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Monday, Monday

Rivers of London 09, graphic novel
Aaronovitch, Ben; et al
It's the case of a Swedish Werewolf in London, the unmissable next chapter in the life of fulltime cop and part-time wizard Peter Grant. Grant works as part of a very special London police unit investigating unusual crimes involving magic and the general weirdness that permeates London's dark underbelly. What starts as a routine undercover operation to break up an organised teenage pickpocket gang turns into something far more dangerous when the Metropolitan police are confronted by a Swedish werewolf who'll stop at nothing to avoid capture. Now, it's up to Peter and his cohort of chums to hunt the deadly lycanthrope and bring him to justice!
Urban fantasy PBK \$27.99

Age of Ash

Kithamar trilogy 01
Abraham, Daniel
Kithamar is a centre of trade and wealth, an ancient city with a long, bloody history where countless thousands live, and their stories unfold. This is Alys'. When her brother is murdered, a petty thief from the slums of Longhill sets out to discover who killed him and why. But the more she discovers about him, the more she learns about herself, and the truths she finds are more dangerous than knives. Swept up in an intrigue as deep as the roots of Kithamar, where the secrets of the lowest born can sometimes topple thrones, the story Alys chooses will have the power to change everything. 'An atmospheric and fascinating tapestry, woven with skill and patience.' – *Joe Abercrombie*. The first in a new series, by half of the writing team behind *The Expanse*.
Fantasy TP \$32.99

Fated Blades

novella
Andrews, Ilona
At first glance, the planet Rada seems like a lush paradise. But the ruling families, all boasting genetically enhanced abilities, are in constant competition for power – and none more so than the Adlers and the Baenas. For generations, the powerful families have pushed and pulled each other in a dance for dominance. Until a catastrophic betrayal from within changes everything. Now, deadly, disciplined, and solitary leaders Ramona Adler and Matias Baena must put aside their enmity and work together in secret to prevent sinister forces from exploiting universe-altering technology. Expecting to suffer through their uneasy alliance, Ramona and Matias instead discover that they understand each other as no one in their families can – and that their combined skills may eclipse the risks of their forbidden alliance. As the two warriors risk their lives to save their families, they must decide whether to resist or embrace

the passion simmering between them. For now, the dance between their families continues – but just one misstep could spell the end of them both.
SF romance TP \$26.95

Not the Witch You Wed

Supernatural Singles 01
Asher, April
Magic-less witch Violet Maxwell wants nothing to do with alpha wolf shifter Lincoln Thorne – the man who broke her fragile, teenage heart. But when the two of them are forced by arcane Supernatural Laws to find mates, Violet and Lincoln agree to fake-date their way to a fake-mating in order to conjure themselves some time. The joke's on them. When old feelings make a reappearance – along with Violet's magic – they both realise there's nothing fake about their feelings. But there are old secrets and looming threats that could snatch away their happily ever after, again. One thing's for sure: magic doesn't make dating and love any easier. The first in a series.
Paranormal romance TP \$37.95

Mickey7

Ashton, Edward
Dying isn't any fun... but, at least, it's a living. Mickey7 is an Expendable: a disposable employee on a human expedition sent to colonise the ice world Niflheim. Whenever there's a mission that's too dangerous – even suicidal – the crew turns to Mickey. After one iteration dies, a new body is regenerated with most of his memories intact. After six deaths, Mickey7 understands the terms of his deal... and why it was the only colonial position unfilled when he took it. On a fairly routine scouting mission, Mickey7 goes missing and is presumed dead. By the time he returns to the colony base, surprisingly helped back by native life, Mickey7's fate has been sealed. There's a new clone, Mickey8, reporting for Expendable duties. The idea of duplicate Expendables is universally loathed, and if caught, they will likely be thrown into the recycler for protein. Mickey7 must keep his double a secret from the rest of the colony. Meanwhile, life on Niflheim is getting worse. The atmosphere is unsuitable for humans, food is in short supply, and terraforming is going poorly. The native species are growing curious about their new neighbours, and that curiosity has Commander Marshall very afraid. Ultimately, the survival of both lifeworlds will come down to Mickey7. That is, if he can just keep from dying for good.
Science fiction HC \$57.95

Realm Breaker

Realm Breaker 01
Aveyard, Victoria
Save the world or end it... A strange darkness is growing in the Ward. Even Corayne an-Amarat can feel it, tucked away in her small town at the edge of the sea.

Fate knocks on her door, in the form of a mythical immortal and a lethal assassin, who tell Corayne that she is the last of an ancient lineage – with the power to save the world from destruction. Because a man who would burn kingdoms to the ground is raising an army unlike any seen before, bent on uprooting the foundations of the world. With poison in his heart and a stolen sword in his hand, he'll break the realm itself to claim it. And only Corayne can stop him. Alongside an unlikely group of reluctant allies, Corayne finds herself on a desperate journey to complete an impossible task, with untold magic singing in her blood and the fate of the world on her shoulders. The first in a new series.
YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

Along the Saltwise Sea

Up-and-Under
Baker, A Deborah
(aka **McGuire, Seanan**)
Be sure to explore the myriad wonders that can be found Along the Saltwise Sea. After climbing over the Woodward Wall and making their way across the forest, 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, \$32.99) and the sequel to *Over the Woodward Wall* (HC, \$32.99).
Fantasy HC \$39.99

Wild Cowboy Wolf

Seven Range Shifters
Ballenger, Kait
Blaze Carter is the cowboy wolf with the most dangerous desires. One of the pack's elite warriors, the Grey Wolf security technologist is as smart as a whip, the quickest to joke, and the first to act on his impulses – carnal or otherwise. But this cowboy has a dark secret he can never escape, and Blaze fears the day when his demons catch up to him. Dakota Cassidy has everything a she-wolf could ever want – an appointment as one of the pack's first female elite warriors, a career as the ranch veterinarian, and an endearing family that's equal parts loveable/trouble. There's just one thing missing – someone to share it with.

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Enter: Blaze. For the first time ever, Dakota's now seeing her best friend in a whole new light. But to act on her desires could have deadly consequences for them both...

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

The Unfinished Land

Bear, Greg

Reynard, a young apprentice, seeks release from the drudgery of working for his fisherman uncle in the English village of Southwold. His rare days off lead him to strange encounters – not just with press gangs hoping to fill English ships to fight the coming Spanish Armada, but strangers who seem to know him – one of whom casts a white shadow. The village's ships are commandeered, and after a fierce battle at sea, Reynard finds himself the sole survivor of his uncle's devastated hoi. For days he drifts, starving and dying of thirst, until he is rescued by a galleon, also lost – and both are propelled by a strange current to the unknown northern island of Thule. Here, Reynard must meet his destiny in a violent clash between humans and gods.

Historical fantasy TP \$35.95

Tomorrow

Beckett, Chris

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

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

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

The Queen's Weapons

Black Jewels 11

Bishop, Anne

They are Warlord Princes, men born to serve and protect. They are the Queen's Weapons, men born to destroy the Queen's enemies – no matter what face that enemy wears. Daemonar Yaslana knows how to be bossy yet supportive – traits he shares with his father, the Demon Prince, and his uncle, the High Lord of Hell. Within his generation of the family, he assumes the role of protector, supporting his sister Titian's artistic efforts and curbing his cousin Jaenelle Sactien's more adventurous ideas. But when a young Eyrien Queen, someone Titian thought was a friend, inflicts an emotional wound, Daemonar's counterattack brings him under the tutelage of Witch, the Queen whose continued existence is known only to a select few. As Daemonar is confronted by troubling changes within and around the family, he sees warnings that a taint in the Blood might be reappearing. Daemonar, along with his father and uncle, must uncover the source of a familiar evil – and Daemon Sadi, the High Lord of Hell, may be forced into making a terrible choice.

Fantasy PBK \$26.95

Gunfight on Europa Station

anthology

Boop, David (editor)

An actual wagon train to space? Gunslinging cowpokes riding in rickety rocket ships? What isn't possible when you mix science fiction and Westerns? The final frontier ain't so final, in these 12 tales of space exploration and adventure: each a timeless yarn told around the warm glow of a nuclear reactor just before it goes supernova. There's a story for everyone who's ever dreamed of travelling the stars. From the lone stranger who flies into town to help a widow and her daughter to the alien rancher trying to pose as human, they are familiar, yet with completely new twists. Take the pair of mercenaries who sign on to stop a mining camp insurrection only to discover they might be on the wrong side of evolution, or the prospector who finds the strike of a lifetime but ends up stranded on a barren moon without hope of rescue. And if that's not enough to catch your fancy, then how about a cloned Doc Holliday making his way in a future where both sickness and gambling are ancient history? Assembled inside are the biggest names in science fiction, taking you to the farthest reaches of the galaxy like they've never done before. So, get ready to hit the hyper-thrusters as you set course for adventure, mystery, romance, and two-lasergun slinging action! Featuring Elizabeth Moon, Alan Dean Foster, Jane Lindskold, Wil McCarthy, Gini Koch, Martin Shoemaker, Cat Rambo with J R Martin, Alastair Mayer, Alex Shvartsman, Patrick Swenson, and Michael F Haspil.

Western-influenced space opera TP \$35.95

City of Time and Magic

Found Things 04

Brackston, Paula

Xanthe faces her greatest challenges yet. She must choose from three treasures that sing to her; a beautiful writing slope, a mourning brooch of heartbreaking detail, and a gorgeous gem-set hat pin. All call her, but the wrong one could take her on a mission other than that which she must address first, and the stakes could not be higher. While her earlier mission to Regency England had been a success, the journey home resulted in Liam being taken from her, spirited away to another time and place. Xanthe must follow the treasure that will take her to him if he is not to be lost forever. Xanthe is certain that Mistress Flyte has Liam and determined to find them both. But when she discovers Lydia Flyte has been tracking the actions of the Visionary Society, a group of ruthless and unscrupulous Spinners who have been selling their talents to a club of wealthy clients, Xanthe realises her work as a Spinner must come before her personal wishes. The Visionary Society is highly dangerous and directly opposed to the creed of the Spinners. Their actions could have disastrous consequences as they alter the authentic order of things and change the future. Xanthe knows she must take on the Society. It will require the skills of all her friends, old and new, to attempt such a thing, and not all of them will survive the confrontation that follows.

