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

What Abigail Did That Summer

Rivers of London novella

Aaronovitch, Ben

Ghost hunter, fox whisperer, troublemaker. It is the summer of 2013, and Abigail Kamara has been left to her own devices. This might, by those who know her, be considered a mistake. While her cousin, police constable and apprentice wizard Peter Grant, is off in the sticks, chasing unicorns, Abigail is chasing her own mystery. Teenagers around Hampstead Heath have been going missing but before the police can get fully engaged, the teens return home – unharmed but vague about where they've been. Aided only by her new friend Simon, her knowledge that magic is real, and a posse of talking foxes that think they're spies, Abigail must venture into the wilds of Hampstead to discover who is luring the teenagers and more importantly – why? Now in paperback!

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Ark Sakura

Penguin Classics

Abe, Kobo

A surreal work of science fiction from one of Japan's most brilliant novelists. In anticipation of a coming nuclear apocalypse, Mole has converted a huge underground quarry into an 'ark'. While searching for his crew, he falls for the tricks of a wily insect dealer and his friends. In the surreal drama that ensues, the ark is invaded, by first a gang of youths and then a sinister group of elderly people, before Mole himself becomes trapped in the ark's central piece of equipment – a giant toilet, powerful enough to flush almost anything out to sea... A science-fiction classic from acclaimed Japanese novelist Kobo Abe, *The Ark Sakura's* Kafkaesque embrace of nuclear disaster and ecological catastrophe is, at turns, both hilarious and desperate.

Classic sf (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Wisdom of Crowds

Age of Madness 03

Abercrombie, Joe

Chaos. Fury. Destruction. The Great Change is upon us... Some say that to change the world you must first burn it down. Now that belief will be tested in the crucible of revolution: the Breakers and Burners have seized the levers of power, the smoke of riots has replaced the smog of industry, and all must submit to the wisdom of crowds. With nothing left to lose, Citizen Brock is determined to become a new hero for the new age, while Citizeness Savine must turn her talents from profit to survival before she can claw her way to redemption. Orso will find that when the world is turned upside down, no one is lower than a monarch. And in the bloody North, Rikke and her fragile Protectorate are running out of allies... while

Black Calder gathers his forces and plots his vengeance. The banks have fallen, the sun of the Union has been torn down, and in the darkness behind the scenes, the threads of the Weaver's ruthless plan are slowly being drawn together... Concludes the *Age of Madness* trilogy, which begins with *A Little Hatred* (PBK, \$22.99).

Grimdark fantasy TP \$32.99

His Hideous Heart: 13 of Edgar Allan Poe's Most Unsettling Tales Reimagined

anthology

Adler, Dahlia (editor)

Thirteen of YA's most celebrated names reimagine Edgar Allan Poe's most surprising, unsettling, and popular tales for a new generation. Edgar Allan Poe may be a hundred and fifty years beyond this world, but the themes of his beloved works have much in common with modern young adult fiction. Whether the stories are familiar to readers, or discovered for the first time, readers will revel in both Edgar Allan Poe's classic tales, and in the 13 unique and unforgettable ways that they've been brought to life.

Horror TP \$28.95

The Art of Space Travel and Other Stories

collection

Allan, Nina

A stunningly inventive collection from multi-award-winning author, Nina Allan. Unsettling, dark and brilliantly astute, these weird and wonderful tales take us on journeys through time and space to explore enduring questions of memory and loss. Her worlds are recognisably our own but always closer to the edge, on the slant – and sharply unexpected. These stories are an unmissable insight into a writer at the top of her game.

Speculative fiction PBK \$19.99

The Hierarchies

Anderson, Ros

What is love – or consent – if you're programmed to obey? Sylvie is a fully sentient robot, designed to cater to her Husband's every whim. She lives alone on the top floor of his luxurious home, her existence barely tolerated by his human wife and concealed from their child. Between her Husband's visits, deeply curious about the world beyond her room, Sylvie watches the family in the garden – hears them laugh, cry, and argue. Longing to experience more of life, she confides her hopes and fears only to her diary. But are such thoughts allowed? And if not, what might the punishment be? As Sylvie learns more about the world and becomes more aware of her place within it, something shifts inside her. Is she malfunctioning, as her Husband thinks, or

coming into her own? As their interactions become increasingly fraught, she fears he might send her back to the factory for reprogramming. If that happens, her hidden diary could be her only link to everything that came before. And the only clue that she is in grave danger.

Dystopia TP \$37.95

The Coward

Quest for Heroes 01

Aryan, Stephen

Who will take up the mantle and slay the evil in the Frozen North, saving all from death and destruction? Not Kell Kressia, he's done his part... Kell Kressia is a legend, a celebrity, a hero. Aged just seventeen he set out on an epic quest with a band of wizened fighters to slay the Ice Lich and save the world, but only he returned victorious. The Lich was dead, the ice receded, and the Five Kingdoms were safe. Ten years have passed Kell lives a quiet farmer's life, while stories about his heroism are told in every tavern across the length and breadth of the land. But now a new terror has arisen in the north. Beyond the frozen circle, north of the Frostrunner clans, something has taken up residence in the Lich's abandoned castle. And the ice is beginning to creep south, once more. For the second time, Kell is called upon to take up his famous sword, Slayer, and battle the forces of darkness. But he has a terrible secret that nobody knows. He's not a hero – he was just lucky. Everyone puts their faith in Kell the Legend, but he's a coward who has no intention of risking his life for anyone... The first in a new series.

Draconic fantasy TP \$24.99

Born of the Sun: Adventures in Our Solar System

British Library Science Fiction Classics

Ashley, Mike (editor)

On Mercury: How do you outrun the dawn and its lethal sunrise? On Jupiter: When humans transfer their minds into the local fauna to explore the surface, why do they never return? On Pluto: How long must an astronaut wait for rescue at the furthest reaches of the system? We have always been fascinated by the promise of space and the distant lure of our fellow planets orbiting the Sun. In this new collection of classic stories, Mike Ashley takes us on a journey from the harsh extremes of Mercury to the turbulent expanses of Saturn and beyond, exploring as we go the literary history of the planets, the influence of contemporary astronomy on the imagination of writers, and the impact of their storytelling on humanity's perception of these hitherto unreachable worlds. Featuring the talents of Larry Niven, Robert Silverberg, Clare Winger Harris, and more, this collection offers a kaleidoscope of innovative thought and timeless adventures.

Classic sf TP \$35.95

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Love in Colour:

Mythical Tales from
Around the World, Retold

Babalola, Bolu

A vibrant collection of love stories from a debut author, retelling myths, folktales, and histories from around the world. A high-born Nigerian goddess, who has been beaten down and unappreciated by her gregarious lover, longs to be truly seen. A young businesswoman attempts a great leap in her company, and an even greater one in her love life. A powerful Ghanaian spokeswoman is forced to decide whether she should uphold her family's politics or be true to her heart. In her debut collection, internationally acclaimed writer Bolu Babalola retells the most beautiful love stories from history and mythology with incredible new detail and vivacity. Focusing on the magical folktales of West Africa, Babalola also reimagines Greek myths, ancient legends from the Middle East, and stories from long-erased places. With an eye towards decolonising tropes inherent in our favourite tales of love, Babalola has created captivating stories that traverse across perspectives, continents, and genres. *Love in Colour* is a celebration of romance in all its many splendid forms.

Fable/fantasy romance PBK \$22.99

Second Chance Angel

Last Stop Station 01

Barber, Griffin & Ezell, Kacey

After a devastating galactic war, disgraced veteran Ralston Muck ekes out a living as a bouncer at Last Stop Station's premier nightclub, A Curtain of Stars. Night after night, he listens to the club's star performer, Siren, sing her memories and ease some of his aching loss. But when Siren goes missing, Muck finds himself drawn into a world of dirty cops, drug lords, and conspiracies that trace back to the war, itself. The only person he can trust isn't even human. Angel, Siren's personal AI, was ripped from the singer's mind the night Siren disappeared. With no idea what has happened to her human host, and pursued by a killer virus, Angel flees to Muck for answers. Together, they struggle to comprehend the conspiracy that entangles both their lives. Can Muck and the angel on his shoulder recover Siren before it's too late? Or will he lose everything that matters to him one more time?

SF mystery TP \$39.95

The City of Dr Moreau

Barnes, J S

In H G Wells' *The Island of Dr Moreau*, a shipwrecked traveller finds himself alone, on an island ruled by a mad doctor and inhabited by creatures who are at once both beast and human. He escapes... but that is only the beginning of the story. Here is a sprawling history of the islanders, and an alternative vision of our own times. Spanning more than a century, criss-crossing across numerous places and many lives, we witness the growth of Moreau's legacy, from gothic experiments to an event which changes the world. From the depths of Victorian London to a boarding house with an inhuman resident to an assassin on a 20th-century train ordered to kill the one man who knows the truth, we

follow secret skirmishes and hidden plots which emerge, eventually and violently, into the open.

Horror TP \$35.95

The Councillor

Beaton, E J

When the death of Iron Queen Sarelin Brey fractures the realm of Elira, Lysande Prior, the palace scholar and the queen's closest friend, is appointed Councillor. Publicly, Lysande must choose the next monarch from amongst the city rulers, vying for the throne. Privately, she seeks to discover which ruler murdered the queen, suspecting the use of magic. Resourceful, analytical, and quiet, Lysande appears to embody the motto she was raised with: *everything in its place*. Yet, while she hides her drug addiction from her new associates, she cannot hide her growing interest in power. She becomes locked in a game of strategy with the city rulers – especially the erudite prince Luca Fontaine, who seems to shift between ally and rival. Further from home, an old enemy is stirring: the magic-wielding White Queen is on the move again, and her alliance with a traitor among the royal milieu poses a danger not just to the peace of the realm, but to the survival of everything that Lysande cares about. In a world where the lowborn keep their heads down, Lysande must learn to fight an enemy who wears many guises... even as she wages her own battle between ambition and restraint.

Fantasy HC \$39.99

The Winter Garden

Bell, Alex

Welcome to the Winter Gardens of Half Moon House. Please do not mishandle the exhibits. (The owners accept no liability for any events that occur, magical or otherwise...) The Winter Garden open at the stroke of midnight with no great fanfare – after all, this is a time when all virtuous folk should be in bed. But for the few curious souls that brave the opening of its gates what enchantments await. There is all manner of strange and spectacular flora and fauna collected on her travels by the scandalous Lady Beatrice Sitwell and exhibited for the delight of paying customers. By flickering lamplight, visitors can discover magic fish, spectacular ghost butterflies, and a tiger made of stars. And for the very brave – and a small extra cost – there is the forest of plum trees, ripening against the snow bearing magical fruit which can tell your fortune – if only you dare take a bite...

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Afterland

Beukes, Lauren

All Cole has left in the world is her boy, Miles. With men, now, a prized commodity, keeping him safe means breaking hastily-written new rules – and leaving her own sister for dead. All Miles has left in the world is his mother. But is one person enough to save him from the many who would kill to get their hands on a living boy? Together, Cole and Miles embark on a journey across a changed, hostile country, towards a freedom they may never reach. And when Cole's sister tracks them down, they'll need to decide who to

trust – and what loyalty really means in this unimaginable new world. The compulsive and timely new thriller from the author of the bestseller *The Shining Girls*.

Dystopia PBK \$19.99

Ray Bradbury: Novels and Story Cycles

LOA 347

Bradbury, Ray D

& Eller, Jonathan R (editor)

This Library of America edition collects *The Martian Chronicles*, *Fahrenheit 451*, *Dandelion Wine*, and *Something Wicked This Way Comes*. A master storyteller and visionary champion of creative freedom, Ray Bradbury is one of the most beloved and influential writers of our time. To explore the worlds of his books, his astonishing futures and haunting pasts, is to rediscover the wondrous possibilities of life. Here, is *The Martian Chronicles* in the complete form Bradbury came to prefer, its twenty-eight, linked story-chapters offering visionary glimpses of our spacefaring future. In the dystopian thriller *Fahrenheit 451*, books and all they contain are forbidden. *Dandelion Wine* distills the enchanting essences of a childhood summer, while *Something Wicked This Way Comes* conjures the wild, centrifugal imaginings of youthful terror, in a fight to the death against supernatural foes. Biographer Jonathan R Eller offers a newly-researched chronology of Bradbury's life and career and detailed textual and explanatory notes.

