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Embedded reissue

Abnett, Dan

He'd do anything to get a story. When journalist Lex Falk gets himself chipped into the brain of a combat soldier, he thinks he has the ultimate scoop – a report from the forbidden front line of a distant planetary war, live to the living rooms of Earth. When the soldier is killed, however, Lex has to take over the body and, somehow, get himself back to safety once more... broadcasting all the way. A reissue of the heart-stopping combat science fiction from the million-selling Warhammer 40,000 author.

Military sf (reissue) TP \$24.99

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

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Spaceworlds: Stories of Life in the Void

British Library Science Fiction Classics

Ashley, Mike (editor)

Astronauts constructing a new space station must avert destruction from a missile sent by an unknown enemy; a generation starship is rocked by revelations of who their secret passengers in the hold truly are; a life-or-death struggle tests an operating surgeon – in orbit, with an alien patient never seen before. Since space flight was achieved, and long before, science fiction writers have been imagining a myriad of stories set in the depths of the great darkness beyond our atmosphere. From generation ships – which are in space so long that there will be generations aboard who know no planetary life – to orbiting satellites in the unforgiving reaches of the vacuum, there is a great range of these insular environments in which thrilling, innovative,

and deeply emotional stories may unfold. With the Library's matchless collection of periodicals and magazines at his fingertips, Mike Ashley presents a stellar selection of tales from the infinite void above us, including contributions from Judith Merril, Jack Vance, and John Brunner.

Classic sf TP \$37.95

self/less

Aviva

A world, where self-expression is illegal. A world, where survival is everything. A girl, who will be heard. The story begins... Seventeen-year-old Teddy lives in the walled-in city Metropolis. Radical laws condemn all forms of self-expression and creativity, and the lives of the people are carefully constructed and controlled by the City Council. When Teddy finds out the truth behind one of the City's biggest lies, she slips out into the darkness after curfew. She is captured and held prisoner in an old bomb shelter that lies beneath the City. Here, Teddy discovers that there is a world beneath the Metropolis, a world where a growing web of clans are fighting to keep their humanity alive, and waiting for someone to lead them back up into the light.

YA SF thriller TP \$29.99

Along the Saltwise Sea

Up-&-Under 02

Baker, A Deborah

(AKA McGuire, Seanan)

Avery and Zib found themselves acquiring some extraordinary friends in their journey through the Up-and-Under. After staying the night, uninvited, at a pirate queen's cottage in the woods, the companions find themselves accountable to its owner, and reluctantly agree to work off their debt as her ship sets sail, bound for lands unknown. But the queen and her crew are not the only ones on board, and the monsters at sea aren't all underwater. The friends will need to navigate the stormy seas of obligation and honour on their continuing journey along the improbable road. Welcome to a world of talking trees and sarcastic owls, of dangerous mermaids and captivating queens in this exceptional tale for readers who are young at heart, in this companion book to McGuire's critically-acclaimed *Middlegame* (TP, \$29.99) and the sequel to *Over the Woodward Wall* (HC, \$32.99).

Fantasy HC \$43.95

Minor Hauntings:

Chilling Tales of Spectral Youth

Tales of the Weird

Baker, Jen (editor)

A cradle rocking itself in a dusty chamber; an echoing giggle from somewhere upstairs; the feeling of a small hand in yours in the wilderness of a misty moor... From the haunting children of *The Shining* and

The Grudge to Neil Gaiman's *Coraline*, the ghostly youth is still one of the most recognised and feared tropes of horror fiction and film. In this spine-tingling new collection, Jen Baker gathers the most chilling tales of hauntings by children, expertly paired with snippets of the folklore and urban legends which inspired them. Truly lost stories return for the first time since their original publication, along with nail-biting encounters from masters of the ghost story such as Elizabeth Gaskell, M R James, and Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Classic horror TP \$35.95

Strange Folk You'll Never Meet

Balaskovits, A A

A new collection of unusual, fabulist fiction leads you down strange paths for dark encounters with familiar fairy tales, odd people from history, and weirdos who may be living right next door. Among the characters in these bizarre stories, a starving beauty finds a beast who can save her village, a man eats everything in sight but is never full, a woman gives birth to bloody animal parts, and a daughter is forced to dance every night to the re-enactment of her father's murder. These tales invite you to spend time with people who, in the maddest of circumstances, chew their way forward.

Dark fantasy TP \$33.95

Fierce Cowboy Wolf

Seven Range Shifters 04

Balleger, Kait

Sierra Cavanaugh has triumphed to become the first female elite warrior in Grey Wolf history. All she needs is the pack council's approval. But those stuffy, old wolves refuse to elect her unless she finds herself a mate. Packmaster Maverick Grey was reconciled to spending the rest of his life alone. Now, all the Seven Range clans are working on a treaty, and he needs the elite warrior vacancy filled – and fast. If Sierra needs a mate, this is his chance to claim her. But Sierra has an agenda of her own for their union. For these two rivals, the only thing more dangerous than fighting the enemy at their backs is resisting the attraction that's building between them... Paranormal romance PBK \$18.99

Trinity

Bara, Dave

The Rim rebellion was glorious – and doomed from the start. Brilliant Rim Confederation Navy spaceship captain Jared Clement scuttled his career and professional life by joining the rebels against the overwhelming force of the Five Suns Alliance. The rebel cause was just. That didn't matter. Ten years later, Clement regrets nothing, but would prefer to be left alone to his thoughts and drink. But a new chance to command a ship of incredible potential is thrust in his lap –

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humanity's first truly faster-than-light vessel. The destination: Trinity, a newly discovered star system where strange signs of possible spacefarers may lead to humanity's first alien encounter. Or to interstellar war. Humanity is on the brink of a new age, and everything depends on one crusty starship captain, his gritty crew, and the Beauregard, a ship that was never meant to wage war turned into a weapon-bristling battleship that will either propel humanity to ultimate destruction – or into a new starfaring age of exploration and conflict. And along the way, a noble lost cause – one Captain Jared Clement – may finally get his revenge. And find his redemption.

Military sf TP \$35.95

Shadow and Bone Boxed Set

Shadow & Bone trilogy

Bardugo, Leigh

All three books in Leigh Bardugo's New York Times-bestselling Shadow and Bone trilogy are now available together in a beautiful paperback set. Soldier. Summoner. Saint. Follow Alina Starkov through *Shadow and Bone*, *Siege and Storm*, and *Ruin and Rising* as she discovers her dormant powers and is swept up in a world of luxury and illusion. As Alina struggles to fit into her new life, a threat to the kingdom of Ravka grows – one that will test old alliances and challenge the very limits of magic, one that will forge a leader from a frightened girl. See the Grishaverse come to life on screen with *Shadow and Bone*, now a Netflix original series.

YA fantasy Box set \$39.99

Shadow and Bone

Shadow & Bone 01, collector's edition

Bardugo, Leigh

Soldier. Summoner. Saint. Orphaned and expendable, Alina Starkov is a soldier who knows she may not survive her first trek across the Shadow Fold – a swath of unnatural darkness crawling with monsters. But when her regiment is attacked, Alina unleashes dormant magic not even she knew she possessed. Now, Alina will enter a lavish world of royalty and intrigue as she trains with the Grisha, her country's magical military elite – and falls under the spell of their notorious leader, the Darkling. He believes Alina can summon a force capable of destroying the Shadow Fold and reuniting their war-ravaged country, but only if she can master her untamed gift. As the threat to the kingdom mounts and Alina unlocks the secrets of her past, she will make a dangerous discovery that could threaten all she loves and the very future of a nation. Welcome to Ravka... a world of science and superstition where nothing is what it seems. A lovely hardcover edition, perfect for gifting.

YA fantasy HC \$32.99

Six of Crows

Six of Crows 01, collector's edition

Bardugo, Leigh

Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price – and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone... A convict with a

thirst for revenge. A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager. A runaway with a privileged past. A spy known as the Wraith. A Heartrender using her magic to survive the slums. A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes. Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction – if they don't kill each other first. A lovely hardcover edition, perfect for gifting.

YA fantasy HC \$32.99

Crooked Kingdom

Six of Crows 02, collector's edition

Bardugo, Leigh

Welcome to the world of the Grisha. Kaz Brekker and his crew of deadly outcasts have just pulled off a heist so daring even they didn't think they'd survive. But instead of divvying up a fat reward, they're right back to fighting for their lives. Double crossed and badly weakened, the crew is low on resources, allies, and hope. As powerful forces from around the world descend on Ketterdam to root out the secrets of the dangerous drug known as *jurda parem*, old rivals and new enemies emerge to challenge Kaz's cunning and test the team's fragile loyalties. A war will be waged on the city's dark and twisting streets – a battle for revenge and redemption that will decide the fate of the Grisha world. The stunning sequel to *Six of Crows*. A lovely hardcover edition, perfect for gifting.

YA fantasy HC \$32.99

The Bone Ship's Wake

Tide Child trilogy 03

Barker, R J

The sea dragons are returning, and Joron Twiner's dreams of freedom lie shattered. His Shipwife is gone and all he has left is revenge. Leading the black fleet from the deck of Tide Child Joron takes every opportunity to strike at his enemies, but he knows his time is limited. His fleet is shrinking, and the Keyshan's Rot is running through his body. He runs from a prophecy that says he and the avian sorcerer, the Windseer, will end the entire world. But the sea dragons have begun to return, and if you can have one miracle, who is to say that there cannot be another? 'Excellent... one of the most interesting and original fantasy worlds I've seen in years' – *Adrian Tchaikovsky*. This trilogy begins with *The Bone Ships* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

MinaLima edition

Baum, L Frank

& MinaLima (paper artists)

When a tornado strikes the Kansas prairie, young orphan Dorothy Gale and her little dog Toto are blown away to Oz, a magical place filled with witches, munchkins, winged monkeys, and other unusual inhabitants. Lost and afraid, all Dorothy wants is to return to her Uncle Henry and Auntie Em. But to do so, the Good Witch of the North tells her, she must follow the Yellow Brick Road that leads to the Emerald City. There, she will find the fearsome Wizard of Oz who can help her find her way home. Along the way, Dorothy encounters three unforgettable characters – the Scarecrow, the Tinman, and the Cowardly Lion – who join her in her quest. Their

journey to the Emerald City, fraught with peril and adventure, teaches them the true meaning of friendship and reminds us, all, that there is no place like home. Hailed as 'America's greatest and best-loved, home-grown fairy tale' by the Library of Congress, L Frank Baum's classic story has been enjoyed by generations of young readers since its publication in 1900. One of the most-read children's books, it is a staple of American literature and the inspiration for the beloved 1939 Academy Award-winning movie (widely acclaimed as one of the greatest films of all time), as well as stage plays and musicals. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* Interactive re-imagines the novel's iconic imagery and highlights phrases from the original book in a unique and delightful style that will enchant readers of all ages. Sure to become a collector's item, this deluxe illustrated edition contains specially commissioned artwork and nine exclusive interactive features, including: a cyclone map that opens up to reveal the Land of Oz; a pop-up Yellow Brick Road; Oz glasses that provide a different look at the world; fighting trees with branches that move; and Dorothy's silver shoes that can be clicked together. This marvellous edition will enchant young and adult readers and is a thoughtful gift for any occasion.

Wizard of Oz HC \$39.99

Machine

White Space 02

Bear, Elizabeth

Meet Doctor Jens. She hasn't had a decent cup of coffee in fifteen years. Her workday begins when she jumps out of perfectly good spaceships and continues with developing treatments for sick alien species she's never seen before. She loves her life. Even without the coffee. But Dr Jens is about to discover an astonishing mystery: two ships, once ancient and one new, locked in a deadly embrace. The crew is suffering from an unknown ailment and the shipmind is trapped in an inadequate body, much of her memory pared away. Unfortunately, Dr Jens can't resist a mystery and she begins doing some digging. She has no idea that she's about to discover horrifying and life-changing truths. The follow-up to *Ancestral Night* (PBK, \$22.99). Recommended!

Science fiction PBK \$24.99

Shadows of Eternity

Benford, Gregory

Set two centuries from now, humanity has established a SETI library on the moon to decipher and interpret the many messages from alien societies we have discovered. The most intriguing messages are from complete artificial intelligences. Ruth, a beginner Librarian, must talk to alien minds – who have aggressive agendas of their own. She opens doors into strangeness beyond imagination – and in her quest for understanding nearly gets killed doing it.

Science fiction HC \$57.95

My Favourites:

a Collection of Short Stories

Bova, Ben

In this new collection, Ben Bova has compiled fourteen of his favourite short stories. Each story includes an all-new

introduction with compelling insight into the narrative. Exploring the boundaries of the genre, Bova not only writes of spaceships, aliens, and time travel in most of his titles, but also speculates on the beginnings of science fiction in 'Scheherazade and the Storytellers', as well as the morality of man in 'The Angel's Gift'. Stories such as 'The Café Coup' and 'We'll Always Have Paris' dip into speculative historical fiction, asking questions about what would happen if someone could change history for the better. This expansive collection is a key addition for Bova fans and sci-fi lovers, alike! Stories included in this collection: 'Monster Slayer', 'Muzhestvo', 'We'll Always Have Paris', 'The Great Moon Hoax, or A Princess of Mars', 'Inspiration', 'Scheherazade and the Storytellers', 'The Supersonic Zeppelin', 'Mars Farts', 'The Man Who Hated Gravity', 'Sepulchre', 'The Café Coup', 'The Angel's Gift', 'Waterbot', and 'Sam and the Flying Dutchman'.

Science fiction TP \$37.95

Destroyer of Light

Brissett, Jennifer Marie

Having destroyed Earth, the alien conquerors resettle the remains of humanity on the planet of Eleusis. In the four habitable areas of the planet – Day, Dusk, Dawn, and Night – the haves and have nots, criminals and dissidents, and former alien conquerors irrevocably bind three stories: a violent warlord abducts a young girl from the agrarian outskirts of Dusk leaving her mother searching and grieving; genetically-modified, twin brothers desperately search for the lost son of a human/alien couple in a criminal underground trafficking children for unknown purposes; and a young woman with inhuman powers rises through the insurgent ranks of soldiers in the borderlands of Night. Their stories, often containing disturbing physical and sexual violence, skate across years, building to a single confrontation when the fate of all – human and alien – balances upon a knife's edge.

Science fiction HC \$55.00

Child of Light

Brooks, Terry

At nineteen, Auris Afton Grieg has led an... unusual life. Since the age of fifteen, she has been trapped in a sinister prison. Why? She does not know. She has no memories of her past beyond the vaguest of impressions. All she knows is that she is about to age out of the children's prison, and rumours say that the adult version is far, far worse. So, she and some friends stage a desperate escape into the surrounding wastelands. And it is here that Auris' journey of discovery begins, for she is rescued by an unusual stranger who claims to be Fae – a member of a magical race that Auris had thought to be no more than legend. Odder still, he seems to think that she is one as well, although the two look nothing alike. But strangest of all, when he brings her to his wondrous homeland, she begins to suspect that he is right. Yet, how could a woman who looks entirely human be a magical being herself? The first in a new, post-Shannara series by Brooks.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

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The House of Dust **Broyles, Noah**

Deep in the heat and silence of rural Tennessee, down an untravelled road, sits the forgotten town of Three Summers. Mere miles away, on an overgrown river island, stands the house that once presided over the grand plantation of Angel's Landing, moss draped, decrepit. Waiting. Failing crime writer Bradley Ellison and former prostitute Missy Holiday are drawn to this place, fleeing a world turned against them. For Brad, it is work – he must find a compelling story before the true-crime magazine he writes for judges him expendable. For Missy, it is recuperation – four years at the club have left her drained. But the price of peace is high, and soon Brad and Missy discover that something hides behind the quiet. Something moves in the night. Something that manifests itself in bizarre symbols and disturbing funeral rites. Something that twists back through time and clings in the dust of the ancient house. A presence they must uncover before their own past catches up with them.