Time travel HC \$49.99

The Broken Tower

Barrier Lands 02

Braffet, Kelly

Judah the Foundling chose freedom over betrayal when she leaped from the top of the castle tower. Now, she finds herself wandering an unknown forest, far from everything and everyone she loves. For the first time in her life, she's beyond the great Wall that surrounds Highfall castle; for the first time, she's alone. Away from the Seneschal, the power behind the throne; away from Nate Clare, the House Magus who was her teacher, friend, betrayer. Away from her foster brother, Gavin, with whom she has a mysterious bond that has kept them together – and kept her alive. But Judah isn't free. Fiercely sought by those who believe she holds the key to unlocking the power trapped in the world, she must learn to navigate the dangers of an unfamiliar place. She knows that, somewhere, Gavin is in peril. To save him, she not only must learn to use the new power she discovers inside herself, she must survive. The sequel to *The Unwilling* (PBK, \$19.99)

Fantasy HC \$57.95

Wild Sign

Alpha & Omega 06

Briggs, Patricia

In the wilds of the Northern California mountains, all the inhabitants of a small town have gone missing. It's as if the people picked up and left their possessions behind. With a mystery on their hands and no jurisdiction on private property, the FBI dumps the whole problem in the lap of the landowner, Aspen Creek, Inc – aka the business organisation of the Marrok's pack. Somehow, the pack of the Wolf Who Rules is connected to a group of vanished people. Werewolves Charles Cornick and Anna Latham are tasked with investigating, and soon find that a deserted town is the least of the challenges they face. Death sings in the forest, and when it calls, Charles and Anna must answer. Something has awakened in the heart of the California mountains, something old and dangerous – and it has met werewolves before.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Small Magic:

Short Fiction, 1977–2020, collection

Brooks, Terry

Escape to worlds full of adventure and magic in the first-ever Terry Brooks short-story collection, featuring both new and fan-favourite stories from all three of his major literary worlds: Shannara, Magic Kingdom, and The Word and the Void. Here, are heroes fighting new battles and struggling to conquer the ghosts of the past. Here are quests both small and far reaching; heroism both intimate and vast. Here, we learn of Gareth Jax's childhood, see how Allanon first located Shea Ohmsford, and follow an old wing-rider at the end of his life. Here, we see Knights of the Word fighting demons within and without, and witness Ben Holiday and his daughter each trying to overcome the unique challenges that Landover offers. This collection of eleven tales is a must have addition to the Terry Brooks canon – a delightful way to spend time with favourite characters, and a wonderful reminder of what makes a Brooks' story such a timeless classic.

Speculative fiction TP \$29.99

The Roach

Bruno, Rhett C

A retired, disabled vigilante out to stop a rash of new killings and secure his legacy... A string of killings. An identity stolen. Only he can find the truth. Reese Roberts was the guardian of Iron City. Its fearless protector. The only one willing to do whatever it takes... until he was shot on the streets and left paralysed from the waist down. Now, the vigilante known as the Roach has disappeared. Faded into legend. It's been years since Reese could take on crime and clean up the streets. He's a shrivelled old drunk, living like a hermit and waiting for his life to end. All that's left to do is wallow in the mistakes that led him here. To wonder if he went too far. But when a copycat steals his suit and takes justice into his own hands, a new killer emerges, leaving brutal messages behind. He wants to eliminate the Roach for good this time. It's time for Reese to re-emerge from his shell and fight back. Who else can stop the flurry of killings? Definitely not the corrupt police department. Iron City needs the Roach again. Only, this time, he'll need to save it without his legs.

Superheroes TP \$37.95

The Jupiter Knife

Cunning Man 02

Butler, D J

& Ritchey, Aaron Michael

Hiram and his son, Michael, are dowsing a well in Eastern Utah when they hear a cry of help from the ghost of a small boy, torn to pieces by wild animals. Before they can even begin to look into that tragedy, however, a prosperous local rancher is murdered right before their eyes. In an attempt to both help the ghost and find the killer, Hiram and Michael must navigate an eccentric cast of characters that includes failed bank robbers, a seductive fortune-teller, an inept sheriff, a crazy prospector, and a preacher with an apocalyptic grudge against the Roosevelt administration. The mystery, however, isn't just in the hearts of men. There's an astrological puzzle that Michael, now his father's apprentice, must solve. Meanwhile, the murderer is moving slowly against Hiram and Michael, forcing them into a trap from which there is no escape. The follow-up to *The Cunning Man* (PBK, \$24.95).

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.95

Dawn

Lilith's Brood 01

Butler, Octavia E

One woman is called upon to reconstruct humanity in this hopeful, thought-provoking novel by the bestselling, award-winning author. When Lilith iyapo wakes in a small white room with no doors or windows, she remembers a devastating war, and a husband and child long lost to her. She finds herself living among the Oankali, a strange race who intervened in the fate of humanity hundreds of years before. They spared those they could from the ruined Earth, and suspended them in a long, deep sleep. Over centuries, the Oankali learned from the past, cured disease and healed the world. Now they want Lilith to lead her people back home. But salvation comes at a price – to restore humanity, it must be changed forever... A reissue, perfect for readers of Margaret Atwood, Toni Morrison, and Ursula K Le Guin.

Classic sf (reissue) PBK \$22.99

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Adulthood Rites

Lilith's Brood 02

Butler, Octavia E

One young man with extraordinary gifts must reconcile his own heritage before he can change the fate of humanity. Lilith's son Akin looks like an ordinary child. His family live together on Earth, but not in complete peace. The Oankali saved humanity years before, compelled by the desire to create an extraordinary new race of children. But there are those who resist the Oankali and the salvation they offer. The first of his kind, Akin is more powerful than any other being. He understands the desire to fight for the independence of humanity. He also fears that, if left alone, humanity will destroy itself again. And when young Akin is stolen from Lilith and their hybrid family, he soon faces an impossible choice. But first he must reconcile with his own heritage in a world already torn in two. A reissue, perfect for readers of Margaret Atwood, Toni Morrison, and Ursula K Le Guin.

Classic sf (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Imago

Lilith's Brood 03

Butler, Octavia E

Jodahs is a child of the Earth and stars, born from the union between humans and the Oankali, who saved humanity from destruction centuries before. But Jodahs is approaching adulthood, a metamorphosis that will take him beyond gender and family, and into a great but dangerous unknown. Frightened and alone, Jodahs must come to terms with this new identity, learn to master life-changing powers and bring together what's left of humankind – or become the biggest threat to their survival. A reissue, perfect for readers of Margaret Atwood, Toni Morrison, and Ursula K Le Guin.

Classic sf (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Outcast

Inscape 02

Garey, Louise

When a bomb goes off at InTech HQ, everything changes for Tanta's corporation. Order becomes disorder. Safety becomes danger. Calm becomes chaos. Tanta is tasked with getting to the bottom of the attack before violence and unrest overtake the city. But even though the evidence points towards rival corporation Thoughtfront, Tanta can't shake the feeling that she's missing something. There's a dark secret at the heart of the case, one that will reveal more about her own corporation than Tanta would like. And the closer Tanta gets to the mystery, the more she comes to realise something terrible: Sometimes facing the truth can be the hardest thing of all. The sequel to *Inscape* (PBK, \$22.99).

Dystopia TP \$32.99

Light Years from Home

Ghen, Mike

Every family has issues. Most can't blame them on extraterrestrials. Evie Shao and her sister, Kass, aren't on speaking terms. Fifteen years ago on a family camping trip, their father and brother vanished. Their dad turned up days later, dehydrated and confused – and convinced he'd been abducted by aliens. Their brother, Jakob, remained missing. The women dealt with it very differently.

Kass, suspecting her college-dropout twin simply ran off, became the rock of the family. Evie traded academics to pursue alien conspiracy theories, always looking for Jakob. When Evie's UFO network uncovers a new event, she goes to investigate. And discovers Jakob is back. He's different – older, stranger, and talking of an intergalactic war – but the tensions between the siblings haven't changed at all. If the family is going to come together to help Jakob, then Kass and Evie are going to have to fix their issues, and fast. Because the FBI is after Jakob, and if their brother is telling the truth, possibly an entire space armada, too.

Alien contact HC \$57.95

The Black Company

Chronicles of the Black Company 01

Cook, Glen

Some feel the Lady, newly risen from centuries in thrall, stands between humankind and evil. Some feel she is evil itself. The hard-bitten men of the Black Company take their pay and do what they must, burying their doubts with their dead. Until the prophecy: The White Rose has been reborn, somewhere, to embody good once more. There must be a way for the Black Company to find her... A reissue.

Grimdark fantasy HC/TP \$62.95/\$39.95

The Lighthouse Witches

Cooke, G J

When single mother Liv is commissioned to paint a mural in a 100-year-old lighthouse on a remote Scottish island, it's an opportunity to start over with her three daughters – Luna, Sapphire, and Clover. When two of her daughters go missing, she's frantic. She learns that the cave beneath the lighthouse was once a prison for women accused of witchcraft. The locals warn her about wildlings, supernatural beings who mimic human children, created by witches for revenge. Liv is told wildlings are dangerous and must be killed. Twenty-two years later, Luna has been searching for her missing sisters and mother. When she receives a call about her youngest sister, Clover, she's initially ecstatic. Clover is the sister she remembers – except, she's still seven years old, the age she was when she vanished. Luna is worried Clover is a wildling. Luna has few memories of her time on the island, but she'll have to return to find the truth of what happened to her family. But she doesn't realise just how much the truth will change her.

Supernatural thriller HC \$35.00

Gun Runner

Gorreia, Larry & Brown, John D

Once, Jackson Rook was a war hero. Raised from boyhood to pilot an exosuit mech, he'd fought gallantly for the rebellion against the Collectivists. But that was a long time ago, on a world very far away. Now, Jackson Rook is a criminal, a smuggler on board the Multipurpose Supply Vehicle Tar Heel. His latest mission: steal a top-of-the-line mech called the Citadel and deliver it to the far-flung planet Swindle, a world so hostile even the air will kill you. The client: a man known only as the Warlord. Rook has been in the smuggling business long enough to know that it's best to take the money and not ask questions. But Rook cannot stand by and watch as the Warlord runs roughshod over the

citizens of Swindle, the way the Collectivists did on his homeworld. For all his mercenary ways, Rook is not a pirate. And deep within the smuggler, the heart of a warrior still beats.

Military sf PBK \$24.95

The Grayson Sherbrooke Otherworldly Adventures

omnibus

Coulter, Catherine

Much like the hero of his frightening gothic adventure stories, well-known English author Grayson Sherbrooke has his own share of run ins with peculiar supernatural beings, both good and evil. From his home on the northern coast of England, Sherbrooke leaps into these otherworldly mysteries to find the truth with the help of his son, Pip; his beautiful neighbour, Miranda, and her daughter, PC, and an orphan named Barnaby. Set in the mid-19th century and featuring a delightfully quirky cast of characters, *The Grayson Sherbrooke Novella Collection* will keep you entertained for hours, as you join Sherbrooke and his rag-tag team of investigators to solve bizarre, out-of-this-world cases. This collection of reissues includes five books in Coulter's supernatural series: *The Strange Visitation at Wolffe Hall*, *The Resident Evil at Blackthorn Manor*, *The Ancient Spirits of Sedgwick House*, *The Virgin Bride of Northcliffe Hall*, and *The Red Witch of Ravenstone Folly*.