Classic sf HC \$79.95

The Bridge

Brukelaar, J S

Time is closing in and Meera is afraid of where she stands on the bridge between worlds – fearful of what waits on the other side. Meera and her twin sister Kai are among thousands of hybrid women – called Mades – bred by the Father in his Blood Temple cult. Meera is rescued by a mysterious healer and storyteller, Narn, but her sister, Kai, does not survive the Father's 'unmaking'. Years later, when the cult is discovered and abolished, Meera, still racked with guilt and grief, enrolls in college to take advantage of a generous new Redress Program. When Narn's conjure stories buy Meera a free ride to a notorious horror reading series, she is soon the darling of the lit set, feted by the other students, finally whole, finally free of the idea that she should have died instead of her sister. But college is not all it seems – Narn has lost a sister too, and Meera agrees to try and find her if Narn will keep feeding Meera the stories that are opening her up to memories she's never acknowledged, secrets she's never wanted to know, about Narn's and the Father's connection to a violent campus stalker.

Science fiction TP \$27.99

Winterlight

Green Rider 07

Britain, Kristen

After her capture at the hands of Grandmother and the Second Empire, Karigan G'ladheon is making halting progress towards recovery. Karigan takes on increasingly dangerous missions, haunted by

the spectre of her torturer, Nyssa, and sinking ever further into the mire of her recollections of the past and the losses she's sustained. Meanwhile, the forces of the Second Empire are moving on Sacordia and their primary target is a vulnerable garrison that guards a crucial mountain pass. Faced with new fatherhood and a country on the verge of war, King Zachary sends a contingent of soldiers and Green Riders to the pass – but his own recovery from the events of the north is not yet complete either. Reunited with her fellow Riders at the pass, Karigan takes on a leadership role, but quickly finds that the Riders are not as she last left them. As tension mounts and war draws ever closer to the heart of Sacordia, Karigan must discover what it truly means to be a Rider and a hero of the realm – and what sacrifices must be made to truly heal from her past. This great series *équestre*, begins with *Green Rider* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Suns Will Rise

System Divine 03

Brody, Jessica & Rendell, Joanne

It's been three months, since the Patriarche was beheaded, leaving behind no known heir. Now, the planet of Laterre is unrecognisable. General Bonnefaçon has cleaned up the streets, fed the hungry, and restored peace while the next leader is decided upon. From the outside, Laterre seems to be flourishing. But dangerous rifts threaten to shatter the planet from within. The Red Scar has been killing off anyone with a legitimate claim to the Regime, while the Vangarde are preparing for the return of their infamous leader. Then, it's revealed that the Patriarche had a daughter who is still alive. A missing Paresse heir... Alouette has been locked in a secret facility for months, interrogated on the whereabouts of the General's renegade grandson. Marcellus is desperately searching for Alouette, knowing she's the key to the Vangarde's plan to overthrow the corrupt Regime, but unaware that he, himself, is being hunted by a new cyborg tasked with tracking down the planet's most wanted criminals. Meanwhile, Chatine is growing restless, living underground with a rebel group she doesn't fit into. Until an old friend solicits her help to save the Défecteur community from a mysterious, new threat. A threat that will tie them all together. When the general makes an explosive play for power, allegiances will shift, rebels will become leaders, barricades will rise, and the tinderbox of Laterre will finally ignite, launching a revolution five hundred years in the making.

YA spare opera HC \$32.99

Duplex

Micropowers

Gard, Orson Scott

Ryan wakes up to find his contractor dad building walls to turn their big old house into a duplex. The family that moves into the other side includes Bizzy Horvat, the pretty girl he has a crush on at school. Bizzy claims her mother is a witch with the power to curse people with clumsiness or, in Bizzy's case, astonishing beauty. When a bee gets caught in Bizzy's hair, Ryan acts so quickly and radically to save her from getting stung

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that he attracts the attention of a group of micropotents – people with micropowers. He soon realises that Bizzy and her mother also have such powers. It becomes Ryan's job, with the help of the other micropotents, to protect the Horvats from a group of witchhunters from their native country, who are determined to kill Bizzy, her mother, and all the other witches – micropotents – who have gathered to protect them.

YA fantasy HC \$41.95

Amaryllis Gastle, Jayne

Amaryllis Lark is one of the best psychic detectives on St Helen's, the Earth colony recently cut off from the mother planet – and a place where love defies the most incredible odds. Lucas Trent, the rugged head of Lodestar Exploration, isn't attracted to prim and proper women and takes no interest in Amaryllis, with her crisp business suit and her aloof evaluation of his request to bust a corporate thief. But when a bold hunch leads them from a wild murder investigation to an electrifyingly red-hot love affair, no power on heaven, Earth, or St Helen's can keep them apart.

Paranormal romance PBK \$26.95

The Empire of Gold

Daevabad trilogy 03

Chakraborty, S A

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

Historical fantasy PBK \$19.99

Divergence

Foreigner 21

Cherryh, C J

The overthrow of the *atevi* head of state, Tabini-aiji, and the several moves of enemies even since his restoration, have prompted

major changes in the Assassins' Guild, which has since worked to root out its seditious elements – a clandestine group they call the Shadow Guild. With the Assassins now rid of internal corruption, with the birth of Tabini's second child, and with the appointment of an heir, stability seems to have returned to the *atevi* world. Humans and *atevi* share the space station in peaceful cooperation, humans and *atevi* share the planet as they have for centuries, and the humans' island enclave is preparing to welcome 5000 human refugees from a remote station now dismantled, and to do that in unprecedented cooperation with the *atevi* mainland. In general Bren Cameron, Tabini-aiji's personal representative, returning home to the *atevi* capital after securing that critical agreement, was ready to take a well-earned rest – until Tabini's grandmother claimed his services on a train trip to the smallest, most remote and least significant of the provinces, snowy Hasjuran – a move concerning which Tabini-aiji gave Bren a private instruction: protect her. Advise her. Advise her – perhaps. As for protection, she has a trainload of high-level Guild. But since the aiji-dowager has also invited a dangerously independent young warlord, Machigi, and a young man who *may* be the heir to Ajuri, a key northern province – the natural question is *why* the dowager is taking this ill-assorted pair to Hasjuran and what on this earth she may be up to. With a Shadow Guild attack on the train station, it has become clear that others have questions, too. Hasjuran, on its mountain height, overlooks the Marid, a district that is part of the *atevi* nation only in name – a district in which Machigi is one major player, and where the Shadow Guild retains a major stronghold. Protect her? Ilisidi is hell-bent on settling scores with the Shadow Guild, and her reasons for this trip and this company now become clear. One human diplomat and his own bodyguard suddenly seem a very small force to defend her from what she is setting in motion.

Science fiction PBK \$24.95

Chasing the Boogeyman Chizmar, Richard

In the summer of 1988, the mutilated bodies of several missing girls begin to turn up in a small Maryland town. The grisly evidence leads police to the terrifying assumption that a serial killer is on the loose in the quiet suburb. But, soon, a rumour begins to spread that the evil stalking local teens is not entirely human. Law enforcement, as well as members of the FBI are certain that the killer is a living, breathing madman – and he's playing games with them. For a once peaceful community trapped in the depths of paranoia and suspicion, it feels like a nightmare that will never end. Recent college graduate Richard Chizmar returns to his hometown, just as a curfew is enacted and a neighbourhood watch is formed. In the midst of preparing for his wedding and embarking on a writing career, he soon finds himself thrust into the real-life horror story. Inspired by the terrifying events, Richard writes a personal account of the serial killer's reign of terror, unaware that these events will continue to haunt him for years to come.

Horror TP \$32.99

A Master of Djinn Clark, P Djèli

Cairo, 1912: Though Fatma el-Sha'arawi is the youngest woman working for the Ministry of Alchemy, Enchantments and Supernatural Entities, she's certainly not a rookie, especially after preventing the destruction of the universe last summer. So, when someone murders a secret brotherhood dedicated to one of the most famous men in history, al-Jahiz, Agent Fatma is called onto the case. Al-Jahiz transformed the world forty years ago, when he opened up the veil between the magical and mundane realms, before vanishing into the unknown. This murderer claims to be al-Jahiz, returned to condemn the modern age for its social oppressions. His dangerous magical abilities instigate unrest in the streets of Cairo that threaten to spill over onto the global stage. Alongside her Ministry colleagues and a familiar person from her past, Agent Fatma must unravel the mystery behind this impostor to restore peace to the city – or face the possibility he could be exactly who he seems... Clark goes full length, for the first time, in his dazzling debut novel. We love, love this (and Clark's novellas). Highly recommended!

Gaslamp fantasy PBK \$22.99

Piranesi

Clarke, Susanna

Piranesi lives in the House. Perhaps, he always has. In his notebooks, day after day, he makes a clear and careful record of its wonders: the labyrinth of halls, the thousands upon thousands of statues, the tides that thunder up staircases, the clouds that move in slow procession through the upper halls. On Tuesdays and Fridays Piranesi sees his friend, the Other. At other times he brings tributes of food to the Dead. But mostly, he is alone. Messages begin to appear, scratched out in chalk on the pavements. There is someone new in the House. But who are they and what do they want? Are they a friend or do they bring destruction and madness as the Other claims? Lost texts must be found; secrets must be uncovered. The world that Piranesi thought he knew is becoming strange and dangerous. The Beauty of the House is immeasurable; its Kindness infinite. 'What a world Susanna Clarke conjures into being... *Piranesi* is an exquisite puzzle box' – *David Mitchell*. The spectacular new novel from the bestselling author of *Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell* (PBK, \$24.99); *Piranesi* is the winner of the 2021 Women's Prize for Fiction. Highly recommended.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina Córdova, Zoraida

The Montoyas are used to a life without explanations. They know better than to ask why the pantry never seems to run low or empty, or why their matriarch won't ever leave their home in Four Rivers – even for graduations, weddings, or baptisms. But when Orquídea Divina invites them to her funeral and to collect their inheritance, they hope to learn the secrets that she

has held onto so tightly their whole lives. Instead, Orquídea is transformed, leaving them with more questions than answers. Seven years later, her gifts have manifested in different ways for Marimar, Rey, and Tatinelly's daughter, Rhiannon, granting them unexpected blessings. But soon, a hidden figure begins to tear through their family tree, picking them off one by one as it seeks to destroy Orquídea's line. Determined to save what's left of their family and uncover the truth behind their inheritance, the four descendants travel to Ecuador – to the place where Orquídea buried her secrets and broken promises and never looked back.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

Trial of the Wizard King

Wizard King trilogy 02

Corrie, Chad

The wizard king has returned. The mercenaries have scattered. Cadrith Elanis has returned to Tralodren, picking up where he left off centuries before. And while Cadrissa isn't sure how she fits into his plans, her abduction has left her with little hope of escape. Meanwhile, the other mercenaries have scattered. They did their job, received their pay, and now just want to live their lives. But events start pulling them back to each other for something grander than their own imaginations and fears can envision. But that's just the start of still more revelations and trials to come. Dark ambitions, ancient schemes, and hidden fates fill this second volume of the Wizard King trilogy, following *Return of the Wizard King* (TP, \$21.99).

Fantasy TP \$21.99

The Wood Bee Queen

Cox, Edward

Somewhere in England, in a small town called Strange Ground by the Skea, Ebbie Wren is the last librarian and he's about to lose his job. Estranged from his parents, unable to make connections with anyone except the old homeless lady who lives near the library, Ebbie isn't quite sure what he's supposed to do next. His only escape from reality is his deep interest in local folklore, but reality is far stranger than Ebbie can dream. On the other side of the sky and the sea, the Queen of House Wood Bee has been murdered. Her sister has made the first move in a long game, one which will lead her to greatness, yet risk destruction for the entire Realm. She needs the two magical stones Foresight and Hindsight for her power to be complete, but no one knows where they are. Although the sword recently stolen by Bek Rana, small time thief and not very good at it, might hold a clue to their location... and to stopping the chaos. But all Bek wants is to sell the sword and buy herself a better life. She's not interested in being a hero, and neither is Ebbie. But someone is forcing their hand and playing for the heart of the Realm. Ebbie and Bek are destined to unite. They must find a way to stop the destruction of House Wood Bee, save the Realm, and just maybe save themselves in the process. All victories come at a price. The Oldungods are rising. And they are watching...

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In the Company of Others

20th anniversary edition

Czerneda, Julie E

When the terraforming crews introduced the alien Quill to worlds where they did not belong, they saw them only as a mindless form of fungal life. But the Quill multiplied and mutated until they were no longer harmless. In the ensuing chaos, many stations failed. For the survivors, their only hope rests in finding a way to wipe out the Quill... A reissue, celebrating the 20th anniversary of publication.

