

Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

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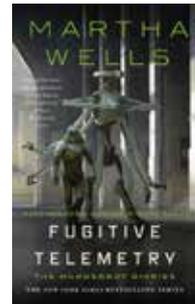
Fugitive Telemetry

Murderbot Diaries 06

Martha Wells

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

Science fiction novella | HC | \$39.99



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A Master of Djinn

Dead Djinn series

P Djeli Clark

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



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Network Effect

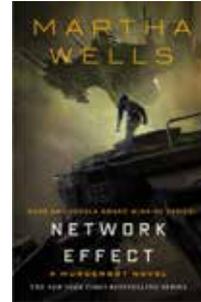
Murderbot Diaries 05

Martha Wells

Finally! The first full-length novel in Martha Wells' bestselling Murderbot Diaries series. 'I caught myself rereading my favourite parts... and I can't recommend it enough.' – *New York Times*. You know that feeling when you're at work, and you've had enough of people, and then the boss walks in with yet another job that needs to be done right this second or the world will end, but all you want to do is go home and binge your favourite shows? And you're a sentient murder machine programmed for destruction... Come for the pew-pew space battles, stay for the most relatable AI you'll read, this century. *I'm usually alone in my head, and that's where 90-plus per cent of my problems are.*

When Murderbot's human associates (not friends, never friends) are captured and another not-friend from its past requires urgent assistance, Murderbot must choose between inertia and drastic action. Drastic action, it is, then. Love, love, love it! Cannot recommend highly enough! (If you want one, but we don't have any in the shop – please, do order one, to stake your claim on the stock we will receive!) If you haven't read Wells' preceding novellas – then start with *All Systems Red* (HC, \$29.99).

Science fiction | TP | \$32.99



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The Pariah

Covenant of Steel 01

Anthony Ryan

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? 'This makes a rich treat for George R R Martin fans.' – *Publishers Weekly* (starred review). Our regular customers love his meaty fantasy series – so the first in a new saga is always an event! (Really wish they'd put all his science fiction Slab City novellas into one big, omnibus, print edition as well. Just sayin'!)

Fantasy | TP | \$32.99



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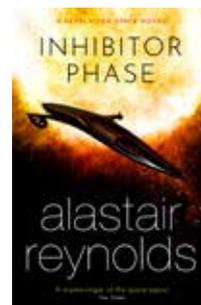
Inhibitor Phase

Revelation Space series

Alastair Reynolds

A stellar new science fiction adventure from 'the author who redefined space opera,' set in his bestselling Revelation Space universe. 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. Also, a very big deal for us. If you haven't already tried the series – maybe start with *Revelation Space* (PBK, \$19.99). Recommended!

Science fiction | TP | \$32.99



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The Wisdom of Crowds

Age of Madness 03

Joe Abercrombie

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... It's that time of year – all the big, bestselling heavyweights have books slotted – and this is one of them! Final in the trilogy – start with *A Little Hatred* (PBK, \$22.99). Abercrombie is recommended!

Grimdark fantasy | TP | \$32.99



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A Killing Frost

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Seanan McGuire

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. Series a huge seller here – McGuire has got to be one of the modern masters of pacing! Cracking yarns! Now in hardcover, the fourteenth novel of the Hugo-nominated, *New York Times*-bestselling Toby Daye urban fantasy series. Start with *Rosemary and Rue* (PBK, \$24.95).

Urban fantasy | PBK | \$24.95



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The Jasmine Throne

Burning Kingdoms 01

Tasha Suri

A ruthless princess and a powerful priestess come together to rewrite the fate of an empire in this 'fiercely and unapologetically feminist tale of endurance and revolution set against a gorgeous, unique magical world' (*S A Chakraborty*). Exiled by her despotic brother, princess Malini spends her days dreaming of vengeance while imprisoned in the Hirana: an ancient cliffside 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 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 desperate to save her family. Together, they will set an empire ablaze. 'Raises the bar for what epic fantasy should be.' – *Chloe Gong*, author of *These Violent Delights*. 'An intimate, complex, magical study of empire and the people caught in its bloody teeth. I loved it.' – *Alix E Harrow*, author of *The Ten Thousand Doors of January*. 'Gripping and harrowing from the very start.' – *R F Kuang*, author of *The Poppy War*. 'Suri's incandescent feminist masterpiece hits like a steel fist inside a velvet glove. Simply magnificent.' – *Shelley Parker-Chan*, author of *She Who Became the Sun*. 'A fierce, heart-wrenching exploration of the value and danger of love in a world of politics and power.' – *Publishers Weekly* (starred review). 'This cutthroat and sapphic novel will grip you until the very end.' – *Vulture* (Best of the Year).

Fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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Winterlight

Green Rider 07

Kristen Britain

This seventh novel of the Green Rider series follows the adventures of messenger, magic wielder, and knight Karigan G'ladheon, as she fights to save king and country from dark magic and a looming war. 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. 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 Sacoridia, 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. Really think this series would have been a huge hit, if Britain had been able to churn out a new volume every year – but lots of writers don't work like that, and there's a three or four-year gap between each volume. Beloved by regulars – it's hard to believe that the first in the series – *The Green Rider* (PBK, \$22.99) came out way back in 1998 when we'd only been open a couple of years. How time flies... sigh.

antasy | TP | \$32.99



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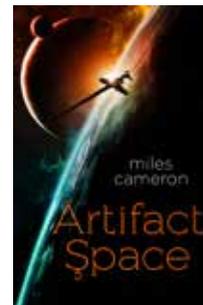
Artifact Space

Miles Cameron

'Now I've read *Artifact Space* I know what it's really going to be like serving aboard an armed interstellar merchant ship, with a smart lead character as my companion. Can't wait for part two.' – Peter F Hamilton. Out in the darkness of space, something is targeting the Greatships. With their vast cargo holds and a crew that could fill a city, the Greatships are the lifeblood of human occupied space, transporting an unimaginable volume – and value – of goods from City, the greatest human orbital, all the way to Tradepoint at the other, to trade for xenoglas with an unknowable alien species. It has always been Marca Nbaro's dream to achieve the near impossible:

escape her upbringing and venture into space. All it took, to make her way onto the crew of the Greatship *Athens* was thousands of hours in simulators, dedication, and pawning or selling every scrap of her old life in order to forge a new one. But though she's made her way onboard with faked papers, leaving her old life – and scandals – behind isn't so easy. She may have just combined all the dangers of her former life, with all the perils of the new... 'I loved Nbaro. I loved her crew. I loved their ship, the *Athens*, and I loved every page of this book. Miles has done something extraordinary here, fusing space adventure and war-time camaraderie with gritty, day-to-day detail in a way that makes the future feel like history in the best way possible.' – Nicholas Eames.

Space opera | TP | \$32.99



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