Historical supernatural thriller (reissue) HC/TP \$63.95/\$43.95

The Girls of the White Platypus Totem

Dangerous Feminists

Gox, Gary

Tildey Starling and Carmella Blacksnake are swept up into a spiritual adventure in the super-remote Great Sandy Desert of Western Australia. The two climate activist friends are called upon by the Pope to investigate strange pictographs of a white platypus that begin popping up in Western Australia and the Northern Territories, sending Aborigines into an uproar and heralding a new cycle for planet earth. Tildey and Carmella find themselves swept up into an investigation of mysterious unrest among traditional Aborigines in the remote Great Sandy Desert of Western Australia. Pursued by predatory academics, in league with the army, the two flee across the ocean with the Pope's pilot in the papal jet. Then they travel by Land Rover and horseback to a remote convent, St Mechtilde's of the Desert, to launch an investigation of strange spiritual happenings originating from the mysterious, cave infested, limestone plateau. Meanwhile, their pursuers have not given up. The novel was inspired by Peter Weir's 1977 Movie, *The Last Wave*.

Speculative fiction TP \$19.99

The Orphan Witch

Crutcher, Paige

A deeper magic. A stronger curse. A family lost... and found. Persephone May has been alone her entire life. Abandoned as an infant and dragged through the foster care system, she wants nothing more than to belong somewhere. To someone. However, Persephone is as strange as she is lonely. Unexplainable things happen when she's around – changes in weather, inanimate

objects taking flight – and those who seek to bring her into their family quickly cast her out. To cope, she never gets attached, never makes friends. And she certainly never dates. Working odd jobs and always keeping her suitcases half packed, Persephone is used to moving around, leaving one town for another when curiosity over her eccentric behaviour inevitably draws unwanted attention. After an accidental and very public display of power, Persephone knows it's time to move on once again. It's lucky, then, when she receives an email from the one friend she's managed to keep, inviting her to the elusive Wile Isle. The timing couldn't be more perfect. However, upon arrival, Persephone quickly discovers that Wile is no ordinary island.

In fact, it just might hold the very things she's been searching for her entire life. Answers. Family. Home. And some things she did not want. Like 100-year-old curses and an even older family feud. With the clock running out, love might be the magic that saves them all.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Manhunt

Felker-Martin, Gretchen

Beth and Fran spend their days travelling the ravaged New England coast, hunting feral men and harvesting their organs in a gruesome effort to ensure they'll never face the same fate. Robbie lives by his gun and one hard-learned motto: other people aren't safe. After a brutal accident entwines the three of them, this found family of survivors must navigate murderous TERFs, a sociopathic billionaire bunker brat, and awkward relationship dynamics – all while outrunning packs of feral men, and their own demons.

Horror TP \$39.95

The Jade Bones

Age of the Seventh Sun 02

Forbes, Lani

Cast into the underworld after an act of shattering betrayal, Mayana and Ahkin must overcome unimaginable odds if they are to return home and reclaim the throne of the Chicome. A river of blood and demons disguised as children are only two of the challenges standing in their way. Fortunately, they are not unequipped. Mayana's royal blood controls the power of water, and Prince Ahkin wields the power of the sun itself. Ometoatl, the Mother goddess, provides them with other gifts – and an ominous warning that one of them may not survive. But can the goddess be trusted? Back in the lands above, Mayana's best friend, Yemania, has survived the empress selection ritual – but her next challenge may be more than she can bear. The new empress of the Chicome Empire demands she become High Healer. Yemania has no interest in serving in the palace; she wants to use her healing ability to help the common people. More than that, her heart is no longer her own. She has met an enchanting stranger – Ochix, one of the feared Miquitz people who are ancient enemies of the Chicome. As Mayana and Ahkin move ever closer to confronting the lords of the dead, Yemania and Ochix must hide their forbidden romance or face the wrath of both their empires. Meanwhile, the new empress has made a dangerous alliance that might destroy everything they hold dear.

YA fantasy TP \$37.95

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The Obsidian Butterfly

Age of the Seventh Sun 03

Forbes, Lani

To the Chicome people, an eclipse is a time of terror. When darkness falls, the barrier separating the heavens and the earth becomes unstable. Then come the ravaging Tzitzimime – the star demons who thirst for human blood. Mayana and Ahkin know the full extent of the coming danger, but they must gather support or the Chicome Empire is doomed. As the eclipse nears, many manoeuvre for power in this deadly game of worlds ending. Metzti, Ahkin's treacherous sister, has seized control of the empire with the aid of the malevolent goddess known as the Obsidian Butterfly. But Metzti has no idea what the goddess has in store... Yemania and Ochix face the wrath of both their peoples. Their forbidden liaison may draw ancient enemies together... or rip the young lovers apart forever. And the princesses, who battled fiercely for Ahkin's heart, meet again – but this time, they must join forces in order to survive. As for Ahkin and Mayana, the entire empire seems to want to keep them apart. Can their love endure the end of the world?

YA fantasy HC \$45.95

A Lullaby for Witches

Fox, Hester

Two women. A history of witchcraft. And a deep-rooted female power that sings across the centuries. Once there was a young woman from a well-to-do New England family who never quite fit with the drawing rooms and parlours of her kin. Called instead to the tangled woods and wild cliffs surrounding her family's estate, Margaret Harlowe grew both stranger and more beautiful as she cultivated her uncanny power. Soon, whispers of 'witch' dogged her footsteps, and Margaret's power began to wind itself with the tendrils of something darker. One hundred and fifty years later, Augusta Podos takes a dream job at Harlowe House, the historic home of a wealthy New England family that has been turned into a small museum in Tynemouth, Massachusetts. When Augusta stumbles across an oblique reference to a daughter of the Harlowes who has nearly been expunged from the historical record, the mystery is too intriguing to ignore. But as she digs deeper, something sinister unfurls from its sleep, a dark power that binds one woman to the other across lines of blood and time. If Augusta can't resist its allure, everything she knows and loves – including her very life – could be lost forever.

Gothic fantasy TP \$37.95

Horror Hotel

Fulton, Victoria

Enjoy your stay... When the YouTube-famous Ghost Gang – Chrissy, Chase, Emma, and Kiki – visit a haunted LA hotel notorious for tragedy to secretly film after dark, they expect it to be just like their previous paranormal huntings. Spooky enough to attract subscribers – and ultimately harmless. But when they stumble upon something unexpected in the former room of a gruesome serial killer, they quickly realise that they're in over their heads. Sometimes, it's the dead who need our help – and the living we should fear.

YA horror PBK \$16.99

At the End of the Journey

Black Tide Rising 09

Gannon, Charles E

It was supposed to be fun. Six teenagers and their British captain aboard the ketch *Crosscurrent Voyager*, headed on a senior year summer cruise to excitement and adventure. Then the world as they knew it ended. A plague spread throughout the globe, killing millions and turning the survivors into cannibalistic rage monsters – zombies, in so many words. Only by putting aside their differences were the young crew able to survive. Now, they seek others like them, those fortunate souls who have made it through the zombie apocalypse. After all, maybe it's not the end of the world so long as GPS can help survivors navigate deadly terrain, to link up, and maybe – just maybe – ensure the continuation of the human race. But the Earth's GPS systems are failing. It falls to those aboard the *Crosscurrent Voyager* to keep the unthinkable from happening. In order to do so, they must traverse dangerous seas to a European Space Agency complex, in French Guiana. And thousands of infected stand in the way. If they succeed, humankind has a chance of rebuilding. If they fail, humanity may well be at the end of its journey.

Military sf PBK \$24.95

Last Exit

Gladstone, Max

Award-winning author Max Gladstone weaves American myths – the muscle car, the open road, the white-hatted cowboy – into a deeply emotional tale. When Zelda and her friends first met, in college, they believed they had all the answers. They had figured out a big secret about how the world worked and they thought that meant they could change things. They failed. One of their own fell, to darkness and rot. Ten years later, they've drifted apart, building lives for themselves, families, fortunes. All but Zelda. She's still wandering the back roads of the nation. She's still fighting monsters. She knows: the past isn't over. It's not even past. The road's still there. The rot's still waiting. They can't hide from it, any more. Because, at long last, their friend is coming home. And hell is coming with her. 'A novel carved by hand out of salt and rock and bone. This is what the Great American Novel wishes it could be: honest, furious, in love.' – *Amal El-Mohtar*.

Dark fantasy TP \$41.95

Exposure

Greenberg, Louis

In a Britain akin to this one, Vincent Rice falls off a ladder, literally at Petra Orff's feet. They introduce themselves, and immigrant Petra senses a kindred spirit in Vincent's complex sense of home. He offers to take her to Metamuse, an alternative theatre experience like no other – that he won tickets to, in a competition he doesn't remember entering. The first show leaves them besotted with each other; the second is far more disturbing. Inexplicable occurrences pile on top of one another, all connected to the mysterious Metamuse. Only Petra can see the web of sinister coincidences surrounding them both and,

with injustices both past and present weighing on her mind, she begins to wonder if Metamuse is more than just a show...

Horror PBK \$19.99

Redwood and Wildfire

Hairston, Andrea

At the turn of the 20th century, minstrel shows transform into vaudeville, which slides into moving pictures. Hunkering together in dark theatres, diverse audiences marvel at flickering images. Redwood, an African American woman, and Aidan, a Seminole Irish man, journey from Georgia to Chicago, from haunted swampland to a city of the future. They are gifted performers and hoodoo conjurers, struggling to call up the wondrous world they imagine, not just on stage and screen, but on city streets, in front parlours, in wounded hearts. The power of hoodoo is the power of the community that believes in its capacities to heal. Living in a system stacked against them, Redwood and Aidan's power and talent are torment and joy. Their search for a place to be who they want to be is an exhilarating, painful, magical adventure.

Gaslamp fantasy HC \$57.95

Swashbucklers

Hanks, Dan

When Cisco Collins returns to his home town, thirty years after saving it from being swallowed by a hell mouth opened by an ancient pirate ghost, he realises that being a childhood hero isn't like it was in the movies. Especially, when nobody remembers the heroic bits – even the friends who once fought alongside him. Struggling with single parenting and treated as bit of a joke, Cisco isn't really in the Christmas spirit like everyone else. A fact that's made worse by the tendrils of the pirate's powers creeping back into our world and people beginning to die in bizarre ways. With the help of a talking fox, an enchanted forest, a long-lost friend haunting his dreams, and some '80s video game consoles turned into weapons, Cisco must now convince his friends to once again help him save the day. Yet, they quickly discover that being a ghostbusting hero is so much easier when you don't have schools runs, parent evenings, and nativity plays to attend. And even in the middle of a supernatural battle, you always need to bring snacks and wipes...

Paranormal TP \$22.99

Azura Ghost

Graven 02

Hansen, Essa

Caiden has been on the run for ten years with his unique starship in order to keep his adversary, Threi, imprisoned. But when an old friend he'd once thought dead reappears, he is lured into a game of cat and mouse with the one person whose powers rival Threi's: Threi's sister Abriss. Now, with both siblings on the hunt for Caiden and his ship, Caiden must rescue his long-lost friend from their clutches and uncover the source of both his ship's power and his own origins in order to stop Abriss' plan to collapse the multiverse. The sequel to *Nophek Gloss* (PBK, \$22.99).

