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Ron and Leanne

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

### Rivers of London

PC Grant O1, 10th anniversary edition

#### Aaronovitch, Ben

CSI London, urban fantasy-style! Peter Grant was just a probationary constable in the Metropolitan Police Service – when, one night, in pursuance of a murder inquiry, he tried to take a witness statement from someone who was dead but disturbingly voluble, thus bringing him to the attention of Inspector Nightingale, the last wizard in England. Now, Peter is a Detective Constable and a trainee wizard, the first apprentice in fifty years and his world has become somewhat more complicated: nests of vampires in Purley, negotiating a truce between the warring god and goddess of the Thames, digging up graves in Covent Garden and there's something festering at the heart of London, a malicious vengeful spirit that takes ordinary Londoners and twists them into grotesque mannequins to act out its drama of violence and despair. The spirit of riot and rebellion has awakened in the city, and it falls to Peter to bring order out of chaos – or die trying. A gorgeous hardcover edition to celebrate the tenth anniversary of its publication.

Urban fantasy HC \$49.99

### Rivers of London

#### O4-6 boxed set

graphic novels

#### Aaronovitch, Ben; et al

A stunning box set edition of three of the bestselling graphic novels in the Rivers of London sequence, starring Ben Aaronovitch's laconic trainee wizard and budding detective, Peter Grant. Includes Art Cards featuring the cover art from the individual graphic novels.

**Detective Stories:** An anthology series of stories featuring Police Constable Peter Grant, his partner, Sahra Guleed, and their associates, as they tackle supernatural crime on the streets of London! An adventure for Ben Aaronovitch's laconic, way-past-cool but slightly geeky trainee wizard and budding detective, Peter Grant!

**Cry Fox:** Vengeful Russian mobsters are looking to hire members of London's own more-than-natural underworld to bring bloody retribution down on the witch Varvara. However, the ex-Soviet sorcerer is under the protective wing of London's own wizarding cop, Peter Grant (now, a proper detective and everything), and to get the attention of Grant and his colleagues, the daughter of a prominent Russian oligarch is kidnapped by parties unknown, but possibly fox like.

**Water Weed: Spring Breakers** meets **Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels** on the banks of the Thames in this graphic novel from Ben Aaronovitch! When two of the less well-behaved River goddesses, Chelsea and Olympia, decide to earn a few quid on the side, Peter and Bev find themselves drawn into a sordid cannabis-smuggling operation,

controlled by London's new queen pin of crime – the brutal and beautiful Hoodette!

Urban fantasy PBK \$69.99

### Witch Please

Fix-It Witches O1

#### Aguirre, Ann

Danica Waterhouse is a fully modern witch – daughter, granddaughter, cousin, and co-owner of the Fix-It Witches, a magical tech repair shop. After a messy break-up that included way too much family 'feedback', Danica made a pact with her cousin: they'll keep their hearts protected and have fun, without involving any of the overly opinionated Waterhouse matriarchs. Danica is more than a little exhausted navigating a long-standing family feud where Gram thinks the only good mundane is a dead one and Danica's mother weaves floral crowns for anyone who crosses her path. Three blocks down from the Fix-It Witches, Titus Winnaker, owner of Sugar Daddy's bakery, has family trouble of his own. After a tragic loss, all he's got left is his sister, the bakery, and a lifetime of terrible luck in love. Sure, business is sweet, but he can't seem to shake the romantic curse that's left him past thirty, and still a virgin. He's decided he's doomed to be forever alone. Until he meets Danica Waterhouse. The sparks are instant, their attraction irresistible. For him, she's the one. To her, he's a firebomb thrown in the middle of a family war. Can a modern witch find love with an old-fashioned mundane who refuses to settle for anything less than forever? The first in a new series.