Horror TP \$41.95

The Society of Time: the Original Trilogy and Other Stories

British Library Science Fiction Classics
Brunner, John
Drifting through a party celebrating 400 years since the Spanish Armada's successful invasion of Britain, Don Miguel Navarro – Licentiate of the Society of Time – is shaken by the host's possession of a flawless mask from an ancient Aztec festival. 'Imported' from the past, the discovery signals a breach in the Society's policing of time travel, and imminent danger to reality itself. Today, a relic out of time; tomorrow, the rewriting of the course of history? In three ground-breaking novellas, John Brunner weaves an ingenious tale of diverging timelines and a battle for dominance over the fourth dimension. *The Society of Time* stories were abridged when first collected. Here, the trilogy is reprinted in full along with two mesmerising standalone novellas: *The Analysts* and *Father of Lies*.

Classic sf TP \$35.95

The Baron of Magister Valley

Khaavren Romances 06
Brust, Steven
Reader, you will undoubtedly have had the misfortune of consuming the rotten fruit of fallacies that we – Paarfi of Roundwood (esteemed historian of House of Hawk and exquisite artisan of truths) – 'borrow' our factual recount of Dragaeran history from some obscure fellow who goes by the name Al Dumas, or some silly nomenclature of that nature. The salacious claims that *The Baron of Magister Valley* bears any resemblance to a certain nearly fictional narrative about an infamous count are unfounded (*we do not dabble in tall tales*). The occasional moderately stretched? Yes. But never tall). *Our* tale is that of a nobleman who is betrayed by those he trusted, and subsequently imprisoned. After centuries of confinement, he contrives to escape and prepares to avenge himself against his

betrayers. A mirror image of *The Count of Monte Cristo*, vitriolic naysayers still grouse? Well, that is nearly and utterly false.

Fantasy TP \$39.99

Battle Ground

Dresden Files 17

Butcher, Jim

Harry has faced terrible odds before. He has a long history of fighting enemies above his weight class. The Red Court of vampires. The fallen angels of the Order of the Blackened Denarius. The Outsiders. But this time it's different. A being more powerful and dangerous on an order of magnitude beyond what the world has seen in a millennium is coming. And she's bringing an army. The Last Titan has declared war on the city of Chicago, and has come to subjugate humanity, obliterating any who stand in her way. Harry's mission is simple but impossible: Save the city by killing a Titan. And the attempt will change Harry's life, Chicago, and the mortal world forever. Dresden fans are going ballistic! They hated having to wait so long – but it appears the wait was worth it. This is the direct sequel to *Peace Talks* (PBK, \$22.99); the first in the series is *Storm Front* (PBK, \$22.99).

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

Boundless

Lost Fleet: Outlands 01

Campbell, Jack

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

Space opera PBK \$19.99

The Last Shadow

Other Tales from the Ender Universe

Gard, Orson Scott

One planet. Three sapient species living peacefully together. And one deadly virus that could wipe out every world in the Starways Congress, killing billions. Is the only answer another great Xenocide? A long-awaited addition to the Ender series, as the children of Ender and Bean solve the great problem of the Ender Universe – the deadly virus they call the descolada, which is incurable and will kill all of humanity if it is allowed to escape from Lusitania.

Space opera HC \$57.95

Inscape

Garey, Louise

Warning: use of this gate will take you outside of the InTech corporate zone. Different community guidelines may apply, and you may be asked to sign a separate end-user license agreement. Do you wish to continue? Tanta has trained all her young life for this. Her very first mission is a code red: to take her team into the unaffiliated zone just outside InTech's borders and retrieve a stolen hard drive. It should have been quick and simple, but a surprise attack kills two of her colleagues and Tanta barely makes it home alive. Determined to prove herself and partnered with a colleague whose past is a mystery even to himself, Tanta's investigation uncovers a sinister conspiracy that makes her question her own loyalties and the motives of everyone she used to trust.

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

The Quicksilver Court

Rooks & Ruin 02

Garuso, Melissa

Ryxander, the Warden of Gloamingard, has failed. Unsealed by her blood, the Door hidden within the black tower has opened. Now, for the first time since the age of the Graces, demons walk the world. As tensions grow between nations, all eyes – and daggers – are set on Morgnain, which has fallen under the Demon of Discord's control. When an artefact with the power to wipe out all life in a domain is stolen, Ryx will do whatever it takes to save her home from destruction. But success may demand a larger sacrifice from Ryx than she could have imagined. The follow-up to *The Obsidian Tower* (PBK, \$22.99). Highly recommended!

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Hollow

Gatling, Brian

Sheltering beneath *Das Kagel*, the cloud-scraping structure rumoured to be the Tower of Babel, the sacred Monastery of the Eastern Gate descends into bedlam. Their ancient oracle, Quite Testiyont – whose prophecies helped protect the church – has died, leaving the monks vulnerable to the war raging between the living and the dead. Tasked by the High Church to deliver a new oracle, Barry Follett and his group of hired mercenaries are forced to confront wicked giants and dangerous sirens on their mission, keeping the divine creature alive by feeding it marrow and confessing their darkest sins. But as Follett and his men carve their way through the treacherous landscape, the world around them spirals

deeper into chaos. Dominic, a young monk who has mysteriously lost his voice, makes a pilgrimage to see surreal paintings, believing they reveal the empire's fate; a local woman called Mad Meg hopes to free and vindicate her jailed son and becomes the leader of the most unexpected revolution; and the abbot of the monastery, influential as he is, seeks to gain even more power in this world and the next.

Historical fantasy HC \$49.99

A Psalm for the Wild-Built

Monk & Robot 01, novella

Chambers, Becky

It's been centuries since the robots of Panga gained self-awareness and laid down their tools; centuries since they wandered, en masse, into the wilderness, never to be seen again; centuries since they faded into myth and urban legend. One day, the life of a tea monk is upended by the arrival of a robot, there to honour the old promise of checking in. The robot cannot go back until the question of *what do people need?* is answered. But the answer to that question depends on who you ask, and how. They're going to need to ask it, a lot. In a world where people have what they want, does having more matter? A 128pp, Tor.com novella; the first in a new series.

Post-apocalypse HC \$42.99

The Scapegracers

Scapegracers 01

Clarke, Hannah Abigail

Skulking near the bottom of West High's social pyramid, Sideways Pike lurks under the bleachers doing magic tricks for Coke bottles. As a witch, lesbian, and lifelong outsider, she's had a hard time making friends. But when the three most popular girls pay her \$40 to cast a spell at their Halloween party, Sideways gets swept into a new clique. The unholy trinity are dangerous angels, sugar-coated rattlesnakes, and now-unbelievably-Sideways' best friends. Together, the four bond to form a ferocious and powerful coven. They plan parties, cast curses on dudebros, try to find Sideways a girlfriend, and elude the fundamentalist witch hunters hell-bent on stealing their magic. But for Sideways, the hardest part is the whole 'having friends' thing. Who knew that balancing human interaction with supernatural peril could be so complicated? The first in a series.

YA urban fantasy PBK \$16.99

Blood and Ember

Stormbringer 03

Gooper, Isabel

A century ago, the Traitor God's fury left the world broken by violent storms and twisted monsters born of darkness and death. Now, those storms are sweeping across the continent again and it will take everything the armies of man can muster to survive. As a sworn knight, Olvir is prepared to do his part – even if that means journeying deep into the magic-tainted Battlefield to face the enemy alone. Sentinel Vivian Bathari has lost too much to allow her closest friend to make such a sacrifice on his own. Besides, there are whispers that Olvir's strange new powers are somehow connected to the Traitor God, and she'd rather be by his side should the worst

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occur. But as they travel deep into the heart of danger, their growing attraction burns into mutual desire, and the true depth of Olvir's connection to the evil haunting their world is made clear. In the end, Vivian will have to decide what she's willing to sacrifice to save their world... and the man she loves.

Paranormal romance PBK \$18.99

Triumph of the Wizard King

Wizard King trilogy 03

Corrie, Chad

As Cadrith savours his success, the mercenaries deal with the aftermath of their last confrontation. The thread that's bound them to this point is hard to break and is pulling them into yet another conflict where even the gods are bracing their gates. The battle lines have been drawn. The pieces are in place. The conflict to come will be waged on many fronts and through many faces, but victory is far from assured. Warring gods, secret plots, ancient feuds, and cosmic adventure fill this final volume of the Wizard King Trilogy, returning readers to a world rich in history, faith, and tales of adventure – of which this story is but one of many.

Fantasy TP \$21.99

The Storm of Echoes

Mirror Visitor quartet 04

Dabos, Christelle

After their initial distrust of each other, Ophelia and Thorn are now passionately in love. But they must continue to keep their love hidden. And listen out for the mysterious echoes... Only then can they attempt to decipher a cryptic code and discover the truth behind the sinister figure of the Other, whose devastating power continues to bring down entire arks, plunging thousands of innocents into the void. At the observatory of the Deviations, overseen by a sect of mystical scientists who conduct terrifying secret experiments, Ophelia and Thorn hope to halt the ongoing destruction and bring the world back into balance. A marvellous conclusion to a series that has captivated readers everywhere.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

Cosmic Corsairs

anthology

Davis, Hank & Ruocchio, Christopher (editors)

Words that conjure up rousing tales of adventure, derring-do, and brave heroes battling the scurvy vermin of the galaxy. Those vermin have taken to pillaging cargo ships and, even worse, space liners, relieving the helpless passengers of their valuables, and worse with the comely women passengers, then spacing the lot – unless one or more of the aforementioned, brave heroes arrive in the nick of time and turn the tables, making the spaceways safe again for the innocent and helpless. On the other hand, perhaps the pirate captain is a woman, and it's the comely male passengers who need rescuing. And on the third hand (we're talking space pirates here, possibly aliens with four or more arms), perhaps those ships traversing the interstellar void are not so innocent, and the pirates, fighting an evil despotic star empire and defending the freedom of

the space lanes, are the good guys and gals. The possibilities are many, and the daring exploits set the blood racing in the veins of any reader with even a trace of buccaneering spirit in their hidden self. So, board a battered but spaceworthy fighting starship with such star-spanning and award-winning crewmates as Robert Silverberg, Elizabeth Bear and Sarah Monette, Larry Niven, Fritz Leiber, and Sarah A Hoyt, plus James H Schmitz, Leigh Brackett, Stanley G Weinbaum, and more, and set sail – er, thrusters – for a universe of freebooting adventure!

Space opera PBK \$24.95

The Summer Thieves

Quinary 01

Di Filippo, Paul

He chased his dreams of the ideal summer across a galaxy of thieves... Far in the glorious interstellar future, a time of riches and complex technologies, the stern but utilitarian Quinary guards and regulates the flourishing human-colonised galaxy. Under their businesslike rule, a family may own a whole planet. And, so, two bloodlines – the Corvivos clan and the Soldavere clan – are in full possession of the lush and benign world of Verano. The youngest members of each family – Johrun Corvivos and Minka Soldavere – are slated to wed. All looks rosy for the joint family enterprises. But then the happy future is dramatically and tragically overturned! Circumstances separate the lovers and rob them of their places in the galaxy, and Johrun must undertake a desperate quest across the stars to reclaim his birthright. At first, aided only by his devoted chimerical helper, the canny Lutramella, Johrun will face a thousand deadly challenges, from malign magicians to haughty outlaws. As his character is matured in fire, his dedication to Verano and his determination to return increase, and his group of friends and allies becomes stronger... but will the precious Summer Planet, and his bride-to-be, even be the same when – and if – he returns? A masterful, witty, picaresque science fiction adventure story evoking the styles of Gene Wolfe and Jack Vance. *The Summer Thieves* is the first novel in a new series by noted author and reviewer Paul Di Filippo.

Space opera TP \$27.99

Nightwatch on the Hinterlands

Weep 01

Eason, K

The Templar: When Lieutenant Iari hears screams in the night, she expects to interrupt a robbery or break up a fight. Instead she discovers a murder with an impossible suspect: a riev, one of the battle-mecha decommissioned after the end of the last conflict, repurposed for manual labour. Riev don't kill people. And yet, clearly, one has. Iari sets out to find it. *The Spy*: Officially, Gaer is an ambassador from the vakari. Unofficially, he's also a spy, sending information back to his government, unfiltered by diplomatic channels. Unlike Iari, Gaer isn't so sure the riev's behaviour is just a malfunction, since the riev were created using an unstable mixture of alchemy and arithmancy. As Gaer and Iari search for the truth, they discover that the murderous riev is just a weapon in the hands of a wielder with

wider ambitions than homicide – including releasing horrors not seen since the war, that make a rampaging riev seem insignificant... Set in the universe of Rory Thorne, this new sci-fi mystery follows an unlikely duo – who must discover the motive behind an unusual murder.

SF mystery HC \$55.00

Truth of the Divine

Noumena 02

Ellis, Lindsay

The human race is at the brink – they know they are not alone, but they don't fully understand who has arrived. And neither does the government, since Ampersand isn't giving them the answers they need to decide their legal status, namely: where did they come from? What do they want? What are they capable of? With their personhood designation up in the air, the sky lights up again. A supernova's worth of energy. It marks the return of Obelus – and the arrival of something else. Something that Cora has never seen before, even though at this point she would have sworn she'd seen everything. In the madness near the crash site, one reporter gets caught up in the melee. Kaveh Mazandarani, two-time Pulitzer prize nominee, friend of Cora's father Nils, sees more than he's meant to. Originally taken as a hostage, he and Cora end up forming a bond of their own that neither of them could have predicted, caught up in an interstellar battle that will decide the future safety of life on earth, however you define it. The sequel to *Axiom's End* (PBK, \$19.99).

Alternate history PBK \$19.99

Secret Life

graphic novel

Ellsworth, Theo

& VanderMeer, Jeff

An uncanny and eye-opening journey into a mysterious building, adapted from a short story by Jeff VanderMeer. To the west: trees. To the east: a mall. North: fast food. South: darkness. And at the centre is The Building, an office building wherein several factions vie for dominance. Inside, the walls are infiltrated with vines, a mischief of mice learn to speak English, and something eerie happens once a month on the fifth floor. In *Secret Life*, Theo Ellsworth uses a deep-layered style to interpret Nebula award-winning author Jeff VanderMeer's short story. What emerges is a mind-bending narrative that defamiliarises the mundanity of office work and makes the arcane rituals of The Building home. When his manager borrows his pen for a presentation, a man is driven to unspeakable acts as he questions the role the pen has played in his workplace success. The despised denizens of the second floor develop their own tongue, incomprehensible to everyone else in The Building. A woman plants a seed of insurgency that quickly permeates every corner of The Building with its sweet, nostalgic perfume. With deft insight, *Secret Life* observes the sinister individualism of bureaucratic settings in contrast with an unconcerned natural world. As the narrative progresses you may begin to suspect that the world Ellsworth has brought to life with hypnotic visuals is not so secret after all; in fact, it's uncannily similar to our own.