Space opera PBK \$22.99

The Paradox Hotel

Hart, Rob

January Cole's job just got a whole lot harder. Not that running security, at the Paradox, was ever really easy. Nothing's simple at a hotel where the ultra-wealthy tourists arrive costumed for a dozen different time periods, all eagerly waiting to catch their 'flights' to the past. Or where proximity to the timeport makes the clocks run backward on occasion – and, rumour has it, allows ghosts to stroll the halls. None of that compares to the corpse in room 526. The one that seems to be both there and not there. The one that somehow only January can see. On top of that, some very important new guests have just checked in. Because the US government is about to privatise time-travel technology – and the world's most powerful people are on hand to stake their claims. January is sure the timing isn't a coincidence. Neither are those 'accidents' that start stalking their bidders. There's a reason January can glimpse what others can't. A reason why she's the only one who can catch a killer who's operating invisibly and in plain sight, all at once. But her ability is also destroying her grip on reality – and as her past, present, and future collide, she finds herself confronting not just the hotel's dark secrets but her own. At once a dazzlingly time-twisting murder mystery and a story about grief, memory, and what it means to – literally – come face to face with our ghosts.

Dystopian mystery HC \$57.95

Blood and Whispers

Haskins, A C

Thomas Quinn is a sorcerer haunted by the memories of the things he's done over centuries of service to the Arcanum. From battling djinn to killing demigods and dragons, the scars and nightmares have left him a broken man. He has long retired from that life, running an occult shop in Philadelphia for the past several decades, wanting nothing more than to be left alone with his books and his whiskey and his shame. But when two detectives come to his door asking about a brutal ritual murder in his city, Quinn must reluctantly take up the mantle of a Sorcerer of the Arcanum once more, and face down those who would threaten the fragile peace between the human and magical worlds. His investigation takes him from the streets of Philadelphia to the court of a Faerie King as he races to stop the apocalypse. Thomas Quinn was prepared to fight rogue sorcerers and Fae monsters. But the greatest threat he faces may be his own inner demons...

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.95

Echo

Heuvel, Thomas Olde

It's one thing to lose your life... It's another to lose your soul... When climber Nick Grevers is brought down from the mountains, after a terrible accident, he has lost his looks, his hopes, and his climbing companion. His account of what happened on the forbidden peak of the Maudit is garbled, almost hallucinogenic. Soon it becomes apparent more than his shattered body has returned: those that treat his disfigured face begin experiencing extraordinary

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and disturbing psychic events that suggest that Nick has unleashed some ancient and primal menace on his ill-fated expedition. Nick's partner Sam Avery has a terrible choice to make. He fell in love with Nick's youth, vitality, and beauty. Now, these are gone and all that is left is a haunted mummy – worse, a glimpse beneath the bandages can literally send a person insane. Sam must decide: either to flee to America, or to take Nick on a journey back to the mountains, the very source of the curse, the little Alpine Village of Grimnetz, its soul-possessed Birds of Death and its legends of human sacrifice and, ultimately, its haunted mountain, the Maudit.

Horror TP \$32.99

Fledgling Hope, Lucy

A cherub is blown into Cassie Engel's bedroom during a thunderstorm, triggering a series of terrifying events. Cassie must discover if its arrival was an accident or part of something more sinister. With a self-obsessed opera singer for a mother, a strange taxidermist father, and a best friend who isn't quite what he seems, Cassie is forced to unearth the secrets of her family's past. As the dark forces gather around them, can Cassie protect all that she holds dear? A dark, gothic adventure set deep in a Bavarian forest, with angels and owls and magic and a boy who isn't all that he seems to be...

Children's fantasy PBK \$14.99

Forging a Nightmare Jackson, Patricia A

FBI agent Michael Childs is tasked with tracking down a serial killer with an obsession for victims born with twelve fingers and toes. But he discovers something much more startling about himself... The only link between a series of grisly murders in New York City is that the victims were all born with twelve fingers and twelve toes. These people are known in occult circles as the Nephilim, a forsaken people, descendants of fallen angels. After a break in the case leads to supposedly killed-in-action Marine sniper Anaba Raines, Michael finds the soldier alive and well, but shockingly no longer human. Michael then discovers that he is also a Nephilim, and next on the killer's list. Everything Michael once thought of as myth and magic starts to blur the lines of his reality, forcing him to accept a new fate to save the innocent, or die trying.

Urban fantasy TP \$26.99

String Follow Jacobs, Simon

Something strange is happening to the teens in Adena, Ohio. A mysterious force is seeking inroads: vulnerabilities to exploit, friendships to hijack, untapped rage to harness toward its own ends. Who will serve it best? Claire is abrasive and aimless, embarrassed by her privilege. Weak-willed David entertains fantasies of cultish orgies, while Tyler covertly takes up residence in his basement. Greg wages war on the voices in his head, while his sister Beth quietly, furiously unravels. And at the centre is the empathetic, naive Sarah. The force wants her most of all. But will she be the key to its

success or its destruction? Eerie, hypnotic, and shot through with dark comedy, *String Follow* is a razor-sharp suburban gothic that exposes the sweating, bleeding truth of how kids become adults in 21st-century America. Simon Jacobs blends the startlingly original and the uncannily familiar, revealing the dark chaos that lurks beneath the surface of Midwestern suburbia. A darkly-comic suburban Gothic about a malevolent force that targets a group of Ohio misfits, harnessing their angst for its sinister designs.

Horror TP \$39.95

Kairos Jones, Gwyneth

When the drug can change reality, how do you tell what's real? *London. Early 21st century.* A Conservative government is in power in the UK, bringing increased wealth disparity, an ever-more militant police state, and rising civil discontent as the wealthy govern for themselves rather than the people. But BREAKTHRU – a pharmaceutical company turned religious cult – have the answer. They call it Kairos. Kairos allows the user to not just see a different world, but shape the world to their very will. Perfect for a cult of likeminded individuals. Disastrous when it is exposed to the general public. As disparate groups of people try to shape the world into their own image, reality itself is placed under threat. With society so divided, is there any way to pull the world back together? Written in 1988, this remarkably prescient book received great critical acclaim.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

The Fairy Tellers: a Journey into the Secret History of Fairy Tales

Jubber, Nicholas
The surprising origins and people behind the world's most influential magical tales: the people who told and re-shaped them, the landscapes that forged them, and the cultures that formed them and were in turn formed by them. Fairy Tales are not just fairy tales: they are records of historical phenomena, telling us something about how Western civilisation was formed. In *The Fairy Tellers*, award-winning travel-writer Nick Jubber explores the secret history of fairy tales: the people who told them, the landscapes that forged them, and the cultures that formed them. While there are certain names inextricably entwined with the concept of a fairy tale, such as the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen, the most significant tellers are long buried under the more celebrated figures who have taken the credit for their stories – people like the Syrian storyteller Youhenna Diab and the Wild Sisters of Cassel. Without them we would never have heard of Aladdin, his Magic Lamp or the adventures of Hansel and Gretel. Tracking these stories to their sources carries us through the steaming cities of Southern Italy and across the Mediterranean to the dust-clogged alleys of the Maghreb, under the fretting leaves of the Black Forest, deep into the tundra of Siberia and across the snowy hills of Lapland. From North Africa and Siberia, this book illuminates the complicated relationship between Western civilisation and the 'Eastern' cultures it borrowed from, and the strange lives of our long-lost fairy-tellers.

Fantasy reference TP \$34.99

Tales for Twilight:

Two Hundred Years
of Scottish Ghost Stories

Kerr, Alistair W J

Tales for Twilight offers a spine-tingling selection of unnerving tales by writers from James Hogg in the early 18th century to James Robertson, very much alive in the 21st. Scottish authors have proved to be exceptionally good at writing ghost stories. Perhaps, it's because of the tradition of oral storytelling that has stretched over centuries, including poems and ballads with supernatural themes. The golden age was during the Victorian and Edwardian period, but the ghost story has continued to evolve and remains popular to this day. Includes stories from Sir Walter Scott, George Mackay Brown, Muriel Spark, and many more.

Ghost stories HC \$24.99

Nothing But Blackened Teeth Khaw, Cassandra

This is Cassandra Khaw's gorgeously creepy haunted house tale combining *The Haunting of Hill House* with *The Ring*, steeped in Japanese folklore and full of devastating twists. A group of thrill-seeking friends in search of the perfect wedding venue plan to spend the night in a Heian-era mansion. Long abandoned, and unknown to them, this mansion rests on the bones of a bride, and its walls are packed with the remains of the girls sacrificed to keep her company. Their night of food, drinks, and games quickly spirals into a nightmare, as the house welcomes its new guests. For lurking in the shadows is the ghost bride with a black smile and a hungry heart. And she gets lonely down there in the dirt. Effortlessly taking the classic haunted house story and turning it on its head, *Nothing but Blackened Teeth* is a sharp and devastating exploration of grief, the parasitic nature of relationships, and the consequences of our actions. 'Brutally delicious! Khaw is a master of teasing your senses, and then terrorising them!' – *N K Jemisin*.

Horror HC \$22.99

Beyond

Founding of Valdemar 01

Lackey, Mercedes

Within the Eastern Empire, Duke Kordas Valdemar rules a tiny, bucolic Duchy that focuses mostly on horse breeding. Anticipating the day, when the Empire's exploitative and militant leaders would not be content to leave them alone, Kordas' father set out to gather magicians in the hopes of one day finding a way to escape and protect the people of the Duchy from tyranny. Kordas has lived his life looking over his shoulder. The signs in the Empire are increasingly dire. Under the direction of the Emperor, mages have begun to harness the power of dark magics, including blood magic, the powers of the Abyssal Planes, and the binding and milking of Elemental creatures. But then one of the Duchy's mages has a breakthrough. There is a way to place a Gate at a distance so far from the Empire that it is unlikely the Emperor can find or follow them as they evacuate everyone that is willing to leave. But time is running out, and Kordas has been summoned to the Emperor's Court. Can his reputation as a country

bumpkin and his acting skills buy him and his people the time they need to flee? Or will the Emperor lose patience, invade to strip Valdemar of everything of worth, and send its conscripted people into the front lines of the Imperial wars? The long-awaited founding of Valdemar comes to life in this first book of new series by the beloved fantasist. This is the UK hardcover edition (a first for Titan Books), there will be a UK B-format paperback, later in the year.

Valdemar HC \$29.99

Dead or Alive

Skulduggery Pleasant 14

Landy, Derek

In a matter of days, the world will change. Billions of lives will be wiped away in a final, desperate search for the Child of the Faceless Ones – she who is destined to bring about the return of humankind's ancient overlords. To prevent this, Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain have one last – terrible – option: the assassination of Damocles Creed. With protests stirring in the magical city of Roarhaven, with riots and revolutions on the horizon, Valkyrie must decide who she wants to be: the hero who risks everything for a noble ideal, or the killer who sacrifices her own soul for the fate of humanity. The decision must be made, and time is running out.