Paranormal romance TP \$24.99

### The Companion

#### Amender, Katie

The other orphans say Margot is lucky. Lucky to survive the horrible accident that killed her family. Lucky to have her own room because she wakes up screaming every night. And, finally, lucky to be chosen by a prestigious family to live at their remote country estate. But it wasn't luck that made the Suttons rescue Margot from her bleak existence at the group home. Margot was handpicked to be a companion to their silent, mysterious daughter, Agatha. At first, helping with Agatha – and getting to know her handsome younger brother – seems much better than the group home. But soon, the isolated house begins playing tricks on Margot's mind, making her question everything she believes about the Suttons... and herself. Margot's bad dreams may have stopped when she came to live with Agatha – but the real nightmare has just begun.

YA horror TP \$19.99

### Even Greater Mistakes

collection

#### Anders, Charlie Jane

The woman who can see all the possible branching futures is dating the man who can

see the one and only foreordained future.

A wildly-popular slapstick filmmaker is drawn, against his better judgment, into working with a fascist militia, against a background of social collapse. Two friends must embark on an Epic Quest To Capture The Weapon That Threatens The Galaxy, or else they'll never achieve their dream of opening a restaurant. A trans woman is captured by an agency that brutally forces detransition by means of brain transplants – only to discover that the person overseeing her case is her childhood friend. And in the liminal space between the warring fragments of what was once the United States, a mysterious bookstore is the place where all the incompatible realities can touch. Here, are delightful upendings of genre clichés, and heartfelt revalidation of classic tropes. Here is social commentary with teeth, and here are scenes of pants-wettingly funny comedy. Here are characters and situations that by their very outrageousness achieve a heightened realism unlike any other. Here is one of the strongest voices in modern science fiction, the writer called, by Andrew Sean Greer, 'this generation's *Le Guin*'.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### The Electric Kingdom

#### Arnold, David

When a deadly Fly Flu sweeps the globe, it leaves a shell of the world that once was. Among the survivors are 18-year-old Nico and her dog, on a voyage devised by Nico's father to find a mythical portal; a young artist named Kit, raised in an old abandoned cinema; and the enigmatic Deliverer, who lives Life after Life in an attempt to put the world back together. As swarms of infected Flies roam the earth, these few survivors navigate the woods of post-apocalyptic New England, meeting others along the way, each on their own quest to find life and love in a world gone dark. *The Electric Kingdom* is a sweeping exploration of art, storytelling, eternal life, and above all, a testament to the notion that even in an exterminated world, one person might find beauty in another.

YA science fiction PBK \$19.99

### Night's Illusion

Children of the Night O8

#### Ashley, Amanda

Giovanni Canzoni may just be the world's oldest male virgin. Or at least, the oldest male virgin vampire. Giovanni has clung to the vows he made a thousand years ago as a mortal priest – yet he is no longer either of those things. Others of his kind have settled down since claiming immortality, finding love, even raising children. Sensing his loneliness, Mara, Queen of the Vampires, eagerly sets out to find Giovanni the perfect mate. But only one woman, met by chance on a dark night, truly tempts him... Cassie Douglas has never met a man she trusts as much as Giovanni. Yet, the shocking

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truth he reveals makes her question their deep connection. There are other urgent obstacles too. Giovanni's sire, an ancient, dangerously powerful vampire, is awakening after centuries of slumber, with vengeance on his mind. And in the battle unfolding around them, everything is at risk – their lives, their loved ones, and a passionate eternity together...

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

### Future Crimes:

Mysteries and Detection through Time and Space  
British Library Science Fiction Classics

**Ashley, Mike (editor)**

*Assignment 1: Find party responsible for murders by space virus. Assignment 2: Investigate 'accidental' deaths on orbital solar shield. Assignment 3: Apprehend criminal possessing short term time machine.* Science fiction meets crime in this new anthology exploring one of the genre's most popular themes: mystery and detection. Pitching detectives against time paradoxes, alien intruders, AI gone bad and psychic mutation are ten stories embodying the exciting range of the sub-genre, rarely given the recognition it deserves in the literary sphere. With fascinating settings such as robot society, asteroid belt space stations, and worlds similar to our own but uncannily altered, these stories are masterpieces of satisfying setups, memorable mysteries, and timeless twists.