Dystopia HC \$55.00

Farewell to the Liar

Tales of Fenest 03

Fields, D K

Detective Cora Gorderheim is a detective no longer. Stripped of her badge by the corrupt chief inspector, Cora's job, now, is to protect her sister, Ruth, the new Wayward storyteller. Ruth must tell her tale of the Tear widening if people are to know the truth of what's happening in the Union of Realms. But Lowlander Chambers Morton wants the Wayward to change their election story, and will stop at nothing to achieve this – including murder. Keeping Ruth alive in Fenest is hard enough, but when the sisters set sail for West Perlanse, the dangers come thick and fast. And slowly Cora realises she must make a terrible choice: her sister's life, or the future of the Union. This fantasy crime trilogy begins with *Widow's Welcome* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy crime TP \$32.99

The Warrior Poet

Faery Rehistory 03

Fisher, Sharon Lynn

They searched for each other in dreams. Then they travelled through time to save Ireland. Portland book artist Neve Kelly is having weird visions – vivid daydreams of lovers on a battlefield that yank her out of reality. A couple weeks before Halloween, a confused, strangely dressed man appears in her living room. He drops a slip of paper that describes a dream much like her own before disappearing without a trace. Will Yeats has had enough of heroics. With the peace between Ireland and its enemies restored, he plans to spend the next decade quietly writing his Irish fairy history. But suddenly he's time travelling again. He briefly visits the home of an intriguing stranger, who appears to be American. The next time he's drawn there, he finds her being sucked through a ghastly hole in her ceiling. Will saves Neve by carrying her back to 1888 Ireland, where he learns that not only is she from more than a century in the future but from a parallel world where fairies and Tuatha De Danaan heroes are no more than myth. Their dreams of ancient lovers have brought them together... but why? Dark portents surround them – portents bearing the mark of the Morrigan's meddling – and they soon discover it's all part of a sinister scheme to seize the throne of Ireland. And the love story from their dreams has begun to manifest in the present moment. Will's friends – Irish Queen Isolde and her allies – are depending on Will and Neve to connect with the past in order to save Ireland. But can anything save them from the violent end that their dreams have foreshadowed? The first in this series is *The Absinthe Earl* (TP, \$35.95).

Historical fantasy TP \$35.95

Dragon Skin

Foxlee, Karen

A magical tale about a girl who saves a dragon and rescues her family. How to save a dragon: One, assemble equipment. Water, Weet-Bix, sugar, syringe, sticky tape, scissors. Two, believe in everything. Pip never wants to go home. She likes to sit at the waterhole at dusk and remember Mika, her best friend. At home her mother's not the same since her boyfriend moved in. They don't laugh anymore, and Pip has to go to bed early, turn

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off her light and pretend she doesn't exist. When she finds a half-dead creature at the waterhole, everything changes. She knows she has to save this small dragon and return it to where it comes from. But how?
Children's fantasy HC \$19.99

The Free Bastards

Lot Lands 03
French, Jonathan
War has come to the Lot Lands – and Oats stands upon the frontline. The formidable armies on the horizon are bolstered by divine champions, dread sorcerers and gunpowder. But Oats has won impossible fights before. He's a thriceblood, after all, more orc than man. And he hasn't forgotten how to kill. He'll stack the bodies high for his chief and his brethren, if that's the price of freeing the Lots from human tyranny. Besides, the invading forces are getting a damned sight more than they bargained for. They're not facing a handful of half-orc hoofs, but a true army – one forged from all the peoples of the Lots. At its head are Fetching, in full command of the ruinous power that runs through her veins, and Jackal, armed with the blessings of a dead god. The rousing final instalment to Jonathan French's popular Lot Lands trilogy; the first book is *The Grey Bastards* (PBK, \$22.99).
Military fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Echo Wife

Gailey, Sarah

It was meant to be an evening to honour and celebrate Evelyn Caldwell's award-winning, career-making scientific research – but Evelyn has things on her mind. Things like Nathan, her husband, who has left her for a younger, better, newer woman. A woman who is now pregnant – but shouldn't be – and is strikingly familiar. Too familiar to be a coincidence. A woman who shouldn't exist. A propulsive new novel about identity, murder, and the choices society forces women to make. Gailey has a small cult following amongst our customers, after novellas like *Upright Women Wanted* (HC, \$32.99) and *River of Teeth* (PBK, \$24.99) – we think she deserves a much wider readership!
SF thriller PBK \$22.99

Pirate Stew

Gaiman, Neil & Riddell, Chris (illustrator)
Meet Long John McRon, Ship's Cook... and the most unusual babysitter, you've ever seen. Long John has a whole crew of wild pirates in tow, and – for two intrepid children – he's about to transform a perfectly ordinary evening into a riotous adventure beneath a pirate moon. Marvellously silly and gloriously entertaining, this tale of pirates, flying ships, donut feasts, and some rather magical stew is perfect for all pirates, both young and old. With a deliciously rhyming text from master storyteller Neil Gaiman, and spellbinding illustrations by the supremely talented Chris Riddell, three-times-winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal, this is the picture book of the year! Joyful, quirky, and action packed, it makes a spectacular and magical gift.
Picture book PBK \$14.99

Once Upon a Broken Heart

Once Upon a Broken Heart 01
Garber, Stephanie
For as long as she can remember, Evangeline Fox has believed in true love and happy endings... until she learns that the love of her life will marry another. Desperate to stop the wedding and to heal her wounded heart, Evangeline strikes a deal with the charismatic, but wicked, Prince of Hearts. In exchange for his help, he asks for three kisses, to be given at the time and place of his choosing. But after Evangeline's first promised kiss, she learns that bargaining with an immortal is a dangerous game – and that the Prince of Hearts wants far more from her than she'd pledged. He has plans for Evangeline, plans that will either end in the greatest happily ever after, or the most exquisite tragedy... The first in a new series by the author of *Caraval* (PBK, \$17.99).
YA fantasy TP \$22.99

The Alpha Enigma

Team Psi 01
Gear, W Michael
Dr Timothy Ryan, head of the military psychiatric unit at Grantham Barracks, is meeting a new patient, a woman known as Prisoner Alpha. As she is being transferred, they are attacked by assassins, barely escaping with their lives. One shooter vanishes, leaving behind a dead companion unlike anyone Ryan has ever seen. But even more baffling is the puzzle of Alpha herself. She speaks in a strange tongue, and doodles in bars, dots, and little pictures like nothing Ryan has ever seen. Is she some sort of savant, or the most cunning spy he's ever met? Meanwhile, in Egypt, archaeologist Reid Farmer uncovers an 18th-Dynasty tomb that shouldn't exist, filled with Mayan epigraphy, mathematics, and materials that didn't exist 3,000 years ago. As a result of this discovery, Reid and forensic anthropologist Kilgore France – along with the sarcophagus they have found – are snatched away to a hidden lab to solve the enigma of a man lost in time. As dark forces gather, Alpha makes an impossible escape from Grantham. Ryan quickly becomes the prime suspect in her disappearance, but with a team of unique allies, sets out to prove his innocence. Together, they must find Alpha and save Ryan before it is too late. The first in a new series.
Military sf TP \$39.95

Beasts of Prey

Gray, Ayana

There's no such thing as magic in the broken city of Lkossa, especially for 16-year-old Koffi, who holds a power within her that could only be described as magic – a power that if discovered could cost her life. Indentured to the notorious Night Zoo, Koffi knows the fearsome creatures in her care and paying off her family's debts to secure their eventual freedom can be her only focus. But the night those she loves are gravely threatened by the Zoo's cruel master, Koffi finally unleashes the power she doesn't fully understand, upending her life completely. As the second son of a decorated hero, Ekon is all but destined to become a Son of the Six – an elite warrior – and uphold a family legacy. But on the night

of his final rite of passage, Ekon encounters not only the Shetani – a vicious monster that has plagued the city for nearly a century and stalks his nightmares, but Koffi who seems to have the power to ward off the beast. Koffi's power ultimately saves Ekon's life, but his choice to let her flee dooms his hopes of becoming a warrior. Desperate to redeem himself, Ekon vows to hunt the Shetani and end its reign of terror, but he can't do it alone. Meanwhile, Koffi believes finding the Shetani could also be the key to solving her own problems. Koffi and Ekon form a tentative alliance and together enter the Greater Jungle, a world steeped in wild, frightening magic and untold dangers. The hunt begins. But it quickly becomes unclear whether they are the hunters or the hunted.
YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

Buried Memories

Ishmael Jones mysteries 10
Green, Simon R
As long-buried memories from his hidden past begin to resurface, Ishmael Jones and his partner Penny feel compelled to return to the small country town where Ishmael crashed-landed in 1963; the place where his memories began. Norton Hedley is no ordinary town. Apparitions, sudden disappearances, sightings of unusual beasts: for centuries, the place has been plagued by a series of inexplicable events. Ishmael's first task is to track down local author Vincent Smith, the one man he believes may have some answers. Ishmael and Penny aren't the only ones seeking the mysterious Mr Smith. When their search unearths a newly-dead body in the local mortuary – a body that's definitely not supposed to be there – Ishmael becomes the prime suspect in the ensuing murder investigation. His only hope of discovering the truth about his origins lies in exposing a ruthless killer.
Paranormal mystery HC \$62.95

Far Out: Recent Queer Science Fiction and Fantasy

anthology

Guran, Paula (Editor)
Speculative fiction imagines drastically diverse ways of being and worlds that are other than the one with which we are familiar. Queerness is a natural fit for such fiction, so one would expect it to be customarily included. That has not always been the case, but LGBTQ+ representation in science fiction and fantasy – in both short and long form – is now relatively common. Even so, most of the queer science fiction and fantasy anthologies published in the last 35 years have been narrowly focused: specifically gay male or lesbian (or, more recently, transgender) themes, or all science fiction or all fantasy, or adhering to a specific theme or subgenre. *Far Out: Recent Queer Science Fiction and Fantasy*, on the other hand, features both science fiction and fantasy short fiction from the last decade and includes characters, perspectives, and stories that span the rainbow. With stories from incredible authors ranging from Seanan McGuire to Charlie Jane Anders to Sam J Miller, it's an essential read for anyone interested in queer science fiction and fantasy.
LGBTQ+ speculative fiction TP \$29.99

The Apollo Murders

Hadfield, Chris

1973: a final, top-secret mission to the Moon. Three astronauts in a tiny module, a quarter of a million miles from home. A quarter of a million miles from help. As Russian and American crews sprint for a secret bounty hidden away on the lunar surface, old rivalries blossom and the political stakes are stretched to breaking point back on Earth. Houston flight controller Kazimieras 'Kaz' Zemeckis must do all he can to keep the NASA crew together, while staying one step ahead of his Soviet rivals. But not everyone on board Apollo 18 is quite who they appear to be. Full of fascinating technical detail, twists and tension, *The Apollo Murders* puts you right there in the moment. Experience the dark majesty of space, the fierce G-forces of launch and the rush of holding on to the outside of a spacecraft travelling at 17,000 mph, as told by a former Commander of the International Space Station who has done all of those things in real life. Strap in and count down for the ride of a lifetime. 'An exciting journey to an alternate past' – *Andy Weir*, author of *The Martian* (PBK, \$19.99).
SF thriller TP \$32.99

The Russian Cage

Gunnie Rose 03
Harris, Charlaire
Lizbeth Rose she takes on one of her most dangerous missions yet: rescuing her estranged partner, Prince Eli, from the Holy Russian Empire. Once in San Diego, Lizbeth is going to have to rely upon her sister Felicia, and her growing Grigori powers to navigate her way through this strange new world of royalty and deception, in order to get Eli freed from jail where he's being held for murder. The third of the Gunnie Rose books, now in paperback; the first is *An Easy Death* (PBK, \$22.99).
Alternate history PBK \$22.99

The Once and Future Witches

Harrow, Alix E

Suffragette witches! In 1893, there's no such thing as witches. There used to be, in the wild, dark days before the burnings began, but now witching is nothing but tidy charms and nursery rhymes. If the modern woman wants any measure of power, she must find it at the ballot box. But when the three Eastwood sisters join the suffragists of New Salem, they begin to pursue the forgotten ways that might turn the women's movement into the witch's movement. Stalked by shadows and sickness, hunted by forces who will not suffer a witch to vote – and perhaps not even to live – the sisters must delve into the oldest magics, draw new alliances, and heal the bond between them if they want to survive. There's no such thing as witches. But there will be... Highly recommended! Great feedback from regulars – also try her previous, standalone novel *The Ten Thousand Doors of January* (PBK, \$22.99).
Gaslamp fantasy PBK \$22.99

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A Spindle Splintered

Fractured Fables

Harrow, Alix E

It's Zinnia Gray's 21st birthday, which is extra special – because it's the last birthday she'll ever have. When she was young, an industrial accident left Zinnia with a rare condition. Not much is known about her illness, just that no one has lived past 21. Her best friend Charm is intent on making Zinnia's last birthday special with a full sleeping beauty experience, complete with a tower and a spinning wheel. But when Zinnia pricks her finger, something strange and unexpected happens, and she finds herself falling through worlds, with another sleeping beauty, just as desperate to escape her fate. 'A vivid, subversive and feminist re-imagining of *Sleeping Beauty*, where implacable destiny is no match for courage, sisterhood, stubbornness and a good working knowledge of fairy tales.' – *Katherine Arden*. A 128pp, Tor.com novella. We expect to have this edition – slightly less expensive – through an Australian publisher in mid-January.

Fairy tales retold HC \$39.95

Ever Cursed

Haydu, Gorey Ann

The Princesses of Ever are beloved by the kingdom and their father, the King. They are cherished, admired. Cursed. Jane, Alice, Nora, Grace, and Eden carry the burden of being punished for a crime they did not commit, or even know about. They are each cursed to be Without one essential thing – the ability to eat, sleep, love, remember, or hope. And their mother, the Queen, is imprisoned, frozen in time in an unbreakable glass box. But when Eden's curse sets in on her thirteenth birthday, the princesses are given the opportunity to break the curse, preventing it from becoming a True Spell and dooming the princesses for life. To do this, they must confront the one who cast the spell – Reagan, a young witch who might not be the villain they thought – as well as the wickedness plaguing their own kingdom... and family. Told through the eyes of Reagan and Jane – the witch and the bewitched – this insightful twist of a fairy tale explores power in a patriarchal kingdom not unlike our own.

Fairy tale PBK \$17.99

Weird World War III

anthology

Hazlett, Sean Patrick (editor)

What if the United States had gone to war with the Soviet Union? What if these rival superpowers had fought on land, sea, air, and the astral plane? What if the Soviets and Americans had struggled for dominion across parallel dimensions or on the surface of the moon? How would the world have changed? What wonders would have been unveiled? What terrors would have haunted mankind from those dark and dismal dimensions? Come closer, peer through a glass darkly, and discover the horrifying alternative visions of World War III from some of today's greatest minds in science fiction, fantasy, and horror. Includes new stories by David Drake, Brad R Torgersen, Mike Resnick, Sarah A Hoyt, and many more!

Military sf PBK \$24.95

I Will Fear No Evil

Heinlein, Robert A

As startling and provocative as his famous *Stranger in a Strange Land*, here is Heinlein's awesome masterpiece about a man supremely talented, immensely old, and obscenely wealthy, who discovers that money can buy everything. Even a new life in the body of a beautiful young woman. A reissue.

Classic sf (reissue) TP \$39.95

Time Enough for Love

Heinlein, Robert A

Time Enough for Love follows Lazarus Long through a vast and magnificent timescape of centuries and worlds. Heinlein's longest and most ambitious work, it is the story of a man so in love with Life that he refused to stop living it, and so in love with Time that he became his own ancestor. A reissue.

Classic sf (reissue) TP \$43.95

Horseman

Henry, Christina

This atmospheric, terrifying novel draws strongly from *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Everyone in Sleepy Hollow knows about the Horseman, but no one really believes in him. Not even Ben Van Brunt's grandfather, Brom Bones, who was there when it was said the Horseman chased the upstart Crane out of town. Brom says that's just legend, the village gossips talking. Twenty years after those storied events, the village is a quiet place. Fourteen-year-old Ben loves to play 'Sleepy Hollow boys', re-enacting the events Brom once lived through. But then Ben and a friend stumble across the headless body of a child in the woods near the village, and the sinister discovery makes Ben question everything the adults in Sleepy Hollow have ever said. Could the Horseman be real after all? Or does something even more sinister stalk the woods?