YA fantasy PBK \$14.99

The Thousand Eyes

Serpent Gates 02

Larkwood, A K

Just when they thought they were out...

Two years after defying the wizard Belthandros Sethennai and escaping into the great unknown, Csorwe and Shuthmili have made a new life for themselves, hunting for secrets among the ruins of an ancient snake empire. Along for the ride is Tal Charossa, determined to leave the humiliation and heartbreak of his hometown far behind him, even if it means enduring the company of his old rival and her insufferable girlfriend. All three of them would be quite happy never to see Sethennai again. But when a routine expedition goes off the rails and a terrifying imperial relic awakens, they find that a common enemy may be all it takes to bring them back into his orbit. The sequel to *The Unspoken Name* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Warriors of Wing and Flame

Sisters of Shadow and Light 02

Larson, Sara B

The doorway between the magical Visempirum and the human world has been reopened. Paladin are once more living in the citadel where Zuhra and Inara grew up completely isolated by the magical hedge that trapped them there. Amidst the brewing conflict between the Paladin and humans looms the threat of Barloc, who has stolen Inara's immense power and continues to elude the Paladin who are desperately searching for him. In this sequel to *Sisters of Shadow and Light* (PBK, \$16.99), Inara and Zuhra must navigate the treacherous paths of self-discovery, their love for each other, and for the boys who have captured

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their hearts. Together, they search for the strength within themselves to bridge the divide between the two worlds they inhabit, even as war threatens to destroy everything – and everyone – they love.

YA fantasy PBK \$18.99

The Anomaly

Le Tellier, Herve

When Air France flight 006 departed from Paris, the route to New York was just as it had always been. The skies were clear. The passengers were safe. Everything was going to plan. Until the event that would change everything. Amidst terrifying turbulence, the plane – somehow – was doubled. For every one person on board that day, there were now two. A double with the same body, the same mind, the same memories. When it's time for the doubles to meet, they must confront their extraordinary fate. And only one thing is certain: life as they know it, will never be the same.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Jade Legacy

Green Bone Saga 03

Lee, Fonda

Jade, the mysterious and magical substance once exclusive to the Green Bone warriors of Kekon, is now coveted throughout the world. Everyone wants access to the supernatural abilities it provides, from traditional forces such as governments, mercenaries, and criminal kingpins, to modern players, including doctors, athletes, and movie studios. As the struggle over the control of jade grows ever larger and more deadly, the Kaul family, and the ancient ways of the Kekonese Green Bones, will never be the same. Battered by war and tragedy, the Kauls are plagued by resentments and old wounds as their adversaries are on the ascent and their country is riven by dangerous factions and foreign interference. The clan must discern allies from enemies, set aside bloody rivalries, and make terrible sacrifices... but even the unbreakable bonds of blood and loyalty may not be enough to ensure the survival of the Green Bone clans and the nation they are sworn to protect. The Kaul siblings battle rival clans for honour and control over an East Asia-inspired fantasy metropolis, in the page-turning conclusion to the Green Bone Saga.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Liaden Universe

Constellation V

Liaden Universe collection 05

Lee, Sharon & Miller, Steve

For more than thirty years, the Liaden Universe® novels by Sharon Lee and Steve Miller have captivated readers with their unique blend of action adventure, science fiction, and interpersonal relationships. In addition to 21 novels (and counting), Lee and Miller have written dozens of shorter works based in the Liaden Universe®, featuring the strong characterisation, detailed world building, wit, and derring-do that readers of the series adore. Sure to delight long-time fans and newcomers alike, these tales highlight why the nationally bestselling Liaden Universe® novels are treasured

by space opera aficionados, with amazing settings, strong characterisations, compelling romance, and edge-of-the-chair action in stories that range from cosmic to comic.

Space opera TP \$35.95

Amid the Crowd of Stars

Leigh, Stephen

What responsibilities do we have to isolate ourselves from the bacteria, viruses, and other life of another world, and to prevent any of that alien biome from being brought back to Earth? What happens when a group of humans are stranded for centuries on another world with no choice but to expose themselves to that world? After such long exposure, are they still *Homo sapiens* or have they become another species entirely? These questions are at the heart of this intriguing novel, explored through the complicated lives and the viewpoints of the people who have come to rescue the stranded colony, the members of that colony, and the sentient alien life that dwells on the planet. Difficult life and death choices will be made by all involved.

Science fiction TP \$41.95

Only a Monster

Len, Vanessa

Don't forget the rule. No one can know what you are. What we are. You must never tell anyone about monsters. Only a monster would kill a hero. Right? Every family has its secrets, but the summer Joan Chang-Hunt goes to stay with her Gran in London, she learns hers is bigger than most. The Hunts are one of twelve families in London with terrifying, hidden powers. Joan is half monster. And what's more, her summer crush Nick isn't just a cute boy – he's hiding a secret as well; a secret that places Joan in terrible danger. When the monsters of London are attacked, Joan is forced on the run with the ruthless Aaron Oliver, heir to a monster family who are sworn enemies of her own. Joan is drawn deeper into a world that simmers with hostilities, alliances and secrets. And her rare and dangerous power means she's being hunted. She'll have to embrace her own monstrosity if she is to save herself, and her family. Because in this story... she is not the hero. A brilliantly compelling YA fantasy from a dazzling new Australian talent.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

Library of the

Sapphire Wind

Over Where 01

Lindskold, Jane

Instead of mentors, they got monsters...

That's what Xerak, Vereez, and Grunwold think, when three strange creatures shimmer into being within the circle of Hettua Shrine. Their conclusion is reasonable enough.

After all, they've never seen humans before. As for Margaret Blake, Peg Gallegos, and Tessa Brown – more usually known as Meg, Peg, and Teg – they're equally astonished; but, oddly enough, better prepared.

Then there is the mysterious voice that Teg speaks as they arrive, words that seem to indicate that the Shrine must have been, at least, partially responding to the request made of it. Despite doubts on all sides, the

three unlikely mentors join forces with the three young 'inquisitors' and venture out into the world Peg dubs 'Over Where'. First, they must find the Library of the Sapphire Wind, destroyed years before. Will they find answers there, or is this only the first stage in their search? The first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$35.95

The Lurking Fear and

Other Early Terrors:

Stories from the Master of Cosmic Horror collection

Lovecraft, H P

From the library of the original master of cosmic horror himself comes this collection of some of H P Lovecraft's best and most terrifying short stories. Filled with monsters both human and supernatural, these stories are bound to delight all lovers of horror and weird fiction. Included among the horrors are: 'The Lurking Fear', 'Dagon', 'The Outsider', 'The Shadow over Innsmouth', 'The Dunwich Horror', and more! All your H P Lovecraft favourites are here! Read about Dagon, the monster that terrifies a shipwrecked and drug-addicted seaman. Watch in horror as 'The Outsider' slowly and frantically searches for an escape from his secluded home.

Cower from 'The Lurking Fear', as you travel the mountain tunnels with a group that is slowly picked off one by one and murdered. Even more terrifying is 'The Dunwich Horror', where a madman uses a stolen book of dark power to terrorise a countryside.

Whether you are an avid fan of Lovecraft's work, a horror story novice, or simply a fan of horror and fantasy in general, you're going to love H P Lovecraft's *The Lurking Fear and Other Early Terrors*.

Cthulhuiana HC \$24.99

House of Sky and Breath

Crescent City 02

Maas, Sarah J

Bryce Quinlan and Hunt Athalar have made a pact. As they process the events of the Spring they will keep things... platonic... until the Solstice. But can they resist when the crackling tension between them is enough to set the whole of Crescent City aflame?

And they are not out of danger yet. Dragged into a rebel movement they want no part of, Bryce, Hunt and their friends find themselves pitted against the terrifying Asteri – whose notice they must avoid at all costs. But as they learn more about the rebel cause, they face a choice: stay silent while others are oppressed, or fight. And they've never been very good at staying silent. In this sexy, action-packed sequel to *House of Earth and Blood* (PBK, \$19.99), Maas weaves a captivating story of a world about to explode – and the people who will do anything to save it.

Fantasy TP/HC \$29.99/\$39.99

The Seven Visitations

of Sydney Burgess

Marino, Andy

Possession is an addiction. Sydney's spent years burying her past, and building a better life for herself and her young son.

A respectable marketing job, a house with reclaimed and sustainable furniture, and a boyfriend who loves her son and accepts

her, flaws and all. But when she opens her front door, and a masked intruder knocks her briefly unconscious, everything begins to unravel. She wakes in the hospital and tells a harrowing story of escape. Of dashing out a broken window. Of running into her neighbours' yard and calling the police. The cops tell her a different story. Because the intruder is, now, lying dead in her guest room – murdered in a way that looks intimately personal. Sydney can't remember killing the man. No one believes her. Back home, as horrific memories surface, an unnatural darkness begins whispering in her ear. Urging her back to old addictions and a past she's buried to build a better life for herself and her son. As Sydney searches for truth among the wreckage of a past that won't stay buried for long, the unquiet darkness begins to grow. To change into something unimaginable. To reveal terrible cravings of its own.

Horror PBK \$22.99

The Shattered Crown

Beast Charming 03

Martineau, Maxym M

When Leena Edenfrell swore herself to the Frozen Prince, Noc Feyreigner, she never dreamed she'd ignite the flames of war. And yet as their enemies combine forces against them, Leena and Noc have no choice but to gather their allies and fight. While Noc makes moves to reclaim their lost throne, Leena acts as the new Crown of the Charming's Council, searching for a way to stop the enemy from raising an ancient creature destined to burn their world to ash. But no matter how hard they fight – for each other, for their friends, and for everyone who looks to them to lead – Leena can't escape the feeling that her time is running out. Soon, a winged shadow reigns over Lendria, and Leena is the last thing standing between everyone she loves, and total destruction. It's in that moment that Noc and Leena discover the true price of victory: in order to tame the ancient dragon, Leena will have to sacrifice her own heart... and lose herself in the process.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Tyger Bright

Tyger 02

McCarthy, T C

San Kyarr is a noviate within a secret holy order tasked by Fleet to infiltrate the home world of mankind's most dangerous enemy: the Sommen. If caught, her mission could bring war to Earth – long before its forces are ready. When a competing faction within Fleet learns of the clandestine assignment and sends her own brother to destroy her, San is set on a journey toward destinies far greater than she ever imagined. As she evolves into a mysterious woman with the powers to send and receive quantum messages, she achieves humanity's most unattainable dream of instantaneous interstellar communication.