Classic sf TP \$37.95

### Nature's Warnings:

Classic Stories of Eco-Science Fiction  
British Library Science Fiction Classics

**Ashley, Mike (editor)**

Science fiction has always confronted the concerns of society, and its greatest writers have long been inspired by the weighty issue of humanity's ecological impact on the planet. This volume explores a range of prescient and thoughtful stories from SF's classic period, from accounts of exhausted resources and ecocatastrophe to pertinent warnings of ecosystems thrown off balance and puzzles of adaptation and responsibility as humanity ventures into the new environments of the future. Featuring stories crucial to the evolution of eco-science fiction from Philip K Dick, Margaret St Clair, J D Beresford, and more, this timely collection is a trove of essential reading.

Classic so TP \$37.95

### Why Visit America

collection

**Baker, Matthew**

*Welcome, dear visitor, to a proud and storied nation. When you put down this guidebook, look around you. A nation isn't land. A nation is people.* Equal parts speculative and satirical, the stories in Matthew Baker's collection portray a world within touching distance of our own. This is an America riven by dilemmas confronting so many of us, turned on its head by one of the most innovative voices of the moment. Read together, these parallel-universe stories create a composite portrait of our true nature and a dark reflection of the world we live in.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

### The Fall of Babel

Books of Babel 04

**Bancroft, Josiah**

As Marat's siege engine bores through the Tower, Senlin can do nothing but observe the mayhem from inside the belly of the beast. Edith and her crew are forced to face Marat on unequal footing, with Senlin caught in the crossfire, while Adam attempts to unravel the mystery of his fame inside the crowning ringdom. And when the Brick Layer's true ambition is revealed, neither the Tower nor its inhabitants will ever be the same again. The Books of Babel begin with *Senlin Ascends* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Galaxias

**Baxter, Stephen**

By the middle of the 21st century, humanity has managed to overcome a series of catastrophic events and maintain some sense of stability. Space exploration has begun again. Science has led the way. But then one day, the sun goes out. Solar panels are useless, and the world begins to freeze. Earth begins to fall out of its orbit. The end is nigh. Someone has sent us a sign.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### The Follower

**Bowling, Nicholas**

When her twin brother goes missing in Northern California, Vivian Owens follows his trail to the town of Mount Hookey, home to the followers of Telos: a mountain-worshipping cult that offers spiritual fulfilment to those who seek it. While trying to navigate the town's bizarre inhabitants and the seductive preaching of the initiates of Telos, Vivian will have to confront questions about herself, her family, and everything she thinks she knows about the world. She quickly realises that her search is about far more than her missing brother – it is a quest for the secret of happiness itself. To that end, there is only one question she needs to answer: what is really at the top of Mount Hookey?

Supernatural thriller PBK \$19.99

### Threader Origins

Quantum Empirical 01

**Brandt, Gerald**

Pulled from his world by an experiment gone wrong, Darwin Lloyd is one of the few that can see the Threads – quantum strings that can be manipulated to change or control reality. On an alternate Earth ravaged by war, Darwin is torn between the Cabal and Safe Haven, his only goal to find a way back home and stop the same fate from happening in his timeline. Threads – thought of as a gift from the machine he helped his father create – and Threaders are both loved and hated, treated as gods by some and as criminals by others. Out of his element, Darwin must learn how to control the Threads and possibly join the hated Cabal to find the path back to his dad. But Thread use comes at a price. Follow the possibilities and probabilities too far and the human mind shatters, leaving the Threader a mindless, drooling husk. Yet, the Thread's pull is almost irresistible, and a constant battle for those that can see them. In this strange new world, Darwin discovers what he could

never find on his own: friends, family, love, a mother he lost years before, and a younger sister he never had. The first in a series.