Science fiction (reissue) TP \$39.95

All Our Shimmering Skies

Dalton, Trent

Darwin, 1942, and as Japanese bombs rain down, motherless Molly Hook, the gravedigger's daughter, turns once again to the sky for guidance. She carries a stone heart inside a duffel bag next to the map that leads to Longcoat Bob, the deep-country sorcerer who put a curse on her family. By her side are the most unlikely travelling companions: Greta, a razor-tongued actress, and Yukio, a fallen Japanese fighter pilot. Run, Molly, run, says the daytime sky. Run to the vine forests. Run to northern Australia's wild and magical monsoon lands. Run to friendship. Run to love. Run. Because the grave-robber's coming, Molly, and the night-time sky is coming with him. So, run, Molly, run.

Magical realism PBK \$22.99

When Things Get Dark:

Stories Inspired by

Shirley Jackson

anthology

Datlow, Ellen (editor)

A collection of new and exclusive short stories inspired by, and in tribute to, Shirley Jackson. Shirley Jackson is a seminal writer of horror and mystery fiction, whose legacy resonates globally today. Chilling, human, poignant and strange, her stories have inspired a generation of writers and readers. This anthology, edited by legendary horror editor Ellen Datlow, will bring together today's leading horror writers to offer their own personal tribute to the work of Shirley Jackson.

Horror HC \$37.99

Driftglass

Penguin Classics, collection

Delany, Samuel R

The definitive collection of stories from one of the most influential science fiction writers ever, and a pioneer of Black speculative fiction. Samuel R Delany is widely considered to be one of the greatest science fiction writers of the twentieth century, and a pioneer of Black and Queer genre fiction. *Driftglass*, the definitive collection of Delany's science fiction stories, displays the extraordinary depth of his writing: strange men and women labouring beneath the seas, the struggle of those attempting to break free from their galaxies, the intrigue of violent underworlds, as well as children with psychic powers and an ice cream parlour on a moon of Neptune. Radical, inventive, and brilliantly original, *Driftglass* contains the Hugo and Nebula award-winning stories 'Aye, and Gomorrah...' and 'Time Considered as a Helix of Semi-precious Stones'.

Classic sf (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Paris by Starlight

Dinsdale, Robert

Every city has its own magic... Every night on their long journey to Paris from their troubled homeland, Levon's grandmother has read to them from a very special book. Called *The Nocturne*, it is a book full of fairy stories and the heroic adventures of their people who generations before chose to live by starlight. And with every story that Levon's grandmother tells them in their new home, the desire to live as their ancestors did grows. And that is when the magic begins... But not everyone in Paris is won over by the spectacle of Paris-by-Starlight. There are always those that fear the other, the unexplained, the strangers in our midst. How long can the magic of night rub up against the ordinariness of day? How long can two worlds occupy the same streets and squares before there is an outright war?

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

How the Multiverse

Got Its Revenge

Thorne Chronicles 02

Eason, K

After avoiding an arranged marriage, thwarting a coup, and inadvertently kick-starting a revolution, Rory Thorne has renounced her title and embraced an unglamorous life as a privateer on the edge of human space. Her new life is interrupted when Rory and her crew – former royal bodyguards, Thorsdottir and Zhang, and co-conspirator Jaed – encounter an abandoned ship registered under a false name, seemingly fallen victim to attack. As they investigate, they find evidence of vicious technology and arithmetic, alien and far beyond known capabilities. The only answer to all the destruction is the mysterious, and unexpected, cargo: a rose plant. One that reveals itself to be sentient – and designed as a massive biological weapon. Rose seeks to escape their intended fate, but before Rory and her friends can get Rose off the derelict ship, the alien attackers return. Rory and her friends must act fast – and wisely – to save themselves, and Rose, and maybe the multiverse, too, from a war humanity cannot win. The second book in this space opera duology, following *How Rory Thorne Destroyed the Multiverse* (TP, \$37.95).

Space opera TP \$37.95

Lightning Game

Ghostwalkers 17

Feehan, Christine

GhostWalker Rubin Campo's rough upbringing made him into the man he is today: strong, steadfast, and wary of outsiders. When he and his brother return to their family's homestead in the Appalachian Mountains, he can immediately sense that a stranger has taken up residence in their cabin – a woman who just happens to be a GhostWalker too. Jonquille looks deceptively delicate but is clearly a fighter. She also doesn't seem to care that Rubin could kill her where she stands. She sought him out, wanting to connect on their shared interest in electrical charges. As one of the first failed GhostWalker experiments, Jonquille can produce lightning with her body – but she can't control it. Their connection is magnetic, their abilities in sync. Rubin knows she's his

match, the answer to a lifetime of pain and intense loneliness. But Jonquille came to him with hidden intentions, ones that threaten to destroy their bond before it can truly begin...

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

The Great Troll War

Last Dragonslayer Chronicles 04

Fforde, Jasper

Sixteen-year-old Jennifer Strange and her sidekick and fellow Orphan Tiger Prawns have been driven to the tip of the UnUnited Kingdoms – Cornwall – by the invasion of the Trolls. Their one defence is a six-foot-wide trench full of buttons, something which the Trolls find unaccountably terrifying (it's their clickiness). Worse than being eaten by Trolls is the prospect of the Mighty Shandar requisitioning the Quarkbeast and using him to achieve supreme power and domination – an ambition that has been four hundred years in the planning and which will ultimately leave the Earth a cold cinder, devoid of all life. Nothing has ever looked so bleak, but Jennifer, assisted by a renegade vegan Troll, a bunch of misfit sorcerers, the Princess (or is she now the ruler?) of the UnUnited (or are they now United?) Kingdoms, and Tiger, must find a way to vanquish the most powerful wizard the world has ever seen, and along the way discover the truth about her parents, herself, and what is in the locked glovebox of her VW Beetle...

The long-awaited final instalment of the Last Dragonslayer Chronicles, demonstrating that with a small band of committed followers, a large tin of resolve and steely determination, almost anything can be achieved... This quartet begins with *The Last Dragonslayer* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

The Stitcher and the Mute

Tales of Fenest 02

Fields, D K

It's election year and the streets of Fenest are filled with people from every corner of the Union of Realms. But this year is different. The Wayward storyteller has been murdered. Detective Cora Gorderheim has found the man responsible, but now he's dead too, and it's clear that the silenced Wayward is just a small part of a much bigger tale. As her investigation digs ever deeper, Cora pieces together a conspiracy that will take her from the gutter dwellers of the Union right to the top. A conspiracy that will force her to return to her own story, to its very beginning, if she is to have any say in its end. Follows *Widow's Welcome* (PBK, \$22.99), the first book in the Tales of Fenest trilogy.

Fantasy crime PBK \$19.99

Constance

Fitzsimmons, Matthew

In the near future, advances in medicine and quantum computing make human cloning a reality. For the wealthy, cheating death is the ultimate luxury. To anticloning militants, it's an abomination against nature. For young Constance 'Con' D'Arcy, who was gifted her own clone by her late aunt, it's terrifying. After a routine monthly upload of her consciousness – stored for that inevitable transition – something goes wrong. When Con wakes up in the clinic, it's eighteen months later. Her recent

memories are missing. Her original, she's told, is dead. If that's true, what does that make her? The secrets of Con's disorienting new life are buried deep. So are those of how and why she died. To uncover the truth, Con is retracing the last days she can recall, crossing paths with a detective who's just as curious. On the run, she needs someone she can trust. Because only one thing has become clear: Con is being marked for murder – all over again.

Science fiction TP \$27.99

The Coven

Fry, Lizzie

Imagine a world in which witchcraft is real. In which mothers hand down power to their daughters, power that is used harmlessly and peacefully. Then imagine that the US President is a populist demagogue, who decides that all witches must be imprisoned for their own safety, as well as the safety of those around them – creating a world in which to be female is one step away from being criminal... As witches across the world are rounded up, one young woman discovers a power she did not know she had. It's a dangerous force and it puts her top of the list in a global witch hunt. But she – and the women around her – won't give in easily. Not while all of women's power is under threat.

Paranormal thriller PBK \$22.99

The Undertakers

Murder & Magic 02

Glover, Nicole

Nothing bothers Hetty and Benji Rhodes more than a case where the answers, motives, and the murder itself feel a bit too neat. Raimond Duval, a victim of one of the many fires that have erupted recently in Philadelphia, is officially declared dead after the accident, but Hetty and Benji's investigation points to a powerful Fire Company known to let homes in the Black community burn to the ground. Before long, another death breathes new life into the Duval investigation: Raimond's son, Valentine, is also found dead. Finding themselves with the dubious honour of taking on Valentine Duval as their first major funeral, it becomes clear that his passing was intentional. Valentine and his father's deaths are connected, and the recent fires plaguing the city might be more linked to recent community events than Hetty and Benji originally thought. The sequel to *The Conductors* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical fantasy TP \$35.95

Jekyll and Hyde Inc

Green, Simon R

Hyde in the shadows... Daniel Carter was a London cop, who just wanted to do the right thing. But during a raid on an organ-selling chop shop, he is almost torn to pieces by monsters. And no one believes him. Hurt and crippled, his career over and his life in ruins, Daniel is suddenly presented with a chance at redemption. And revenge. It seems that more than two centuries ago, the monsters of the world disappeared – into the underworld of crime. Guild-like Clans now have control over all the dark and illegal trades, from the awful surgeries of the Frankenstein Clan, to the shadowy and seductive Vampire Clan, to the dreaded purveyors of drugs and death, the Clan of Mummies. And there's always

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the Werewolf Clan, to keep order. Only one force stands opposed to the monster Clans: the super-strong, extremely sexy, quick-witted Hydes! Now, Daniel is just one sip of Dr Jekyll's Elixir away from joining their company. At Jekyll & Hyde Inc.

Urban fantasy HC \$55.00

Revelator Gregory, Daryl

In 1933, nine-year-old Stella is left in the care of her grandmother, Motty, in the backwoods of Tennessee. The mountains are home to dangerous secrets, and soon after she arrives, Stella wanders into a dark cavern where she encounters the family's personal god, an entity known as the Ghostdaddy. Years later, after a tragic incident that caused her to flee, Stella – now a professional bootlegger – returns for Motty's funeral, and to check on the mysterious 10-year-old girl named Sunny that Motty adopted. Sunny appears innocent enough, but she is more powerful than Stella could imagine – and she's a direct link to Stella's buried past and her family's destructive faith.

Gothic fantasy HC \$55.00

Flame Riders Smoke Eaters 03 Grigsby, Sean

The New United States Army has taken over and America has devolved into a full-on dragon apocalypse. Smoke eaters are banned and have gone into hiding to avoid being held prisoner by the soldiers. Guillermo Contreras is a private in the NUSA; when he's accused of potentially being a smoke eater upon pain of death, he escapes and sets out to find the heroes who disappeared years before. But what he discovers is that the NUSA has been working on something unthinkable, and it's going to take more than a few smoke eaters to stop them.

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.99

The Charmed Wife Grushin, Olga

Cinderella married the man of her dreams – the perfect ending she deserved after diligently following all the fairy-tale rules. Yet, now, 13½ years later, things have gone badly wrong, and her life is far from perfect. One night, fed up and exhausted, she sneaks out of the palace to get help from the Witch who, for a price, offers love potions to disgruntled housewives. But as the old hag flings the last ingredients into the cauldron, Cinderella doesn't ask for a love spell to win back her Prince Charming. Instead, she wants him dead.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Star Eater Hall, Kerstin

All martyrdoms are difficult. Elfreda Raughn will avoid pregnancy if it kills her, and one way or another, it will kill her. Though, she's able to stomach her gruesome day-to-day duties, the reality of preserving the Sisterhood of Aytrium's magical bloodline horrifies her. She wants out, whatever the cost. So, when a shadowy faction approaches Elfreda with an offer of escape, she leaps at the opportunity. As their spy, she gains access to the highest reaches of the Sisterhood, and enters a

glittering world of opulent parties, subtle deceptions, and unexpected bloodshed. Even the most powerful women are forced to choose what sacrifices they will make, so that they might have any choice at all.

Fantasy HC \$45.99

A Terrible Fall of Angels

Zaniel Havelock 01
Hamilton, Laurell K
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 from the author of the Anita Blake and Merry Gentry series.

Paranormal romance TP/HC \$32.99/\$59.99

The Saints of Salvation

Salvation Sequence 03
Hamilton, Peter F
Humanity is struggling to hold out against a hostile takeover by an alien race that claims to be on a religious mission to bring all sentient life to its God at the End of Time. But while billions of cocooned humans fill the holds of the Olyx's deadly arkships, humankind is playing an even longer game than the aliens may have anticipated. From an ultra-secret spy mission to one of the grandest battles ever seen, no strategy is off the table. Will a plan, millennia in the making, finally be enough to defeat this seemingly unstoppable enemy? And what secrets are the Olyx truly hiding in their most zealously protected stronghold? The conclusion of the fantastic Salvation Sequence, which begins with *Salvation* (PBK, \$19.99).