Military sf PBK \$24.95

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This Charming Man

Stranger Times 02

McDonnell, G K

*Manchester is suffering from a nasty dose of the vampires, which is just the sort of story the weekly newspaper The Stranger Times likes to get its teeth into. Or, perhaps, it's the other way round...? Vampires do not exist. Everyone knows this. So, it's particularly annoying when they start popping up, around Manchester... Nobody is pleased about it. Not the Founders, the secret organisation for whom vampires were invented as an allegory, nor the Folk, the magical people hidden in plain sight who only want a quiet life. And definitely not the people of Manchester, because there is nothing more irksome than being murdered by an allegory run amok. Somebody needs to sort this out fast before all Hell really breaks loose – step forward the staff of *The Stranger Times*. It's not like they don't have enough to be dealing with. Assistant Editor Hannah has come back from getting messily divorced to discover that someone is trying to kidnap a member of their staff and while editor Vincent Banecroft would be delighted to see the back of any of his team, he doesn't like people touching his stuff – it's the principle of the thing. Throw in a precarious plumbing situation, gambling debts, an entirely new way of swearing, and a certain detective inspector with what could be kindly referred to as 'a lot of baggage' and it all adds up to another hectic week in the life of the newspaper committed to reporting the truth that nobody else will touch. Here's the second, riotously entertaining novel in McDonnell's Stranger Times series, following *The Stranger Times* (PBK, \$19.99).*

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

Bridge of Souls

Quickening trilogy 03

McIntosh, Fiona

Trapped by magic, unmasked by love... it is time to uncover the truth behind Myrren's gift. Struggling against time and repulsed by his latest guise, everything Wyl Thirsk has strived to prevent is happening – including the marriage of his beloved Queen Valentyna of Briavel to the reviled King Celimus. The final curse of the Quickening demands that Wyl becomes the sovereign of Morgravia. Yet, the chaos created by the Gift turns Wyl's life into an endless struggle, and it is not certain that he can survive – or even that he wants to. But to save Valentyna he would give everything he has... including his life. A reissue.

Fantasy (reissue) TP \$29.99

Echo North

Meyer, Joanna Ruth

She dreamed of the wood, and the wolf who was trapped there... Echo Alkaev's world falls apart when her father mysteriously disappears. She finds him, half frozen, in the winter forest, guarded by a strange talking wolf who proposes a bargain: Echo will live for a year in his house to save her father's life. In the wolf's enchanted house, something dark and strange lies behind every door. Echo discovers a magical library full of books-turned-mirrors, and a young man

named Hal who is trapped inside of them. She must solve the mystery of the wolf's enchantment before her year is up, otherwise Echo, the wolf and Hal will be lost for ever...

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

Fairhaven Rising

Saga of Recluce 22

Modesitt, L E

Sixteen years have passed since the mage Beltur helped to found the town of Fairhaven, and Taelya, Beltur's adopted niece, is now a white mage under-captain in the Road Guards of Fairhaven. Fairhaven's success under the Council has become an impediment to the ambition of several rulers, and the mages protecting the town are seen as a threat. Taelya, a young and untried mage, will find herself at the heart of a conspiracy to destroy her home and the people she loves, and she may not be powerful enough to stop it, in time.

Fantasy PBK \$26.95

This Thing Between Us

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 from his simmering rage, and not from the evil hunting him, feeding on his grief, determined to make its way into this world. 'Hold on, this isn't a ride, it's a slide, and it doesn't care whether you're ready or not.' – *Stephen Graham Jones*.

Horror TP \$34.99

The Great Witch of Brittany Morgan, Louisa

Brittany, 1762: There hasn't been a witch born in the Orchière clan for generations. According to the elders, that line is dead, leaving the clan vulnerable to the whims of superstitious villagers and the prejudices of fear-mongering bishops. Ursule Orchière has been raised on stories of the great witches of the past. But the only magic she knows is the false spells her mother weaves over the gullible women who visit their fortune-telling caravan. Everything changes when Ursule comes of age and a spark of power flares to life. Thrilled to be chosen, she has no idea how magic will twist and shape her future.

Guided by an ancient grimoire and the whispers of her ancestors, Ursule is destined to walk the same path as the great witches of old. But first, the Orchière magical lineage must survive. And danger hovers over her, whether it's the bloodlust of the mob or the flames of the pyre.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

36 Streets

Napper, T R

Lin 'The Silent One' Vu is a gangster and sometime private investigator living in Chinese-occupied Hanoi, in the steaming, paranoid alleyways of the 36 Streets. Born in Vietnam, raised in Australia, everywhere she is an outsider. Through grit and courage Lin has carved a place for herself in the Vietnamese underworld where Hanoi's crime boss, Bao Nguyen, is training her to fight and lead. Bao drives her hard; on the streets there are no second chances. Meanwhile the people of Hanoi are succumbing to Fat Victory – a dangerously addictive immersive simulation of the US-Vietnam war. When an Englishman comes to Hanoi on the trail of his friend's murderer, Lin's life is turned upside down. She is drawn into the grand conspiracies of the neon gods – of regimes and mega-corporations – as they unleash dangerous new technologies. Lin must confront the immutable moral calculus of unjust wars. She must choose: family, country, or gang. Blood, truth, or redemption. No choice is easy on the 36 Streets. *Altered Carbon* and *The Wind-Up Girl* meet *Apocalypse Now* in this fast-paced, intelligent, action-driven cyberpunk, probing questions of memory, identity, and the power of narratives.

Science fiction PBK \$24.99

Something More Than Night

Newman, Kim

Hollywood, the late 1930s. Raymond Chandler writes detective stories for pulp magazines, and drinks more than he should. Boris Karloff plays monsters in the movies, and is a genial, cricket-playing member of the British film colony on the shores of the Pacific. Both understand that these streets are dark with something more than night. Together, these English public-school men in exile investigate mysterious matters in a town run by human and inhuman monsters. Under Home House, the mock-gothic mock mansion of a film mogul, is a mad science dungeon just like in the movies – where an experiment has gone dangerously wrong, or even more dangerously right. Fiery death spills onto Sunset Boulevard. John Devlin, an investigator for the District Attorney's office who scores high on insubordination, and Laurel Ives, a woman with as many lives as a cat and names to match, barely escape Home House. Fired by the DA, Devlin enlists Ray and Billy – Raymond Chandler and William Pratt (Boris Karloff) – to work the case, which threatens to expose Hollywood's most horrific secrets. These people will find out more than they should about the way this town works. And about each other. And, oh, yes, monsters aren't just for the movies...

Horror PBK \$19.99

Cornish Horrors:

Tales from the Land's End

Tales of the Weird, anthology

Passey, Joan (editor)

A mariner inherits a skull that screams incessantly along with the roar of the sea; a phantom hare stalks the moors to deliver justice for a crime long dead; a man witnesses a murder in the Cornish woods, only to wonder whether it was he himself who committed the crime. Offering a bounty of lost or forgotten strange and Gothic tales set in Cornwall, *Cornish Horrors* explores the rich folklore and traditions of the county in a journey through mines, local mythology, shipwrecks, seascapes, and the coming of the railway and tourism. With tales by horror luminaries such as Bram Stoker, Poe, and Mary Elizabeth Braddon, this edition also features a host of underappreciated writers such as F Tennyson Jesse and Margery Williams – said to be a strong influence on Lovecraft's writing.

Horror TP \$35.95

The Ivory Key

Ivory Key duology 01

Raman, Akshaya

Four siblings. A country in ruin. One quest to save them all. Vira is desperate to get out of her mother's shadow and establish her legacy as a revered queen of Ashoka. But with the country's only quarry running out of magic – a precious resource that has kept Ashoka safe from conflict – she can barely protect her citizens from the looming threat of war. And if her enemies discover this, they'll stop at nothing to seize the last of the magic. Vira's only hope is to find a mysterious object of legend: the Ivory Key, rumoured to unlock a new source of magic. But in order to infiltrate enemy territory and retrieve it, she must reunite with her siblings, torn apart by broken relationships and the different paths their lives have taken. Each of them has something to gain from finding the Ivory Key – and even more to lose if they fail. Ronak plans to sell it to the highest bidder in exchange for escape from his impending political and unwanted marriage. Kaleb, falsely accused of assassinating the former maharani, needs it to clear his name. And Riya, the runaway sibling who cut all family ties, wants the Key to prove her loyalty to the rebels who took her in. They must work together to survive the treacherous journey. But with each sibling harbouring secrets and their own conflicting agendas, the very thing that brought them together could tear apart their family – and their world – for good. The first in a duology.

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

Sisters of the Forsaken Stars

Our Lady of Endless Worlds 02, novella

Rather, Lina

Not long ago, Earth's colonies and space stations threw off the yoke of planet Earth's tyrannical rule. Decades later, trouble is brewing in the Four Systems, and Old Earth is flexing its power in a bid to regain control over its lost territories. The Order of Saint Rita – whose mission is to provide aid and

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mercy to those in need – bore witness to and defied Central Governance's atrocities on the remote planet Phyoosonga III. The sisters have been running ever since, staying under the radar while still trying to honour their calling. Despite the sisters' secrecy, the story of their defiance is spreading like wildfire, spearheaded by a growing anti-Earth religious movement calling for revolution. Faced with staying silent or speaking up, the Order of Saint Rita must decide the role they will play – and what hand they will have – in reshaping the galaxy. This 192pp Tor.com novella is the sequel to *Sisters of the Vast Black* (PBK, \$32.99).

Space opera TP \$37.95

Wildwood Whispers

Reece, Willa

At the age of eleven, Mel Smith's life found its purpose when she met Sarah Ross. Ten years later, Sarah's sudden death threatens to break her. To fulfil a final promise to her best friend after her sudden death, Mel travels to an idyllic small town nestled in the Appalachian Mountains. Yet, Morgan's Gap is more than a land of morning mists and deep forest shadows. There are secrets that call to Mel, in the gaze of the gnarled and knowing woman everyone calls Granny, in a salvaged remedy book filled with the magic of simple mountain traditions, and in the connection she feels to the Ross homestead and the wilderness around it. With every taste of sweet honey and tart blackberries, the wildwood twines further into Mel's broken heart. But a threat lingers in the woods – one that may have something to do with Sarah's untimely death and that has now set its sight on Mel. *The wildwood is whispering. It has secrets to reveal – if you're willing to listen...*

Horror TP \$39.95

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. Zin E Rocklyn's extraordinary debut is a lush, gothic fantasy about the prices we pay and the vengeance we seek. A 112pp Tor.com novella.

Fantasy PBK \$27.99

A River Enchanted

Elements of Cadence 01

Ross, Rebecca

Enchantments run deep on the magical Isle of Cadence: gossip is carried by the wind, plaid shawls can be as strong as armour, and the smallest cut of a knife can instil fathomless fear. The capricious spirits that live there find mirth in the lives of the humans who call the land home, but that mischief turns to malevolence as girls begin to go missing. Adaira, heiress of the east, knows the spirits only answer to a bard's music, enticing them to return the missing girls.