Science fiction TP \$39.95

### Into the Blooded Woods

**Brockenbrough, Martha**

Happily ever after is a lie. Once upon a time there was a kingdom, and a forest that liked to eat men, and a girl who would change everything, but not alone... Except – there's no such thing as once upon a time. In a faraway land, populated by were beasts and surrounded by a powerful forest, lies a kingdom about to be sent into chaos. On his deathbed, King Tyrant divides his land, leaving half to each of his two children – so they'll rule together. However, his son, Albrecht, is not satisfied with half a kingdom. And even though his sister, Ursula, is the first born, he decides that, as a girl and were bear, she is unfit to rule. So, he invades her land, slaughtering her people and most of the were beasts, and claims it for himself. As King Albrecht builds his iron rule and an army to defend his reign, Ursula is gathering the survivors and making plans to seize back the kingdom. Not just her half – the whole thing. Because Albrecht should have never been allowed to sit on the throne, and Ursula is going to take his crown. And if he's not careful, he might not get to keep his head either.

YA fantasy HC \$41.95

### Medusa

**Burton, Jessie & Gill, Olivia**

**Lomenech (illustrator)**

Exiled to a far-flung island by the whims of the gods, Medusa has little company except the snakes that adorn her head instead of hair. But when a charmed, beautiful boy called Perseus arrives on the island, her lonely existence is disrupted with the force of a supernova, unleashing desire, love, and betrayal... Filled with glorious full-colour illustrations by award-winning Olivia Lomenech Gill, this astonishing retelling of Greek myth is perfect for readers of *Circe* (PBK, \$19.99). Illuminating the girl behind the legend, it brings alive Medusa for a new generation.

Myth retold PBK \$22.99

### Serpent Daughter

Witch War 04

**Butler, D J**

Sarah Calhoun has taken her father's throne and ascended into her goddess' presence in Unfallen Eden, as her father never did. And, now, young Sarah Calhoun is dying. Her uncle Thomas Penn isn't done with her. Armed with new powers conferred upon him by the Necromancer and with new allies won via his impending marriage, Penn aims to remove Sarah from her throne – and from the world of the living. In the meantime, Sarah has fallen out with one of her best allies. Against Sarah's advice, her brother Nathaniel heads into Imperial Philadelphia with the reckless and likely impossible aim of healing the Emperor Thomas. On the shores of the northern seas, agents of Franklin's Conventicle with an unlikely connection to the Emperor struggle to win allies among the

pole-dwelling giants, who are torn between seizing land covertly from the Firstborn of the Ohio and entering the war openly on the side of Simon Sword. In the west, the Heron King rides an explosive storm into war, crushing the mortal kingdoms in his path and bearing down on Sarah's Cahokia. To survive – and to gain the strength she needs to fight this impossible war – Sarah must unite the Mound builder kings to enact an ancient rite that will propel her beyond mortality. To do so, she must not only win over doubters among the Firstborn kings, but she must also beat back a rebellion among the Handmaids of her goddess – for there are some of the goddess' priestesses who long for the dark days of human sacrifice, and who are willing to throw Sarah herself upon the altar.

Alternate history PBK \$24.95

### Master Artificer

Silent Gods 02

**Gall, Justin**

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

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Prophets of the Ghost Ants

Antasy 01

**Carlton, Clark Thomas**

In a savage landscape where humans have evolved to the size of insects, they cannot hope to dominate. Ceaselessly, humans are stalked by night wasps, lair spiders, and marauder fleas. And just as sinister, men are still men. Corrupt elites ruthlessly enforce a rigid caste system. Duplicitous clergymen and power-mongering royalty wage pointless wars for their own glory. Fantasies of a better life and a better world serve only to torment those who dare to dream. One so tormented is a half-breed slave named Anand, a dung collector – who has known nothing but squalor and abuse. Anand wants to lead his people against a genocidal army who fight atop fearsome, translucent Ghost Ants. But to his horror, Anand learns this merciless enemy is led by someone from his own family: a religious zealot bent on the conversion of all non-believers... or their extermination. The series continues with *The Prophet of the Termite God* (PBK, \$24.95) and *The Ghost Ants of Grylladesh* (PBK, \$18.99).