Space opera PBK \$19.99

The Abyss Beyond Dreams

Chronicle of the Fallers 01
Hamilton, Peter F
The year is 3326. Nigel Sheldon, one of the founders of the Commonwealth, receives a visit from the Raiel – self-appointed guardians of the Void, the enigmatic construct at the core of the galaxy that threatens the existence of all that lives. The Raiel convince Nigel to participate in a desperate scheme to infiltrate the Void. Once inside, Nigel discovers that humans are not the only life-forms to have been sucked into the Void, where the laws of physics are subtly different and mental powers indistinguishable from magic are commonplace. The humans trapped there are afflicted by an alien species of biological mimics – the Fallers – that are intelligent but merciless killers. Yet, these same aliens may hold the key to destroying the threat of the Void forever – if Nigel

can uncover their secrets. As the Fallers' relentless attacks continue, and the fragile human society splinters into civil war, Nigel must uncover the secrets of the Fallers – before he is killed by the very people he has come to save. A reissue with new cover art.

Space opera (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Night Without Stars

Chronicle of the Fallers 02
Hamilton, Peter F
After centuries trapped inside the Void, the planet Bienvenido – along with its inhabitants, both human and Faller – has been expelled into normal space. But the survivors are millions of light-years from the Commonwealth, which knows nothing of their existence. As the two races plunge into mortal conflict for sole possession of the planet, the humans seem destined to lose – despite the assistance of the mysterious Warrior Angel, who possesses forbidden Commonwealth technology. With the Fallers' numbers growing, and their ability to mimic humans allowing them to infiltrate all levels of society, it's only a matter of time before they surge to victory. Then, on a routine space flight, Major Ry Evine inadvertently frees a captive vessel that crash lands on Bienvenido carrying the last, best hope for human survival: a baby. But a far from ordinary one. The child not only ages at a remarkable rate but demonstrates knowledge and abilities far beyond those of Bienvenido's humans. Hunted by Fallers and humans alike, she is a crucial link to humanity's lost past – and a glorious future already almost out of reach. A reissue with new cover art.

Space opera (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Honeycomb

collection
Harris, Joanne M
& Vess, Charles (illustrator)
The beauty of stories; you never know where they will take you. The toymaker who wants to create the perfect wife; the princess whose heart is won by words, not actions; the tiny dog whose confidence far outweighs his size; and the sinister Lacewing King who rules over the Silken Folk. These are just a few of the weird and wonderful creatures who populate this collection of fairy tales. Dark, gripping, and brilliantly imaginative, these magical tales will soon have you in their thrall. The tales are beautifully illustrated by renowned illustrator Charles Vess.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

Million Dollar Demon

Hollows 15
Harrison, Kim
The new master vampire of Cincinnati has arrived... and she wants Rachel Morgan out. No matter where Rachel goes, Constance is there – threatening Rachel's allies, causing city-wide chaos, and, to add insult to injury, even forcing Rachel out of her current quarters. Ever since Rachel found a way to save the souls of vampires, the old undead's long-time ascendancy has been broken. Now, Constance sees eliminating Rachel as the key to consolidating her own power. Rachel has no desire to be enthralled or killed – and she's terrified of what may become of the city if Constance forces a return to the ancient ways. But even a witch-born demon

can't stand against the old undead – at least, not alone. And if Rachel refuses to claim the role of Cincinnati's master demon, the city will tear itself apart, taking her and all those who stand beside her with it.

Paranormal romance HC \$49.99

The Final Girl Support Group

Hendrix, Grady
Lynnette Tarkington is a real-life final girl who survived a massacre. For more than a decade, she's been meeting with five other final girls and their therapist in a support group for those who survived the unthinkable, working to put their lives back together. Then one woman misses a meeting, and their worst fears are realised – someone knows about the group and is determined to rip their lives apart again, piece by piece. But the thing about final girls is that no matter how bad the odds, how dark the night, how sharp the knife, they will never, ever give up.

Satirical horror PBK \$22.99

The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires

Hendrix, Grady
Patricia Campbell's life has never felt smaller. Her husband is a workaholic, her teenage kids have their own lives, her senile mother-in-law needs constant care, and she's always a step behind on her endless to-do list. The only thing keeping her sane is her book club, a close-knit group of Charleston women united by their love of true crime. At these meetings they're as likely to talk about the Manson family as they are about their own families. One evening after book club, Patricia is viciously attacked by an elderly neighbour, bringing the neighbour's handsome nephew, James Harris, into her life. James is well travelled and well read, and he makes Patricia feel things she hasn't felt in years. But when children on the other side of town go missing, their deaths written off by local police, Patricia has reason to believe James Harris is more of a Bundy than a Brad Pitt. The real problem? James is a monster of a different kind – and Patricia has already invited him in. Little by little, James will insinuate himself into Patricia's life and try to take everything she took for granted – including the book club – but she won't surrender without a fight in this blood-soaked tale of neighbourly kindness gone wrong.

Horror TP \$27.99

The Lady of Caladan

Dune: Caladan trilogy 02
Herbert, Brian
& Anderson, Kevin J
Lady Jessica, mother of Paul, and consort to Leto Atrides. The choices she made shaped an empire, but first the Lady of Caladan must reckon with her own betrayal of the Bene Gesserit. She has already betrayed her ancient order, but now she must decide if her loyalty to the Sisterhood is more important than the love of her own family. Meanwhile, events in the greater empire are accelerating beyond the control of even the Reverend Mother, and Lady Jessica's family is on a collision course with destiny. The sequel to *The Duke of Caladan* (TP, \$32.99).

SF adventure TP \$32.99

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A Girl Made of Air **Hetherington, Nydia**

This is the story of the Greatest Funambulist Who Ever Lived... Born into a post-war circus family, our nameless star was unwanted and forgotten, abandoned in the shadows of the big top. Until the bright light of Serendipity Wilson threw her into focus. Now, an adult, haunted by an incident in which a child was lost from the circus, our narrator, a tightrope artiste, weaves together her spellbinding tales of circus legends, earthy magic and folklore, all in the hope of finding the child... But will her story be enough to bring the pair together again?

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Assassin's Quest

Farseer trilogy 03, illustrated edition
Hobb, Robin
King Shrewd is dead, at the hands of his son Regal. As is Fitz – or so his enemies and friends believe. But with the help of his allies and his beast magic, he emerges from the grave, deeply scarred in body and soul. The kingdom also teeters toward ruin: Regal has plundered and abandoned the capital, while the rightful heir, Prince Verity, is lost to his mad quest – perhaps to death. Only Verity's return – or the heir his princess carries – can save the Six Duchies. But Fitz will not wait. Driven by loss and bitter memories, he undertakes a quest: to kill Regal. The journey casts him into deep waters, as he discovers wild currents of magic within him – currents that will either drown him or make him something more than he was. A stunningly-illustrated edition of the final instalment of the beloved Farseer Trilogy, celebrating 25 years since its original publication. This volume contains 10 full-colour illustrations by Magali Villeneuve.

Fantasy (reissue) HC \$65.00

The Fallen **Hoffmann, Ada**

The laws of physics acting on the planet of Jai have been forever upended; its surface completely altered, and its inhabitants permanently changed, causing chaos. Fearing heresy, the artificially intelligent Gods that once ruled the galaxy became the planet's jailers. Tiv Hunt, who once trusted these Gods completely, spends her days helping the last remaining survivors of Jai. Everyone is fighting for their freedom; they call out for drastic action from their saviour, Tiv's girlfriend Yasira. But Yasira has become deeply ill, debilitated by her Outside exposure, and is barely able to breathe, let alone lead a revolution. Hunted by the Gods and Akavi, the disgraced angel, Yasira and Tiv must delve further than ever before into the maddening mysteries of their fractured planet, in order to save – or, perhaps, even destroy – their fading world.

Science fiction TP \$19.99

True Dead

Jane Yellowrock 14
Hunter, Faith
Jane used to hunt vampires... but, now, she's their queen. She's holed up in the mountains with the Yellowrock Clan, enjoying a little peace, when a surprise attack on her people proves that trouble is brewing. Someone is using very old magic to launch a bid for power, and it's all tied to the place where

Jane was first drawn into the world of Leo Pellissier – the city of New Orleans. Jane is compelled to return to NOLA because someone is trying to destabilise the paranormal world order. And because she now sits near the top of the vampire world, the assault is her problem. She will do what she must to protect what's hers. Her city. Her people. Her power. Her crown.

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.95

Going Interstellar

anthology
Johnson, Les & McDevitt, Jack (editors)
Some humans may be content staying in one place, but many of us are curious about what's beyond the next village, the next ocean, the next horizon. Are there others, like us, out there? How will we reach them? Others are concerned with the survival of the species. It may be that we have to get out of Dodge before the lights go out on Earth. How can we accomplish this? Wonderful questions. Now, get ready for some answers. Here is the science behind interstellar propulsion: reports from top tier scientists and engineers on starflight propulsion techniques that use only means and methods that we *currently know* are scientifically possible. Here are in-depth essays on antimatter containment, solar sails, and fusion propulsion. And the human consequences? Here is speculation by a magnificent array of award-winning SF writers on what an interstellar voyage might look like, might feel like – might *be* like.

Science fiction TP \$35.95

My Heart is a Chainsaw **Jones, Stephen Graham**

Jade Daniels is an angry, half-Indian outcast with an abusive father, an absent mother, and an entire town that wants nothing to do with her. She lives in her own world, a world in which protection comes from an unusual source: horror movies... especially the ones where a masked killer seeks revenge on a world that wronged them. And Jade narrates the quirky history of Proofrock, as if it is one of those movies. But when blood actually starts to spill into the waters of Indian Lake, she pulls us into her dizzying, encyclopaedic mind of blood and masked murderers, and predicts exactly how the plot will unfold. Yet, even as Jade drags us into her dark fever dream, a surprising and intimate portrait emerges... a portrait of the scared and traumatised little girl beneath the Jason Voorhees mask: angry, yes, but also a girl who easily cries, fiercely loves, and desperately wants a home. A girl whose feelings are too big for her body. This is her story, her homage to horror and revenge and triumph.

Horror PBK \$22.99

New Spring

Wheel of Time prequel
Jordan, Robert
The city of Canluum lies close to the scarred and desolate wastes of the Blight, a walled haven from the dangers away to the north, and a refuge from the ill works of those who serve the Dark One. Or so it is said. The city that greets Al'Lan Mandragoran, exiled king of Malkier and the finest swordsmen of his generation, is instead one that is rife with

rumour and the whisperings of Shadowspawn. Proof, should he have required it, that the Dark One grows powerful once more and that his minions are at work throughout the lands. And, yet, it is within Canluum's walls that Lan will meet a woman who will shape his destiny. Moiraine is a young and powerful Aes Sedai, who has journeyed to the city in search of a bondsman. She requires aid in a desperate quest to prove the truth of a vague and largely discredited prophecy – one that speaks of a means to turn back the shadow, and of a child who may be the dragon reborn. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Eye of the World

Wheel of Time 01
Jordan, Robert
When their village is attacked by terrifying creatures, Rand al'Thor and his friends are forced to flee for their lives. An ancient evil is stirring, and its servants are scouring the land for the Dragon Reborn – the prophesised hero who can deliver the world from darkness. In this Age of myth and legend, the Wheel of Time turns. What was, what may be, and what is, may yet fall under the Shadow. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Great Hunt

Wheel of Time 02
Jordan, Robert
The Forsaken are loose, the Horn of Valere has been found and the Dead are rising from their dreamless sleep. The Prophecies are being fulfilled – but Rand al'Thor, the shepherd the Aes Sedai have proclaimed as the Dragon Reborn, desperately seeks to escape his destiny. Rand cannot run for ever. With every passing day the Dark One grows in strength and strives to shatter his ancient prison, to break the Wheel, to bring an end to Time and sunder the weave of the Pattern. And the Pattern demands the Dragon. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Dragon Reborn

Wheel of Time 03
Jordan, Robert
The Land is One with the Dragon – and the Dragon is One with the Land. The Shadow lies across the Pattern of the Age, and the Dark One has turned all his power against the prison that binds him. If it fails he will escape and nothing will stand in the storm that blows then... save the man that was born to battle the darkness: Rand al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn. But to wage his war Rand must find Callandor, ancient Sword of the Dragon... and the Forsaken will shatter the world to thwart him. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Shadow Rising

Wheel of Time 04
Jordan, Robert
The Stone of Tear, invulnerable fortress of legend, has fallen. The Children of the Dragon have risen to the call of prophecy and march to the aid of the Light. Callandor, the