But there's only one bard capable of drawing the spirits forth by song: her childhood enemy Jack Tamerlaine. He hasn't stepped foot on Cadence in ten long years, content to study music at the mainland university, but as Jack and Adaira reluctantly work together it becomes apparent the trouble with the spirits is far more sinister than first thought and an older, darker secret lurks beneath the surface, threatening to undo them all. Acclaimed YA author Rebecca Ross' brilliant first adult fantasy.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Sword and Planet

anthology

Ruocchio, Christopher (editor)

Science fiction? Fantasy? Is it too much to ask for both? The distant future – like the distant past – is a place of myths, of legends, and of great heroes. Cyborg knights battle extraterrestrial demons to rescue a peaceful village. A young girl unlocks an ancient power to protect her world from offworld colonists. Here are stories not where magic is science, but with magic and science. Not knights and castles, but knights and starships. Wizards and ray guns. Swords and planets. In D J Butler's 'Power and Prestige', a pair of two-bit mercenaries are hired to solve a murder in a labyrinth beneath a crumbling city at the end of time. A young knight must face down an alien menace and awaken the power within in R R Virdi's 'A Knight Luminary', and in 'Saving the Emperor' Simon R Green takes us deep into the Imperial City of Virimonde... and offers a glimpse at how the Deathstalker clan rose to power and fame. Enjoy tales from Tim Akers, Jessica Cluess, L J Hachmeister, Susan R Matthews, T C McCarthy, Jody Lynn Nye, and Tom Toner; a new world from Lynhammer 40,000 author Peter Fehervari; and a new chapter in the Sun Eater saga from Christopher Ruocchio.

Space fantasy TP \$35.95

The Pariah

Covenant of Steel 01

Ryan, Anthony

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

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Sword and Shadow

Wolves of Elantra 02

Sagara, Michelle

In the city of Elantra, the law is upheld by a few groups, and the most feared are the Wolves – the Emperor's executioners. The newest member of this elite force is Severn Handred. Granted a leave of absence to pursue information about his unknown past, Severn joins a mission to an enclave well outside the boundaries of the Empire. And he will be in danger the entire time. Still, the instincts that led him to the Wolves and the sense of duty that keeps him there can't be discarded as easily as the tabard he wears. While he's in the heart of the West March, enmeshed in a tangled web of mysteries that have been held for centuries, Severn's belief in justice is going to be tested. It's one mortal man and his single ally against a community of immortals who will kill to keep their secrets. But they don't know who they're up against. This second in Sagara's new Wolves of Elantra series follows *The Emperor's Wolves* (TP, \$37.95).

Fantasy TP \$37.95

Ariadne

Saint, Jennifer

As Princesses of Crete and daughters of the fearsome King Minos, Ariadne and her sister Phaedra grow up hearing the hoof beats and bellows of the Minotaur echo from the Labyrinth beneath the palace. The Minotaur – Minos' greatest shame and Ariadne's brother – demands blood every year. When Theseus, Prince of Athens, arrives in Crete as a sacrifice to the beast, Ariadne falls in love with him. But helping Theseus kill the monster means betraying her family and country, and Ariadne knows, only too well, that in a world ruled by mercurial gods – drawing their attention can cost you everything. In a world where women are nothing more than the pawns of powerful men, will Ariadne's decision to betray Crete for Theseus ensure her happy ending? Or will she find herself sacrificed for her lover's ambition?

Myth retold PBK \$22.99

Dawnshard

Stormlight Archive 03.5, novella

Sanderson, Brandon

When a ghost ship is discovered, its crew presumed dead after trying to reach the storm-shrouded island Akinah, Navani Kholin must send an expedition to make sure the island hasn't fallen into enemy hands. Knights Radiant who fly too near find their Stormlight suddenly drained, so the voyage must be by sea. Shipowner Rysn Ftori lost the use of her legs but gained the companionship of Chiri-Chiri, a Stormlight-ingesting winged larkin, a species once thought extinct. Now, Rysn's pet is ill, and any hope for Chiri-Chiri's recovery can be found only at the ancestral home of the larkin: Akinah. With the help of Lopen, the formerly one-armed Windrunner, Rysn must accept Navani's quest and sail into the perilous storm from which no one has returned alive. If the crew cannot uncover the secrets of the hidden island city before the wrath of its ancient guardians falls upon them, the fate of Roshar and the entire Cosmere hangs in the balance. We expect a UK B-format paperback to be available in April.

Fantasy HC \$26.95

From Another World

Santangelo, Evelina

The seas are filled with drowning migrants; Europe is awash with xenophobia and fear. In the cities and towns, in the schools and shops, strange children are starting to appear: enigmatic and unnerving, they disappear like ghosts, causing uproar. Amid mounting paranoia, Khaled, a young teenager, by chance meets Karolina in a discount store in Brussels. She buys him a red suitcase, and they part ways: Karolina to both mourn and search for her missing son, whose laptop betrays his entanglement with extremist groups; Khaled to head south, against the flow of other Syrian refugees – travelling with urgent intent, desperately protecting the contents of his suitcase. At once a ghost story, a morality tale and a quest narrative, *From Another World* is a striking reflection on loss, grief and the struggle to brave love in a world seized by fury.

Ghost story TP \$27.99

The Last Wish

Witcher, illustrated edition

Sapkowski, Andrzej

Geralt is a Witcher, a man whose magic powers, enhanced by long training and a mysterious elixir, have made him a brilliant fighter and a merciless hunter. Yet, he is no ordinary killer. Both revered and hated, he seeks out the vile fiends that ravage the land and attack the innocent, holding the line against the monsters that plague the world. But not everything monstrous-looking is evil; not everything fair is good... and in every fairy tale there is a grain of truth. Andrzej Sapkowski's *The Last Wish* introduced the world to the iconic monster hunter Geralt of Rivia; his beloved ward and the prophesied saviour of the world, Ciri; and his ally and true love, the powerful sorceress Yennefer – and they took the world by storm. Now, experience the world of the Witcher as never before, with this stunning deluxe hardcover edition of the story collection that started it all, featuring a beautiful new cover and eight gorgeous interior illustrations by: Tommy Arnold, Kiri Østergaard Leonard, Bruce Brenneise, Jeremy Wilson, Jen Bartel, Allen Williams, Martina Fačková, and Winona Nelson.

Fantasy HC \$49.99

The Ladies of the

Secret Circus

Sayers, Constance

The surest way to get a ticket to Le Cirque Secret is to wish for it...

Paris, 1925: To enter the Secret Circus is to enter a world of wonder – a world where women weave illusions, carousels take you back in time, and trapeze artists float across the sky. Bound to her family's circus, it's the only world Cecile Cabot knows until she meets a charismatic young painter and embarks on a passionate affair that could cost her everything. *Virginia, 2004:* Lara Barnes is on top of the world, but when her fiancé disappears on their wedding day, every plan she has for the future comes crashing down. Desperate, Lara's search for answers unexpectedly lead to her great-grandmother's journals. Swept into a story of a dark circus and ill-fated love, secrets about Lara's family history come to light and reveal a curse that has been claiming payment from the women in her family for generations. A curse that might be tied to her fiancé's mysterious fate...

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

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The Lost Stories Collection

Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel
Scott, Michael
Nicholas Flamel appeared in J K Rowling's Harry Potter series – but did you know he really lived? You can learn his secrets in the bestselling Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series, and discover the Lost Stories – tales of myth, legend, and magic, previously lost to history, and never before seen in print! Enter the world of the Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel, like you never have before. The legendary alchemist Nicholas Flamel and his wife, the sorceress Perenelle, travelled the globe for centuries before they discovered the Twins of Legend, Josh and Sophie Newman. Secrets abound – and now you can discover even more of the Flamels' story in this volume of eight stories set in the world of the internationally bestselling series. Stand with the Flamels when they find the Codex, the book that holds the secret to their immortality. Follow Machiavelli under the perilous streets of Paris. Join Scatty and her twin, Aoife, as they journey through mysterious Shadowrealms. Within these pages you will meet enemies old and new and forge alliances with characters from history, myth, and legend, all as you uncover new mysteries and discover answers to questions remaining in the original series. *The Lost Stories Collection* contains never-seen-in-print stories featuring series favourites like Niccolò Machiavelli, Billy the Kid, and Virginia Dare, as well as new characters like Edgar Allan Poe and St Nicholas. Every myth holds a grain of truth. Discover the truth, now!
YA fantasy HC \$29.99

This Weightless World

Soto, Adam

From the streets of gentrified Chicago, to the tech boom corridors of Silicon Valley, *This Weightless World* follows a revolving cast of characters after alien contact upends their lives. We are introduced to Sevi, a burned-out music teacher desperate for connection; Ramona, his on-again, off-again computer programmer girlfriend; and Sevi's cello protégé Eason, struggling with the closure of his high school; after a mysterious signal arrives from outer space. When the signal – at first seen as a sign of hope – stops as abruptly as it started, they are all forced to reckon with its aftermath. In San Francisco, Sevi fights to find meaning in rekindled love; and Ramona – determined to build an AI, to prevent mankind's self-destruction – begins to feel the weight of past mistakes. And in Chicago, Eason measures his commitment to an estranged childhood friend against the chance of escaping neighbourhood troubles.
Science fiction HC \$43.99

The Justice of Kings

Empire of the Wolf 01
Swan, Richard
The Empire of the Wolf simmers with unrest. Rebels, heretics, and powerful patricians all challenge the power of the Imperial throne. Only the Order of Justices stands in the way of chaos. Sir Konrad Vonvalt is the most feared Justice of all, upholding the law by way of his sharp mind, arcane powers, and skill as a swordsman. At his side stands Helena Sedanka, his talented protégé, orphaned by the wars that forged the Empire. When the pair investigates

the murder of a provincial aristocrat, they unearth a conspiracy that stretches to the very top of Imperial society. As the stakes rise and become ever more personal, Vonvalt and Helena must make a choice: Will they abandon the laws they've sworn to uphold, in order to protect the Empire?
Fantasy TP \$32.99

Elder Race

novella
Tchaikovsky, Adrian
A junior anthropologist on a distant planet must help the locals he has sworn to study to save a planet from an unbeatable foe. Lynesse is the lowly Fourth Daughter of the queen, and always getting in the way. But a demon is terrorising the land, and now she's an adult (albeit barely) with responsibilities (she tells herself). Although she still gets in the way, she understands that the only way to save her people is to invoke the pact between her family and the Elder sorcerer who has inhabited the local tower for as long as her people have lived here (though, none in living memory has approached it). But Elder Nyr isn't a sorcerer, and he is forbidden to help, and his knowledge of science tells him the threat cannot possibly be a demon...
A 208pp Tor.com novella.
Science fiction PBK \$26.99

The Air War

Shadows of the Apt 08
Tchaikovsky, Adrian
All is in turmoil as the world moves towards war. In Solarno, the spies watch each other and ready their knives, while Myna sees the troops muster at its border and emotions run high as it vows never to be enslaved again. In Collegium, the students argue politics, too late to turn the tide. In the heart of the Empire, new pilots have completed their secretive training, generals are being recalled to service and armies are ready to march. Their Empress, the heir to two worlds, intends to claim her birthright. And nothing – either within the Empire or beyond it – will stand in her way. A conflict is coming, the like of which the insect-kind have never seen.
A reissue.
Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