Dark fantasy PBK \$19.99

Dune

film tie-in edition

Herbert, Frank

Melange, or 'spice', is the most valuable – and rarest – element in the universe. And it can only be found on a single planet: the inhospitable desert world Arrakis. Whoever controls Arrakis controls the spice. And whoever controls the spice controls the universe. When stewardship of Arrakis is transferred to his house, Paul Atreides must travel to the planet's dangerous surface to ensure the future of his family and his people. But as malevolent forces explode into conflict around him, Paul is thrust into a great destiny beyond his understanding. And in this game of power, only those who can conquer their fear will survive. *Dune* is the bestselling science fiction novel of all time, with nearly ten million copies in print. This all-new edition of *Dune* features wholly reset text and an incredible new cover. Before *The Matrix*, before *Star Wars*, before *Ender's Game* and *Neuromancer*, there was *Dune*, one of the greatest science fiction novels ever written.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Of One Blood:

Or, the Hidden Self

Foundations of Black Science Fiction

Hopkins, Pauline Elizabeth

The story of Reuel is fuelled by love, betrayal and a heavy undertow of the supernatural; an impulsive medical student, he travels from Boston to Ethiopia, discovers a hidden city, ancient treasure and his own heritage. A rip-roaring lost-worlds thriller written, in the early 1900s, by a pioneering black writer of black fiction. A new edition with a new introduction which considers Pauline Hopkin's development of the social and racial themes also explored by W E B Du Bois. A new title in Foundations of Black Science Fiction series.

Classic sf TP \$26.95

The Spacetime War

Johnson, Les

Humanity has finally made it to the stars. Colony worlds thrive and there is general peace among the settled systems. Until now. Matte black ships of an advanced design appear in colonial systems. Their drives and weapons are not extremely advanced beyond their Terran counterparts – just superior enough to be utterly devastating. Colonies and their populations are obliterated. Once settled worlds are rendered radioactive wastelands. Earth herself lies defenceless before the marauding enemy. Standing against the invasion are two of humanity's finest starship captains, Winslow Price of the British Space Navy and Anika Ahuja of the Indian Space Forces. Compatriots. Fierce competitors. Former lovers. Now, they are on a quest that will plumb the scientific wells of existence itself, where the primordial knot of spacetime may be unravelling. Price and Ahuja are sworn to do whatever it takes to defend Earth and humanity from ultimate obliteration by an enemy that will not even speak its name. Even if it pushes each to the brink of life and death in battle. Even if it leads each beyond space and time – and to the edge of ultimate possibility!

Military sf TP \$35.95

Fate of the Fallen

Shroud of Prophecy 01

Kade, Kel

Not all stories have happy endings. Everyone loves Mathias. Naturally, when he discovers it's his destiny to save the world, he dives in, head first, pulling his best friend Aaslo along for the ride. However, saving the world isn't as easy, or exciting, as it sounds in the stories. The going gets rough and folks start to believe their best chance for survival is to surrender to the forces of evil, which isn't how the prophecy goes. At all. As the list of allies grows thin, and the friends find themselves staring death in the face they must decide how to become the heroes they were destined to be or, failing that, how to survive. The first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$36.99

Glimmer

Kellogg, Marjorie B

It's 2110, the Earth's glaciers have melted, and there's no climate fix in sight. As refugees stream inland from the inundated coasts, social structures and national economies

are stressed to the point of fracture. Food production falters. Pandemics rage. Rising sea level and devastating superstorms have flooded much of Manhattan and wrecked its infrastructure. Its residents have mostly fled, but a few die-hards have bet their survival on the hope that digging in and staying local is a safer strategy. As the weather worsens, can a damaged population of poor folk, artists, misfits, and loners work out their differences in time to create a sustainable long-term society? In a lawless city, where the well-armed rich have appropriated the high ground, can an ex-priest find a middle road between non-violence and all-out war? The lives of his downtown band of leftovers will depend on it. Sheltering among them, a young girl named Glimmer struggles to regain a past lost to trauma. As her memory returns, she finds she must choose who and how to be, and who and what to believe in, even if it means giving up a love she has only recently found herself able to embrace.

Cli-fi HC \$55.00

Crown of Cinders

Wings of Fury 02

King, Emily R

May Gaea be with you... Althea Lambros is growing into her power, wrestling with a burdensome heritage, and unwilling to concede to Cronus, the redoubtable God of Gods. For that, Cronus is making good on his promise. Calling upon the elder Titans, he's bringing down his wrath on the world. Suffering quakes, tempests, fire, and hail, mortals are paying in blood for the war of the gods. With the help of her friend Theo, Althea takes cover with her sisters, Bronte and Cleora. But they can't hide forever. To mastermind the downfall of the evil king, Althea must recruit allies of her own before the aggrieved mortals surrender the sisters to Cronus in exchange for peace. Is Althea formidable enough to win? It'll take the help of her sisters and those willing to fight for the cause of the just. As the gods pick sides, Althea must divide heaven and earth to defeat the enemy and write the true history of the war to end all wars. The sequel to *Wings of Fury* (TP, \$24.99).

Historical fantasy TP \$24.99

Holdout

Kluger, Jeffrey

When evil forces are going unchecked on Earth, a principled astronaut makes a split-second decision to try to seek justice in the only place she knows how – the International Space Station. Walli Beckwith is a model astronaut. She graduated at the top of her class from the Naval Academy, had a successful career flying fighter jets, and has spent more than three hundred days in space. So, when she refuses to leave her post aboard the International Space Station following an accident that forces her fellow astronauts to evacuate, her American and Russian colleagues are mystified. For Walli, the matter at hand feels all too clear and terrifying for her to be worried about ruining her career. She is stuck in a race against time to save a part of the world that seems to have been forgotten, and also the life of the person she loves the most. She will go to any length necessary, using the only tool she has, to accomplish what she knows is right.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

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The House in the Cerulean Sea **Clune, T J**

A magical island. A dangerous task. A burning secret. Linus Baker leads a quiet, solitary life. At forty, he lives in a tiny house with a devious cat and his old records. As a Case Worker at the Department in Charge of Magical Youth, he spends his days overseeing the wellbeing of children in government-sanctioned orphanages. When Linus is unexpectedly summoned by Extremely Upper Management, he's given a curious and highly classified assignment: travel to Marsyas Island Orphanage, where six dangerous children reside: a gnome, a sprite, a wyvern, an unidentifiable green blob, a were-Pomeranian, and the Antichrist. Linus must set aside his fears and determine whether or not they're likely to bring about the end of days. But the children aren't the only secret the island keeps. Their caretaker is the charming and enigmatic Arthur Parnassus, who will do anything to keep his wards safe. As Arthur and Linus grow closer, long-held secrets are exposed, and Linus must make a choice: destroy a home or watch the world burn. An enchanting story, masterfully told, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* is about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place – and realising that family is yours. Our customers have absolutely loved this in its earlier editions – highly recommended!

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Under the Whispering Door **Clune, T J**

Welcome to Charon's Crossing. The tea is hot, the scones are fresh, and the dead are just passing through. When a reaper comes to collect Wallace from his own funeral, Wallace begins to suspect he might be dead. And when Hugo, the owner of a peculiar tea shop, promises to help him cross over, Wallace decides he's definitely dead. But even in death he's not ready to abandon the life he barely lived, so when Wallace is given one week to cross over, he sets about living a lifetime in seven days. From the author of *The House in the Cerulean Sea* (PBK, \$24.99), which has had wonderful feedback from our customers.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Wall **Lanchester, John**

Kavanagh begins his time patrolling the Wall. If he's lucky, if nothing goes wrong, he only has to do two years of this. 729 more nights. The best thing that can happen is that he survives and gets off the Wall and will never have to spend another day of his life anywhere near it. But what if something did happen – if the Others came, if he had to fight for his life? Thrilling and heartbreaking, *The Wall* is about a troubled world you will recognise as your own – and about what might be found when all is lost.

Dystopia PBK \$19.99

Rovers **Lange, Richard**

Summer, 1976. Jesse and his brother, Edgar, are on the road in search of victims. They're rovers, nearly indestructible nocturnal beings

who must consume human blood, in order to survive. For seventy years they've lurked on the fringes of society, roaming from town to town, dingy motel to dingy motel, stalking the transients, addicts, and prostitutes they feed on. This hardboiled supernatural hell-ride kicks off when the brothers encounter a young woman who disrupts their grim routine, forcing Jesse to confront his past and plunging his present into deadly chaos as he finds himself scrambling to save her life. The story plays out through the eyes of the brothers, a grieving father searching for his son's murderer, and a violent gang of rover bikers, coming to a shattering conclusion in Las Vegas on the eve of America's Bicentennial.

Supernatural noir HC \$39.99

Crawling Horror: Creeping Tales of the Insect Weird

Tales of the Weird

Leaf, Janette & Butcher, Daisy (editors)

A blue scarab which makes the sound of a terrifying death-tick. A moth with the markings of a dead man's face. An empire of intelligent, aggressive, and colossal ants. The insect kingdom has finally come to seek retribution for humankind's negligence. Never has a creature been so topical – with headlines warning of the mosquito-bearing viruses, fire ants destroying power sources, invasive yellow ladybirds, or an ecological insect apocalypse that threatens the very balance of our natural world. With growing concerns about global warming, pesticides, and genetically modified crops, Eco-Gothic is moving to the fore in modern scholarship, and this collection allows readers to be a fly on the wall to some of the creepiest and crawllest accounts of insectoid horror from the likes of Edgar Allan Poe, E F Benson, and Jane G Austin. Fear indeed walks on many legs.

Classic horror TP \$35.95

Trader's Leap Liaden Universe 23

Lee, Sharon & Miller, Steve

The only bridge between past and future is a leap of faith. Pursued by enemies, exiled Liaden Clan Korval is settling into a new base on backworld Surebleak. Moving is expensive, as is war, and Korval is strapped for cash. Delm Korval has therefore instructed Master Trader Shan yos'Galan to design and implement new trade routes, quickly. But this is no easy task. Dutiful Passage is targeted by Korval's enemies, denied docking at respectable ports, and cheated at those less respectable. Struggling to recuperate from an attack on his life, while managing daughter Padi's emerging psychic talents, Shan is running out of options – and time. His quest to establish the all-important trade route puts him at odds with his lifemate, while doubting crew desert the ship. Facing the prospect of failure, Shan accepts the assistance of chancy allies and turns the Passage toward a port only just emerging from Rostov's Dust and awash with strange energies. Without trade, Clan Korval will starve. Will a trader's leap of faith save everything – or doom all?

Space opera PBK \$24.95

The Arrest **Lethem, Jonathan**

The Arrest isn't post-apocalypse. It isn't a dystopia. It isn't a utopia. It's just what happens when much of what we take for granted – cars, guns, computers, and airplanes, for starters – stops working... Before the Arrest, Sandy Duplessis had a reasonably good life as a screenwriter in LA. An old college friend and writing partner, the charismatic and malicious Peter Todbaum, had become one of the most powerful men in Hollywood. That didn't hurt. Now, post-Arrest, nothing is what it was. Sandy, who calls himself Journeyman, has landed in rural Maine. There, he assists the butcher and delivers the food grown by his sister, Maddy, at her organic farm. But then Todbaum shows up in an extraordinary vehicle: a retrofitted tunnel-digger powered by a nuclear reactor. Todbaum has spent the Arrest smashing his way across a fragmented and phantasmagorical United States, trailing enmities all the way. Plopping back into the siblings' life with his usual odious panache, his motives are entirely unclear. Can it be that Todbaum wants to produce one more extravaganza? Whatever he's up to, it may fall to Journeyman to stop him. An utterly original post-apocalyptic yarn about two siblings, the man that came between them, and a nuclear-powered super car. 'The thing about the best Lethem novels... is that they were such fun. I've read everything he's written and rarely has a novel approached the sheer pleasure of *The Arrest*... It is, in short, a blast.' – *Observer*.

Post-apocalypse PBK \$19.99

The Rose Daughter **Lewis, Maria**

She never meant to be a hero... In fact, Dreckly Jones has made a point her whole life to be exactly not that. The daughter of a forbidden union between an earth elemental and a selkie, her rare powers have meant she has always had a target on her back. So, Dreckly – a 40-something oyster shucker according to her fake documents, 140-something sprite if you're going to get all nit-picky about it – has become an expert at many things. Chief amongst them: hiding. When she meets a determined group of rebels who desperately need her help, she finds herself wanting to stick her neck out for the first time in a long while. Yet, is she ready to be noticed? Is Dreckly willing to use her powers to stand up when it could cost her everything.

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

Cixin Liu's Sea of Dreams graphic novel

Liu, Cixin; ET AL

It was the Ice and Snow Arts Festival that lured the low-temperature artist to Earth. Drawn by the beauty and technical skill of the sculptures displayed, the extraterrestrial visitor longed to collaborate and share its own art. But while humans learnt to craft ice into exquisite ephemera, the low-temperature artist's civilisation mastered the manipulation of whole worlds to create artworks – drawing

on the seas and ice caps, and cooling their temperature to beautiful effect. Faced with the inevitable devastation and heat death of their planet, humankind must use their final breaths to fight for existence. But the artist will only speak to one human: Yan Dong, the ice sculptor whose beautiful work first drew its eye. An international collaboration involving 26 writers and illustrators from 14 different countries have transformed 15 of Cixin Liu's award-winning stories into graphic novels.

Science fiction PBK \$32.99

Cixin Liu's Village Teacher graphic novel

Liu, Cixin; ET AL

In the depths of mountains shrouded with ignorance and superstition, one man has dedicated his life to igniting a passion for maths and science in the hearts of the peasant children around him. Now, his life is coming to its end, he draws his students around him so he can impart knowledge on them to his final breath. All the while, in a far corner of outer space, fifty thousand light-years away, an interstellar war that has waged for thousands of years is coming to an end. The victor plans to perform the full-scale extermination of any low-intelligence lifeforms that remain in what is now his solar system. In order to gauge the intelligence of a planet, the victor devises a test – posed to a group of lifeforms selected at random by a computer – of science and mathematics. On a green-and-blue planet nestled in a spiral arm of the Milky Way, the computer's selection falls to a group of children, in the depths of mountains shrouded with ignorance and superstition... An international collaboration involving 26 writers and illustrators from 14 different countries have transformed 15 of Cixin Liu's award-winning stories into graphic novels.

Science fiction PBK \$32.99

Cixin Liu's the Wandering Earth graphic novel

Liu, Cixin; ET AL

The Sun is dying. Helium will soon permeate its core, triggering a violent explosion, and its burning-hot diameter will increase until it has consumed everything that stands in its way. As long as we remain in its path, humanity stands no chance. Interstellar emigration is the only way out. Reaching a consensus on a destination has been easy: the only viable target is Proxima Centauri. It is the star closest to our own, a mere 4.3 light-years away. How to reach our new solar system is more difficult. Spaceships stand no chance in open space, and the nearest inhabitable planet lies hundreds of thousands of years away. If humanity leaves Earth behind, our continued existence is impossible. The only way to survive is to find a way to propel Earth out of its orbit. But how? An international collaboration involving 26 writers and illustrators from 14 different countries have transformed 15 of Cixin Liu's award-winning stories into graphic novels.

Science fiction PBK \$32.99

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Gixin Liu's

Yuanyuan's Bubbles

graphic novel

Liu, Gixin; ET AL

Yuanyuan was five months old when she saw bubbles for the first time. In that moment, her eyes lit up with a radiance that outshone the sun and stars, and she felt she truly saw the world for the first time. From that day on, her life's one dream was to blow the biggest bubbles possible. Yuanyuan's father doesn't approve of her dream. He fears his daughter's obsession is childish and too fleeting for his daughter, and longs for her to turn her intelligence to a calling that might help people. Their city is dying, but Yuanyuan focuses solely on blowing bigger and bigger bubbles. But when Yuanyuan learns to create a bubble the size of a city – greater even – it may be that her obsession isn't so unhelpful after all. An international collaboration involving 26 writers and illustrators from 14 different countries have transformed 15 of Gixin Liu's award-winning stories into graphic novels.