Sword That Is Not a Sword, is held by Rand al'Thor, the man proclaimed as the Dragon Reborn. But still the shadows lengthen and still the Forsaken grow in strength. If he is to fight them, Rand must master the male half of the True Source, a power corrupted by the Dark One, a power that drives men to madness, a power that may save or damn the world. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Fires of Heaven

Wheel of Time 05
Jordan, Robert
The bonds and wards that hold the Great Lord of the Dark are slowly failing, but still his fragile prison holds. The Forsaken, immortal servants of the shadow, weave their snares and tighten their grip upon the realms of men, sure in the knowledge that their master will soon break free... Rand al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn, knows that he must strike at the Enemy, but his forces are divided by treachery and by ambition. Even the Aes Sedai, ancient guardians of the Light, are riven by civil war. Betrayed by his allies, pursued by his enemies and beset by the madness that comes to the male wielders of the One Power, Rand rides out to meet the foe. And the Fires of Heaven scour the world. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Lord of Chaos

Wheel of Time 06
Jordan, Robert
Rand al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn, strives to bind the nations of the world to his will, to forge the alliances that will fight the advance of the Shadow and to ready the forces of Light for the Last Battle. But there are other powers that seek to command the war against the Dark One. In the White Tower, the Amyrlin Elaida sets a snare to trap the Dragon, while the rebel Aes Sedai scheme to bring her down. And as the realms of men fall into chaos the immortal Forsaken and the servants of the Dark plan their assault on the Dragon Reborn... Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

A Crown of Swords

Wheel of Time 07
Jordan, Robert
The war for humanity's survival has begun. Rand al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn, has escaped the snares of the White Tower and the first of the rebel Aes Sedai have sworn to follow him. Attacked by the servants of the Dark, threatened by the invading Seanchan, Rand rallies his forces and brings battle to bear upon Illian, stronghold of Sammael the Forsaken... In the city of Ebou Dar, Elayne, Aviendha and Mat struggle to secure the ter'angreal that can break the Dark One's hold on the world's weather – and an ancient bane moves to oppose them. In the town of Salidar, Egwene al'Vere gathers an army to reclaim Tar Valon and reunite the Aes Sedai... And in Shadar Logoth, city of darkness, a terrible power awakens... Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

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The Path of Daggers

Wheel of Time 08

Jordan, Robert

Rand al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn, has conquered the city of Illian, struck down Sammael the Forsaken and shattered the armies of the invading Seanchan. Nynaeve, Aviendha, and Elayne have broken the Dark One's hold on the world's weather, and are poised to retake the throne of Andor. And Egwene al'Vere, leader of the exiled Aes Sedai, marches her army towards the White Tower. But Rand and the Asha'man that follow him are slowly being corrupted by the madness that comes to the male wielders of the One Power. If they cannot remove the Dark One's taint from the True Source, then none will survive to fight the Last Battle against the Shadow. And as Rand struggles to maintain his sanity, the Seanchan launch their counter-strike. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Winter's Heart

Wheel of Time 09

Jordan, Robert

Rand al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn, is slowly succumbing to the taint that the Dark One has placed upon the saidin – the male half of the True Source. His Asha'man followers are also showing signs of the insanity that once devastated the world and brought the Age of Legends to an end. And as Rand falters, the Shadow falls across a stricken land. In the city of Ebou Dar, the Seanchan, blind to the folly of their cause, marshal their forces and continue their relentless assault. In Shayol Ghul, the Forsaken join together to destroy the Dragon. Rand's only chance is to hazard the impossible and remove the taint from the saidin. But to do so he must master a power from the Age of Legends that none have ever dared to risk – a power that can annihilate Creation and bring an end to Time itself. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

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Crossroads of Twilight

Wheel of Time 10

Jordan, Robert

Fleeing from Ebou Dar with the kidnapped Daughter of the Nine Moons, Mat Cauthon learns that he can neither keep her nor let her go, for both the Shadow and the might of the Seanchan empire are now in deadly pursuit. At Tar Valon, Egwene al'Vere lays siege to the White Tower. She must win quickly, with as little bloodshed as possible, for unless the Aes Sedai are reunited only the male Asha'man will remain to defend the world against the Dark One. Meanwhile, Rand al'Thor must gamble again, with himself at stake – not knowing which of his allies are really enemies. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

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Knife of Dreams

Wheel of Time 11

Jordan, Robert

As the very fabric of reality wears thin, all portents indicate that Tarmon Gai'don, the Last Battle, is imminent – and Rand al'Thor must ready himself to confront the Dark

One. But Rand must first negotiate a truce with the Seanchan armies, as their forces increasingly sap his strength. All is in flux, as established powers falter... In Caemlyn, Elayne fights to gain the Lion Throne while trying to avert civil war and Egwene finds that even the White Tower is no longer a place of safety. The winds of time have whirled into a storm, and Rand and his companions ride in the vortex. This small company must prevail against the trials of fate and fortune – or the Dark One will triumph and the world will be lost. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

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The Gathering Storm

Wheel of Time 12

Jordan, Robert

& Sanderson, Brandon

Tarmon Gai'don, the Last Battle, looms. And mankind is not ready. Rand al'Thor struggles to unite a fractured network of kingdoms and alliances in preparation for the Last Battle, as his allies watch in terror the shadow that seems to be growing within the heart of the Dragon Reborn, himself. Egwene al'Vere is a captive of the White Tower and subject to the whims of their tyrannical leader. She works to hold together the disparate factions of Aes Sedai, as the days tick toward the Seanchan attack she knows is imminent. Her fight will prove the mettle of the Aes Sedai, and her conflict will decide the future of the White Tower – and possibly the world, itself. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Towers of Midnight

Wheel of Time 13

Jordan, Robert

& Sanderson, Brandon

The Last Battle has started. The seals on the Dark One's prison are crumbling. The Pattern itself is unravelling, and the armies of the Shadow have begun to spill out of the Blight. Perrin Aybara is haunted by spectres from his past. To prevail, he must find a way to master the wolf within him or lose himself to it for ever. Meanwhile, Matrim Cauthon prepares for the most difficult challenge of his life. The Tower of Ghenjei awaits, and its secrets will reveal the fate of a friend long lost. The end draws near. It's time to roll the dice. Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

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A Memory of Light

Wheel of Time 14

Jordan, Robert

& Sanderson, Brandon

In the Field of Merrilor the rulers of the nations gather to join behind Rand al'Thor, or to stop him from his plan to break the seals on the Dark One's prison – which may be a sign of his madness, or the last hope of humankind. Egwene, the Amyrlin Seat, leans toward the former. In Andor, the Trollocs seize Caemlyn. In the wolf dream, Perrin Aybara battles Slayer. Approaching Ebou Dar, Mat Cauthon plans to visit his wife Tuon, now Fortuona, Empress of the Seanchan. All humanity is in peril – and the outcome will be decided in Shayol Ghul, itself. The Wheel

is turning, and the Age is coming to its end. The Last Battle will determine the fate of the world... Reissued with new cover art in advance of the streaming TV adaptation.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Crow Rider

Storm Crow 02

Josephson, Kalyn

Thia, her allies, and her crow, Res, are planning a rebellion to defeat Queen Razel and Illucia, once and for all. Thia must convince the neighbouring kingdoms to come to her aid, and Res' show of strength is the only thing that can help her. But so many obstacles stand in her way. Res excels at his training, until he loses control of his magic, harming Thia in the process. She is also pursued by Prince Ericen, heir to the Illucian throne and the one person she can't trust but can't seem to stay away from. As the rebel group prepares for war, Res' magic grows more unstable. Thia has to decide if she can rely on herself and their bond enough to lead the rebellion and become the crow rider she was meant to be. The sequel to *The Storm Crow* (TP, \$19.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Several People are Typing Kasulke, Calvin

Gerald, a mid-level employee of a New York-based public relations firm has been uploaded into the company's internal Slack channels – at least, his consciousness has. His colleagues assume it's an elaborate gag to exploit the new work-from-home policy, but now that Gerald's productivity is through the roof, his bosses are only too happy to let him work from... wherever he says he is. Faced with the looming abyss of a disembodied life online, Gerald enlists his co-worker Pradeep to help him escape, and to find out what happened to his body. But the longer Gerald stays in the void, the more alluring and absurd his reality becomes. Meanwhile, Gerald's colleagues have PR catastrophes of their own to handle in the real world. Their biggest client, a high-end dog food company, is in the midst of recalling a bad batch of food that's allegedly poisoning Pomeranians, nationwide. And their CEO suspects someone is sabotaging his office furniture. And if Gerald gets to work from home all the time, why can't everyone? Is true love possible between two people, when one is just a line of text in an app? And what in the hell does the *.dusty-stick:* emoji mean?

Cyberpunk PBK \$22.99

Gutter Mage

Kelley, J S

In a kingdom where magic fuels everything from streetlamps to horseless carriages, the mage guilds of Penador wield power equal to the king himself. So, when Lord Edmund's infant son is kidnapped by the ruthless Alath Guild, he turns to the one person who's feared by even the most magically adept: Rosalind Featherstone, aka the Gutter Mage. But as Roz delves into the circumstances behind the child's disappearance, she uncovers an old enemy from her traumatic past and a long-brewing plot that could lead to the death of countless innocents, as well as the complete collapse of Penadorian society, itself!

Fantasy noir HC \$55.00

Defy the Night

Defy the Night 01

Kemmerer, Brigid

A spark of rebellion is all it takes to defy the night. In a kingdom where sickness stalks the streets and only the richest can afford a cure, King Harristan and his brother Prince Corrick are forced to rule with an iron fist. Tessa Cade is a masked outlaw marked for death, but she likes it that way. Together with the mysterious, handsome Weston, she robs from the rich to help the poor, distributing food and medicine to those who need it most. As it becomes clear that the only way to save her people is to assassinate the King, Tessa must face a deadly mission that will take her to the dark heart of the kingdom... and force her to work with the very people she intended to destroy. The first in a new series.

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

Dark Fairy Tales of Fearless Women

Kerven, Rosalind

This global feast of ancient tales features valiant women overcoming every kind of obstacle and danger to fulfil their destinies. Travel through Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North America, and the Pacific. Shudder, cheer and laugh out loud as the heroines deal with trolls, faeries, dragons and ghosts; admire their knowledge, wit and cunning; marvel at shapeshifting and other manifestations of the supernatural. A rich collection of fairy tales, beautifully illustrated throughout with Joe McClaren woodcuts, this book is stitched together, like a series of Scheherazade stories. It is storytelling at its best, pitch perfect fairy tales of fearless women, for readers everywhere.

Folklore HC \$19.99

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 AI's vast conspiracy, this band of violent women – half-clone and half-machine – must battle their own traumas and a universe of sapient ageships who want them dead, in order to settle their affairs, once and for all.

Science fiction HC \$55.00

Sword Stone Table: Old Legends, New Voices

anthology

Krishna, Swapna

& Northington, Jenn (editors)

From the vast lore surrounding King Arthur, Camelot, and the Knights of the Round Table,

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comes an anthology of gender-bent, race-bent, diverse, and inclusive retellings. Here, you'll find the Lady of the Lake re-imagined as an albino Ugandan sorceress, and the Lady of Shalott as a wealthy, isolated woman in futuristic Mexico City; you'll see Excalibur rediscovered as a baseball bat that grants a washed-up minor leaguer a fresh shot at glory, and as a lost ceremonial drum that returns to a young First Nations boy the power and the dignity of his people. There are stories set in Gilded Age Chicago, eighties' New York, 21st-century Singapore, and space; there are lesbian lady knights, Arthur and Merlin reborn in the modern era for a second chance at saving the world and falling in love. Brave, bold, and ground breaking, these stories bring fresh life to beloved myths.

Myth/legend retold TP \$27.99

Empire of the Vampire

Empire of the Vampire 01

Kristoff, Jay

It has been 27 long years, since the last sunrise. For nearly three decades, vampires have waged war against humanity; building their eternal empire even as they tear down our own. Now, only a few tiny sparks of light endure in a sea of darkness. Gabriel de León is a silversaint: a member of a holy brotherhood dedicated to defending realm and church from the creatures of the night. But even the Silver Order could not stem the tide once daylight failed us, and now, only Gabriel remains. Imprisoned by the very monsters he vowed to destroy, the last silversaint is forced to tell his story. A story of legendary battles and forbidden love, of faith lost and friendships won, of the Wars of the Blood and the Forever King and the quest for humanity's last remaining hope: The Holy Grail. The first volume in a new series.

