura's corrupt guilds in the hopes of forging his own criminal empire. Deep in the Brakewood, Myjun is learning new skills of her own as apprentice to Oyrū, the shadow assassin who attacked the village of Chaenbalu – but the power of revenge comes at a daunting price. And back in Chaenbalu itself, left for dead in the Academy's ruins, Kenton seeks salvation in the only place he can: the power hoarded in the Vault of Damnation... The sequel to *Master of Sorrows* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Children of the Mind

Ender Quintet 04

Gard, Orson Scott

The planet Lusitania is home to three sentient species: the Pequeninos; a large colony of humans; and the Hive Queen, brought there by Ender. But, once again, the human race has grown fearful; the Starways Congress has gathered a fleet to destroy Lusitania. Jane, the evolved computer intelligence, can save the three sentient races of Lusitania. She has learned how to move ships outside the universe, and then instantly back to a different world, abolishing the light-speed limit. But it takes all the processing power available to her, and the Starways Congress is shutting down the Net, world by world.

Soon, Jane will not be able to move the ships. Ender's children must save her, if they are to save themselves.

Space opera PBK \$24.95

Ender in Exile

Ender Quintet 05

Gard, Orson Scott

The world's most gifted children were taken from their families and sent to an elite training academy. At Battle School, they learned combat, strategy, and secret intelligence to fight a dangerous war on behalf of those left on Earth. But they also learned some important and less definable lessons about life. After the life-changing events of those years, these children – now, teenagers – must leave the school and readapt to life in the outside world. Having not seen their families or interacted with other people for years – where do they go now? What can they do? Ender fought for humanity, but he is, now, reviled as a ruthless assassin. No longer allowed to live on Earth, he enters into exile. With his sister Valentine, he chooses to leave the only home he's ever known to begin a relativistic – and revelatory – journey beyond the stars. What happened, during the years between *Ender's Game* and *Speaker for the Dead*? What did Ender go through, from the ages of 12, through 35? The story of those years has never been told. Taking place, 3000 years before Ender finally receives his chance at redemption, this is the long-lost story of Ender.

Space opera PBK \$24.95

The Ender Saga

Ender Quintet Box Set

Gard, Orson Scott

With millions of copies sold, winner of Hugo and Nebula Awards, and translated into more than 34 languages, *The Ender Saga* is one of the best science fiction series ever written. Now, repackaged, and collected in a box set, *The Ender Saga* is perfect for new readers and collectors, alike. This boxed set contains *Ender's Game*, *Speaker for the Dead*, *Xenocide*, *Children of the Mind*, and *Ender in Exile*.

Space opera PBK \$79.95

Black Water Sister

Cho, Zen

A reluctant medium discovers the ties that bind can unleash a dangerous power in this compelling Malaysian-set contemporary fantasy. When Jessamyn Teoh starts hearing a voice in her head, she chalks it up to stress. Closeted, broke and jobless, she's moving back to Malaysia with her parents – a country she last saw when she was a toddler. She soon learns the new voice isn't even hers, it's the ghost of her estranged grandmother. In life, Ah Ma was a spirit medium, avatar of a mysterious deity called the Black Water Sister. Now, she's determined to settle a score against a business magnate who has offended the god – and she's decided Jess is going to help her do it, whether Jess wants to or not. Drawn into a world of gods, ghosts, and family secrets, Jess finds that making deals with capricious spirits is a dangerous business, but dealing with her grandmother is just as complicated. Especially, when Ah Ma tries to spy on her personal life, threatens to

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spill her secrets to her family and uses her body to commit felonies. As Jess fights for retribution for Ah Ma, she'll also need to regain control of her body and destiny – or the Black Water Sister may finish her off for good. 'A sharp and bittersweet story of past and future, ghosts and gods and family.' – *Naomi Novik*.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Vampires Never Get Old: Tales with Fresh Bite

anthology

Córdova, Zoraida & Parker, Natalie C

In this delicious new collection, you'll find stories about lurking vampires of social media, rebellious vampires hungry for more than just blood, eager vampires coming out – and going out for their first kill – and other bold, breathtaking, dangerous, dreamy, eerie, iconic, powerful creatures of the night. Welcome to the evolution of the vampire – and a revolution on the page. *Vampires Never Get Old* includes stories by authors both bestselling and acclaimed, including Samira Ahmed, Dhonielle Clayton, Zoraida Córdova and Natalie C Parker, Tessa Gratton, Heidi Heilig, Julie Murphy, Mark Oshiro, Rebecca Roanhorse, Laura Ruby, Victoria 'V E' Schwab, and Kayla Whaley.

YA dark fantasy PBK \$19.99

Bloodlines

Monster Hunter 08

Correia, Larry

The chaos god Asag has been quiet since the destruction of the City of Monsters, but Monster Hunter International know that he is still out there, somewhere – plotting, waiting for his chance to unravel reality. When Owen and the MHI team discover that one of Isaac Newton's Ward Stones is being auctioned off – by Reptoids, who live deep beneath Atlanta – they decide to steal the magical superweapon and use it to destroy Asag, once and for all. But before the stone can be handed off, it is stolen by a mysterious thief with ties to MHI and the Vatican's Secret Guard. It's a race against time, the Secret Guard, a spectral bounty hunter, and a whole bunch of monsters to acquire the Ward Stone and use it against Asag. For as dangerous as the chaos god is, there is something much older – and infinitely more evil – awakening deep in the jungles of South America.

Urban fantasy HC \$55.00

The Last Uncharted Sky

Risen Kingdoms 03

Craddock, Curtis

Isabelle and Jean-Claude undertake an airship expedition to recover a fabled treasure and claim a hitherto undiscovered craton for l'Empire Celeste. But Isabelle, as a result from a previous attack that tried to subsume her body and soul, suffers from increasingly disturbing and disruptive hallucinations. Disasters are compounded when the ship is sabotaged by an enemy agent, and Jean-Claude is separated from the expedition. In a race against time, Isabelle must figure out how to ward off her ailment before it destroys her and reunite with Jean-Claude to seek the fabled treasure as ancient secrets and a royal conspiracy threaten to undo the entire realm. The conclusion of the Risen Kingdoms trilogy.

Fantasy TP \$45.95

World Breakers

anthology

Daniel, Tony & Ruocchio, Christopher (editors)

Brute force. Intransigent defiance. Adamantine will. These are the hallmarks of the AI tank. Formed from cold steel and super-powered computing brains, these gigantic tanks with the firepower of an entire army have been the decisive factors in interplanetary battle. But are humans worthy of the extraordinary instruments of war that they have created? Are the World Breakers the greatest protector of human liberty, or its worst threat? For, while these World Breakers very definitely have minds of their own, the question remains: within their iron and superluminal quantum breasts, does there lie a faithful heart? With stories by David Weber, Larry Correia, Wen Spencer, Kevin Ikenberry, Patrick Chiles, Tony Daniel, Hank Davis, Kacey Ezell, Christopher Ruocchio, Monalisa Foster, Robert E Hampson, and Lou J Berger.

Military sf TP \$35.95

SS-GB

Penguin Modern Classics

Deighton, Len

A chilling alternative history of the Second World War, in which the Nazis have conquered Britain... It is 1941 and Germany has won the war. Britain is occupied, Churchill executed, and the King imprisoned in the Tower of London. At Scotland Yard, Detective Inspector Archer tries to do his job and keep his head down. But when a body is found in a Mayfair flat – what, at first, appears to be a routine murder investigation sends him into a world of espionage, deceit and betrayal. A reissue.

Alternate history (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Exiled Fleet

Divide 02

Dewes, J S

The Sentinels narrowly escaped the collapsing edge of the Divide. They have mustered a few other surviving Sentinels, but with no engines they have no way to leave the edge of the universe before they starve. Adequin Rake has gathered a team to find the materials they'll need to get everyone out. To do that they're going to need new allies and evade a ruthless enemy. Some of them will not survive. The sequel to *The Last Watch* (TP, \$32.99). We expect this to be available (and less expensive) through our Australian supplier in November.

Space opera TP \$39.95

The Tyrant

Masquerade 03

Dickinson, Seth

After years of service to the corrupt Imperial Republic of Falcrest, Baru Cormorant finally knows how to destroy it. She's discovered a deadly, weaponised blood plague. And if she releases it, the epidemic will kill millions... not just in Falcrest, but worldwide. As her divided mind turns on itself, Baru's enemies close in. She must choose between genocidal retribution and a harder path. All she has to do is defeat a conspiracy of kings, spies and immortals, manipulate the outcome of two great wars, and steal the greatest riches in the world. If Baru triumphs, she can force Falcrest to abandon its colonies and

make right its crimes. But does she want a slim chance at justice – or certain revenge?