Science fiction

PBK

\$32.99

Tooth of the Covenant

American Novels series

Lock, Norman

Best known for his novel *The Scarlet Letter*, Nathaniel Hawthorne was burdened by familial shame, which began with his great-great-grandfather John Hathorne, the infamously unrepentant Salem witch trial judge. We witness Hawthorne writing a tale entitled *Tooth of the Covenant*, in which he sends his fictional surrogate, Isaac Page, back to the year 1692... to save Bridget Bishop, the first person executed for witchcraft, and rescue the other victims from execution. But when Page puts on Hathorne's spectacles, his worldview is transformed, and he loses his resolve. As he battles his conscience, he finds that it is his own life hanging in the balance.

Dark fantasy

TP

\$29.99

Activation Degradation

Lostetter, Marina J

When Unit Four – a biological soft robot built and stored high above the Jovian atmosphere – is activated for the first time, it's in crisis mode. Aliens are attacking the Helium-3 mine it was created to oversee, and now its sole purpose is to defend Earth's largest energy resource from the invaders in ship-to-ship combat. But something's wrong. Unit Four doesn't feel quite right. There are files in its databanks it can't account for, unusual chemical combinations roaring through its pipes, and the primers it possesses on the aliens are suspiciously sparse. The robot is under orders to seek and destroy. That's all it knows. According to its handler, that's all it needs to know. Determined to fulfil its directives, Unit Four launches its ship and goes on the attack, but it has no idea it's about to get caught in a downward spiral of misinformation, reprogramming, and interstellar conflict. Most robots are simple tools. Unit Four is well on its way to becoming something more...

Space opera

TP

\$37.95

Pearl

Malerman, Josh

There's something strange about Walter Kopple's farm. At first it seems to be his grandson, who cruelly murders one of Walter's pigs in an act of seemingly senseless violence. But then the rumours begin – people in town whisper that Walter's grandson heard a voice that commanded him to kill. And that the voice belongs to a most peculiar creature: Walter's pig, Pearl. Walter is not sure what to believe. He knows that he's always been afraid of the strangely malevolent Pearl. But as madness and paranoia grip the town and the townspeople descend on Walter's farm with violent wrath, they begin to discover that true evil wears a human face.

Horror

HC

\$55.00

Kingdom of the Wicked

Kingdom of the Wicked 01

Maniscalco, Kerri

Emilia and her twin sister Vittoria are *streghe* – witches who live secretly among humans, avoiding notice and persecution. One night, Vittoria misses dinner service, at the family's renowned Sicilian restaurant. Emilia soon finds the body of her beloved twin... desecrated beyond belief. Devastated, Emilia sets out to find her sister's killer and to seek vengeance at any cost – even if it means using dark magic that's been long forbidden. Then Emilia meets Wrath, one of the Wicked – princes of Hell she has been warned against in tales since she was a child. Wrath claims to be on Emilia's side, tasked by his master with solving the series of women's murders on the island. But when it comes to the Wicked, nothing is as it seems... Now, followed by *Kingdom of the Cursed* (TP, \$22.99).

YA dark fantasy

PBK

\$17.99

Kingdom of the Cursed

Kingdom of the Wicked 02

Maniscalco, Kerri

With the enigmatic Prince of Wrath at her side, Emilia sold her soul to become Queen of the Wicked and travelled to the Seven Circles to fulfil her vow of avenging her beloved sister. But the first rule in the court of the Wicked? Trust no one. And it quickly becomes clear that nothing in Hell is what it seems. Even Wrath, her onetime ally, may be keeping secrets about his true nature. But that suits Emilia just fine – she's got secrets of her own. Faced with backstabbing courtiers, princes who delight in fear, luxurious palaces, dazzling galas, and conflicting clues about what truly happened to her sister, Emilia finds herself on a mission to unlock the mysteries of her own past and uncover the answers she craves. As long as her sins don't catch up to her first... The sequel to *Kingdom of the Wicked* (PBK, \$17.99), now in paperback.

YA dark fantasy

TP

\$22.99

Joker Moon

Wild Cards 28

Martin, George R R (editor)

Theodorus was a dreamer. As a child, he dreamt of airplanes, rockets, and outer space. When the wild card virus touched him and transformed him into a monstrous snail centaur weighing several tons, his boyhood dreams seemed out of reach, but a Witherspoon is not so easily defeated. Years and decades passed, and Theodorus grew to

maturity and came into his fortune... but still his dream endured. But, now, when he looked upward into the night sky, he saw more than just the moon... he saw a joker homeland, a refuge where the outcast children of the wild card could make a place of their own, safe from hate and harm. An impossible dream, some said. Others, alarmed by the prospect, brought all their power to bear to oppose him. Theodorus persisted... never dreaming that the Moon was already inhabited. And the Moon Maid did not want company.

Alternate history

HC

\$39.99

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Wild Cards 29

Martin, George R R (editor)

In the aftermath of World War II, the Earth's population was devastated by a terrifying alien virus. Those who survived were changed for ever. This is the story of that world. Theodorus was a dreamer. As a child, he dreamed of airplanes, rockets and outer space. When the wild card virus touched him and transformed him into a monstrous snail centaur weighing several tons, his boyhood dreams seemed out of reach, but a Witherspoon is not so easily defeated. Years and decades passed, and Theodorus grew to maturity and came into his fortune... but still his dream endured. But, now, when he looked upward into the night sky, he saw more than just the Moon... he saw a joker homeland, a refuge where the outcast children of the wild card could make a place of their own, safe from hate and harm. An impossible dream, some said. Others, alarmed by the prospect, brought all their power to bear to oppose him. Theodorus persisted... never dreaming that the Moon was already inhabited. And the Moon Maid did not want company.

Alternate history

HC

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Reprieve

Mattson, James Han

Most people didn't make it to Cell Six, he said. Most called out the safe word – reprieve – after the first Cell. It was that intense. When Bryan, Jaidee, Victor and Jane team up to compete at a full-contact escape room, it seems simple. Hold your nerve through six terrifying challenges; collect all the red envelopes; win a huge cash prize. But the real horror is unfolding outside of the game, in a series of deceptions and misunderstandings fuelled by obsession and prejudice. And by the end of the night, one of the contestants will be dead.

Horror

TP

\$29.99

Isolate

Grand Illusion 01

Modesitt, L E

Industrialisation. Social unrest. Underground movements. Government corruption and surveillance. Something is about to give. Steffan Dekkard is an isolate, one of the small percentage of people who are immune to the projections of empaths. As an isolate, he has been trained as a security specialist and he and his security partner Avraal Ysella, a highly-trained empath, are employed by Axel Obreduur, a senior Craft Minister and the de facto political strategist of his party. When a respected Landor Councillor dies of 'heart failure' at a social event, because of his political friendship with Obreduur, Dekkard,

and Ysella find that not only is their employer a target, but so are they, in a covert and deadly struggle for control of the government and economy. Steffan is about to understand that everything he believed is an illusion. The first in a new series. We expect to have this edition – slightly less expensive – through an Australian publisher in February.

Gaslamp fantasy

HC

\$62.95

The Godless

Seven Forges 05

Moore, James A

The long war with the Sa'ba Taaol has ended, but the land of Fellein does not know peace – only ceaseless change. A spate of murders draw the interest of Darsken Murdrow of the Inquisition, until the hunter becomes the hunted. Andover Lashk of the Iron Hands seeks a home in a world in which he no longer fits. An unholy necromancer steals souls, makes sacrifices, and sows fear. And in the barren wastelands of the Wellish Steppes, the army of the Godless gathers. Driven from their homeland, abandoned by their deities, the Godless now follow the banner of a new Master, and are thirsty for blood.

Military fantasy

TP

\$29.99

Gallowglass

Morden, S J

Jack van der Veerden is on the run. From his billionaire parents' chilling plans, from his brutal bodyguard, from a planet on the brink of climate chaos. Seeking freedom out in space, he gets a job on a mining ship chasing down an asteroid. Crewed by mercenaries and misfits, they all want a cut of the biggest payday in history. A single mistake could cost Jack his life – and that's before they reach their destination. The bounty from the asteroid could change lives and save nations – and corrupt any one of them. Because in space, it's all or nothing: riches beyond measure, or dying alone in the dark. Near-future, edge-of-your seat climate change thriller for fans of Alastair Reynolds and Richard Morgan.

Cli-fi

PBK

\$22.99

This Thing Between

Moreno, Gus

It was Vera's idea to buy the Itza. The 'world's most advanced smart speaker!' didn't interest Thiago, but Vera thought it would be a bit of fun for them amidst all the strange occurrences happening in the condo. It made things worse. The cold spots and scratching in the walls were weird enough, but peculiar packages started showing up at the house – who ordered industrial lye? Then there was the eerie music at odd hours, Thiago waking up to Itza projecting light shows in an empty room. It was funny and strange right up until Vera was killed, and Thiago's world became unbearable. Pundits and politicians all looking to turn his wife's death into a symbol for their own agendas. A barrage of texts from her well-meaning friends about letting go and moving on. Waking to the sound of Itza talking softly to someone in the living room... The only thing left to do was get far away from Chicago. Away from everything and everyone. A secluded cabin in Colorado seemed like the perfect place to hole up with his crushing grief. But, soon, Thiago realises there is no escape – not from his guilt, not

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from his simmering rage, and not from the evil hunting him, feeding on his grief, determined to make its way into this world. We expect to have this edition – slightly less expensive – through an Australian publisher in January.

Horror TP \$37.95

Five Minds Morpuss, Guy

One body. Five minds. One killer.
The Earth's growing population has finally been controlled. Lifespans are limited to eighty years, except for those who make an extreme choice: to become a commune. Five minds sharing one body, living for four hours at a time. But with a combined lifespan of nearly 150 years. Alex, Kate, Sierra, Ben, and Mike are a commune. They have already spent 25 years together, arguing, reconciling, alliances shifting and re-forming. They travel to a Death Park where games are played in which extra lifespan can be gambled like money. The plan is to win time to upgrade their next host body. But then Kate accepts a dangerous offer, and one of them disappears. Someone is trying to kill off members of the commune. Is one of them responsible? Or is someone else playing a deadly game? It's hard enough to catch a murderer. It's almost impossible, when you might be sharing a body with them...

SF mystery TP \$29.99

Give Way to Night

Aven Cycle 02

Morris, Cass

Latona of the Vitelliae, mage of Spirit and Fire, is eager to wield her newfound empowerment on behalf of the citizens of Aven – but societal forces conspire to keep her from exercising her gifts, even when the resurgence of a banished cult plots the city's ruin. To combat this threat, Latona must ally with Fracture mage Vibia, the distrustful sister of Sempronius Tarren. While Latona struggles to defend their home, Sempronius leads soldiers through war-torn provinces to lift the siege of Toletum, where Latona's brother Gaius is hemmed in by supernatural forces. Sempronius must contend not only with the war-king Ekialde and his sorcerers, but with the machinations of political rivals and the temptations of his own soul, ever-susceptible to the darker side of ambition. Though separated by many miles soon after their love affair began, Latona and Sempronius are united by passion as they strive to protect Aven and build its glorious future. The sequel to *Give Way to Night* (PBK, \$26.95).

Historical fantasy PBK \$26.95

Harrow the Ninth

Locked Tomb quartet 02

Muir, Tamsyn

She answered the Emperor's call. She arrived with her arts, her wits, and her only friend. In victory, her world has turned to ash. Nothing is as it seems in the halls of the Emperor, and the fate of the galaxy rests on one woman's shoulders. Harrowhark Nonagesimus, last necromancer of the Ninth House, has been drafted by her Emperor to fight an unwinnable war. Side by side with

a detested rival, Harrow must perfect her skills and become an angel of undeath – but her health is failing, her sword makes her nauseous, and even her mind is threatening to betray her. Sealed in the gothic gloom of the Emperor's Mithraeum with three unfriendly teachers, hunted by the mad ghost of a murdered planet, Harrow must confront two unwelcome questions: is somebody trying to kill her? And if they succeeded, would the universe be better off? The second in the Locked Tomb quartet – following *Gideon the Ninth* (TP, \$29.99) – highly recommended and much loved by our regulars in hardcover!
Space fantasy TP \$34.99

Don't Move Murray, James S & Wearmouth, Darren

Megan Forrester has barely survived the unthinkable. Six months ago, she witnessed a horrific accident that killed her husband and son, and lives with the guilt of knowing she could have done more to save them. Now, Megan hopes to mend the pieces of her broken spirit by attending a local church group's annual camping trip. But the church group members – riddled with dark secrets of their own – make a catastrophic navigational mistake, leaving them stranded in an untouched canyon in the West Virginian national forest. Isolated from any chance of help or rescue, Megan and the others quickly realise why this side of the canyon has never been surveyed by humankind: it's home to a terrifying prehistoric arachnid that patiently stalks its prey through even the slightest movement or vibration in the forest. And it's desperate for a meal. Grief stricken, and haunted by her tragic loss, Megan now faces her ultimate test of endurance. Can she outwit a bloodthirsty creature hell-bent on ensuring that no one gets out alive? When a single wrong turn can mean death, she only has one option: *Don't Move*.

Horror TP \$37.95

The Symmetry of Stars Myers, Alex

Beyond the stars, two gods vie for rule of the world. One stands for Nature – the belief that everything is stamped in flesh from the start. The other, Nurture – the belief that all is potential, that the true self is coaxed out through love and living. And so, they take a bet. Each immortal selects a set of twins as their champions. The twins that prevail in contest will decide which immortal rules... In a westerly valley, a girl and boy are born to a noble family, to be raised by a mysterious teacher – ready to love and instruct them in everything, regardless of society's expectations... To the east, a woman washes ashore on an island inhabited only by a sorcerer. With her final breaths, she gives birth to twins. These two are raised with careful neglect by the sorcerer – surrounded not with love but with danger, magic and wildness. Society expects these children to become men and women. But the immortals care nothing for human norms and raise the twins according to their own ends. Which twins will prevail? What truly matters in determining who a person will become?

Fantasy TP \$29.99

The Whistling Netley, Rebecca

Alone in the world, Elspeth Swansome takes up the position of nanny on a remote Scottish island. Her charge, Mary, is distracted, secretive – and hasn't uttered a word since the death of her twin, William, just days after their former nanny disappeared. No one can say what happened to William. Just as no one can explain the lullabies sung in empty corridors. Nor the whistling that comes in the night... Winter draws in. Passage to the mainland becomes impossible. Elspeth finds herself trapped. But is this house haunted by the ghosts of the past? Or the secrets of the living...?

Ghost story TP \$32.99

Permafrost

collection

Norman, S J

Permafrost explores the shifting spaces of desire, loss and longing. Inverting and queering the gothic and romantic traditions, each story represents a different take on the concept of a haunting or the haunted. Though it ranges across themes and locations – from small-town Australia to Hokkaido to rural England – this collection is united by the power of the narratorial voice, with its auto-fictional resonances, dark wit, and swagger. Whether recounting the confusion of a child trying to decipher their father and stepmother's new relationship, the surrealness of an after-hours tour of Auschwitz, or a journey to wintry Japan to reconnect with a former lover, *Permafrost* unsettles, transports, and impresses in equal measure.