Dark fantasy TP \$32.99

Among Thieves

Kuhn, M J

In just over a year's time, Ryia Cautella has already earned herself a reputation as the quickest, deadliest blade in the dockside city of Carrowwick – not to mention the sharpest tongue. But Ryia Cautella is not her real name. For the past six years, a deadly secret has kept her in hiding, running from town to town, doing whatever it takes to stay one step ahead of the formidable Guildmaster – the sovereign ruler of the five kingdoms of Thamorr. No matter how far or fast she travels, his servants never fail to track her down... but even the most powerful men can be defeated. Ryia's path, now, leads directly into the heart of the Guildmaster's stronghold, and against every instinct she has, it's not a path she can walk alone. Forced to team up with a crew of assorted miscreants, smugglers, and thieves, Ryia must plan her next moves very carefully. If she succeeds, her freedom is won once and for all... but unfortunately for Ryia, her new allies are nearly as selfish as she is, and they all have plans of their own.

Fantasy heist TP \$32.99

Red Pill

Kunzru, Hari

After receiving a prestigious writing fellowship in Germany, our narrator arrives in the Berlin suburb of Wannsee, and struggles

to accomplish anything at all. Instead of working on the book he has proposed to write, he takes long walks and binge-watches *Blue Lives*, a violent cop show that becomes weirdly compelling in its bleak, Darwinian view of life. He soon begins to wonder if his writing has any value, at all. Wannsee is full of ghosts: Across the lake, the narrator can see the villa where the Nazis planned the Final Solution; and, on his walks, he passes the grave of the Romantic writer Heinrich von Kleist, who killed himself after deciding that 'no happiness was possible here on earth'. At a party, he meets the charismatic Anton, creator of *Blue Lives*, and the narrator begins to believe that the two of them are engaged in a cosmic battle. Anton is 'red-pilling' his viewers – turning them toward an ugly, alt-rightish worldview, he thinks, as he starts to wonder if he is losing his mind.

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

When We Cease to Understand the World

Labatut, Benjamin

Fritz Haber, Alexander Grothendieck, Werner Heisenberg, Erwin Schrödinger: these are among the luminaries into whose troubled minds we are thrust as they grapple with the most profound questions of existence. They have strokes of unparalleled genius, they alienate friends and lovers, they descend into isolated states of madness. Some of their discoveries revolutionise our world for the better; others pave the way to chaos and unimaginable suffering. The lines are never clear. With breakneck pace and wondrous detail, Benjamin Labatut uses the imaginative resources of fiction to break open the stories of scientists and mathematicians, who expanded our notions of the possible.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

The Sun's Devices

Hollow Gods 03

Levene, Rebecca

In the aftermath of the shattering of Mirror Town, Krish has taken his rightful place as heir to the kingdom of Ashanesland, with his friends and allies ruling by his side. He's turned his back on his divine birthright and set out to bring unity to the warring tribes and nations as no more than a man. The mysterious land once known as the Eternal Empire has opened its borders at last, and invited Krish to take his place as part of its ruling Triumvirate. But there are plots within plots in the country that once worshipped his sister, the sun, and now hates all gods. Because the sun goddess been made flesh once again and is determined to end the ancient conflict with her brother's final defeat. And there are strange and new gods stirring in the lands – while some search for a weapon that could destroy them all.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Second Rebel

First Sister 02

Lewis, Linden

Astrid has reclaimed her name and her voice, and now seeks to bring down the Sisterhood from within. Throwing herself into the lioness' den, Astrid must confront and challenge the Aunts who run the Dean religious institution, but she quickly discovers that the business of politics is far deadlier

than she ever expected. Meanwhile, on an outlaw colony station deep in space, Hiro val Akira seeks to bring a dangerous ally into the rebellion. Whispers of a digital woman fuel Hiro's search, but they are not the only person looking for this link to the mysterious race of Synthetics. Lito sol Lucious continues to grow into his role as a lead revolutionary and is tasked with rescuing an Aster operative from deep within an Icarrii prison. With danger around every corner, Lito, his partner Ofiera, and the newly freed operative must flee, in order to keep dangerous secrets out of enemy hands. Back on Venus, Lito's sister Lucinia must carry on after her brother's disappearance and accusation of treason by Icarrii authorities. Despite being under the thumb of Souji val Akira, Lucinia manages to keep her nose clean... that is until an Aster revolutionary shows up with news about her brother's fate, and an opportunity to join the fight. This trilogy begins with *The First Sister* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Peculiarities

Liss, David

Thomas' problems are more serious than those of a typical young Victorian gentleman. His elder brother may be sabotaging the family's bank. His childhood friend has died under mysterious circumstances. Far worse, leaves are sprouting on Thomas' skin. Perhaps, it is all the fault of the long-removed 'Peculiarities', lurking in London's grey fog? Proper society scoffs at the notion of magic, even as it seeps into their buildings, transfiguring the rich and poor alike.

If Thomas is going to save the family business – and stop turning into a tree – he'll need help from some rather improper companions. Desperate for counsel, he seeks the advice of a lycanthropic medium and London's unacceptable occult society, including a strange fellow named Aleister Crowley.

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$39.95

A Killing Frost

October Daye 14

McGuire, Seanan

When October is informed that Simon Torquill – legally her father, due to Faerie's archaic marriage traditions – must be invited to her wedding or risk the ceremony throwing the Kingdom in the Mists into political turmoil, she finds herself setting out on a quest she was not yet prepared to undertake for the sake of her future... and the man who represents her family's past.

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.95

When Sorrows Come

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McGuire, Seanan

It's hard to be a hero. There's always something needing October Toby Daye's attention, and her own desires tend to fall by the wayside in favour of solving the Kingdom's problems. That includes the desire to marry her long-time suitor and current fiancé, Tybalt, San Francisco's King of Cats. She doesn't mean to keep delaying the wedding, it just sort of... happens. And that's why her closest friends have taken the choice out of her hands, ambushing her with a court wedding at the High Court in Toronto. Once the High King gets involved, there's

not much even Toby can do to delay things... except for getting involved in stopping a plot to overthrow the High Throne itself, destabilising the Westlands entirely, and keeping her from getting married through nothing more than the sheer volume of chaos it would cause. Can Toby save the Westlands and make it to her own wedding on time? Or is she going to have to choose one over the other?

Urban fantasy HC \$55.00

Midnight, Water City

Water City trilogy 01

McKinney, Chris

Year 2142: Earth is forty years past a near collision with the asteroid Sessho-seki.

Akira Kimura, the scientist responsible for eliminating the threat, has reached heights of celebrity approaching deification. But now, Akira feels her safety is under threat, so after years without contact, she reaches out to her former head of security, who has since become a police detective. When he arrives at her deep-sea home and finds Akira methodically dismembered, this detective will risk everything – his career, his family, even his own life – and delve back into his shared past with Akira to find her killer. With a rich, cinematic voice and burning cynicism, *Midnight, Water City* is both a thrilling neo-noir procedural and a stunning exploration of research, class, climate change, the cult of personality, and the dark sacrifices we are willing to make, in the name of progress. The first in a trilogy.

SF noir HC \$44.99

The Kinder Poison

Mae, Natalie

Zahru has long dreamed of leaving the kingdom of Orkena and having the kinds of adventures she's only ever heard about in stories. But as a lowly Whisperer, her power to commune with animals means that her place is serving in the royal stables, until the day her magic runs dry. All that changes when the ailing ruler invokes the Crossing. A death-defying race across the desert, in which the first of his heirs to finish – and take the life of a human sacrifice at the journey's end – will ascend to the throne. With all of the kingdom abuzz, Zahru leaps at the chance to change her fate if just for a night by sneaking into the palace for a taste of the revelry. But the minor indiscretion turns into a deadly mistake when she gets caught up in a feud between the heirs and is forced to become the Crossing's human sacrifice. Now, Zahru's only hope for survival hinges on the impossible: somehow, figuring out how to overcome the most dangerous people in the world.

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

Little Girls

Malfi, Ronald

After years away, Laurie returns to the home where she was raised by a cold, distant father who recently exorcised his demons. But no amount of cleaning can wipe away the troubled past. She feels it lurking in the broken mouldings, sees it staring from an empty picture frame, hears it laughing in the mouldy greenhouse deep in the woods... At first, Laurie thinks she's imagining things. But when she meets her daughter's new playmate, she notices her uncanny

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resemblance to another little girl who used to live next door. Who died, next door. With each passing day, Laurie's uneasiness grows stronger, her thoughts more disturbing. Like her father, is she slowly losing her mind? Or is something truly unspeakable happening?

Horror TP \$26.95

The Thief on the Winged Horse

Mascarenhas, Kate

The Kendricks have been making world-famous dolls for over 200 years. But their dolls aren't coveted for the craftsmanship alone. Each has an emotion laid on it; a magic that can provoke bucolic bliss or consuming paranoia at a single touch. Persephone Kendrick longs to learn her ancestors' craft, but only men may know the secrets of the workshop. So, when a handsome stranger arrives claiming doll-making talent and blood ties to the family, she sees a chance to grasp all she desires. But then, one night, the firm's most valuable doll is stolen. Only someone with knowledge of magic could have taken her. Only a Kendrick could have committed this crime...

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Body Scout

Michel, Lincoln

In the future you can have any body you want – as long as you can afford it. But in a New York, ravaged by climate change and repeat pandemics, Kobo is barely scraping by. He scouts the latest in gene-edited talent for Big Pharma-owned baseball teams, but his own cybernetics are a decade out of date and twin sister loan sharks are banging down his door. Things couldn't get much worse. Then his brother – Monsanto Mets slugger J J Zunz – is murdered, at home plate. Determined to find the killer, Kobo plunges into a world of genetically modified CEOs, philosophical Neanderthals, and back-alley body modification; only to quickly find he's in a game, far bigger and more corrupt than he imagined. To keep himself together while the world is falling apart, he'll have to navigate a time where both body and soul are sold to the highest bidder.

Cyberpunk HC \$55.00

What We Devour

Miller, Linsey

Lorena Adler has a secret – she holds the power of the banished gods, the Noble and the Vile, inside her. But she has spent her entire life hiding from the world and her past. Lorena's content to spend her days as an undertaker in a small town, marry her best friend, Julian, and live an unfulfilling life so long as no one uncovers her true nature. But when the notoriously bloodthirsty and equally Vile crown prince comes to arrest Julian's father, he immediately recognises Lorena for what she is. So, she makes a deal – a fair trial for her betrothed's father in exchange for her service to the crown. The prince is desperate for her help. He's spent years trying to repair the weakening Door that holds back the Vile... and he's losing the battle. As Lorena learns more about the Door and the horrifying price it takes to keep it closed, she'll have to embrace both parts of herself to survive.

YA dark fantasy PBK \$19.99

Blood World

Mooney, Chris

Everything changed when scientists discovered the drug. It looked like the cure for ageing, but all progress comes with a price tag. Now, eternal youthfulness will be paid for by the blood of the innocent. The blood of 'carriers' is the most valuable commodity on earth. When treated with a new wonder drug, it cures disease, increases power, and makes the recipient a virtual superman. It also makes the carriers targets. Young people with the right genes are ripped from their families and stashed in 'blood farms'. Ellie Batista became an LAPD officer specifically to fight this evil as a member of the Blood Squad, but her ambitions are thwarted – until the day she and her partner are ambushed during a routine stop. The resulting events plunge her into an undercover world more dangerous than she could have ever imagined. Because a madman has found a way to increase the potency of the blood to levels previously unimagined. As he cuts a bloody swath through the already deadly world of blood cartels, Ellie is the only hope to stop him before the body count explodes.

SF thriller PBK \$18.99

Shakespeare for Squirrels

Moore, Christopher

Set adrift by his pirate crew, Pocket of Dog Snogging washes up on the sun-bleached shores of Greece – where he hopes to dazzle the Duke with his comedic brilliance and become his trusted fool. But the island is in turmoil. Egeus, the Duke's minister, is furious that his daughter Hermia is determined to marry Demetrius, instead of Lysander, the man he has chosen for her. The Duke decrees that if, by the time of the wedding, Hermia still refuses to marry Lysander, she shall be executed... or consigned to a nunnery. Pocket, being Pocket, cannot help but point out that this decree is complete bollocks, and that the Duke is an egregious weasel for having even suggested it. Irritated by the fool's impudence, the Duke orders his death. With the Duke's guards in pursuit, Pocket makes a daring escape. He soon stumbles into the wooded realm of the fairy king Oberon, who, as luck would have it, is short a fool. His jester Robin Goodfellow – the mischievous sprite better known as Puck – was found dead. Murdered. Oberon makes Pocket an offer he can't refuse: he will make Pocket his fool and have his death sentence lifted if Pocket finds out who killed Robin Goodfellow. But as anyone who is even vaguely aware of the Bard's most performed play ever will know, nearly every character has a motive for wanting the mischievous sprite dead. With too many suspects and too little time, Pocket must work his own kind of magic to find the truth, save his neck, and ensure that all ends well. A rollicking tale of love, magic, madness, and murder. *Shakespeare for Squirrels* is a Midsummer Night's noir – a wicked and brilliantly funny good time.