The Tyrant follows *The Traitor* (TP, \$19.99) and *The Monster* (PBK, \$18.99) in this extraordinary quartet; and is published as *The Tyrant Baru Cormorant* in the US.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

The City of a Thousand Faces

Epic of Tumanbay 01

Dryden, Walker

Tumanbay: the most magnificent city on earth. The beating heart of a vast empire. A city of dreams – where those who arrived as slaves now reside in the seat of power. But the wheel of fate is never still: from the gilded rooftops to the dark catacombs, there are secrets waiting to be uncovered. For Gregor, Master of the Palace Guard, the work of rooting out spies and traitors is never done. His brother, the great General Qulan, must quell a distant rebellion. While Shajah, chief wife to the Sultan, is suspicious that her new maid Sarah is not who she claims to be. And a mysterious stranger arrives with a gift for the Sultan himself. A gift that will change Tumanbay, forever... The first in an engrossing historical fantasy series, based on the hit podcast. Its sequel, *The Poison Throne* (TP, \$32.99) is also available now.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

The Upper World

Fadugba, Femi

If you had the chance to change your future, would you take it?

Today... During arguably the worst week of Esso's life, an accident knocks him into an incredible world – a place beyond space or time, where he can see glimpses of the past and future. But if what he sees there is true, he might not have much longer to live, unless he can use his new gift to change the course of history.

Tomorrow... Rhia's past is filled with questions, none of which she expects a new physics tutor to answer. But Dr Esso's not here to help Rhia. He's here because he needs her help – to unravel a tragedy that happened fifteen years ago. One that holds the key not only to Rhia's past, but to a future worth fighting for.

YA sf thriller PBK \$16.99

Luckenbooth

Fagan, Jenni

There are stories tucked away on every floor of 10 Luckenbooth Close. 1910, *Edinburgh*. Jessie MacRae has been sent to a tenement building by her recently-deceased father to bear a child for a wealthy man and his fiancée. The harrowing events that follow lead to a curse on the building and its residents – a curse that will last, for the rest of the century. Over nine decades, 10 Luckenbooth Close bears witness to emblems of a changing world outside its walls. An infamous madam, a spy, a famous Beat poet, a coal miner who fears daylight, a psychic: these are some of the residents whose lives are plagued by the building's troubled history in disparate, sometimes chilling ways. The curse creeps up the nine floors as an enraged spirit world swells to the surface, desperate for the true horror of the building's longest kept secret to be heard.

Gothic PBK \$19.99

The King of Infinite Space

Faye, Lyndsay

Meet Ben Dane: brilliant, devastating, devoted, honest to a fault (truly, a fault). His Broadway theatre baron father is dead – but on purpose, or by accident? The question rips him apart. Unable to face alone his mother's ghostly remarriage to his uncle, Ben turns to his dearest friend, Horatio Patel, whom he hasn't seen since their relationship changed forever from platonic to something... other. Loyal to a fault (truly, a fault), Horatio is on the first flight to NYC when he finds himself next to a sly tailor who portends inevitable disaster. And who seems ominously like an architect of mayhem himself. Meanwhile, Ben's ex-fiancée Lia, sundered her from her loved ones thanks to her addiction recovery and torn from her art, has been drawn into the fold of three florists from New Orleans – seemingly ageless sisters who teach her the language of flowers, and whose magical bouquets hold both curses and cures. For a price. On one explosive night these kinetic forces will collide, and the only possible outcome is death. In this lush, magical, queer, and feminist take on *Hamlet*, in modern-day New York City, a neuro-atypical philosopher, along with his best friend Horatio and artist ex-fiancée Lia, are caught up in the otherworldly events surrounding the death of his father. But in the masterful hands of Lyndsay Faye, the story we all know has abundant surprises in store.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

Dark Song

Carpathian 30

Feehan, Christine

Stolen from her home at a young age and tormented for centuries, Elisabeta Trigovise is scared to show herself to anyone. Even though she has been rescued and is now safe within the Carpathian compound, she has lived in fear for so long she has no idea how to survive without it. She wants to answer the siren call of her lifemate – but the very thought terrifies her. Before he found Elisabeta, Ferro Arany was an ancient warrior without emotion. Now that his senses have come alive, he knows it will take more than kind words and soft touches to convince the fractured woman that they are partners, not master and prisoner. For now, he will give her his strength until she finds hers, allowing the steady rhythm of his heart to soothe Elisabeta's fragile soul. But even as she learns to stand on her own, the vampire who kept her captive is desperate to claim her again, threatening the song Elisabeta and Ferro are writing, together.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

A Court of Miracles

Court of Miracles trilogy 01

Grant, Kester

In the violent urban jungle of an alternate 1828 Paris, the French Revolution has failed, and the city is divided between merciless royalty and nine underworld criminal guilds, known as the Court of Miracles. Eponine (Nina) Thénardier is a talented cat burglar and member of the Thieves Guild. Nina's life is midnight robberies, avoiding her father's fists, and watching over her naive adopted sister, Cosette (Ette). When Ette attracts the eye of the Tiger – the ruthless lord of the Guild of Flesh – Nina is caught in a desperate race to keep the younger girl safe. Her vow

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takes her from the city's dark underbelly to the glittering court of Louis XVII. And it also forces Nina to make a terrible choice – protect Ettie and set off a brutal war between the guilds, or forever lose her sister to the Tiger. The first in a series; now, in paperback.

Historical fantasy PBK \$16.99

The Hand of the Sun King

Pact and Pattern trilogy 01

Greathouse, J T

My name is Wen Alder. My name is Foolish Cur. All my life, I have been torn between two legacies: that of my father, whose roots trace back to the right hand of the Emperor. That of my mother's family, who reject the oppressive Empire and embrace the resistance. I can choose between them – between protecting my family, or protecting my people – or I can search out a better path... a magical path, filled with secrets, unbound by empire or resistance, which could shake my world to its very foundation. But my search for freedom will entangle me in a war between the gods themselves... The first book in the Pact and Pattern series; perfect for fans of Robin Hobb, Brandon Sanderson, and R F Kuang.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Gauntlet and the Fist Beneath Green, Ian

Protect. Fight. Destroy. *Protect your people.* The endless rotstorm rages over the ruins of the Ferron Empire. Floré would never let the slavers of the Empire rise again. As a warrior of the Stormguard Commandos, she wrought horrors in the rotstorm to protect her people. She did her duty and left the bloodshed behind. *Fight for your family.* Floré's peace is shattered when blazing orbs of light cut through the night sky and descend on her village. Her daughter is abducted and Floré is forced into a chase across a land of twisted monsters and ancient gods. She must pursue the mysterious orbs, whose presence could herald the return of the Empire she spent her entire life fighting. *Destroy your enemies.* Now, Floré must take up the role she swore to put aside, and become the weapon the Stormguard trained her to be, to save not only her daughter, but her people...

Fantasy TP \$29.99

The Album of Dr Moreau

novella

Gregory, Daryl

It's 2001, and the WyldBoyZ are the world's hottest boy band, and definitely the world's only genetically engineered human-animal hybrid vocal group. When their producer, Dr M, is found murdered in his hotel room, the 'boyz' become the prime suspects. Was it Bobby the ocelot ('the cute one'), Matt the megabat ('the funny one'), Tim the Pangolin ('the shy one'), Devin the bonobo ('the romantic one'), or Tusk the elephant ('the smart one')? Las Vegas Detective Luce Delgado has only 24 hours to solve a case that goes all the way back to the secret science barge, where the WyldBoyZ's journey first began – a place they used to call home. A 176pp, Tor.com novella, combining the sf premise of the famous novel by H G Wells with the panache of a classic murder mystery and the spectacle of a beloved boy band.

Science fiction PBK \$29.99

The Original Folk and Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm

Grimm, Jacob & Wilhelm
When Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm published their *Children's and Household Tales* in 1812, followed by a second volume in 1815, they had no idea that such stories as Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel, and Cinderella would become the most celebrated in the world. Yet, few people today are familiar with the majority of tales from the two early volumes, since in the next four decades the Grimms would publish six other editions, each extensively revised in content and style. For the very first time, *The Original Folk and Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm* makes available, in English, all 156 stories from the 1812 and 1815 editions. These narrative gems, newly translated and brought together in one beautiful book, are accompanied by sumptuous new illustrations from award-winning artist Andrea Dezsö. From 'The Frog King' to 'The Golden Key', wondrous worlds unfold – heroes and heroines are rewarded, weaker animals triumph over the strong, and simple bumpkins prove themselves not so simple after all. Esteemed fairy tale scholar Jack Zipes offers accessible translations that retain the spare description and engaging storytelling style of the originals. Indeed, this is what makes the tales from the 1812 and 1815 editions unique – they reflect diverse voices, rooted in oral traditions, that are absent from the Grimms' later, more-embellished collections of tales. Zipes' introduction gives important historical context, and the book includes the Grimms' prefaces and notes. A delight to read, *The Original Folk and Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm* presents these peerless stories to a whole new generation of readers.