Gothic fantasy TP \$29.99

The Last Graduate

Scholomance 02

Novik, Naomi

The dark school of magic has always done its best to devour its students, but now that El has reached her final year – and somehow won herself a handful of allies along the way – it's suddenly developed a very particular craving... For her. As the savagery of the school ramps up, El is determined that she will not give in; not to the mals, not to fate, and especially not to the Scholomance. But as the spectre of graduation looms – the deadly final ritual that leaves few students alive – if she and her allies are to make it out, El will need to realise that sometimes winning the game means throwing out all the rules. 'The dark school of magic I have been waiting for' – *Katherine Arden*, author of *The Bear and the Nightingale*. Wry, witty, endlessly inventive, and mordantly funny – yet with a true depth and fierce justice at its heart – here is the sequel to *A Deadly Education* (PBK, \$19.99); one of our faves of the last year. Our customers think this new series is Novik's best, yet! Recommended.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

City of Iron and Dust Oakes, J P

The Iron City is a prison, a maze, an industrial blight. It is the result of a war that saw the goblins grind the fae beneath their collective boot heels. And tonight, it is also a city that churns with life. Tonight, a young fae is trying to make his fortune one drug deal

at a time; a goblin princess is searching for a path between her own dreams and others' expectations, her bodyguard is deciding who to kill first, an artist is hunting for his own voice, an old soldier is starting a new revolution, a young rebel is finding fresh ways to fight, and an old goblin is dreaming of reclaiming her power over them all. Tonight, all their stories are twisting together, wrapped up around a single bag of Dust – the only drug that can still fuel fae magic – and its fate and theirs will change the Iron City forever.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Open Door and Other Stories of the Seen and Unseen

collection

Oliphant, Margaret

Despite being a household name during the latter half of the 19th century, few today are aware of the thrilling tales of Margaret Oliphant, and yet they are ripe for rediscovery. From suspenseful hauntings to strange tales of afterlife and the emotional echoes of ghosts beyond simple frights, Oliphant's stories possess a unique style and nuanced voice to deliver stories thoroughly unnerving and unforgettable. This newly-edited collection features many of her 'Seen and Unseen' series – her most popular in her day – and rare tales, newly revived.

Classic horror PBK \$19.99

Little Thieves

Owen, Margaret

Once upon a time, there was a horrible girl...

Vanja Schmidt knows that no gift is freely given, not even a mother's love. The adopted goddaughter of Death and Fortune, Vanja has long made her own way in the world as the dutiful servant of Princess Gisele. Until a year ago, when her otherworldly mothers demanded payment for their care, and Vanja decided to steal her future back... by stealing Gisele's life. With the help of an enchanted string of pearls, Vanja transformed into her former mistress and took her place, leaving the real Gisele a penniless nobody. Now, Vanja leads a lonely but lucrative double life as princess and jewel thief, charming the nobility while emptying their coffers to fund her great escape. Until, one heist away from freedom, Vanja crosses the wrong god and is cursed to turn into jewels, stone by stone. With a feral guardian half-god, Gisele's sinister fiancé, and an overeager junior detective on her tail, Vanja has just two weeks to pull off her biggest grift yet, or she risks losing more than her freedom – she could lose her life. A delightfully irreverent retelling of 'The Goose Girl'.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

The Book of Form and Emptiness

Ozeki, Ruth

One year after the death of his beloved musician father, 13-year-old Benny Oh begins to hear voices. The voices belong to the things in his house – a sneaker, a broken Christmas ornament, a piece of wilted lettuce. Although Benny doesn't understand what these things are saying, he can sense their emotional tone; some are pleasant, a gentle hum or coo, but others are snide, angry and full of pain. When his mother,

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Annabelle, develops a hoarding problem, the voices grow more clamorous. At first, Benny tries to ignore them, but soon the voices follow him outside the house, onto the street and at school, driving him at last to seek refuge in the silence of a large public library, where objects are well behaved and know to speak in whispers. There, Benny discovers a strange new world. He falls in love with a mesmerising street artist with a smug pet ferret, who uses the library as her performance space. He meets a homeless philosopher-poet, who encourages him to ask important questions and find his own voice amongst the many. And he meets his very own Book – a talking thing – who narrates Benny's life, and teaches him to listen to the things that truly matter.

Magical realism TP \$32.99

Dark Rise

Dark Rise 01

Pacat, C S

The dark will rise. Who will fall? Who will stand? The ancient world of magic is no more. Its heroes are dead, its halls are ruins, and its great battles between Light and Dark are forgotten. Only the Stewards remember. For centuries they have kept vigil, sworn to protect humanity if the Dark King ever returns. Sixteen-year-old dock boy Will is on the run in London, pursued by the men who killed his mother. When an old servant urges him to seek out the Stewards, Will is ushered into a secret world, where he must train to fight for the Light in the oncoming war. As the Dark King's return looms, reborn warriors begin to draw battle lines. But when the young descendants of Light and Dark step into their destined roles, old allegiances, old enmities and old flames are awakened. Will must stand with the last heroes of the Light to prevent the calamity that destroyed their world from returning to destroy his own. The first book in a brilliant new trilogy from hugely-popular Australian author, C S Pacat.

YA fantasy TP \$19.99

Perhaps the Stars

Terra Ignota 04

Palmer, Ada

World Peace turns into global civil war. In the future, the leaders of Hive nations – nations without fixed location – clandestinely committed nefarious deeds in order to maintain an outward semblance of utopian stability. But the facade could only last so long. The comforts of effortless global travel and worldwide abundance may have tempered humanity's darkest inclinations, but conflict remains deeply rooted in the human psyche. All it needed was a catalyst, in form of special little boy to ignite half a millennium of repressed chaos. Now, war spreads throughout the globe, splintering old alliances and awakening sleeping enmities. All transportation systems are in ruins, causing the tyranny of distance to fracture a long-united Earth and threaten to obliterate everything the Hive system built. With the arch-criminal Mycroft nowhere to be found, his successor, Ninth Anonymous, must not only chronicle the discord of war, but attempt to restore order in a world spiralling closer to irreparable ruin. The fate of a broken society hangs in the balance. Is the key to salvation to remain Earth-bound... or, perhaps, to start anew throughout the far reaches of the

stars? The final book of the hugely-popular Hugo Award-shortlisted Terra Ignota series, which begins with *Too Like the Lightning* (PBK, \$19.99).

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Into the Dying Light

Age of Darkness 03

Pool, Katy Rose

Following the destruction of the City of Mercy, an ancient god has been resurrected and sealed inside Beru's body. Both are at the mercy of the Prophet Pallas, who wields the god's powers to subjugate the Six Prophetic Cities. But every day, the god grows stronger, threatening to break free and sow untold destruction. Meanwhile, far away from Pallas Athos, Anton learns to harness his full powers as a Prophet. Armed with the truth about how the original Prophets killed the god, Anton leads Jude, Hassan, and Ephyra on a desperate quest to the edge of the world. With time running out, the group's tenuous alliance is beset by mounting danger, tumultuous romance, and most of all by a secret that Anton is hiding: a way to destroy the god at the price of an unbearable sacrifice. But the cost of keeping that secret might be their lives – and the lives of everyone in the Six Prophetic Cities. Cities will fall, hearts will shatter, and a god will rise in the spectacular conclusion to the Age of Darkness trilogy; it begins with *There Will Come a Darkness* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$22.99

Hogfather

Discworld 20

Pratchett, Terry

'Twas the night before Hogswatch, and all through the house... something was missing. The stockings are hanging ready, the sherry and pies are waiting by the fireplace – but where is the jolly fat man with his sack? It's not right to find Death creeping down chimneys and trying to say, HO, HO, HO – but someone's got to bring the little kiddies their presents. Or else they might stop believing. Belief is important in Discworld, particularly, on the last night of the year when the time is turning. If the real man in the red suit isn't found by morning, there won't be a morning. Ever again... A festive feast of darkness, jolly robins, and tinsel. As they say: 'You'd better watch out...' The perfect stocking filler – Terry Pratchett's million-copy bestselling 'Christmas' novel – now, with a festive new cover and exclusive new introduction by Tony Robinson.

Discworld (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Somebody People

Resonant duology 02

Proehl, Bob

For years, Fahima Deeb has managed to maintain a fragile peace between Resonants – those with supernatural gifts – and baseliners. But the Black Rose Faction, a militaristic organisation of Resonants who are controlled by an increasingly unheeded Patrick Davenport, is undermining Fahima's diplomacy, pushing instead for a violent takeover of the United States. With nowhere to turn and few she can trust, Fahima must rely on uncertain allies: Carrie Norris, whose illusion of a normal life vanishes at Fahima's reappearance; Emmeline Hirsch, adrift ever

since Fahima untethered her from her ability to travel through time; and Clay Weaver, a retired soldier fighting to keep his husband and son out of the clutches of the Black Rose Faction. And if this group of unlikely heroes can't stand together, the world will surely fall apart. The sequel to *The Nobody People* (PBK, \$19.99).

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Lyra's Oxford

Pullman, Philip & Wormell, Chris (illustrator)

Two years after the events of His Dark Materials, Lyra and her daemon Pantalaimon sit high on the roof of Jordan College, gazing down on the streets of Oxford. But their peace is shattered by a flock of enraged starlings, who seem intent on knocking another bird out of the sky – a bird that Lyra and Pan quickly realise is a witch's daemon. The daemon carries worrying tidings of a terrible sickness spreading in the north, and claims that only Lyra can help him – but is he really friend, or foe? A full-colour beautiful gift edition of this magical story featuring Lyra and Pan, set in the world of Philip Pullman's groundbreaking His Dark Materials and The Book of Dust. Illustrated for the first time by Chris Wormell.

YA fantasy (reissue) HC \$27.99

The Residence

Pyper, Andrew

The year is 1853. President-elect Franklin Pierce is travelling with his family to Washington, DC, when tragedy strikes. In an instant, their train runs off the rails, violently flinging passengers about the cabin. But when the great iron machine finally comes to rest, the only casualty is the President-elect's beloved son, Bennie, which casts Franklin's presidency in a pal of sorrow and grief. As Franklin moves into the White House, he begins to notice that something bizarre is happening. Strange sounds coming from the walls and ceiling, creepy voices that seem to echo out of time itself, and visions of spirits crushed under the weight of American history. But when First Lady Jane Pierce brings in the most noted Spiritualists of the day, the Fox sisters, for a séance, the barrier between this world and the next is torn asunder. Something horrible comes through and takes up residence alongside Franklin and Jane in the walls of the very mansion itself. Only by overcoming their grief and confronting their darkest secrets can Jane and Franklin hope to rid themselves – and America – from the entity that seeks to make the White House its permanent home.

Historical horror TP \$37.95

Daughter of the Deep

Riordan, Rick

Ana Dakkar is a freshman at Harding-Pencroft Academy, training centre for the best marine scientists and underwater explorers in the world. When Ana embarks on the sea trials that mark the end of her freshman year, her life as she knows it is blown out of the water. She and her school mates witness a terrible tragedy and discover that Harding-Pencroft and their rival school Land Institute have been engaged in a deadly rivalry going back over one hundred and fifty years. With the rivalry turned up full broil,

Ana will be tested more than ever before...

An epic undersea adventure – featuring a brand-new female hero, and inspired by Jules Verne's *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

The Tower of Nero

Trials of Apollo 05

Riordan, Rick

It's time to face the final trial... The battle for Camp Jupiter is over. New Rome is safe. Tarquin and his army of the undead have been defeated. Somehow, Apollo has made it out alive, with a little bit of help from the Hunters of Artemis. But though the battle may have been won, the war is far from over. Now, Apollo and Meg must get ready for the final – and, let's face it, probably fatal – adventure. They must face the last emperor, the terrifying Nero, and destroy him once and for all. Can Apollo find his godly form again? Will Meg be able to face up to her troubled past? Destiny awaits...

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

The Awakening

Dragon Heart Legacy 01

Roberts, Nora

Breen Kelly had always been a rule follower. So, when her father left when she was twelve years old, promising to return, she waited. Now, more than a decade later, she's working at a job she hates and is tired of the life that playing by the rules has dealt her. It's time to make a change. Breen makes a leap into the unknown with a summer trip to Ireland – her father's homeland. Little does she know how much of a leap until a walk in the woods leads her through a portal into another world – Talamh – where Breen will find magic, family and a destiny she could never have dreamed of. The bestselling author returns, with the first in a brand-new trilogy where parallel worlds clash over the struggle between good and evil. The first in a new series.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

Flowers for the Sea

novella

Rocklyn, Zin E

We are a people who do not forget. Survivors from a flooded kingdom struggle alone on an ark. Resources are scant, and ravenous beasts circle. Their fangs are sharp. Among the refugees is Iraxi: ostracised, despised, and a commoner who refused a prince, she's pregnant with a child that might be more than human. Her fate may be darker and more powerful than she can imagine. An extraordinary debut is a lush, gothic fantasy about the prices we pay and the vengeance we seek. A 112pp, Tor.com novella. We expect to have this edition – slightly less expensive – through an Australian publisher in mid-January.

Dark fantasy TP \$30.95

The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy 2021

anthology

Roth, Veronica

& Adams, John Joseph (editors)

This year's selection of science fiction and fantasy stories, chosen by series editor John Joseph Adams and bestselling author

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Veronica Roth, showcases a crop of authors that are willing to experiment and tantalise readers with new takes on classic themes and by exchanging the ordinary for the *avant garde*. Folktales and lore come alive, the dead rise, the depths of space are traversed, and magic threads itself through singular moments of love and loss, illuminating the circulatory nature of life, death, the in-between, and the hereafter. *The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy 2021* captures the all-too-real cataclysm of human nature, claiming its place in the series with compelling prose, lyrical composition, and curiosity's never-ending pursuit of discovering the unknown.

Speculative fiction TP \$37.95

The Christmas Pig Rowling, J K & Field, Jim (illustrator)

One boy and his toy are about to change everything... Jack loves his childhood toy, Dur Pig. DP has always been there for him, through good and bad. Until one Christmas Eve, something terrible happens – DP is lost. But Christmas Eve is a night for miracles and lost causes, a night when all things can come to life... even toys. And Jack's newest toy – the Christmas Pig (DP's annoying replacement) – has a daring plan: Together they'll embark on a magical journey to seek something lost, and to save the best friend Jack has ever known... A heart-warming, page-turning adventure about one child's love for his most treasured thing, and how far he will go to find it. A tale for the whole family to fall in love with, from one of the world's greatest storytellers. A gorgeously gifted hardback, with full-colour jacket and featuring nine black and white spreads and decorative inside art from renowned illustrator, Jim Field.

Children's fantasy HC \$39.99

A Magical Year: the Illustrations of Jim Kay Rowling, J K & Kay, Jim (illustrator)

A Magical Year takes readers on an unforgettable journey through the seasons at Hogwarts. Jim Kay's incredible illustrations, paired with much loved quotations from J K Rowling's Harry Potter novels, bring to life all of the magic, beauty, and wonder of the wizarding world. This is an irresistible gift book for anyone who has ever been captivated by the Boy Who Lived. Each day features a favourite anniversary or meaningful memory from the Harry Potter novels. All around, Jim Kay's scenic artwork and decorative painter's marks bring that moment to life in breathtaking detail. His unique interpretation is both captivating and transporting – picture frozen icicles glinting on the snowy towers of Hogwarts, the dancing eyes of Professor Albus Dumbledore, or the infectious hustle and bustle of Diagon Alley. Inside, a selection of his most iconic illustrations are joined by previously unseen pencil sketches and preparatory pieces, offering a unique and fascinating insight into the artist's sketchbook. Jim Kay's dazzling depiction of the wizarding world has been enchanting readers since the publication of the ground-breaking illustrated edition of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, in 2015. Now, as he continues to illustrate the

stories, both lifelong fans and new readers can explore that world further. The Kate Greenaway Medal winner's bewitching character studies, sweeping landscapes and beautifully observed pencil details reveal the skill and process of an artist working at the peak of his powers. This is the perfect gift to give at birthdays and Christmas, to share at bedtime or to make a friend smile. *A Magical Year* brings together Harry, Ron, Hermione, and a host of other beloved characters in a glorious, illustrated compendium that readers everywhere will cherish for years to come.

Harry Potter HC \$45.00

The Freedom Race Roy, Lucinda

The second Civil War, the Sequel, came and went in the United States leaving radiation, sickness, and fractures too deep to mend. One faction, the Homestead Territories, dealt with the devastation by recruiting immigrants from Africa and beginning a new slave trade while the other two factions stood by and watched. Ji-ji Lottermule was bred and raised in captivity on one of the plantations in the Homestead Territories of the Disunited States to serve and breed more 'mulesseeds'. There is only one way out – the annual Freedom Race. First prize, freedom. An underground movement has plans to free Ji-ji, who unknowingly holds the key to breaking the grip of the Territories. However, before she can begin to free them all, Ji-ji must unravel the very real voices of the dead.