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

Certain Dark Things

Moreno-Garcia, Silvia

Welcome to Mexico City, an oasis in a sea of vampires. Domingo, a lonely garbage-collecting street kid, is just trying to survive its heavily policed streets when a jaded

vampire on the run swoops into his life. Atl, the descendant of Aztec blood drinkers, is smart, beautiful, and dangerous. Domingo is mesmerised. Atl needs to quickly escape the city, far from the rival narco-vampire clan relentlessly pursuing her. Her plan doesn't include Domingo, but little by little, Atl finds herself warming up to the scrappy young man and his undeniable charm. As the trail of corpses stretches behind her, local cops and crime bosses, both, start closing in. Vampires, humans, cops, and criminals collide in the dark streets of Mexico City. Do Atl and Domingo even stand a chance of making it out alive? Or will the city devour them all? Pulse-pounding neo-noir that re-imagines vampire lore.

Dark fantasy TP \$32.99

Fury of a Demon

Dragons of Terra 03

Naslund, Brian

The war against Osyrus Ward goes poorly for Bershad and Ashlyn. They are pinned in the Dainwood by monstrous alchemical creations and a relentless army of mercenaries, and running out of both options and allies. The Witch Queen struggles with her new powers, knowing that the secret of unlocking her dragon cord is key to stopping Ward's army, she pushes forward with her experiments. Meanwhile, with every wound Bershad suffers, he gets closer to losing his humanity forever, and as the war rages, the exile turned assassin turned hero isn't even sure if being human is something he wants.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

1637: Dr Gribbleflotz and the Soul of Stoner

Ring of Fire 33

Offord, Kerryn & Boatright, Rick

Science and medicine versus flimflammy... Thomas 'the Great Stoner' Stone once performed miraculous surgery upon Phillip Theophrastus Gribbleflotz, the World's Greatest Alchemist, using his bare hands, no anaesthesia, producing no pain, and leaving no scar. It would have been wonderful, if it was real. But Dr Tom Stone, the face of modern medicine, has been engaging in fake treatments – bringing all modern medicine into question. Phillip, who has learned a thing or two about actual science from those uptime elopers from Grantville, West Virginia, decides to go to Padua and turn his problems into Tom Stone's problems. Meanwhile, the wily Bernardo Ponzi has assembled a team to support his evangelical touring roadshow featuring a light show, faith healing and yet more psychic surgery. Now, Gribbleflotz and Stone are on a collision course with the Magnificent Ponzi, who has moved beyond showman-like fakery to causing actual harm to many people. It's time for Gribbleflotz and Stone to resolve their differences, debunk one of history's greatest bunko artists, and save the reputation of modern science and medicine from ruin!

Alternate history TP \$35.95

Inside Man

novella

Parker, K J

An anonymous representative of the Devil, once a high-ranking Duke of Hell and now a committed underachiever, has spent the

last forever of an eternity leading a perfectly tedious existence distracting monks from their liturgical devotions. It's interminable, but he prefers it that way, now that he's been officially designated by Downstairs as 'fragile'. No, he won't elaborate. All that changes when he finds himself ensnared, along with a sadistic exorcist, in a labyrinthine plot to subvert the very nature of Good and Evil. In such a circumstance, sympathy for the Devil is practically inevitable. K J Parker returns to the amoral world of *Prosper's Demon* (PBK, \$19.99) with a wry, sardonic novella that flips the eternal, rule-governed battle between men and demons on its head. A 128pp, Tor.com novella.

Dark fantasy PBK \$24.99

Nightfall

Ashen Torment 03

Patrick, Den

The sky is filled with dragons: the people are ready to burn the regime to the ground. The seas churn with monsters and the tide is changing: revolution is coming. Steiner has, at last, realised the part he will play in this fight. Kimi knows now what it is to lead, but must learn to overcome differences if she is to unite and defeat the dragon factions. Silverdust inches towards a final revenge. Across the ocean, Kjellrun feels the call of war. But she must reconcile her new responsibilities to the people of the temple with the urge to find her family. Leaders, all – and all are desperate. For the Emperor will not give up easily. He will rule – and he cares not if his subjects are alive... or if they are dead.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Woods are Always Watching

Perkins, Stephanie

Bears aren't the only predators in these woods. Best friends Neena and Josie spent high school as outsiders, but at least they had each other. Now, with college, and a 2000-mile separation looming on the horizon, they have one last chance to be together – a three-day hike deep into the woods of the Pisgah National Forest. Simmering tensions lead to a detour off the trail and straight into a waking nightmare... and then into something far worse. Something that will test them, in horrifying ways.

YA horror PBK \$19.99

Mordew

Pheby, Alex

God is dead, his corpse hidden in the catacombs beneath Mordew. In the slums of the sea-battered city, a young boy called Nathan Treeves lives with his parents, eking out a meagre existence by picking treasures from the Living Mud and the half-formed, short-lived creatures it spawns. Until one day his desperate mother sells him to the mysterious Master of Mordew. The Master derives his magical power from feeding on the corpse of God. But Nathan, despite his fear and lowly station, has his own strength – and it is greater than the Master has ever known. Great enough to destroy everything the Master has built. If only Nathan can discover how to use it. So, it is that the Master begins to scheme against him – and Nathan

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has to fight his way through the betrayals, secrets, and vendettas of the city where God was murdered, and darkness reigns. Propulsive, compulsively readable, full of unforgettable characters and a talking dog – who wants to be a philosopher – *Mordew* is an epic fantasy strange, new, and terrifyingly alive. The first in a trilogy.
Fantasy HC \$62.95

The Wee Free Men

Discworld 30/Tiffany Aching 01, collector's edition

Pratchett, Terry

A nighmarish danger threatens from the other side of reality... Armed with only a frying pan and her common sense, young witch-to-be Tiffany Aching must defend her home against the monsters of Fairyland. Luckily, she has some very unusual help: the local Nac Mac Feeble – aka the Wee Free Men – a clan of fierce, sheep-stealing, sword-wielding, six-inch-high blue men. Together they must face headless horsemen, ferocious grimhounds, terrifying dreams come true, and ultimately the sinister Queen of the Elves, herself... Now in a brand-new gift edition, part of the Discworld Hardback Library.
Discworld (reissue) HC \$29.95

A Hat Full of Sky

Discworld 32/Tiffany Aching 02, collector's edition

Pratchett, Terry

Something is coming after Tiffany... Tiffany Aching is ready to begin her apprenticeship in magic, but life isn't exactly what she thought it would be. And Tiffany will find that she needs her magic more than ever, to fight off the insidious, disembodied creature that is pursuing her. This time, neither Mistress Weatherwax (the greatest witch in the world) nor the fierce, six-inch-high Wee Free Men can protect her. In the end, it will take all of Tiffany's inner strength to save herself. Now in a brand-new gift edition, part of the Discworld Hardback Library.
Discworld (reissue) HC \$29.95

Wintersmith

Discworld 35/Tiffany Aching 03, collector's edition

Pratchett, Terry

Saying it with frozen roses and icebergs. Tiffany Aching leaps into a dance – and suddenly the spirit of winter is in love with her. He's showering her with snowflakes and offering her a crown of ice. Which is creepy, but also just a little bit... cool. Now, she's dancing to his tune. She can't change the steps. But unless Tiffany can work out how to deal with the Wintersmith, there will never be another springtime... Now in a brand-new gift edition, part of the Discworld Hardback Library.
Discworld (reissue) HC \$29.95

Mort(e)

War with No Name 01

Repino, Robert

The 'war with no name' has begun, with human extinction as its goal. The instigator of this war is the Colony, a race of intelligent ants who, for thousands of years, have been silently building an army that would forever eradicate the destructive, oppressive humans.

Under the Colony's watchful eye, this utopia will be free of the humans' penchant for violence, exploitation and religious superstition. As a final step in the war effort, the Colony uses its strange technology to transform the surface animals into high-functioning two-legged beings, who rise up to kill their masters. Former housecat turned war hero, Mort(e) is famous for taking on the most dangerous missions and fighting the dreaded human bioweapon EMSAH. But the true motivation behind his recklessness is his ongoing search for a pre-transformation friend – a dog named Sheba. When he receives a mysterious message from the dwindling human resistance claiming Sheba is alive, he begins a journey that will take him from the remaining human strongholds to the heart of the Colony, where he will discover the source of EMSAH and the ultimate fate of all of earth's creatures.
Post-apocalypse TP \$37.95

Malefactor

War with No Name 03

Repino, Robert

Over a decade has passed, since the ant queen began her apocalyptic war with the humans. In the aftermath, she leaves behind a strange legacy: a race of uplifted animals, the queen's conscripts in the war effort, now trying to make their way in the world they destroyed. While the conflict has left deep scars, it has also allowed both sides to demonstrate feats of courage and compassion that were never possible before. And, now, after years of bloodshed, the survivors have a fleeting chance to build a lasting peace. But peace always comes with a price. The holy city of Hosanna – where animals and humans form a joint government – finds itself surrounded by wolves who are determined to retake the land. A powerful matriarch has united the rival wolf packs, using a terrible power harnessed from the Queen, herself. Soon, the looming violence pulls in those who sought to escape. The war hero Mort(e) suspects a plot to destroy Hosanna from within, and recruits a team of unlikely allies to investigate. Falkirk, captain of the airship *Vesuvius*, must choose between treason and loyalty to save the city. And D'Arc, sailing aboard the *al-Rihla*, learns that the wolves may have triggered a new cycle of life for the Colony, bringing a final reckoning to animal and human alike. Once reunited, the three outcasts begin a journey into wolf territory to face the last remnant of the queen's empire. But while destiny has drawn them together, it may destroy them as well, for even love, courage, and honour may not be enough to stop the forces of destruction set to be unleashed on the world.
Post-apocalypse HC \$55.00

Inhibitor Phase

Revelation Space series

Reynolds, Alastair

For thirty years a tiny band of humans has been sheltering in the caverns of an airless, crater-pocked world called Michaelmas. Beyond their solar system lie the ruins of human interstellar civilisation, stalked by a ruthless, infinitely patient cybernetic entity determined to root out the last few bands of survivors. One man has guided the people of Michaelmas through the hardest of times, and given them hope against the wolves: Miguel

de Ruyter. When a lone human ship blunders into their system, and threatens to lead the wolves to Michaelmas, de Ruyter embarks on a desperate, near-suicide mission to prevent catastrophe. But an encounter with a refugee from the ship – the enigmatic woman who calls herself only Glass – leads to de Ruyter's world being turned upside down. Stellar new science fiction adventure, from the author who redefined space opera – set in his bestselling Revelation Space universe.
Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Devil You Know

Mercenary Librarians 02

Rocha, Kit

Maya has had a price on her head from the day she escaped the TechCorps. Genetically engineered for genius and trained for revolution, there's only one thing she can't do – forget. Gray has finally broken free of the Protectorate, but he can't escape the time bomb in his head. His body is rejecting his modifications, and his months are numbered. When Maya's team uncovers an operation trading in genetically-enhanced children, she'll do anything to stop them. Even risk falling back into the hands of the TechCorps. And Gray has found a purpose for his final days: keeping Maya safe.
SF librarianship TP \$41.95

The Pariah

Covenant of Steel 01

Ryan, Anthony

Born into the troubled kingdom of Albermaine, Alwyn Scribe is raised as an outlaw. Quick of wit and deft with a blade, Alwyn is content with the freedom of the woods and the comradeship of his fellow thieves. But an act of betrayal sets him on a new path – one of blood and vengeance, which eventually leads him to a soldier's life in the king's army. Fighting under the command of Lady Evadine Courlain, a noblewoman beset by visions of a demonic apocalypse, Alwyn must survive war and the deadly intrigues of the nobility, if he hopes to claim his vengeance. But as dark forces, both human and arcane, gather to oppose Evadine's rise, Alwyn faces a choice: can he be a warrior, or will he always be an outlaw? *'The Pariah* is Anthony Ryan at his best. A fast-paced, brutal fantasy novel with larger-than-life characters and a plot full of intrigue and suspense' – *Grimdark Magazine*. The first in a new series.
Dark fantasy TP/HC \$32.99/\$59.99