Fairy tales TP \$34.99

Sucker Punch

Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter 27

Hamilton, Laurell K

When a fellow US Marshal asks Anita Blake to fly to a tiny community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, on an emergency consult, she knows time is running short. When she arrives, there is plenty of proof that a young wereleopard killed his uncle in the most gruesome and bloody way possible. As the mounting evidence points to him, a warrant of execution is already under way. But something seems off about the murder, and Anita has been asked for her expert opinion on the crime scene. Despite escalating pressure from local cops and the family's cries for justice for their dead patriarch, Anita quickly realises that the evidence doesn't quite add up. Time is against Anita, as the tight-knit community is up in arms and its fear of supernaturals is growing. She races to uncover the truth and determine whether the Marshals have caught the killer or are about to execute an innocent man – all, in the name of justice.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

A Terrible Fall of Angels

Zaniel Havelock 01

Hamilton, Laurell K

Angels walk among us, but so do other unearthly beings... Meet Detective Zaniel Havelock, a man with the special ability to communicate directly with angels. A former trained Angel speaker, he devoted his life

to serving both the celestial beings and his fellow humans with his gift, but a terrible betrayal compelled him to leave that life behind. Now, he's a cop who is still working on the side of angels. But, where there are angels, there are also demons. There's no question that there's evil at work when he's called in to examine the murder scene of a college student – but is it just the evil that one human being can do to another, or is it something more? When demonic possession is a possibility, even angelic protection can only go so far. The race is on to stop a killer before he finds his next victim, as Zaniel is forced to confront his own very personal demons, and the past he never truly left behind. The first in a new series.

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

Light Chaser

novella

Hamilton, Peter F & Powell, Gareth L

Amahle is a Light Chaser – one of a number of explorers, who travel the universe alone (except for their onboard AI), trading trinkets for life stories. But when she listens to the stories sent down through the ages, she hears the same voice talking directly to her from different times and on different worlds. She comes to understand that something terrible is happening, and only she is in a position to do anything about it. And it will cost everything to put it right. A 174pp Tor.com novella.

Space opera TP \$30.95

The Broken God

Black Iron Legacy 03

Hanrahan, Gareth

The Godswar has come to Guerdon, dividing the city between three occupying powers. A fragile armistice holds back the gods, but other dangerous forces seek to exert their influence. Spar Idgeson, once heir to the brotherhood of thieves has been transformed into the living stone of the new city. But his powers are failing and the criminal dragons of the Ghierdana are circling. Meanwhile, far across the sea, Carillon Thay – once a thief, a saint, a god killer; now, alone and powerless – seeks the mysterious land of Khebes, desperate to find a cure for Spar. But what hope does she have when even the gods seek vengeance against her?

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Second Blind Son

Chronicles of Saylok 02

Harmon, Amy

An insidious curse is weakening the Norse kingdom of Saylok, where no daughters have been born in years. Washing up on these plagued shores is Ghisla, an orphaned stowaway nursed back to health by Hod, a blind cave dweller. Named for a mysterious god, Hod is surrounded by prophecy. To Ghisla, he's a cherished new friend, but to Hod, the girl is much more. For when Ghisla sings, Hod can see. Unable to offer safe shelter, Hod urges Ghisla onward to become a daughter of the temple, where all the kingdom's girl children have been gathered. But because of a magical rune, the two cannot be separated, no matter the time or the distance. Now, subject to a ruthless king, Ghisla enters a desperate world of warring clan chieftains and catastrophic power struggles. Uncertain whom to trust, their bond

strained by dangerous secrets and feuding loyalties, Ghisla and Hod must confront the prophecies that threaten Saylok, while finding a way to save each other. The sequel to *The First Girl Child* (TP, \$27.99).

Historical fantasy TP \$27.99

Make Room! Make Room!

Penguin Classics

Harrison, Harry

A seminal work of science fiction: an unnerving vision of the consequences of unchecked overpopulation. The planet's population has exploded. The 35 million inhabitants of New York City run their TVs off pedal power, riot for water, trample for lentil 'steaks', and sweat beneath a sweltering sun. Amid it all, a city cop tries to catch a gangster's killer and vie for the affection of a dangerous woman... Offering a disturbing vision of the future and a ground-breaking exploration of the dangers of overpopulation, Harry Harrison's *Make Room! Make Room!* is a keystone work of science fiction – and the basis of the cult film *Soylent Green*. A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$19.99

American Demon

Rachel Morgan/Hollows 14

Harrison, Kim

What happens after you've saved the world? Well, if you're Rachel Mariana Morgan, witch-born demon, you quickly discover that something might have gone just a little bit wrong. That the very same acts you and your friends took to forge new powers may have released something bound by the old. With a rash of zombies, some strange new murders, and an exceedingly mysterious new demon in town, it will take everything Rachel has to counter this new threat to the world – and it may demand the sacrifice of what she holds most dear.

Paranormal PBK \$19.99

Paper and Blood

Ink & Sigil 02

Hearne, Kevin

There's only one AI MacBharrais: Though, other Scotsmen may have dramatic moustaches and a taste for fancy cocktails, AI also has a unique talent. He's a master of ink and sigil magic. In his gifted hands, paper and pen can work wondrous spells. But AI isn't quite alone: He is part of a global network of sigil agents who use their powers to protect the world from mischievous gods and strange monsters. So, when a fellow agent disappears under sinister circumstances in Australia, AI leaves behind the cosy pubs and cafés of Glasgow and travels to the Dandenong Ranges in Victoria to solve the mystery. The trail to his colleague begins to pile up with bodies at alarming speed, so AI is grateful his friends have come to help – especially Nadia, his accountant who moonlights as a pit fighter. Together with a whisky-loving hobgoblin known as Buck Foi, and the ancient Druid Atticus O'Sullivan, AI and Nadia will face down the wildest wonders Australia – and the supernatural world – can throw at them, and confront a legendary monster not seen in centuries. The follow-up to the hugely-popular first in Hearne's new series, *Ink and Sigil* (PBK, \$22.99).

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

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The Year of the Witching **Henderson, Alexis**

In the lands of Bethel, where the Prophet's word is law, Immanuelle Moore's very existence is blasphemy. Her mother's union with an outsider of a different race cast her once-proud family into disgrace, so Immanuelle does her best to worship the Father, follow Holy Protocol, and lead a life of submission, devotion, and absolute conformity, like all the other women in the settlement. But a mishap lures her into the forbidden Darkwood surrounding Bethel, where the first prophet once chased and killed four powerful witches. Their spirits are still lurking there, and they bestow a gift on Immanuelle: the journal of her dead mother, who – Immanuelle is shocked to learn – once sought sanctuary in the wood. Fascinated by the secrets in the diary, Immanuelle finds herself struggling to understand how her mother could have consorted with the witches. But when she begins to learn grim truths about the Church and its history, she realises the true threat to Bethel is its own darkness. And she starts to understand that if Bethel is to change, it must begin with her.

Dystopian fantasy PBK \$19.99

Crosshairs

Hernandez, Catherine

In the wake of the escalating global battle for economic and social justice, award-winning author Catherine Hernandez has crafted a dystopian tale of love, friendship, and resistance set in a terrifyingly-familiar near future. Crosshairs births an indelible landscape of memory and uncertainty as Kay, the gay son of Filipino and Jamaican immigrants, is on the run from a fascist regime operated by a paramilitary group known as the Boots. Those who fall at the bottom of the Boots' social stratification are rendered 'Other' and subsequently sent to work camps. They suffer violence that pushes them further into this otherness, although the new regime labels these sweeping acts the 'Renovation'. Kay's account of these events is a silent letter to his lover, Evan, from whom he is separated when the Renovation's plans fall rapidly into place. When Kay finds himself on the run again, he lands in the front lines of a civilian-led movement called the Resistance. There, he discovers the answer to his question: *I wonder what could possibly happen, in my lifetime, that would have me running. What would mean enough to me, to fight against it?*

Dystopia TP \$37.95

The Rookery

Nightjar duology 02

Hewitt, Deborah

After discovering her magical ability to see people's souls, Alice Wyndham only wants three things: to return to the Rookery, join the House Mielikki and master her magic, and find out who she really is. But when the secrets of Alice's past threaten her, and the Rookery begins to crumble around her, she must decide how far she's willing to go to save the city and people she loves. The sequel to *The Nightjar* (PBK, \$17.99).

Fantasy TP \$41.95

Riddley Walker

Penguin Modern Classics

Hoban, Russell

'O, what we ben! And what we come to...' Wandering a desolate post-apocalyptic landscape, speaking a broken-down English lost after the end of civilisation, Riddley Walker sets out to find out what brought humanity here. This is his story. Russell Hoban's masterpiece, a post-apocalyptic vision of humanity stripped back to its essentials. A reissue.