Science fiction PBK \$24.95

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### Winterkeep

Graceling 04

#### Cashore, Kristin

Something is rotten in the heart of Winterkeep. A drowned Royal envoy, a mysteriously peaceful kingdom, and a revolution just waiting for a spark... A new land has been discovered to the east. Winterkeep is a land of miracles, a democratic republic run by people who like each other, where people speak to telepathic sea creatures, adopt telepathic foxes as pets, and fly across the sky in ships attached to balloons. But when Bitterblue's envoys to Winterkeep drown under suspicious circumstances, she and Giddon and her half-sister, Hava, set off to discover the truth – putting both Bitterblue's life and Giddon's heart to the test, when Bitterblue is kidnapped. Giddon believes she has drowned, leaving him and Hava to solve the mystery of what's wrong in Winterkeep. Lovisa Cavenda is the teenage daughter of a powerful Scholar and Industrialist (the opposing governing parties) with a fire inside her that is always hungry, always just nearly about to make something happen. She is the key to everything, but only if she can figure out what's going on before anyone else, and only if she's willing to transcend the person she's been all her life. This gorgeous series begins with *Graceling* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Guild Boss

Harmony

#### Castle, Jayne

Living in this new, alien world doesn't stop the settlers from trying to re-create what they've left behind. Case in point – weddings are still the highlight of any social calendar. But it's the after party that turns disastrous for Lucy Bell. Kidnapped and drugged as she leaves the party, she manages to escape – only to find herself lost in the mysterious, alien underground maze of glowing green tunnels beneath Illusion Town. She's been surviving on determination and cold pizza, scavenged for her by a special dust bunny, when help finally shows up. Gabriel Jones is the Ghost Hunter sent to rescue her, but escaping the underground ruins isn't the end of her troubles – it's only the beginning. With no rational reason for her abduction, and her sole witness gone on another assignment for the Guild, whispers start circulating that Lucy made it all up. Soon, her life unravels until she has nothing left but her pride. The last thing she expects is for Gabriel Jones to come back to town for her. The Lucy that Gabriel finds is not the same woman he rescued, the one who looked at him as if he were her hero. This Lucy is sharp, angry, and more than a little cynical – instead of awe, she treats him with extreme caution. But a killer is still hunting her, and there aren't a lot of options when it comes to heroes. Despite her wariness, Gabriel is also the one person who believes Lucy – after all, he was there. He's determined to help clear her reputation, no matter what it takes. And as the new Guild Boss, his word is law, even in the lawlessness of Illusion Town.

SF romance PBK \$19.99

### Beasts and Beauty: Dangerous Tales

Chainani, Soman

#### & Iredale, Julia (illustrator)

You think you know these stories, don't you? You are wrong. You don't know them, at all. Twelve tales, twelve dangerous tales of mystery, magic, and rebellious hearts. Each twists like a spindle to reveal truths full of warning and triumph, truths that free hearts long kept tame, truths that explore life... and death. A prince has a surprising awakening... A beauty fights like a beast... A boy refuses to become prey... A path to happiness is lost... then found again.

Fairy tales retold HC \$29.99

### The Galaxy, and the Ground Within

Wayfarers 04

#### Chambers, Becky

When a freak technological failure halts traffic to and from the planet Gora, three strangers are thrown together unexpectedly, with seemingly nothing to do but wait. Pei is a cargo runner at a personal crossroads, torn between her duty to her people, and her duty to herself. Rovog is an exiled artist, with a deeply urgent, and longed for, family appointment to keep. Speaker has never been far from her twin but now must endure the unendurable: separation. Under the care of Ouloo, an enterprising alien, and Tupo, her occasionally helpful child, the trio are compelled to confront where they've been, where they might go, and what they might be to one another. Together, they will discover that even in the vastness of space, they're not alone. The stunning finale to the award-winning Wayfarers series. The beloved *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet* (PBK, \$19.99) begins the series. (Now, sadly, delayed until March 2022.)