Untouched by Human Hands

Penguin Classics, collection

Sheckley, Robert

A collection of brilliant short stories, from one of America's greatest ever science fiction writers. Often considered to be Robert Sheckley's best short story collection, *Untouched by Human Hands* displays all of the author's signature surreal humour and eye for the unreal. Featuring human space exploration from the perspective of appalled aliens, darkly comic dystopias and wry fables of technological disaster, this slim collection is rich in wit, invention, and provocative insight, and includes the classic stories 'The Monsters', 'Specialist' and 'Seventh Victim'.
Classic sf (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Witch Haven Smith, Sasha Peyton

In 1911 New York City, 17-year-old Frances Hollowell spends her days as a seamstress, mourning the mysterious death of her brother months prior. Everything changes, when she's attacked and a man ends up dead at her feet – her scissors in his neck, and she can't explain how they got there. Before she can be condemned as a murderess, two cape-wearing nurses arrive to inform her she is deathly ill and ordered to report to Haxahaven Sanatorium. But Frances finds Haxahaven isn't a sanatorium, at all: it's a school for witches. Within Haxahaven's glittering walls, Frances finds the sisterhood she craves, but the headmistress warns Frances that magic is dangerous. Frances has no interest in the small, safe magic of her school, and is instead enchanted by Finn, a boy with magic himself who appears in her dreams and tells her he can teach her all she's been craving to learn, lessons that may bring her closer to discovering what truly happened to her brother. Frances' newfound power attracts the attention of the leader of an ancient order who yearns for magical control of Manhattan. And who will stop at nothing to have Frances by his side. Frances must ultimately choose what matters more, justice for her murdered brother and her growing feelings for Finn, or the safety of her city and fellow witches. What price would she pay for power, and what if the truth is more terrible than she ever imagined?
YA gaslamp fantasy HC \$43.95

Poison for Breakfast Snicket, Lemony

'This morning you had poison for breakfast.' One day, Lemony Snicket finds a puzzling note pushed under his door and is forced to follow a winding trail of clues to solve the mystery of his imminent death. But this is so much more than just a mystery. Along the way, he tackles some of the key questions about life. Who was Korla Pandit – what did he do and what was his real name? What are the three absolute rules for writing a book? Why should you never judge a goat by the way it looks? And why does being clumsy have its benefits? For over twenty years, Lemony Snicket has led millions of young readers through a world of bewildering questions and strange, unfortunate events. In this, his latest book, a love letter to the young and the young at heart, he takes us on a thought-provoking tour of his own predilections. Long-time fans and new readers (Who are you? Where have you been?) will fall in love with this 'true' story, told in a way that only Lemony could tell it. You might even learn some important life lessons – like, how DO you cook the perfect egg?
YA fiction HC \$17.99

The Jasmine Throne

Burning Kingdoms 01

Suri, Tasha

Exiled by her despotic brother, princess Malini spends her days dreaming of vengeance while imprisoned in the Hirana: an ancient cliff-side temple that was once the revered source of the magical deathless waters but is now little more than a decaying ruin. The secrets of the Hirana call to Priya. But, in order to keep the truth of her past

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safely hidden, she works as a servant in the loathed regent's household, biting her tongue and cleaning Malini's chambers. But when Malini witnesses Priya's true nature, their destinies become irrevocably tangled. One is a ruthless princess seeking to steal a throne. The other a powerful priestess seeking to save her family. Together, they will set an empire ablaze. 'Suri's writing always brings me to another world; one full of wonders and terrors, where every detail feels intricately and carefully imagined. *The Jasmine Throne* is gripping and harrowing from the very start.' – *R F Kuang*. The first in a new series. Epic fantasy PBK \$22.99

Warm Worlds and Otherwise

Penguin Classics, collection

Tiptree Jr, James

A wildly imaginative short story collection from one of the greatest female science fiction writers ever. Daring, energetic, and struck through with linguistic inventiveness, *Warm Worlds and Otherwise* is one of the most influential short story collections in all of science fiction, and one of the principle achievements of James Tiptree Jr – the pen name of Alice Bradley Sheldon. Demonstrating Tiptree's eye for unnerving future dystopias and her unparalleled depiction of strange worlds and mysterious creatures, *Warm Worlds and Otherwise* also traces a movement toward ground-breaking explorations of sexuality, gender and race. Included in this collection are the Hugo and Nebula award-winning 'The Girl Who was Plugged In' and 'Love Is the Plan the Plan Is Death', as well as the extraordinary 'The Women Men Can't See'. Classic sf (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Nature of Middle-Earth

Tolkien, J R R

& Hostetter, Carl F (editor)

It is well known that J R R Tolkien published *The Hobbit* in 1937 and *The Lord of the Rings* in 1954–5. What may be less known is that he continued to write about Middle-earth, in the decades that followed – right up until the years before his death in 1973. For him, Middle-earth was part of an entire world to be explored, and the writings in *The Nature of Middle-earth* reveal the journeys that he took as he sought to better understand his unique creation. From sweeping themes as profound as Elvish immortality and reincarnation, and the Powers of the Valar, to the more earthbound subjects of the lands and beasts of Númenor, the geography of the Rivers and Beacon-hills of Gondor, and even who had beards! This new collection, which has been edited by Carl F Hostetter, one of the world's leading Tolkien experts, is a veritable treasure trove; offering readers a chance to peer over Professor Tolkien's shoulder at the very moment of discovery: and on every page, Middle-earth is, once again, brought to extraordinary life. Tolkien HC \$49.99

No Gods, No Monsters

Convergence Saga 01

Turnbull, Gadwell

One October morning, Laina gets the news that her brother has been shot and killed by Boston cops. But what looks like a case of police brutality soon reveals something much

stranger. Monsters are real. And they want everyone to know it. As creatures from myth and legend come out of the shadows, seeking safety through visibility, their emergence sets off a chain of seemingly unrelated events. Members of a local werewolf pack are threatened into silence. A professor follows a missing friend's trail of breadcrumbs to a mysterious secret society. And a young boy with unique abilities seeks refuge in a pro-monster organisation with secrets of its own. Meanwhile, more people start disappearing, suicides and hate crimes increase, and protests erupt globally, both for, and against, the monsters. At the centre is a mystery no one thinks to ask: Why, now? What has frightened the monsters out of the dark? The world will soon find out. Urban fantasy HC \$55.00

The Sin in the Steel

Fall of the Gods 01

van Loan, Ryan

Heroes for hire. If you can pay. *Buc*: Brilliant street-rat. Her mind leaps from clues to conclusions in the blink of an eye. *Eld*: Ex-soldier. *Buc*'s partner-in-crime. Not in crime – in crime-solving. They've been hired for their biggest job yet – one that will set them up for a life of ease. If they survive. *Buc* and *Eld* are the first private detectives in a world where pirates roam the seas, mages speak to each other across oceans, mechanical devices change the tide of battle, and earthly wealth is concentrated in the hands of a powerful few. It's been weeks since ships last returned to the magnificent city of Servenza with bounty from the Shattered Coast. Disaster threatens not just the city's trading companies but the empire itself. When *Buc* and *Eld* are hired to investigate, *Buc* swiftly discovers that the trade routes have become the domain of a sharp-eyed pirate queen who sinks all who defy her. Now all *Buc* and *Eld* have to do is sink the *Widowmaker's* ship... Unfortunately for *Buc*, the gods have other plans. Unfortunately for the gods, so does *Buc*. The first in a series. Fantasy TP \$32.99

To Dust You Shall Return

Venturini, Fred

Curtis Quinn is a Chicago mob legend, with a particular set of skills and a price on his head. When the woman he loves disappears, Curtis follows her trail to the occult town of Harlow, where no one is allowed to leave, and an enigmatic, sinister overlord known only as 'the Mayor' rules by an autocratic regime. Beth Jarvis is a plucky teenager unwrapping the secrets of her hometown – Harlow – and the mysterious ceremony that awaits her on her eighteenth birthday. What Beth doesn't know is the truth about her sister Kate, who escaped their strange town over a decade ago and has evaded the Mayor and his disciples ever since. What Curtis doesn't know is that Kate is the woman he's fallen in love with, and she's running from a threat far greater than the mobsters who want to kill him. His fate collides with Beth's, as she tries to escape Harlow and the disgusting fate that awaits her, and Curtis finds himself unravelling a mystery that leads to an impossible and terrifying conclusion – that the Mayor of Harlow is more than just a man, and the hardest target he's ever tried to kill. Supernatural thriller TP \$29.99

Welcome to the Monkey House

Vintage Classics, collection

Vonnegut, Kurt

A collection of Kurt Vonnegut's shorter works. Originally printed in publications as diverse as *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction* and *The Atlantic Monthly*, these superb stories share Vonnegut's audacious sense of humour and extraordinary range of creative vision. Speculative fiction PBK \$22.99

Or What You Will

Walton, Jo

He has been too many things to count. He has been a dragon with a boy on his back. He has been a scholar, a warrior, a lover, and a thief. He has been dream and dreamer. He has been a god. But 'he' is in fact nothing more than a spark of idea, a character in the mind of Sylvia Harrison, 73, award-winning author of thirty novels over forty years. He has played a part in most of those novels, and in the recesses of her mind, Sylvia has conversed with him for years. But Sylvia won't live forever, any more than any human does. And he's trapped inside her cave of bone, her hollow of skull. When she dies, so will he. Now, Sylvia is starting a new novel, a fantasy for adult readers, set in Thalia, the Florence-resembling imaginary city that was the setting for a successful YA trilogy she published, decades before. Of course, he's got a part in it. But he also has a notion. He thinks he knows how he and Sylvia can step off the wheel of mortality altogether. All he has to do is convince her. Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

Legacy of Light

Legacy trilogy 03

Ward, Matthew

For the first time in many years, the Tressian Republic and the Hadari Empire are at peace. But darkness never sleeps. In Tregard, Empress Melanna Saranal struggles to protect a throne won at great cost. In Tressia, Lord Protector Viktor Drosna seeks to restore all he's lost through forbidden means. And as the sins of the past are once more laid bare, every road will lead to war. *Legacy of Light* is the spectacular conclusion to the trilogy which begins with *Legacy of Ash* (PBK, \$22.99). Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Quake Cities

Wheaton, Mark

Alice wakes up in the Los Angeles Quake Zone in 2025, having no idea how she got there. As her memories slowly return, she finds she's being hunted by several armed groups intent on capturing her alive. At the same time, Este, a survivor of the quakes that destroyed Los Angeles, makes a living as a pathfinder for salvage teams in the city. Este rescues Alice from her pursuers and learns there is something not quite right about her – Alice is convinced it is 2003. Aided by Este's occasional boyfriend Wilfredo and her dog Casey, Este and Alice try to evade those

chasing Alice and discover why they value her so highly, all while trying to reunite her with her family as the earthquakes around the world grow worse. Apocalypse TP \$39.95

Harrow

Williams, Joy

Khristen is a teenager who, her mother believes, was marked by greatness as a baby – when she died for a moment and then came back to life. After Khristen's failing boarding school for gifted teens closes its doors, and she finds that her mother has disappeared, she ranges across the dead landscape and washes up at a 'resort' on the shores of a mysterious, putrid lake the elderly residents, there, call 'Big Girl'. In a rotting honeycomb of rooms, these old ones plot actions to punish corporations and people they consider culpable in the destruction of the final scraps of nature's beauty. What will Khristen and Jeffrey, the precocious 10-year-old boy she meets there, learn from this 'gabby seditious lot, in the worst of health but with kamikaze hearts, an army of the aged and ill, determined to refresh, through crackpot violence, a plundered earth'? Apocalypse HC \$55.00

Wendy, Darling

Wise, A C

Find the second star from the right, and fly straight on 'til morning, all the way to Neverland, a children's paradise with no rules, no adults, only endless adventure and enchanted forests – all led by the charismatic boy who will never grow old. But Wendy Darling grew up. She has a husband and a young daughter called Jane, a life in London. But one night, after all these years, Peter Pan returns. Wendy finds him outside her daughter's window, looking to claim a new mother for his Lost Boys. But instead of Wendy, he takes Jane. Now, a grown woman, a mother, a patient and a survivor, Wendy must follow Peter back to Neverland – to rescue her daughter and, finally, face the darkness at the heart of the island... Fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Righteous

Articles of Faith 02

Wragg, David

Bound by oath and honour, Vedren Chel found himself drawn to the heart of a deadly rebellion. With him stood the mercenaries of the Black Hawk Company, who were only ever in it for the money. But the uprising failed. Now, Chel and the sell-sword Rennie languish in prison, watching as their comrades are taken one by one for execution. A daring escape will set them free, but with the combined forces of vengeful church and voracious crown arrayed against them, Chel and the Black Hawks must embark on a desperate search for new allies. The sequel to debut sensation *The Black Hawks* (PBK, \$22.99). Recommended! – customers raved about *The Black Hawks*. Grimdark fantasy PBK \$22.99