Post apocalypse (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The White Devil

Left Hand of God 04

Hoffman, Paul

Mankind's most reluctant hero – Thomas Cale – is back. Cale is through running from his enemies. He's survived the Sanctuary attempts to kill him. He's survived being betrayed by his greatest love. He's survived heaven, hell and everything in between. But then he stumbles into the kind of world events that not even a mercenary as wily as Cale can escape. Because, as the poets say, where Thomas Cale goes a funeral surely follows. The fate of humankind rests on Cale's decision. The series begins with *The Left Hand of God* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Ten Low

Holborn, Stark

A breakneck race to escape across an alien moon thriving with aliens and criminals... Ten Low is eking out a living at the universe's edge. An ex-medic, ex-con, desperate to escape her memories of the war, she still hasn't learnt that no good deed goes unpunished. Attempting to atone for her sins, she pulls a teenage girl from a crashed life-craft. But Gabriella Ortiz is no ordinary girl – she is a genetically-engineered, super soldier and decorated General, part of the army that kept Ten prisoner. Worse, Ten realises the crash was an assassination attempt, and that someone wants Ortiz dead... To get the General off world, they must cross the moon's lawless wastes, face military hit squads, savage bandits, organ sharks and good old-fashioned treachery. But as they race to safety, something else waits in the darkness. Something ancient and patient. Something that knows exactly who she is, and what she is really running from.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

The Down Days

Hugo, Ilze

In the aftermath of a deadly outbreak – reminiscent of the 1962 event of mass hysteria that was the Tanganyika Laughter Epidemic – a city at the tip of Africa is losing its mind, with residents experiencing hallucinations and paranoia. Is it simply another episode of mass hysteria, or something more sinister? In a quarantined city in which the inexplicable has already occurred, rumours, superstitions, and conspiracy theories abound. During these strange days, Faith works as a fulltime corpse collector and a freelance 'truthologist', putting together desperate pieces of information to solve problems. But after Faith agrees to help an orphaned girl find her abducted baby brother, she begins to wonder whether the boy is even real. Meanwhile, a

young man named Sans who trades in illicit goods is so distracted by a glimpse of his dream woman that he lets a bag of money he owes his gang partners go missing – leaving him desperately searching for both and soon questioning his own sanity. Over the course of a single week, the paths of Faith, Sans, and a cast of other hustlers – including a data dealer, a drug addict, a sin eater, and a hyena man – will cross and intertwine as they move about the city looking for lost souls, uncertain absolution, and answers that may not exist.

Apocalypse TP \$29.99

The Lights of Prague

Jarvis, Nicole

In the quiet streets of Prague, all manner of mysterious creatures lurk in the shadows. Unbeknownst to its citizens, their only hope against the tide of predators are the dauntless lamplighters – secret elite of monster hunters whose light staves off the darkness each night. Domek Myska leads a life teeming with fraught encounters with the worst kind of evil: *pjajvice*, bloodthirsty and soulless vampiric creatures. Despite this, Domek finds solace in his moments spent in the company of his friend, the clever and beautiful Lady Ora Fischerová – a widow with secrets of her own. When Domek finds himself stalked by the spirit of the White Lady – a ghost who haunts the baroque halls of Prague castle – he stumbles across the sentient essence of a will-o'-the-wisp captured in a mysterious container. Now, as its bearer, Domek wields its power, but the wisp, known for leading travellers to their deaths, will not be so easily controlled. After discovering a conspiracy amongst the *pjajvice* that could see them unleash terror on the daylight world, Domek finds himself in a race against those who aim to twist alchemical science for their own dangerous gain.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

The City We Became

Great Cities trilogy 01

Jemisin, N K

Five New Yorkers must band together to defend their city... Every city has a soul. Some are as ancient as myths, and others are as new and destructive as children. New York City? She's got five. But every city also has a dark side. A roiling, ancient evil stirs beneath the earth, threatening to destroy the city and her five protectors, unless they can come together and stop it, once and for all. An astonishing new fantasy tale is the first book of a new series, now in paperback – from the record-breaking, triple Hugo Award-winning author. 'The most celebrated science fiction and fantasy writer of her generation... Jemisin seems able to do just about everything' – *New York Times*. Leanne loved this, gobbling it down in one sitting! Highly recommended.

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

Trouble the Saints

Johnson, Alaya Dawn

Set against the darkly-glamorous backdrop of New York City, an assassin tries to fight her fate, at the dawn of World War II. Amid the whirl of city life, a young woman from Harlem is drawn into the glittering underworld of Manhattan, where she's hired to use her knives to strike fear among its

most dangerous denizens. Ten years later, Phyllis LeBlanc has given up everything – not just her own past, and Dev, the man she loved, but even her own dreams. Still, the ghosts from her past are always by her side – and history has appeared on her doorstep to threaten the people she keeps in her heart. And, so, Phyllis will have to make a harrowing choice, before it's too late – is there ever enough blood in the world to wash clean generations of injustice? A dazzling, daring novel – a magical love story, a compelling exposure of racial fault lines – and an altogether brilliant and deeply American saga.

Historical fantasy TP \$39.95

When the Goddess Wakes

Ring-Sworn trilogy 03

Jones, Howard Andrew

The Naor hordes have been driven from the walls, but the Dendressi forces are scattered and fragmented, and their gravest threat lies before them. For their queen has slain the ruling council and fled with the magical artefacts known as the hearthstones, and she is only a few days from turning them to her mad ends. The Altenerai corps has suffered grievous casualties, and Elenai's hearthstone and her source of sorcerous power has been shattered. She and her friends have no choice but to join with the most unlikely of allies. Their goal: to find the queen's hiding place and somehow stop her before she wakes the goddess who will destroy them all... The conclusion of the Ring-Sworn trilogy.

Fantasy HC \$62.95

Ice

Penguin Classics

Kavan, Anna

No one knows why the ice has come, and no one can stop it. Every day, it creeps further across the earth, covering the land in snow and freezing everything in its path. Through this bleached, devastated world, one man pursues the silver-haired girl he loves, as she keeps running – away from her husband; away from the sinister 'warden' who seeks to control her; away from him... A dreamlike, frozen dystopia from one of the 20th century's most unique writers. Mysterious, unnerving, and beautifully lyrical, Anna Kavan's *Ice* is a work of science fiction without parallel. A reissue.

Dystopia (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Theft of Sunlight

Dauntless Path 02

Khanani, Intisar

Children have been disappearing from across Menaiya, for longer than Amraeya ni Ansarim can remember. When her friend's sister is snatched, Rae knows she can't look away any longer – even if that means seeking answers from the royal court, where her country upbringing and clubfoot will only invite ridicule. Yet, at court, she discovers an ally in the foreign princess, who recruits her as an attendant. So, Rae begins to seek answers in the dark city streets, finding unexpected help in a thief with secrets of his own. But treachery runs deep, and the more Rae uncovers, the more she endangers the kingdom, itself.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

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The All-Consuming World **Khaw, Cassandra**

Maya has died and been resurrected into countless cyborg bodies through the years of a long, dangerous career with the infamous Dirty Dozen, the most storied crew of criminals in the galaxy, at least before their untimely and gruesome demise. Decades later, she and her diverse team of broken, diminished outlaws must get back together to solve the mystery of their last, disastrous mission and to rescue a missing and much-changed comrade... but they're not the only ones in pursuit of the secret at the heart of the planet Dimmuborgir. The highly evolved AI of the galaxy have their own agenda and will do whatever it takes to keep humanity from ever regaining control. As Maya and her comrades spiral closer to uncovering the AIs' vast conspiracy, this band of violent women – half clone and half machine – must battle their own traumas and a universe of sapient aceships who want them dead, in order to settle their affairs, once and for all. This explosive and introspective exploration of humans and machines, life and death is Cassandra Khaw's debut novel.

Horror HC \$55.00

Walk Among Us: **compiled edition**

Vampire: the Masquerade

Khaw, Cassandra & Gornichec, Genevieve & Starling, Caitlin

An audio-first collection of three novellas that show the terror, hunger, and power of the Kindred, as you've never seen them before. In Genevieve Gornichec's *A Sheep Among Wolves*, depression and radicalisation go hand-in-hand as a young woman finds companionship in the darkness...

In Cassandra Khaw's *Fine Print*, an arrogant tech bro learns the importance of reading the fine print in the contract for immortality... And, in Caitlin Starling's *The Land of Milk and Honey*, ideals and ethics bump heads with appetite on a blood farm. Three very different stories from three amazing, distinct voices, but all with one thing in common: the hunger never stops, and for someone to experience power, many others are going to have to feel pain.