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### Rise of the Red Hand

Mechanists 01

#### Chatham, Olivia

The South Asian Province is split in two. Plunders lead luxurious lives inside a climate-controlled biotope, dependent on technology and gene therapy to keep them healthy and youthful forever. Outside, the poor and forgotten scrape by with discarded black-market robotics, a society of poverty-stricken cyber struggling to survive in slums threatened by rising sea levels, unbreathable air, and deadly super bugs. Shiva works for the Red Hand, an underground network of revolutionaries fighting the government, which is run by a merciless computer algorithm that dictates every citizen's fate. She's a smuggler with the best robotic arm and cybernetic enhancements the slums can offer, and her cargo includes the most vulnerable of the city's abandoned children. When Shiva crosses paths with the brilliant hacker Ruiz-Ali, a privileged Plunder who finds himself embroiled in the Red Hand's dangerous activities, they uncover a horrifying conspiracy that the government will do anything to bury. From armed guardians kidnapping children to massive robots flattening the slums, to a pandemic that threatens to sweep through the city like wildfire, Shiva and Ruiz-Ali will have to put

aside their differences in order to fight the system and save the communities they love from destruction. The first in a series.

YA dystopia TP \$26.95

### The Haunting of Leigh Harked

Coates, Darcy

Leigh Hacker's quiet suburban home was her sanctuary for more than a decade, until things abruptly changed. Curtains open by themselves. Radios turn off and on. And a dark figure looms in the shadows of her bedroom door at night, watching her, waiting for her to finally let down her guard enough to fall asleep. Pushed to her limits but unwilling to abandon her home, Leigh struggles to find answers. But each step forces her towards something more terrifying than she ever imagined. A poisonous shadow seeps from the locked door beneath the stairs. The handle rattles through the night and fingernails scratch at the wood. Her home harbours dangerous secrets, and now that Leigh is trapped within its walls, she fears she may never escape. Do you think you're safe? You're wrong.

Horror TP \$22.99

### Betraysals

Collins, Bridget

At Montverre, an ancient and elite academy hidden high in the mountains, society's best and brightest are trained for excellence in the *grand jeu* – the great game – an arcane and mysterious competition that combines music, art, math, poetry, and philosophy. Léo Martin once excelled at Montverre but lost his passion for scholarly pursuits after a violent tragedy. He turned to politics instead and became a rising star in the ruling party, until a small act of conscience cost him his career. Now he has been exiled back to Montverre, his fate uncertain. But this rarefied world of learning Léo once loved is not the same place he remembers. Once the exclusive bastion of men, Montverre's most prestigious post is now held by a woman: Claire Dryden, also known as the Magister Ludi, the head of the great game. At first, Léo feels an odd attraction to the magister – a mysterious, eerily familiar connection – though he's sure they've never met before. As the legendary Midsummer Game approaches – the climax of the academy's year – long-buried secrets rise to the surface and centuries-old traditions are shockingly overturned.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Faeries of the Faultlines

expanded, edited edition

#### Compiet, Iris

*Let me tell you about Faeries, let me take you away on a journey, an adventure.*

The Faultlines is an ancient name given to those places where the veil between this world and the Other is thinnest. It is the place where faeries dwell, creatures creep, and magic oozes through the cracks. Recently the Faultlines have been stirring, opening up to all who wish to see, and to all who dare to venture... *Faeries of the Faultlines* was an instant Kickstarter success in 2017, and this edited, expanded edition includes the complete original documentation from the greenmen to mermaids, with expanded

sections and many more faeries to meet! 'Iris Compiet's work is an astonishing and masterful revelation of the Faery Realms. She is an artist who, with stunning alacrity, reveals the fleeting personalities of the normally unseen.' – *Brian Froud*.

Fantasy art HC \$79.99

### Leviathan Falls

Expanse 09, final!

#### Corey, James S A

The final novel in James S A Corey's *New York Times* bestselling science fiction series. The Laconian Empire has fallen, setting the thirteen hundred solar systems free from the rule of Winston Duarte. But the ancient enemy that killed the gate builders is awake, and the war against our universe has begun again. In the dead system of Adro, Elvi Okoye leads a desperate scientific mission to understand what the gate builders were and what destroyed them, even if it means compromising herself and the half-alien children who bear the weight of her investigation. Through the wide-flung systems of humanity, Colonel Aliana Tanaka hunts for Duarte's missing daughter... and the shattered emperor himself. And on the *Rocinante*, James Holden and his crew struggle to build a future for humanity out of the shards and ruins of all that has come before. As nearly unimaginable forces prepare to annihilate all human life, Holden and a group of unlikely allies discover a last, desperate chance to unite all of humanity, with the promise of a vast galactic civilisation free from wars, factions, lies, and secrets if they win. But the price of victory may be worse than the cost of defeat.