Science fiction HC \$54.99

The Resurrection of Fulgencio Ramirez Ruiz, Rudy

In the 1950s, tensions remain high in the border town of La Frontera. Penny loafers and sneakers clash with boots and huaraches. Bowling shirts and leather jackets compete with guayaberas. Convertibles fend with motorcycles. Yet, amidst the discord, young love blooms at first sight between Fulgencio Ramirez, the son of impoverished immigrants, and Carolina Mendelssohn, the local pharmacist's daughter. But as they'll soon find out, their bonds will be undone by a force more powerful than they could have known. Thirty years after their first fateful encounter, Fulgencio Ramirez, RPh, is conducting his daily ritual of reading the local obituaries in his cramped pharmacy office. After nearly a quarter of a century of waiting, Fulgencio sees the news he's been hoping for: his nemesis, the husband of Carolina Mendelssohn, has died.

Magical realism TP \$37.95

Mile High with a Vampire Argeneau 33

Sands, Lynsay
Jet Lassiter likes being a pilot for Argeneau Inc. Perks include travelling to exotic locations and meeting interesting people, even if they are the blood-sucking kind. He's living the good life, until his plane goes down in the mountains and four of his passengers are gravely injured. They need blood to heal... and Jet is the only source. Quinn Peters never wanted to be immortal. Once a renowned heart surgeon, she was turned against her will and now she has to drink blood to survive. Before she can ask

how her 'life' can get any worse, she's in a plane crash. One of the few survivors, Quinn is desperate to get the mortal pilot to safety before her fellow immortals succumb to their blood lust and drain Jet dry. But hungry vampires are the least of their worries – the crash wasn't an accident, and someone is trying to kill Quinn. Will she and Jet find their happily ever after as life mates, or will her assassin find her first?

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

The Watchers Shine, A M

This forest isn't charted on any map. Every car breaks down at its tree line. Mina's is no different. Left stranded, she is forced into the dark woodland only to find a woman shouting, urging Mina to run to a concrete bunker. As the door slams behind her, the building is besieged by screams. Mina finds herself in a room with a wall of glass, and an electric light that activates at nightfall, when the Watchers come above ground. These creatures emerge to observe their captive humans and terrible things happen to anyone who doesn't reach the bunker in time. Afraid and trapped among strangers, Mina is desperate for answers. Who are the Watchers and why are these creatures keeping them imprisoned, keen to watch their every move?

Horror TP \$32.99

Needle in a Timestack collection

Silverberg, Robert

In the titular story, a jealous ex-husband warps time in a vindictive attempt to destroy his former wife's new marriage. Thirty-one identical sons have a shocking surprise for their mother in 'There Was an Old Woman'. The prophetic 'The Pain Peddlers' depicts reality TV in a way that allows viewers to revel in a voyeuristic, adrenaline-fuelled rush. Also included are Silverberg's Hugo Award-winning 'Enter a Soldier. Later: Enter Another', and the Locust Award winner 'The Secret Sharer', a Joseph Conrad-inspired tale of a ship captain drawn into a strange alliance with a stowaway. *Needle in a Timestack* is Robert Silverberg at his very best – intelligent, inventive, and visionary. This collection showcases his talent for thought-provoking science fiction, ranging in themes from time travel to space travel, the media to mortality.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

Dusty Zebra and Other Stories

Complete Short Fiction of Clifford D Simak 11
Simak, Clifford D
The long and prolific career of Clifford D Simak cemented him as one of the formative voices of the science fiction and fantasy genre. The third writer to be named a Grand Master by the Science Fiction Writers of America, his literary legacy stands alongside those of Robert A Heinlein and Ray Bradbury. This striking collection of nine tales showcases Simak's ability to take the everyday and turn it into something truly compelling, taking readers on a long journey in a very short time.

Science fiction TP \$55.00

The Last Woman in the World Simpson, Inga

After the fires. After the virus. They came. It's night, and the walls of Rachel's home creak as they settle into the cover of darkness. Fear has led her to a reclusive life on the land, her only occasional contact with her sister. A hammering on the door. There stands a mother, Hannah, with a sick baby. They are running for their lives from a mysterious death sweeping the Australian countryside. Now, Rachel must face her worst fears: should she take up the fight to help these strangers survive in a society she has rejected for so long? *'The Last Woman in the World* is a novel of fear, fire and an uncertain future. A powerful narrative in Inga Simpson's unique voice. Horrifying, yet humane and ultimately hopeful – a masterwork' – *Angela Slatter*, World Fantasy Award-winning author of *The Bitterwood Bible*.

Post-apocalypse TP \$32.99

Trailer Park Trickster

Adam Binder O2

Slayton, David R

Returning to Guthrie, Oklahoma, for the funeral of his mysterious and beloved aunt Sue, Adam Binder once again finds himself in the path of deadly magic when a dark druid begins to prey on members of Adam's family. It all seems linked to the death of Adam's father many years ago – a man who may have somehow survived as a warlock. Watched by the police, separated from the man who may be the love of his life, compelled to seek the truth about his connection to the druid, Adam learns more about his family and its troubled history than he ever bargained for, and finally comes face to face with the warlock he has vowed to stop. Meanwhile, beyond the Veil of the mortal world, Argent the Queen of Swords and Vic the Reaper undertake a dangerous journey to a secret meeting of the Council of Races... where the sea elves are calling for the destruction of humanity. The sequel to *White Trash Warlock* (TP, \$35.95).

Urban fantasy TP \$35.95

Sorrowland Solomon, Rivers

Vern, a Black woman with albinism, is hunted after escaping a religious compound, then she discovers that her body is changing and that she is developing extrasensory powers. Alone in the woods, she gives birth to twins and raises them away from the influence of the outside world. But something is wrong – not with them, but with her own body. It's itching, it's stronger, it's... not normal. To understand her body's metamorphosis, Vern must investigate not just the secluded religious compound she fled but the violent history of dehumanisation, medical experimentation, and genocide that produced it. In the course of reclaiming her own darkness, Vern learns that monsters aren't just individuals, but entire histories, systems, and nations. A genre-bending work of gothic fiction that wrestles with the tangled history of racism in America and the marginalisation of society's undesirables.

Gothic fantasy TP \$32.99

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Animal Wrongs

Spotte, Stephen

A wild tale of opposing attorneys battling to defend or prosecute accused animals – including a rat and a pig – facing penalties of being hanged or burned alive at the stake. Courtrooms were packed with cheering and heckling spectators in ever-more opaque, convoluted, and dilatory trials. Exploring still-relevant theories on legal precedent, the church versus the state, mankind's place in nature, and animal rights.

Absurdism TP \$35.95

The White Hart

Book of Isle 01, reissue

Springer, Nancy

Welcome to Isle, a land of fantasy that existed long before there were such things. Surrounded by vast oceans and dotted with thick forests, Isle was a land in which all beings lived together. There were gods and ghosts dwelling with the Old Ones, the wise ancient ancestors. During this period, the Book of Suns began its life, though little was known about its contents. The mighty marriage between Sun and Moon begins an adventure never seen before. A reissue.

Historical fantasy (reissue) TP \$37.95

The Silver Sun

Book of Isle 02, reissue

Springer, Nancy

In the Kingdom of Isle, where the Sun Kings reign with the power of the Book of the Suns, Hal and Alan are given a mission. They must use the ancient strength of wisdom to destroy the evil that plagues the kingdom. The two blood brothers venture throughout the land fighting the many forms that this evil takes so they can arrive at their destiny. A reissue.

Historical fantasy (reissue) TP \$55.00

The Sable Moon

Book of Isle 03, reissue

Springer, Nancy

The life of young Prince Trevyn of Isle changes forever on the day a mysterious boy named Gwern is welcomed without question into the family's castle. Stubborn and resentful of the unwanted intrusion, the errant teenage prince abandons his home and soon finds himself both in love and in jeopardy. Enraptured by the village girl Meg, he incurs the wrath of Wael, a powerful warlock, by saving the lady of his heart and her people from certain destruction. But young Trevyn's trials have only just begun. Lured across the seas by his vengeful foe, he is captured and enslaved, and must somehow find his way to freedom. For the unprotected Isle is now at Wael's mercy, and love will surely die if the boy-prince cannot return to the realm as its champion. A reissue.

Historical fantasy (reissue) TP \$49.95

The Black Beast

Book of Isle 04, reissue

Springer, Nancy

The next in line to rule the troubled realm of Melior, Prince Tirell gave his heart to the gentle and beautiful peasant girl Mylitta. But she died at the cruel whim of Tirell's father, the king, who insists on a more politically expedient match for his rebellious son. Since the murder of his love, Tirell's

heart has hardened, and now, with the aid of his younger brother, Frain, the healer, he seeks an army that will help him defeat the evil, unrepentant monarch. All hope for victory in the war to come awaits the brothers somewhere deep in the mysteries of the Vale, where a beautiful goddess also dwells. But a sinister presence is spreading its malevolence throughout the land – and Melior can never again be truly whole until the kingdom is rid of the terrible scourge of the Black Beast. A reissue.

Historical fantasy (reissue) TP \$41.95

The Golden Swan

Book of Isle 05, reissue

Springer, Nancy

When Prince Dair was a small child and still in wolf form, he saw his future in the loom of Ylim, the weaving seeress as old as the world. It was prophesied that he, the changeling son of King Trevyn of Isle, would travel far from his home and his loved ones, carrying his magic to the mainland. For the first time, Dair saw the golden swan, and the face of the stranger to whom he was eternally linked, the wanderer called Frain. But this mysterious youth who can feel everything Dair feels – his emotions, his anxieties, his pain – bears an obligation to a lost love and a curse of dark enchantment. Still, the bond that unites Dair and Frain is stronger than iron, and in their mystical union rests the fate of a troubled land. A reissue.

Historical fantasy (reissue) TP \$39.95

Wonderland

Stage, Zoje

After years of city life, Orla and Shaw Bennett are ready for the quiet of New York's Adirondack mountains – or at least, they think they are. Settling into the perfect farmhouse with their two children, they are both charmed and unsettled by the expanse of their land, the privacy of their individual bedrooms, and the isolation of life a mile from any neighbour. But none of the Bennetts could expect what lies waiting in the woods, where secrets run dark and deep. When something begins to call to the family – from under the earth, beneath the trees, and within their minds – Orla realises she might be the only one who can save them... if she can find out what this force wants before it's too late.

Horror PBK \$22.99

The Death of Jane Lawrence

Starling, Caitlin

Practical, unassuming Jane Shoringfield has done the calculations, and decided that the most secure path forward is this: a husband, in a marriage of convenience, who will allow her to remain independent and occupied with meaningful work. Her first choice, the dashing but reclusive doctor Augustine Lawrence, agrees to her proposal with only one condition: that she must never visit Lindridge Hall, his crumbling family manor outside of town. Yet, on their wedding night, an accident strands her at his door in a pitch-black rainstorm, and she finds him changed. Gone is the bold, courageous surgeon, and in his place is a terrified, paranoid man – one who cannot tell reality from nightmare, and fears Jane is an apparition, come to haunt him. By morning, Augustine is himself again,

but Jane knows something is deeply wrong at Lindridge Hall, and with the man to whom she has so hastily bound her safety.

Gothic fantasy HC \$57.95

The Empire's Ruin

Ashes of the Unhewn 01

Staveley, Brian

One soldier will bear the hopes of an empire... The Ketrals were the glory and despair of the Annurian Empire – elite soldiers who rode war hawks into battle. Now, the Ketrals' numbers have dwindled and the great empire is dying. Its grip is further weakened by the failure of the kenta gates, which granted instantaneous access to its vast lands. To restore the Ketrals, one of its soldiers is given a mission. Gwenna Sharpe must voyage beyond the edge of the known world, to the mythical nesting grounds of the giant war hawks. The journey will take her through a land that warps and poisons all living things. Yet, if she succeeds, she could return a champion, rebuild the Ketrals to their former numbers – and help save the empire. The gates are also essential to the empire's survival, and a monk turned con-artist may hold the key to unlocking them. What they discover will change them and the Annurian Empire forever – if they survive. For deep within the southern reaches of the land, a malevolent force is stirring... The first in a new series, set in the same world as the Chronicle of the Unhewn Throne.

Fantasy HC \$39.99

Set My Heart to Five

Stephenson, Simon

One day at a screening of a classic movie, Jared notices a strange sensation around his eyes. Bots are not permitted to have feelings, but as the theatre lights come on, he discovers he is crying. Soon, overwhelmed by powerful emotions, Jared heads west, determined to find others like himself. But a bot with feelings is a dangerous proposition, and Jared's new life could come to an end before it truly begins. Unless, that is, he can somehow change the world for himself and all of his kind. Set in a 2054 where humans have locked themselves out of the internet, and Elon Musk has incinerated the moon, here is a hilarious yet profoundly moving story of one android's emotional awakening; uproarious, inventive, and utterly original, it is a love letter to outsiders, everywhere.

Humorous sf PBK \$22.99

Invisible Sun

Empire Games trilogy 03

Stross, Charles

The American Commonwealth is caught in a deadly arms race with the USA, its parallel-world rival. And the USA's technology is decades ahead. Yet, the Commonwealth might self-combust, first – for its leader has just died, leaving a crippling power vacuum. Minister Miriam Burgeson must face allegations of treason without his support, in a power grab by her oldest adversary. However, all factions soon confront a far greater danger... In their drive to explore other timelines, hi-tech USA awakened an alien threat. This force destroyed humanity on one version of earth. And if the two superpowers don't take action, it will do the same to them.

Invisible Sun follows *Empire Games* and *Dark State* (PBK, \$19.99 each). This trilogy is set in the same dangerous parallel world as Charles Stross' Merchant Princes sequence.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Saving Time

Time Police 03

Taylor, Jodi

Life is good for Team Weird, now heroes and fully fledged Time Police officers. Luke can't wait to bear arms. Jane has a date. And Matthew still hasn't had his hair cut. But Time waits for no one... and neither do criminal masterminds. A major threat to the Timeline is looming, one far deadlier than mere idiots who want to change history. And when a familiar face becomes a Very Important Lead, will conflicting family loyalties spell trouble for Team Weird? One missing. One guilt ridden. And one facing the end of their Time Police career before it's even begun. Not so good then, after all. This spin-off series from the Chronicles of St Mary's is perfect for fans of *Doctor Who*, *The Thursday Murder Club*, and Jasper Fforde.

Time travel TP \$32.99

Bear Head

Dogs of War 02

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

Welcome to Hell City, Mars... Jimmy Martin has a sore head. He's used to smuggling illegal data in his headspace. But, this is the first time, it has started talking to him. The data claims to be a distinguished academic, author and civil rights activist. It also claims to be a bear. A bear named Honey. Jimmy has nothing against bioforms – he's one himself, albeit one engineered out of human stock – and works with them every day in Hell City, building the future, staking mankind's claim to a new world: Mars. The problem is that humanity isn't the only entity with designs on the Red Planet. Out in the airless desert there is another presence. A novel intelligence, elusive, unknowable and potentially lethal. And Honey is here to make contact with it, whether Jimmy likes it or not. A sequel to *Dogs of War* (PBK, \$19.99), now in paperback.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

The Scarab Path

Shadows of the Apt 05

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

The war with the Wasp Empire has ended in a bitter stalemate, and Collegium has nothing to show for it but wounded veterans. Cheerwell Maker finds herself crippled in ways no doctor can mend, haunted by ghosts of the past that she cannot appease, seeking for meaning in a city that no longer seems like home. The Empress Seda is regaining control over those imperial cities who refused to bow the knee to her, but she draws her power from something more sinister than mere armies and war machines. Only her consort, the former spymaster Thalic, knows the truth, and now the assassins are coming and he finds his life and his loyalties under threat yet again. Out past the desert of the Nem the ancient city of Khanaphes awaits them both, with a terrible secret entombed beneath its stones... A reissue, with lovely new cover art.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

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The Sea Watch

Shadows of the Apt 06

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

Danger lurks beneath dark waters...