Horror TP \$35.00

Switch **King, A S**

Time has stopped. It's been June 23, 2020 for nearly a year, as far as anyone can tell. Frantic adults demand teenagers focus on finding practical solutions to the worldwide crisis. Not everyone is on board, though. Javelin-throwing prodigy Truda Becker is pretty sure her Solution Time class won't solve the world's problems, but she does have a few ideas what might. Truda lives in a house with a switch that no one ever touches, a switch her father protects every day by nailing it into hundreds of progressively larger boxes. But Truda's got a crowbar, and one way or another, she's going to see what happens when she flips the switch. A surreal and timely novel about the effects of isolation and what it means to be connected to the world.

Apocalypse PBK \$19.99

Lisey's Story

TV tie-in edition

King, Stephen

Lisey lost her husband Scott, two years ago, after a 25-year marriage of profound and sometimes frightening intimacy. Scott was an award-winning, bestselling novelist and a very complicated man. Early in their relationship, before they married, Lisey knew there was a place Scott went – a place that both terrified and healed him, could eat him alive or give him the ideas he needed in order to live. Now, it's Lisey's turn to face Scott's demons, to go to that terrifying place known as Boo'ya Moon. What begins as a widow's effort to sort through the papers of her celebrated husband becomes a nearly fatal journey into the darkness he inhabited. Now, an Apple TV+ limited series, starring Julianne Moore and Clive Owen.

Horror (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Citadel

Palladium Wars 03

Kloos, Marko

The war should have been over. But it's not for a group of nationalists grabbing for control. It's been two weeks since a missile with a nuclear warhead tore through the planetary defences in the most blistering large-scale attack ever committed in the history of the Gaia system. Commander Dunstan Park of the Rhodian navy has been handpicked to command an experimental cruiser that could dictate the course of the escalating conflict. All he has to do is keep the ship from falling into the wrong hands. On Gretia, the powder keg is beyond control. A terrorist attack against civilians draws Idina Chaudhary into a costly battle. It also forces a cautious Aden Jansen back into the fray. Now, dedicated to a just cause, he's still keeping his past hidden. The risk of exposing his former alliance could twist not only his fate but also that of his sister, Solveig, heir to the family empire. With no time to waste, Dunstan hits the ground running. But as insurgents threaten the unstable peace, what's ahead for both sides could change the destiny of the Gaia system forever. The ever-popular Kloos' Palladium Wars begins with *Aftershocks* (TP, \$27.99).

Military SF TP \$27.99

Days of Burning,

Days of Wrath

Carrera 08

Kratman, Tom

When Patricio Carrera's family was murdered by Salafist terrorists, aided and abetted by the fleet of alien Earth, the only restraint on his ruthlessness and ambition was also removed. Now, after decades of war and preparation for war in his adopted homeland of Balboa, the last of the Tauran Union Expeditionary Force collapses and is herded into prison camps and ships, where their re-education commences. An Islamic rebellion explodes inside the Tauran Union, bringing the governments and the bureaucracies to their knees... except when they're hauled up by their necks on lampposts. In neighbouring Santa Josefina, the Taurans' Task Force Jesuit is pinned into one small corner of the country, helplessly awaiting destruction. At sea, the Balboan classis and the remaining fleet of the Zhong Hegemony battle for the supply lines that keep the invading Zhong Army in Balboa alive, while the legions, now rid of the Taurans, redeploy against the Zhong, vengeance

and massacre in their hearts and minds.

And finally, Hamilcar Carrera, Patricio's young son, stands poised on the bridge of a clandestine assault transport, ready to obliterate the last enemy base on his planet, even as a small ship is poised to remove the alien interstellar fleet overhead.

Military sf PBK \$24.95

A Wicked Magic

Laurens, Sasha

Dan and Liss are witches. The Black Book granted them that power. Harnessing that power feels good, especially when everything in their lives makes them feel powerless. During a spell gone wrong, Liss' boyfriend is snatched away by an evil entity and presumed dead. Dan and Liss' friendship dies, that night, too. How can they practice magic after the darkness that they conjured? Months later, Liss discovers that her boyfriend is alive, trapped underground in the grips of an ancient force. She must save him, and she needs Dan and the power of The Black Book to do so. Dan is quickly sucked back into Liss' orbit and pushes away her best friend, Alexa. But Alexa has some big secrets she's hiding and her own unique magical disaster to deal with. When another teenager disappears, the girls know it's no coincidence. What greedy magic have they awakened? And what does it want with these teens, it has stolen?

YA supernatural thriller PBK \$16.99

A Strange and

Brilliant Light

Lee, Eli

Lal, Janetta, and Rose are living in a time of flux. Technological advance has brought huge financial rewards to those with power, but large swathes of the population are losing their jobs to artificial intelligence, or auts, as they're called. Unemployment is high, discontent is rife and rumours are swirling. Many feel robbed – not just of their livelihoods, but of their hopes for the future. Lal is languishing in her role at a coffee shop and feeling overshadowed by her quietly brilliant sister, Janetta, whose PhD is focused on making auts empathetic. Even Rose, Lal's best friend, has found a sense of purpose in charismatic up-and-coming politician Alek. When vigilantes break into the coffee shop and destroy their new coffee-making aut, it sets in motion a chain of events that will pull the three young women in very different directions. Change is coming – change that will launch humankind into a new era. If Rose, Lal, and Janetta can find a way to combine their burgeoning talents, they might just end up setting the course of history.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The First Sister

First Sister trilogy 01

Lewis, Linden A

First sister has no name, and no voice. Forced to travel the stars, alongside the Gean soldiers of Earth and Mars, she lacks control over her own destiny. Until an enigmatic, and secretive, new captain – Saito Ren – joins her ship and opens her eyes to a dangerous new path. Lito Val Lucius has no faith, and no loyalty. An elite Icarii soldier of Venus, he was thrown into disgrace after the sudden disappearance of his partner, Hiro. Then Hiro is discovered alive, and a traitor, and Lito is offered a shot at redemption: but only if he hunts down

and kills his former partner in cold blood. As the war between the Geans and the Icarii reaches a head, Lito and the First Sister must decide what – and whom – they are willing to sacrifice in the name of duty, or for love. An epic space opera follows a comfort woman as she claims her agency, a soldier questioning his allegiances, and a non-binary hero out to save the solar system. Now, in paperback. 'I couldn't put it down' – *R F Kuang*.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

A Voyage to Arcturus

Penguin Classics

Lindsay, David

After journeying across the stars, a man from Earth finds himself lost among the scarlet deserts, black cliffs and semi-sentient oceans of Tormance, a world lit by the star Arcturus. Pulled northward by the sound of drums, and undergoing strange physical transformations, the Earthman's adventures with the planet's inhabitants begin to shine with arcane significance – ending finally in startling and unforgettable revelations. At once, an extraordinary odyssey across a bizarre alien world, a visceral exploration of human thought and behaviour, and a unique metaphysical examination of the cosmos, David Lindsay's masterpiece is a pioneering work of science fiction that has influenced generations of writers, including C S Lewis, J R R Tolkien, and Philip Pullman. A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Store

Little, Bentley

Juniper, Arizona, is an off-the-map desert town the retail giant called The Store has chosen for its new location. Now, everything you could possibly want is under one roof, at unbelievable prices. But you'd better be careful what you wish for. This place demands something of its customers that goes beyond brand loyalty. At The Store, one-stop shopping has become last-stop shopping. Bill Davis is the only one in town who senses the evil lurking within The Store. But he can't stop his two teenage daughters from taking jobs there and falling under the frightening influence of its sadistic manager. When Bill finally takes a stand, he will get much more than he bargained for...

Horror TP \$27.95

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.

Musical fantasy PBK \$19.99

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The House of Always

Chorus of Dragons 04

Lyons, Jenn

In the aftermath of the Ritual of Night, everything has changed. The Eight Immortals have catastrophically failed to stop Kihrin's enemies, who are moving forward with their plans to free Vol Karoth, the King of Demons. Kihrin has his own ideas about how to fight back, but even if he's willing to sacrifice everything for victory, the cost may prove too high for his allies. Now, they face a choice: can they save the world while saving Kihrin, too? Or will they be forced to watch as he becomes the very evil, they have all sworn to destroy. A Chorus of Dragons began with *The Ruin of Kings* (PBK, \$18.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

We Cry for Blood

Reborn Empire 03

Madson, Devin

Ambition and schemes have left the Kisian Empire in ashes. Empress Miko Ts'ai will have to move fast if she hopes to secure a foothold in its ruins. However, the line between enemies and allies may not be as clear cut, as they first appeared. After failing to win back his Swords, former Captain Rah e'Torin finds shelter among the Levanti deserters. But his presence in the camp threatens to fracture the group, putting him on a collision course with their enigmatic leader. Assassin Cassandra Marius knows Leo Villius' secret – one that could thwart his ambitions to conquer Kisian. But her time in Empress Hana's body is running out and each attempt they make to exploit Leo's weakness may be playing into his plans. And, as Leo's control over the Levanti emperor grows, Dishiva is caught in his web. To successfully challenge him, she'll have to decide how many of her people are worth sacrificing, in order to win. The Reborn Empire begins with *We Ride the Storm* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Godstone

Malan, Violette

Fenra Lowens has been a working Practitioner, using the magic of healing ever since she graduated from the White Court and left the City, to live in the Outer Modes. When one of her patients, Arlyn Albainil, is summoned to the City to execute the final testament of a distant cousin, she agrees to help him. Arlyn suspects the White Court wants to access his cousin's Practitioner's vault. Arlyn can't ignore the summons: he knows the vault holds an artefact so dangerous he can't allow it to be freed. Fenra quickly figures out that there is no cousin, that Arlyn himself is the missing Practitioner, the legendary Xandra Albainil, rumoured to have made a Godstone with which he once almost destroyed the world. Sealing away the Godstone left Arlyn powerless and ill, and he needs Fenra to help him deal with the possibly sentient artefact before someone else finds and uses it. Along the way they encounter Elvanyan Karamisk, an old friend whom Arlyn once betrayed. Convinced that Arlyn has not changed, and intends to use Fenra to recover the Godstone and with it all his power, Elvanyan joins them to keep Fenra safe and help her destroy the artefact. The first in a series.