Space opera TP \$32.99

### Phantom Heart

Orag, Kelly

Seventeen-year-old Stephanie Armand doesn't believe in ghosts or spirits. Despite her six-year-old sister insisting a masked figure is hiding in her closet, and the rumours at school, Stephanie isn't convinced her father's latest renovation project – a crumbling Victorian mansion – houses the soul of a monster. So, when the very charming (and paranormal-obsessed) Lucas Cheney takes an interest in both Stephanie and her notorious home, Moldavia, the supernatural and romantic activity escalates to an all-time high. But then there's Erik – the dashing British boy, seemingly from another era, who's taken up residence in Stephanie's nightly dreams. A boy who may have something to do with the man in the mask, and the strange occurrences taking place at Moldavia. Inspired by Gaston Leroux's classic *The Phantom of the Opera*.

YA paranormal romance HC \$29.99

### Femlandia

Dalcher, Christina

Miranda Reynolds has lost her home, her job, and her husband – all thanks to an economic collapse that has brought America to its knees. The shops are empty; the streets no longer safe. Miranda and her daughter Emma have nowhere left to turn. There is one final hope, a self-sufficient haven for women who want to live a life free from men. Femlandia. For Miranda, the secluded Femlandia is a last

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resort. Life outside the gates is fraught with danger, but there's something just as sinister going on within. Welcome to Femlandia... It's no place like home.

Dystopia TP \$29.99

### Body Shocks:

Extreme Tales of Body Horror, anthology

**Datlow, Ellen (editor)**

The most terrifying thing that you can possibly imagine is your own body in the hands of a monster. Or worse, in the hands of another human being. In this definitive anthology of body horror selected by a World Horror Grandmaster, you'll find the unthinkable and the shocking: a couture designer preparing for an exquisitely grotesque runway show; a vengeful son seeking the parent who bred him as plasma donor; a celebrity-kink brothel that inflicts plastic surgery on sex workers; and organ-harvesting doctors who dissect a living man without anaesthetic. Discover 29 intricate, twisted tales of the human body, soul, and psyche, as told by storytelling legends including Carmen Maria Machado, Richard Kader, Seaman McGuire, Caitlin R Kiernan, Nathan Balingup, Tanneries Due, Cassandra Khan, Christopher Fowler, and many more.

Horror TP \$29.99

### The Sisters of Reckoning

Good Luck Girls 02

**Davis, Charlotte Nicole**

Aster. Violet. Tansy. Mallow. Clementine. They are back and they mean business... Aster is on a mission for the Lady Ghosts, helping an escaped Good Luck Girl. Although grateful to be contributing to the cause, Aster chafes at the way the Lady Ghosts work, taking as few risks as possible. So, Aster is delighted when Clem tells her that there has been support from dustblooms around the country for the Welcome House arson, orchestrated by Aster. Hearing that her action spurred these other small rebellions, Aster's resolution is crystallised. It's time for them to take this fight to the next level. They need to get rid of the welcome houses, once and for all. The sequel to *The Good Luck Girls* (PBK, \$16.99).

Dystopia PBK \$16.99

### Exiled Fleet

Divide 02

**Dewes, J S**

The survivors of The Last Watch refuse to die. The Sentinels narrowly escaped the collapsing edge of the Divide. They have mustered a few other surviving Sentinels, but with no engines they have no way to leave the edge of the universe before they starve. Adequin Rake has gathered a team to find the materials they'll need to get everyone out. To do that, they're going to need new allies and evade a ruthless enemy. Some of them will not survive. The sequel to *The Last Watch* (TP, \$32.99) – which has quickly become one of hottest new space operas of the year! Recommended.