War Master's Gate

Shadows of the Apt 09
Tchaikovsky, Adrian
Relentlessly advancing towards Collegium, the Empire is again seeking to break down its walls. The mighty imperial armies have learnt from their failures, and Empress Seda will brook no weakness in her soldiers. However, Stenwold Maker has earned his title, and the War Master has strategies to save his city. His aviators rule the skies – but the Wasp Kinden Empire has developed a terrifying new aerial weapon. Yet, the campaign may be decided far from marching armies and the noise of battle. In an ancient forest, where Mantis clans pursue their own civil war, the Empress Seda is seeking lost magic. Some dangerous shadow of old night is locked up among these trees and she is wants its power. Cheerwell Maker must stop her, at any cost, but will their rivalry awaken something far deadlier? Something that could make even their clash of nations pale into insignificance... A reissue.
Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Seal of the Worm

Shadows of the Apt 10
Tchaikovsky, Adrian
The Empire stands victorious over its enemies at last. With her chief rival cast into the abyss, Empress Seda now faces the truth of what she has cost the world in order to win the war. The Seal has been shattered, and the Worm stirs towards the light for the first time in a thousand years. Already it is striking at the surface, voraciously consuming everything its questing tendrils touch. Faced with this threat, Seda knows that only the most extreme of solutions can lock the Worm back in the dark once again. But if she will go to such appalling lengths to save the world from the Worm, then who will save the world from her? The last book in the epic, critically acclaimed Shadows of the Apt series.
A reissue.
Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Transgressions of Power

Broken Trust 02
Wade, Juliette
To marry into the most powerful family in Varin is to step into a trap. Della has spent thirteen years under the scrutiny of Pelismara's political elites, supporting Tagaret in a dangerous pretence as his brother Nekantor's closest ally. In secret, however, they've planned to escape, and to break down the restrictions of Varin's caste society. When Nekantor offers to send them to Selimna, the city where their caste experiments can be carried out, how can they not accept the opportunity? But ever since Nekantor seized power as the Eminence Herin's Heir, he's wanted to keep power in the family, and that means his eye is on the children – especially their 13-year-old brother Adon. In their absence, Nekantor begins to execute his own long-schemed plan, and soon Della realises they've unwittingly become a part of it. How far does Nekantor's influence spread? How much will he seek to control? And how can she save Adon from falling into his snare? The sequel to *Mazes of Power* (TP, \$37.95).
Post-apocalypse TP \$41.95

Inheritors of Power

Broken Trust 03
Wade, Juliette
Many years have passed since the Eminence Nekantor and Heir Adon seized power, and life in Pelismara has found a fragile equilibrium under Nekantor's thumb. Now, the Imbati Service Academy suspects that Xinta, Manservant to the Eminence, may have taken control of Nekantor for his own sinister purposes, endangering what peace still remains. Imbati Catín, an Academy prodigy, vows service to Adon, balancing two core purposes – to advance her Master's designs on power, and to determine the full extent of Xinta's influence. When a trash hauler named Akrabitti Corbinan walks into a place he doesn't belong, everything falls out of balance. Catín, who is investigating this newly discovered hidden library, immediately arrests Corbinan for trespassing. Nekantor then seizes Corbinan, believing he's a spy who sought to topple the government, and Xinta vanishes him before Catín can determine his intent. What was Corbinan really seeking? What dangerous information does the library

contain, that Xinta might seek to control? And what might happen if someone more dangerous finds Corbinan first? The sequel to *Transgressions of Power* (TP, \$41.95).
Post-apocalypse TP \$41.95

Malice

Malice duology 01
Walter, Heather
Once upon a time, there was a wicked fairy who, in an act of vengeance, cursed a line of princesses to die. A curse that could only be broken by true love's kiss. You've heard this before, haven't you? The handsome prince. The happily ever after. Utter nonsense. Let me tell you, no one in Briar actually cares about what happens to its princesses. Not the way they care about their jewels and elaborate parties and charm-granting elixirs. I thought I didn't care, either. Until I met her. Princess Aurora. The last heir to Briar's throne. Kind. Gracious. The future queen her realm needs. One who isn't bothered that I am Alyce, the Dark Grace, abhorred and feared for the mysterious dark magic that runs in my veins. Humiliated and shamed by the same nobles who pay me to bottle hexes and then brand me a monster. Aurora says I should be proud of my gifts. That she... cares for me. Even though a power like mine was responsible for her curse. But with less than a year until that curse will kill her, any future I might see with Aurora is swiftly disintegrating – and she can't stand to kiss yet another insipid prince. I want to help her. If my power began her curse, perhaps it's what can lift it. Perhaps, together, we could forge a new world. Nonsense again. Because we all know how this story ends, don't we? Aurora is the beautiful princess. And I – I am the villain.
Fantasy TP \$37.95

A Call to Insurrection

Manticore Ascendant 04
Weber, David; Zahn, Timothy; Pope, Thomas
Yesterday, the Star Kingdom of Manticore was a small, unimportant interstellar backwater. A quiet little star nation, only recently recovered from the devastating blow of the Plague Years. More affluent than some, perhaps, but with little to attract trade or interstellar commerce, it had little need for a navy... and even less interest in paying for one. But Manticore has now become a target. The Star Kingdom isn't certain who is attacking it, or why, or what its mysterious foe can possibly want, but Queen Elizabeth I knows she has to find out. And she knows that whatever some of her subjects think, Manticore does need a navy. And it needs allies, friends like the dynamic Republic of Haven and the Andermani Empire. It needs their trade... and to learn from their more experienced and powerful navies. It is the job of officers like Travis Long and his wife, Lisa, to acquire that experience. Of utterly inexperienced diplomats like Travis' brother Gavin, Earl Winterfall, to build those alliances. They have been sent to the powerful Andermani Empire to do just that, for the Imperial Navy is one of the most potent and experienced fleets in the galaxy. But the Andermani have problems of their own. Their Emperor's death is the trigger for insurrection, and now that powerful and experienced navy is locked in civil war.

Pulp Fiction

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The Manticoran visitors find themselves squarely in the path of the storm, and before Travis, Lisa, and Gavin can accomplish anything else, they first have to survive. Weber, Zahn & Pope's popular series begins with *A Call to Duty* (PBK, \$24.95).

Space opera HC \$55.00

The House of Footsteps **West, Mathew**

It's 1923 and at Mordrake Manor, a forbidding house on the Scottish border, the roaring twenties seem not to have arrived. But Simon Christie has – a young man who can't believe his luck when he gets a job cataloguing the infamous art collection of the Mordrake family. Yet, from the moment he gets off the train at the deserted village station he can't shift a headache and a sense that there's more to the Manor and its gruesome selection of pictures. Simon's host is glad of his company, but he gets the feeling the house is not so welcoming. As his questions about the Mordrakes grow, he finds answers in surprising places. But someone is not pleased that old secrets are stirring. As night falls each evening, and a growing sense of unease roils in the shifting shadows around him, Simon must decide what he can trust and ask if he can believe what he sees in the dusk or if his mind is poisoned by what has happened before in this place between lands, between light and dark.

Horror TP \$27.99

Fate's Ransom

First Argentines 04

Wheeler, Jeff

Ransom Barton has served three Argentine kings. The new successor to the throne is the ruthless Jon-Landon, a fallible strategist

when it comes to war. After losing against the Occitanian armies, the king forces Ransom to bear the blame and removes him from the council. But Jon-Landon isn't yet through with humbling the honourable knight of Ceredigion. When a retaliatory battle succeeds, Jon-Landon invites Ransom back into his circle. Though, Ransom's Fountain magic is made stronger by his fealty, he's once again forced to make a terrible choice. And this time, Ransom's wife, Claire, and their sons could pay the price for Ransom's loyalty. But as tensions between Ceredigion and Occitania reignite and alliances at court begin to crumble, a desperate Jon-Landon discovers his only ally is the knight he betrayed. With the future of Kingfountain hanging in the balance, Ransom agrees to help. And as secret enemies reveal their endgame, Ransom knows that he may have to make the ultimate sacrifice for the survival of the Argentine dynasty.

Fantasy TP \$24.99

Marion Lane and the Deadly Rose

Inquirers mysteries 02

Willberg, T A

The envelope was tied with three delicate silk ribbons: 'One of the new recruits is not to be trusted...' It's 1959 and a new killer haunts the streets of London, having baffled Scotland Yard. The newspapers call him The Florist because of the rose he brands on his victims. The police have turned yet again to the Inquirers at Miss Brickett's for assistance, and second year Marion Lane is assigned the case. But she's already dealing with a mystery of her own, having received an unsigned letter warning her that one of the three new

recruits should not be trusted. She dismisses the letter at first, focusing on The Florist case, but her informer seems to be one step ahead, predicting what will happen before it does. But when a fellow second-year Inquirer is murdered, Marion takes matters into her own hands and must come face to face with her informer – who predicted the murder – to find out everything they know. Until then, no one at Miss Brickett's is safe, and everyone is a suspect. The sequel to *Marion Lane and the Midnight Murder* (PBK, \$22.99). *Midnight Murder* was great fun, recommended.

Fantasy crime TP \$32.99

Lord Quillifer

Quillifer 03

Williams, Walter Jon

Quillifer's archenemy, the beautiful and vengeful goddess Orlanda, predicts his inescapable fall from power, and Quillifer has to admit that she may be right. Quillifer has risen high at court. The butcher's son is, now, a lord... the confidential agent of the state, the caretaker of the kingdom's secrets, and the secret lover of the young and brilliant Queen Floria. He finds himself surrounded by perils. The nobles are at odds with one another, but united in despising Quillifer. Someone has brought deadly poison into court, and Quillifer fears the Queen may be the intended victim. Another assassination plot is aimed at Quillifer himself, and an enemy nation has landed troops intending to topple Floria by force. Quillifer must solve every mystery, meet every danger, and discover every secret in order to guard himself and his love, Floria, from the dangers that beset them.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Interlibrary Loan **Wolfe, Gene**

Hundreds of years in the future, our civilisation is shrunk down, but we go on. There is advanced technology, there are robots. And there are clones. E A Smithe is a borrowed person, his personality an uploaded recording of a deceased mystery writer. Smithe is a piece of property, not a legal human. As such, Smithe can be loaned to other branches. Which he is. Along with two fellow reclones, a cookbook and romance writer, they are shipped to Polly's Cove, where Smithe meets a little girl who wants to save her mother, a father who is dead, but perhaps not. And another E A Smithe... who definitely is.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

Version Zero

Yoon, David

Three friends. One broken world. And a quest to save it. Sometimes you have to break the world in order to fix it... Max is fortunate enough to be employed by Wren, the world's most powerful social media company. He works in a sprawling campus made of glass on a project so secret he can tell no one about it. But, one day, he discovers something sinister going on beneath the surface of the company. A terrible secret that makes him rethink not only his work but also the true consequences of modern technology. When Max is fired from Wren for asking the wrong questions, he joins up with his two best friends to form Version Zero, a top-secret group with a simple goal: break the internet and build something better and kinder in its place...

Tech thriller PBK \$19.99