Military fantasy HC \$55.00

A Song of Flight

Warrior Bards 03

Marillier, Juliet

Bard and fighter Liobhan is always ready for a challenge. So, when news arrives at Swan Island that the prince of Dalriada has gone missing after an assault by both masked men and the sinister Crow Folk, she's eager to act. While Liobhan and her fellow Swan Island warriors seek answers to the prince's disappearance, the bard Brocc, Liobhan's brother, finds himself in dire trouble. His attempts to communicate with the Crow Folk have led him down a perilous path. When Liobhan and her comrades are sent to the rescue, it becomes clear the two missions are connected – and a great mystery unfolds. What brought the Crow Folk to Erin? And who seeks to use them, in an unscrupulous bid for power? As Liobhan and Brocc investigate, it will take all their strength and will to continue pursuing the truth. With the safety of their loved ones in the balance, the risks they must take may cost them everything. *The Harp of Kings* (TP, \$29.99) begins this newest series by Marillier.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The House of a Hundred Whispers

Masterton, Graham

Dartmoor, with its mists, bleak winter weather and overwhelming sense of isolation, is the perfect place to build a prison. It's not a place many would choose to live – yet, the Governor of Dartmoor Prison did just that. When Herbert Russell retired, he bought All Hallows' Hall – a rambling Tudor mansion on the edge of the moor, and lived there all his life. Now, he's dead, and his estranged family are set to inherit his estate. But when the dead man's family come to stay, the atmosphere of the moors seems to drift into every room. Floorboards creak, secret passageways echo, and wind whistles in the house's famous priest hole. And then, on the morning the family decide to leave All Hallows' Hall, once and for all, their young son Timmy goes missing...

Horror PBK \$19.99

Quantum Shadows

Modesitt, L E

On a world called Heaven, the ten major religions of mankind each have its own land governed by a capital city and ruled by a Hegemon. That Hegemon may be a god, or a prophet of a god. Smaller religions have their own towns or villages of belief. Corvyn, known as the Shadow of the Raven, contains the collective memory of humanity's Falls from Grace. With this knowledge comes enormous power. When unknown power burns a mysterious black image into the holy place of each House of the Decalivre, Corvyn must discover what entity could possibly have that much power. The stakes are nothing less than another Fall, and if he doesn't stop it, mankind will not rise from the ashes.

Science fiction TP \$41.95

Divine Heretic

Moyer, Jaime Lee

The voices whispering to Jeanne d'Arc that she is fated to put a king upon his throne claim to be sainted angels. Jeanne knows they're lying. Everyone knows the story

of Joan of Arc, a peasant girl who put Charles VII on the throne – before being burned by the English as a heretic and witch. But things are not always as they appear. Jeanne d'Arc was only five, when three angels and saints first came to her. Shrouded by a halo of heavenly light, she believed their claim to be holy. The Archangel Michael and Saint Margaret told her she was the foretold Warrior Maid of Lorraine, fated to free France and put a king upon his throne. Saint Catherine made her promise to obey their commands and embrace her destiny; the three saints would guide her every step. Jeanne bound herself to these creatures without knowing what she'd done. As she got older, Jeanne grew to mistrust and fear the voices, and they didn't hesitate to punish her cruelly for disobedience. She quickly learned that their cherished prophecy was more important than the girl expected to make it come true. Jeanne is only a shepherd's daughter, not the Warrior Maid of the prophecy, but she is stubborn and rebellious, and finds ways to avoid doing – and being – what these creatures want. Resistance has a terrifying price, but Jeanne is determined to fight for the life she wants. But when the cost grows too high, Jeanne will risk everything to save the three people she loves most, in all the world. Not everyone is destined to be a hero. Sometimes, you have no choice.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

Beowulf's Children

Heorot 02

Niven, Larry & Pournelle, Jerry & Barnes, Steven

Some twenty years have passed since the passengers and crew of the starship Geographic established a colony on the hostile alien world of Avalon. In that time, a new generation has grown up in the peace and serenity of the island paradise of Camelot, ignorant of the Great Grendel Wars fought between their parents and grandparents and the monstrous inhabitants of Avalon. Now, under the influence of a charismatic leader, a group of young rebels makes for the mainland, intent on establishing their own colony, sure that they can vanquish any foe that should stand in their way. But they will soon discover that Avalon holds darker secrets still. The middle book of the Heorot trilogy, following *The Heorot Legacy* and preceding *Starborn and Godsons* (PBK, \$24.95 each).

Science fiction PBK \$24.95

Sabriel

25th anniversary edition

Nix, Garth

For many years, Sabriel has lived outside the walls of the Old Kingdom, away from the random power of Free Magic, and away from the Dead who won't stay dead. But now her father, the Mage Abhorsen, is missing, and to find him Sabriel must cross back into that treacherous world – and face the power of her own extraordinary destiny. This special 25th anniversary edition features bonus material including a letter from Garth, original notes and a facsimile of a first, handwritten draft. 'Sabriel is a winner, a fantasy that reads like realism. Here is a world with the same solidity and four-dimensional authority as our own, created with invention, clarity and intelligence.' – Philip Pullman.

YA fantasy (reissue) HC \$27.99

Within Without

Nyquist mysteries 04

Noon, Jeff

In the year 1960, private eye John Nyquist arrives in Delirium, a city of a million borders, to pursue his strangest case yet: tracking down the stolen sentient image of faded rock'n'roll star Vince Craven. As Nyquist tracks Vince's image through Delirium, crossing a series of ever-stranger and more surreal border zones, he hears tantalising stories of a First Border, Omata, hidden within the depths of the city. But to find it, he'll have to cross into the fractured minds of Delirium's residents, and even into his own...

SF mystery TP \$24.99

Notes from the Burning Age

North, Claire

Ven was once a holy man, a keeper of ancient archives. It was his duty to interpret archaic texts, sorting useful knowledge from the heretical ideas of the Burning Age – a time of excess and climate disaster. For in Ven's world, such material must be closely guarded, so that the ills that led to that cataclysmic era can never be repeated. But when the revolutionary Brotherhood approaches Ven, pressuring him to translate stolen writings that threaten everything he once held dear, his life will be turned upside down. Torn between friendship and faith, Ven must decide how far he's willing to go to save this new world, and how much he is willing to lose. From one of the most imaginative writers of her generation comes an extraordinary vision of the future.

Dystopia TP \$32.99

Bone Chase

Ochse, Weston

There were giants on the earth in those days – at least, that's what the Bible says. But, where are they? Did they ever really exist, at all? When out-of-work math teacher Ethan McCloud is sent a mysterious box, he and his ex-girlfriend begin to unravel a mystery 10,000 years in the making – and he is the last hope to discovering the world's greatest conspiracy. Chased by both the Six-Fingered Man and the Council of David, Ethan must survive the chase – and find the truth.

Supernatural thriller TP \$37.95

The Scavenger Door

Finder Chronicles 03

Palmer, Suzanne

Fergus is back on Earth at last, trying to figure out how to live a normal life. However, it seems the universe has other plans for him. When his cousin sends him off to help out a friend, Fergus accidentally stumbles across a piece of an ancient alien artefact that some very powerful people seem to think means the entire solar system is in danger. And since he's the one who found it, they're certain it's also his problem to deal with. With the help of his newfound sister, friends both old and new, and some enemies, too, Fergus needs to find the rest of the artefact and destroy the pieces before anyone can reassemble the original and open a multidimensional door between Earth and a vast, implacable, alien swarm. Problem is, the pieces could be anywhere on Earth, and he's not the only one out searching. The Finder Chronicles begin with *Finder* (PBK, \$24.95).