A shadow is falling over Collegium. Despite the tenuous peace, Stenwold Maker knows that the Empire will return for his city. Even as he tries to prepare for the resurgence of the black and gold army, a hidden threat is working against his people. Ships that sail from Collegium's harbour are being attacked, sunk by pirates. Some just go missing... Lulled by the spread of lies and false promises, Stenwold's allies are falling away. He faces betrayal on every side, and the Empire is just waiting for the first sign of weakness to strike. But they are not the only power that has its eyes on Collegium. And even with all their military strength and technology, they may not be powerful enough to stave off the forces massing in the darkness. A reissue, with lovely new cover art. Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Heirs of the Blade

Shadows of the Apt 07

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

The greatest foe is the enemy within...

Tynisa is on the run, but she cannot escape the demons of her own mind. Amidst the fragmenting provinces of the Dragonfly Commonweal, her past will at last catch up with her. Her father's ghost is hunting her down. At the same time, the Wasp Empire seeks to conquer the city of Khanaphes, the fallen jewel of the ancient world. While Empress Seda's soldiers seek only conquest and prestige, she sees herself as the heir to all the old powers of history, and has her eyes on a far greater prize. A reissue, with lovely new cover art. Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Hood

Anti-Matter of Britain quartet 02

Tidhar, Lavie

God bless you, England, on this glorious Year of Our Lord, 1145. Don't cross the Templars. Everybody knows that. But Will Scarlett, back from the crusades, hopped up on khat and cider, did. Stabbed thrice in the belly but somehow still alive, he's heading home to Nottingham. And things are not right in Nottingham. It's the wood, you see. Sherwood. Ice-age ancient, impenetrable, hiding a dark and secret heart. As the ancient sages say, *If you go into the woods today, you may not come out tomorrow, and the person who comes out may not be you...* A narcotic remix of an ancient English myth, a tale knotted from legends lost to time, shredded and restitched for each passing century. A tale for today. The follow-up to the first in Tidhar's quartet of English myth retold, *By Force Alone* (PBK, \$22.99). Hoodian fantasy TP \$32.99

Skunk and Badger

Skunk & Badger 01

Timberlake, Amy

& Klassen, Jon (illustrator)

No one wants a skunk. They are unwelcome on front stoops. They should not linger in Rock Rooms. Skunks should never, ever be

allowed to move in. But Skunk is Badger's new roommate, and there is nothing Badger, who prefers to be left alone to do Important Rock Work, can do about it. Skunk ploughs into Badger's life, and Badger's life is upended. Tails are flipped. The wrong animal is sprayed. And, why, oh, why, are there so many chickens? When friendly, free-spirited Skunk moves in with solitary rock-scientist Badger, both are forever changed in this whimsical, emotionally rich story from Newbery Honour author Amy Timberlake, illustrated in full-colour and black-and-white pictures by Caldecott Medallist Jon Klassen (*I Want My Hat Back, Pax*). Children's fantasy HC \$22.99

Egg Marks the Spot

Skunk & Badger 02

Timberlake, Amy

& Klassen, Jon (illustrator)

Buried in the heart of every animal is a secret treasure. For rock scientist Badger, it's the Spider Eye Agate he found as a cub, stolen years ago by his crafty cousin, Fisher. For Badger's roommate, Skunk, the treasure is Sundays with the New York Times Book Review. When an old acquaintance, Mr G Hedgehog, announces his plan to come for the Book Review as soon as it thumps on the doorstep, Skunk decides an adventure will solve Badger's problems as well as his own. Surprisingly, Badger agrees. Together they set off on an agate-finding expedition at Badger's favourite spot, on Endless Lake. But all is not as it seems at Campsite #5. Fisher appears unexpectedly. Then a chicken arrives who seems intent on staying. Something is up! Indeed! Secrets, betrayals, lies... and a luminous, late-Jurassic prize. Roommates Skunk and Badger head out on a rock-finding expedition that becomes much more dangerous than they ever expected in this second book of the odd-couple series that has been compared to *Wallace and Gromit* and *Winnie-the-Pooh*. Newbery Honour author Amy Timberlake has created an instant classic with illustrations by Caldecott Medallist Jon Klassen (*I Want My Hat Back, Pax*). Children's fantasy HC \$22.99

The Past Is Red

novella

Valente, Catherynne M

Sophia was made for him. Her perfect husband. She can feel it in her bones. He is perfect. Their home together in Arcadia Gardens is perfect. Everything is perfect. It's just that he's away so much. So often. He works so hard. She misses him. And he misses her. He says he does, so it must be true. He is the perfect husband, and everything is perfect. But sometimes Sophia wonders about things. Strange things. Dark things. The look on her husband's face when he comes back from a long business trip. The questions he will not answer. The locked basement she is never allowed to enter. And whenever she asks the neighbours, they can't quite meet her gaze... But everything is perfect. Isn't it? A 160pp, Tor.com novella. We expect to have this edition – slightly less expensive – through an Australian publisher in mid-January. Satirical post-apocalypse HC \$45.99

I Hold a Wolf by the Ears: Stories

collection

van den Berg, Laura

A world of wholly original, sideways ghost stories that linger in the mouth and mind like rotten, fragrant fruit. Both timeless and urgent, these eleven stories confront misogyny, violence, and the impossible economics of America with van den Berg's trademark spiky humour and surreal eye. Moving from the peculiarities of Florida to liminal spaces of travel in Mexico City, Sicily, and Spain, *I Hold a Wolf by the Ears* is uncannily attuned to our current moment, and to the thoughts we reveal to no one but ourselves. In 'Lizards', a man mutes his wife's anxieties by giving her a La Croix-like seltzer laced with sedatives. In the title story, a woman poses as her more successful sister during a botched Italian holiday, a choice that brings about strange and violent consequences, while in 'Karolina', a woman discovers her prickly ex-sister-in-law in the aftermath of an earthquake and is forced to face the truth about her violent brother. *I Hold a Wolf by the Ears* presents a collection of women on the verge, trying to grasp what's left of life: grieving, divorced, and hyperaware, searching, vulnerable, and unhinged, they exist in a world that deviates from our own only when you look too closely. With remarkable control and transcendent talent, van den Berg dissolves, in the words of the narrator of 'Slumberland', 'that border between magic and annihilation', and further establishes herself as a defining fiction writer of our time. Ghost stories TP \$34.99

The Justice in Revenge

Fall of the Gods 02

Van Loan, Ryan

The island nation of Servenza is a land of flint and steel, sail and gearwork, of gods both Dead and sleeping. It is a society where the wealthy few rule the impoverished many. Determined to change that, former street-rat Buc, along with Eld, the ex-soldier who has been her partner in crime solving, have claimed seats on the board of the powerful Kanados Trading Company. Buc plans to destroy the nobility from within – which is much harder than she expected. Stymied by boardroom politics and dodging mages at every turn, Buc and Eld find a potential patron in the Doga, ruler of Servenza. The deal: by the night of the Masquerade, unmask whoever has been attempting to assassinate the Doga, thereby earning her support in the halls of power. Blow the deadline and she'll have them deported to opposite ends of the world. Armed with Eld's razor-sharp sword and Buc's even sharper intellect, the dynamic duo hit the streets just as the shadow religious conflict between the Gods begins to break into open warfare. Those closest to Buc and Eld begin turning up with their throats slit amid rumours that a hidden mastermind is behind everything that's going wrong in Servenza. Facing wrathful gods, hostile nobles, and a secret enemy bent on revenge, Buc and Eld will need every trick in their arsenal to survive. Luckily, extra blades aren't the only things Buc has hidden up her sleeves. The sequel to *The Sin in the Steel* (TP, \$32.99). Fantasy HC \$54.99

Lower Unveiled

Black Dagger Brotherhood

Ward, J R

Meet Sahvage: a powerful MMA fighter with a buried secret that could change the world of Caldwell forever... Sahvage has been living under the radar for centuries – and he has every intention of staying 'dead and buried'. But when a civilian female sucks him into her dangerous battle with an evil as ancient as time, his protective side overrides his common sense. Mae has lost everything, and desperation sets her on a collision course with fate. Determined to reverse a tragedy, she goes where mortals should fear to tread – and comes face to face with the Brotherhood's new enemy. She also discovers a love she never expected to find with Sahvage, but there can be no future for them. Knowing they will part, the two band together to fight against what Mae unknowingly unleashed – as the Brotherhood closes in to reclaim one of their damned, and the evil vows to destroy them all... Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

The Keepers of Metsan Valo

Webb, Wendy

In Metsan Valo, her family home on Lake Superior, Anni Halla's beloved grandmother has died. Among her fond memories, what Anni remembers most vividly is her grandmother's eerie yet enchanting storytelling. By firelight she spun tall tales of spirits in the nearby forest and waters who could heal – or harm – on a whim. But, of course, those were only stories... The reading of the will now occasions a family reunion. Anni and her twin brother, their almost otherworldly mother, and relatives Anni hasn't seen in forever – some with good reason – are all brought back together under one roof that strains to hold all their tension. But it's not just Anni's family who is unsettled. Whispers wind through the woods. Laughter bursts from bubbling streams. Raps from unseen hands rupture on the walls. Fireflies swarm and nightmares stir. With each odd occurrence, Anni fears that her return has invited less a welcoming and more a warning. When another tragedy strikes near home, Anni must dive headfirst into the mysterious happenings to discover the truth about her home, her family, and the wooded island's ancient lore. Plunging into the past may be the only way to save her family from whatever bedevils Metsan Valo. Gothic fantasy TP \$24.99

To End in Fire

Crown of Slaves 04

Weber, David & Flint, Eric

The Solarian League lies in defeat, crushed by the Grand Alliance of Manticore, Haven, and Grayson. Obedient to the Alliance's surrender demands, the League is writing a new Constitution, to prevent the re-emergence of out-of-control bureaucrats, like the 'Mandarins' who led it to disaster. Frontier Security has been disbanded, the Outworlds' have regained control of their own economic destinies, and multiple star systems will soon secede from the League entirely. Yet, the League is – and will remain – the largest, most economically powerful human star nation in existence, and despite the overwhelming evidence that their unelected political leaders were the driving force behind

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the war, many League citizens deeply resent the fashion in which their star nation – the Solarian League – has been humbled. And those who most resent the Grand Alliance continue to blame Manticores for the nuclear bombardment of the planet Mesa after its surrender. They refuse to accept that the League – and the members of the Grand Alliance – could have been manipulated by a deeply hidden interstellar conspiracy called the Mesan Alignment. The Alignment is only an invention of the Grand Alliance, no more than a mask, a cover, for its own horrific Eridani Violations. Those Solarians will never accept the ‘war guilt’ of the League, because they know the Grand Alliance was just as bad. Because they deeply resent the way in which the Grand Alliance pretends to be the innocent ‘good guys’. And, in the fullness of time, those Solarians will seek vengeance upon their enemies. Not all Solarians feel that way, but even some of those who accept that there was an interstellar conspiracy cherish doubts about its origins. But it is still out there, and now defeated Solarians and agents of the victorious Alliance must join forces to find it. Even if they don’t believe in it, it believes in them. They must find it and identify it, to prove to revanchist Solarians that there was a conspiracy. And they must find it and destroy it to end its evil – once and for all! The sequel to *Cauldron of Ghosts* (PBK, \$25.95).

Space opera HC \$55.00

The Hidden Palace

Golem & Jinni 02

Wecker, Helene

Chava is a golem, a woman made of clay, who can hear the thoughts and longings of those around her and feels compelled by her nature to help them. Ahmad is a jinni, a restless creature of fire, once free to roam

the desert but now imprisoned in the shape of a man. Fearing they’ll be exposed as monsters, these magical beings hide their true selves and try to pass as human – just two more immigrants in the bustling world of 1900s’ Manhattan. Brought together under calamitous circumstances, their lives are now entwined – but they’re not yet certain of what they mean to each other. Both Chava and Ahmad have changed the lives of the people around them. Park Avenue heiress Sophia Winston, whose brief encounter with Ahmad left her with a strange illness that makes her shiver with cold, travels to the Middle East to seek a cure. There she meets Dima, a tempestuous female jinni who’s been banished from her tribe. Back in New York, in a tenement on the Lower East Side, a little girl named Kreindel helps her rabbi father build a golem they name Yossele – not knowing that she’s about to be sent to an orphanage uptown, where the hulking Yossele will become her only friend and protector. Can Chava and Ahmad find their places in the human world, while remaining true to each other? Or will their opposing natures and desires eventually tear them apart – especially, once they encounter, thrillingly, other beings like themselves? The long-awaited follow-up to *The Golem and the Jinni* (PBK, \$17.99) – the best fantasy of 2013.

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$32.99

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

Collins Classics

Weston, Jessie (translator)

A green horse great and tall;

A steed full stiff to guide,

In broidered bridle all

He worthily bestrides...

Dating from around 1400, and composed by an anonymous writer, *Sir Gawain and*

the Green Knight was first translated and published almost 200 years ago. Its epic nature has not been dimmed by time: the classic story of a knight on a green steed challenging Sir Gawain to a monumental wager, it is a strange tale full of decapitations, seduction and magic. Recently brought to the big screen, *Sir Gawain* is one of the earliest great stories of English literature.

Medieval poetry PBK \$9.99

Blood of the Chosen

Burningblade & Silvereye 02

Wexler, Django

Deep below the Gap, Gyre Silvereye discovered a city, hidden far from human eyes. There, the ghouls have dwelt for four hundred years in hibernation, awaiting the moment to wreak their vengeance on the Dawn Republic. With their help, Gyre can finally see a way to overthrow the all-powerful Twilight Order. But the ghouls do not give their trust easily, and Gyre will need to secure the alliance of the human rebels to the south if they are to even stand a chance. And uniting the two won’t be simple. His sister Maya still fights for the Order. But after recent events, she is no longer certain where her loyalties lie. Chasing the origins of a mysterious artefact to a long-lost library, she just might find the truth – whether she is ready for it or not. The sequel to the first in Wexler’s new series, *Ashes of the Sun* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Lady’s Ransom

First Argentines 03

Wheeler, Jeff

Ransom Barton and his wife, Claire de Murrow, have arrived in Legault to reclaim the title that was Claire’s birthright. Claire intends to rebuild a war-ravaged palace

to its former glory and to teach Ransom about the magical history of their new home. But when Ransom is summoned to return to King Benedict, his loyalty to Claire is tested. Fealty prevails, however questionable the king’s motives. The ambitious Benedict, who controls his late father’s dominion, must prove his might. The warriors of the East Kingdoms have disrupted the trade routes, weakening every kingdom in their path. Benedict’s plan is to fend off a coming war through strategic alliances. But it’s Ransom’s post to keep the king’s allies – as well as his poisonous enemies – in line, even as Benedict’s defence may be inviting further chaos. As the king’s power grows and Ransom’s rise in the council is secured, a shadowy conspiracy threatens to destroy everything Ransom has worked to build. Now, torn between allegiance to the woman he loves and duty to king and country, which will Ransom choose? The first in this series is *Knight’s Ransom* (TP, \$24.99).

Historical fantasy TP \$24.99

Iron Widow

Zhao, Xiran Jay

The boys of Huaxia dream of the celebrity status that comes with piloting Chrysalises – giant transforming robots that battle the aliens beyond the Great Wall. No one cares that their female co-pilots must serve as concubines and sacrifice their lives. When 18-year-old Zetian offers herself up as a concubine-pilot, her plan is to assassinate the man responsible for her sister’s death. But on miraculously emerging from the cockpit unscathed, after her first battle, she has a new plan. The time has come to overturn the entire patriarchal military system.

Military SF PBK \$18.99