SF caper HC \$55.00

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She Who Became the Sun

Radiant Emperor duology 01

Parker-Ghan, Shelley

In a famine-stricken village on a dusty, yellow plain, two children are given two fates. A boy, greatness. A girl, nothingness...

In 1345, China lies under harsh Mongol rule. For the starving peasants of the Central Plains, greatness is something found only in stories. When the Zhu family's eighth-born son, Zhu Chongba, is given a fate of greatness, everyone is mystified as to how it will come to pass. The fate of nothingness received, by the family's clever and capable second daughter, on the other hand, is only as expected. When a bandit attack orphans the two children, though, it is Zhu Chongba who succumbs to despair and dies. Desperate to escape her own fated death, the girl uses her brother's identity to enter a monastery as a young male novice. There, propelled by her burning desire to survive, Zhu learns she is capable of doing whatever it takes, no matter how callous, to stay hidden from her fate. After her sanctuary is destroyed for supporting the rebellion against Mongol rule, Zhu takes the chance to claim another future altogether: her brother's abandoned greatness. A bold, queer, and lyrical re-imagining of the rise of the founding emperor of the Ming Dynasty; from an amazing new Australian voice in literary fantasy. The first in a duology.

Chinese mythic fantasy TP \$32.99

A Radical Act of Free Magic

Shadow Histories 02

Parry, H G

The Concord has been broken, and a war of magic engulfs the world. In France, the brilliant tactician Napoléon Bonaparte has risen to power, and under his command, the army of the dead has all but conquered Europe. Britain fights back, but Wilberforce's own battle – to bring about free magic and abolition – has met a dead end, in the face of an increasingly-repressive government. In Saint-Domingue, Fina aids Toussaint Louverture as he navigates these opposing forces to liberate the country. But there is another, even darker war being fought beneath the surface: the first vampire war, in hundreds of years. The enemy blood magician, who orchestrated Robespierre's downfall, is using the French Revolutionary Wars to bring about a return to dark magic. Across the world, only a few know of his existence, and the choices they make will shape the new age of magic. The sequel to the wonderful *A Declaration of the Rights of Magicians* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

Requiem of Silence

Earthsinger Chronicles 04

Penelope, L

Queen Jasminda is determined to push the unification forward, against growing opposition and economic strife. But the True Father is not finished with Elsira and he may not be acting alone. He has built a powerful army. An army that cannot be killed. An army that can only be stopped by Nethersong and the help of friends and foes of Elsira, alike, to stop it. Former assassin Kyara will discover that she is not the only Nethersinger. She will need to join the others to harness a power that can save or end Elsira. But time is of the essence and they may not be ready by the time the True Father strikes. Sisterhood novitiate Zeli will go to the reaches of the

Living World to unlock a secret that could save the kingdoms. When armies meet in the battlefield, a new world will be forged – whether by the hands of gods or men, remains to be seen.

Fantasy TP \$43.95

The Separation Priest, Christopher

The Separation is the story of twin brothers, rowers in the 1936 Olympics (where they met Hess, Hitler's deputy); one joins the RAF, and captains a Wellington; he is shot down after a bombing raid on Hamburg and becomes Churchill's *aide-de-camp*; his twin brother, a pacifist, works with the Red Cross, rescuing bombing victims in London. But this is not a straightforward story of the Second World War: this is an alternate history: the two brothers – both called J L Sawyer – live their lives in alternate versions of reality.

In one, the Second World War ends as we imagine it did; in the other, thanks to efforts of an eminent team of negotiators, headed by Hess, the war ends in 1941. *The Separation* is an emotionally riveting story of how the small man can make a difference; it's a savage critique of Winston Churchill, the man credited as the saviour of Britain and the Western World, and it's a story of how one perceives and shapes the past.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

The Kingdoms Pulley, Natasha

Come home, if you remember. The postcard has been held at the sorting office for 91 years, waiting to be delivered to Joe Tournier. On the front is a lighthouse – Eilean Mor, in the Outer Hebrides. Joe has never left England, never even left London. He is a British slave, one of thousands throughout the French Empire. He has a job, a wife, a baby daughter. But he also has flashes of a life he cannot remember and of a world that never existed – a world where English is spoken in England, and not French. And, now, he has a postcard of a lighthouse built just six months ago, that was first written nearly one hundred years ago, by a stranger who seems to know him very well. Joe's journey to unravel the truth will take him from French-occupied London to a remote Scottish island, and back through time itself as he battles for his life – and for a very different future. From the author of the much-loved *The Watchmaker of Filigree Street* (PBK, \$19.99).

Time travel TP \$29.99

The Wolf and the Woodsman Reid, Ava

Stories don't have to be true to be real... In her forest-veiled pagan village, Évike is the only woman without power, making her an outcast clearly abandoned by the gods. The villagers blame her corrupted bloodline – her father was a Yehuli man, one of the much-loathed servants of the fanatical king. When soldiers arrive from the Holy Order of Woodsmen to claim a pagan girl for the king's blood sacrifice, Évike is betrayed by her fellow villagers and surrendered. But when monsters attack the Woodsmen and their captive en route, slaughtering everyone but Évike and the cold, one-eyed captain, they have no choice but to rely on each other. Except he's no ordinary Woodsman – he's the disgraced prince, Gáspár Bárány, whose

father needs pagan magic to consolidate his power. Gáspár fears that his cruelly zealous brother plans to seize the throne and instigate a violent reign that would damn the pagans and the Yehuli alike. As the son of a reviled foreign queen, Gáspár understands what it's like to be an outcast, and he and Évike make a tenuous pact to stop his brother. As their mission takes them from the bitter northern tundra to the smog-choked capital, their mutual loathing slowly turns to affection, bound by a shared history of alienation and oppression. However, trust can easily turn to betrayal, and as Évike reconnects with her estranged father and discovers her own hidden magic, she and Gáspár need to decide whose side they're on, and what they're willing to give up for a nation that never cared for them, at all.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Reclaimed Roux, Madeleine

The Ganymede facility is a fresh start. At least, that's what Senna tells herself when she arrives to take part in a cutting-edge scientific treatment in which participants have traumatic memories erased. And Senna has reasons for wanting to escape her past. But almost as soon as the treatment begins, Senna finds more than just her traumatic memories disappearing. She hardly recognises her new life or herself. Even though the cure might justify the side effects of the process, Senna knows that something isn't right. As the side effects worsen, she will need to band together with the other participants to unravel the mystery of her present and save her future.

SF thriller TP \$37.95

These Hollow Vows Ryan, Lexi

Brie hates the Fae, and refuses to have anything to do with them, even if that means starving on the street. But when her sister is sold to the sadistic king of the Unseelie court to pay a debt, she'll do whatever it takes to get her back – including making a deal with the king himself to steal three magical relics from the Seelie court. Gaining unfettered access to the Seelie court is easier said than done. Brie's only choice is to pose as a potential bride for Prince Ronan, and she soon finds herself falling for him. Unwilling to let her heart distract her, she accepts help from a band of Unseelie misfits with their own secret agenda. As Brie spends time with their mysterious leader, Finn, she struggles to resist his seductive charm. Caught between two dangerous courts, Brie must decide who to trust with her loyalty. And with her heart.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

The Way Back Savit, Gavriel

For the Jews of Eastern Europe, demons are everywhere: dancing on the rooftops in the darkness of midnight, congregating in the trees, harrowing the dead, even reaching out to try and steal away the living. But the demons have a land of their own: a Far Country peopled with the souls of the transient dead, governed by demonic dukes, barons, and earls. When the Angel of Death comes strolling through the little shtetl of Tupik, one night, two young people will be sent spinning off on a journey through the

Far Country. There they will make pacts with ancient demons, declare war on Death, himself, and maybe – just maybe – find a way to make it back, alive. Perfect for readers of Neil Gaiman and Philip Pullman.

YA dark fantasy PBK \$16.99

The Interdependency Boxed Set

Interdependency trilogy

Scalzi, John

'The Flow' – the naturally-occurring highway humans use to travel between the stars – is breaking down. It's up to a starship owner, a scientist, and the Emperox of the Interdependency to race against the clock in order to salvage political control over the remaining connected human colonies. Snappy dialogue, dynamic action sequences, and political skulduggery – The Interdependency sequence is a galaxy-spanning science fiction adventure for the ages. The set collects the novels *The Collapsing Empire*, *The Consuming Fire*, and *The Last Emperox*.

Space opera PBK \$62.95

Black No More

Penguin Classics

Schuyler, George S

What would happen to the race problem in America, if black people turned white? Would everybody be happy? These questions and more are answered hilariously in *Black No More*, George S Schuyler's satiric romp. It is the story of Max Disher, a dapper black rogue of an insurance man who, through a scientific transformation process, becomes Matthew Fisher, a white man. Matt dreams up a scam that allows him to become the leader of the Knights of Nordica, a white supremacist group, as well as to marry the white woman who rejected him when he was black. *Black No More* is a hysterical exploration of race and all its self-serving definitions. If you can't beat them, turn into them. The fertile artistic period, now known as the Harlem Renaissance (1920–30) gave birth to many of the world-renowned masters of black literature and is the model for today's renaissance of black writers. A reissue.

Afrofuturism (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Heartless

Immortal Enemies 01

Showalter, Gena

Vengeance is irresistible... Kaysar the Unhinged One, fae King of Midnight, can drive anyone to madness with his song. A ruthless warrior forged in hate, he lives to force his enemies to their knees. He will stop at nothing to succeed – even abducting and seducing his foe's beloved bride to ensure his own child one day sits on the male's throne. Except, his prize escapes to the mortal realm before the first kiss, her heart transplanted into a human beauty with dangerous secrets... Chantel 'Cookie' Bardot is a professional gamer girl, great at trash talking... bad at peopling. After a long-awaited surgery, she begins to morph into a powerful fae princess. Catapulted into a strange land ruled by a cruel but seductive villain, she must battle flesh-and-blood monsters and navigate royal intrigues. But the true danger is Kaysar, whose every wicked touch tempts her beyond reason. Should she run... or descend into the darkness with him? The first in a new series.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

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The Dying Squad **Simcox, Adam**

Dying is hell... solving your own murder is purgatory... When Detective Inspector Joe Lazarus storms a Lincolnshire farmhouse, he expects to bring down a notorious drug gang; instead, he discovers his own dead body and a spirit guide called Daisy-May. She's there to enlist him to the Dying Squad, a spectral police force made up of the recently deceased. Joe soon realises there are fates far worse than death. To escape being stuck in purgatory, he must solve his own murder. A task made all the more impossible, when his memories start to fade. Reluctantly partnering with Daisy-May, Joe faces dangers from both the living and the dead in the quest to find his killer – before they kill, again.

Supernatural crime TP \$32.99

Last Guard

Psy-Changeling Trinity 05

Singh, Nalini

Termed merciless by some, and a robotic sociopath by others, Payal Rao is the perfect Psy: cardinal telekinetic, CEO of a major conglomerate, beautiful – and emotionless. For Canto Mercant, family and loyalty are everything. A cardinal telepath deemed 'imperfect' by his race due to a spinal injury, Canto cares for the opinions of very few – and ruthlessly protects those he claims as his own. Head of intel, for the influential Mercant family, he prefers to remain a shadow in the Net, unknown and unseen. But Canto is also an anchor, part of a secretive designation whose task it is to stabilise the PsyNet. Now that critical psychic network is dying, threatening to collapse and kill the entire Psy race with it. To save those he loves, Canto needs the help of a woman bound to him by a dark past neither has been able to forget. A woman who is the most powerful anchor of them all: Payal Rao. Neither is ready for the violent inferno about to ignite in the PsyNet... or the passionate madness that threatens to destroy them, both.

Paranormal romance TP \$29.99

The Stone Knife

Songs of the Drowned 01

Stephens, Anna

For generations, the forests of Ixachipan have echoed with the clash of weapons, as nation after nation has fallen to the Empire of Songs – and to the unending, magical music that binds its people together. Now, only two free tribes remain. The Empire is not their only enemy. Monstrous, scaled predators lurk in rivers and streams, with a deadly music of their own. As battle looms, fighters on both sides must decide how far they will go for their beliefs and for the ones they love – a veteran general seeks peace through war, a warrior and a shaman set out to understand their enemies, and an ambitious noble tries to bend ancient magic to her will. The first in a new series.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

Saving Proxima

Taylor, Travis S & Johnson, Les

The answer lies out there... The year is 2072. At the lunar farside radio observatory, an old-school radio broadcast is detected, similar to those broadcast on Earth, in the 1940s; but in an unknown language, coming from an impossible source, and originating at an equally impossible location – Proxima Centauri. While the nations of Earth debate making first contact, they learn that the Proximans are facing an extinction-level disaster, forcing a decision: will Earth send a ship on a multiyear trip to provide aid? Interstellar travel is not easy, and by travelling at the speeds required to arrive before disaster strikes at Proxima, humans will learn firsthand the effects of Einstein's Special Relativity and be forced to ponder the ultimate questions: Are we alone in the universe? What does it mean, to be human?

Space opera HC \$55.00

There's a Hole in My Bucket: a Journey of Two Brothers **Tolkien, Royd**

Having grown up on their great-grandfather's stories, Royd Tolkien and his brother, Mike, have always enjoyed adventures. So, when Mike is diagnosed with motor neurone disease, also known as ALS, the brothers decide to use the time they have left to tick off as much as possible from Mike's bucket list, from remote camping in Norway to travelling through Royd's beloved New Zealand. Yet, when Royd loses Mike, he discovers his brother had been writing another kind of bucket list: fifty things he wanted Royd to do after his death. His first task? Mike wants his mild-mannered brother to trip up on his way to the lectern to deliver his eulogy. What follows is a set of emotionally charged tests that will push Royd firmly out of his comfort zone. This is the story of Royd's journey to accomplish a challenging, humorous, and often heartbreaking list of unknown tasks that chart the brothers' lives from childhood to adulthood. But above all, it is a story of the sibling bond, of grief – and of treasuring every moment. An inspirational, life-affirming memoir from the great-grandson of J R R Tolkien.

Memoir TP \$24.99

The Valkyrie Protocol

Gordian Division 02

Weber, David & Holo, Jacob

Agent Raibert Kaminski and the crew of the Transtemporal Vehicle *Kleio* have made a shocking discovery out in the unknown reaches of the multiverse. They've stumbled across a temporal implosion that has claimed two whole universes, and neither Raibert nor his crew can figure out what caused this calamity, other than it had something to do with reckless time travel. The *Kleio* speeds back to its home universe of SysGov with this dire report, but an audacious plan is put into effect before they arrive: old colleagues

of Raibert's from the Antiquities Rescue Trust, together with a version of Samuel Pepys – transplanted from the 17th century, into the 30th – have proposed an expedition into the past... The sequel to *The Gordian Protocol* (PBK, \$24.95).

Science fiction PBK \$24.95

The Book of Accidents **Wendig, Chuck**

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

Horror TP \$32.99

The Shimmering State **Westgate, Meredith**

Lucien moves to Los Angeles to be with his grandmother as she undergoes an experimental memory treatment for Alzheimer's using the new drug, Memoroxin. An emerging photographer, he's also running from the sudden death of his mother, a well-known artist whose legacy haunts Lucien. Sophie has just landed the lead in the upcoming performance of *La Sylphide* with the Los Angeles Ballet Company. She still waitresses at the Chateau Marmont, during her off hours, witnessing the recreational use of Memoroxin – or Mem – among the Hollywood elite. When Lucien and Sophie meet at The Centre, founded by the ambitious yet conflicted Dr Angelica Sloane to treat patients who've abused Mem, they have no memory of how they got there – or why they feel so inexplicably drawn to each other. Is it attraction, or something they cannot remember from 'before'?

Dystopia HC \$55.00

Hard Reboot

novella

Wexler, Django

When did academia get to be so complicated? Kas is a junior researcher on a fact-finding mission to old Earth. But when a con-artist tricks her into wagering a large sum of money belonging to her university on the outcome

of a manned robot arena battle she becomes drawn into the seedy underworld of old Earth politics and state-sponsored battle-droid prize fights. Is it time to get back to the books, yet?

Science fiction PBK \$29.99

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 \$54.99

The Outward Urge **Wyndham, John**

The 'outward urge' was a factor in the Troon inheritance. Successive generations of Troons, looking up at the stars, heard the siren voices that called them out into Space. And, as the frontiers of Space receded, there was usually one Troon, if not more, out there, helping to push them back. In an age, in which what goes up need not necessarily come down, the likely adventures of the Conquistadors of Space are every bit as exciting, as any world menaced by triffids.

Golden Age Masterworks PBK \$22.99

The Other Me **Zachrich Jeng, Sarah**

Her birthday *should* be like any other night. One minute Kelly's a free-spirited artist in Chicago going to her best friend's art show. The next, she opens a door and mysteriously emerges in her Michigan hometown. Suddenly her life is unrecognisable: She's got twelve years of the wrong memories in her head, and she's married to Eric... a man she barely knew in high school. Racing to get back to her old life, Kelly's search leads only to more questions. In this life, she loves Eric and wants to trust him, but everything she discovers about him – including a connection to a mysterious tech start-up – tells her she shouldn't. And strange things keep happening. The tattoos she had when she was an artist briefly reappear on her skin, she remembers fights with Eric that he says never happened, and her relationships with loved ones both new and familiar seem to change without warning. But the closer Kelly gets to putting the pieces together, the more her reality seems to shift. And if she can't figure out what happened on her birthday, the next change could cost her everything...

SF thriller HC \$55.00