Space opera TP \$34.99

### Cloud Cuckoo Land

**Doerr, Anthony**

When everything is lost, it's our stories that survive... How do we weather the end of things? Cloud Cuckoo Land brings together an unforgettable cast of dreamers and outsiders from past, present, and future to offer a vision of survival against all odds. *Constantinople, 1453*: An orphaned seamstress and a cursed boy with a love for animals risk everything on opposite sides of a city wall to protect the people they love. *Idaho, 2020*: An impoverished, idealistic kid seeks revenge on a world that's crumbling around him. Can he go through with it when a gentle old man stands between him and his plans? *Unknown, Sometime in the Future*: With her tiny community in peril, Konstance is the last hope for the human race. To find a way forward, she must look to the oldest stories of all for guidance. Bound together by a single ancient text, these tales interweave to form a tapestry of solace and resilience and a celebration of storytelling, itself. A *Guardian* best fiction pick of 2021.

Speculative fiction TP \$32.99

### The Every

Circle 02

**Eggers, Dave**

When the world's largest search engine/social media company merges with the planet's dominant e-commerce site, it creates the richest and most dangerous – and, oddly enough, most beloved – monopoly, ever known: The Every. Delaney Wells is an unlikely new hire. A former forest ranger and unwavering tech sceptic, she charms her way into an entry-level job with one goal in mind: to take down the company from within. With her compatriot, the not-at-all-ambitious Wes Kavakian, they look for the company's weaknesses, hoping to free humanity from all-encompassing surveillance and the emoji-driven infantilisation of the species. But does anyone want what Delaney is fighting to save? Does humanity truly want to be free? The follow-up to *The Circle* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction TP \$29.99

### A Clockwork River

**Emery, J S**

Lower Rhumbsford is a city far removed from its glory days. On the banks of the great river Rhumb, its founding fathers channelled the river's mighty flow into a subterranean labyrinth of pipes, valves and sluices, a feat of hydraulic prowess that would come to power an empire. But a thousand years have passed since then, and something is wrong: the pipes are leaking, the valves stuck, the sluices silted and the once torrential Rhumb has been reduced to a sluggish trickle. The fortunes of the Locke family, descendants of the city's most celebrated engineer, are similarly reduced. In a once fashionable quarter of the once great city, siblings Samuel and Briony Locke distract themselves: Sam tends to his vast lock collection instead of finishing his engineering thesis; facing the prospect of a disagreeable marriage, Briony occupies herself with alchemical experiments. One night, Samuel leaves the house carrying five of his most precious locks and doesn't come back. As she searches for her brother, Briony will be drawn into a web of ancestral secrets and imperial intrigues as a ruthless

new power arises. If brother and sister are to be reunited, they will need the help of a tight-lipped house spirit, a convict gang, a tribe of troglodytes, an association of antiques enthusiasts, a travelling theatrical troupe, the Ladies Whist Club, the Deep State, and a lovesick mouse.

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$32.99

### Capture the Crown

Gargoyle Queen 01

**Estep, Jennifer**

Gemma Ripley has a reputation for being a pampered princess who is more interested in pretty gowns, sparkling jewellery, and other frivolous things than learning how to rule the kingdom of Andvari. But her carefully crafted persona is just an act to hide the fact that Gemma is a powerful mind magier – and a spy. Gemma is undercover, trying to figure out who is stealing large amounts of tearstone from one of the Ripley royal mines when she encounters Prince Leonidas Morricone of Morta – her mortal enemy. Gemma tries to steer clear of the handsome prince, but when she finds herself behind enemy lines, she reluctantly joins forces with Leo. Also coming to Gemma's aid is Grimley, her beloved gargoyle. Despite the fact that Andvari and Morta are old, bitter enemies, a dangerous attraction sparks between Gemma and Leo. Further complicating matters is Leo's murderous family, especially Queen Maeven Morricone, the mastermind behind the infamous Seven Spire massacre. The closer Gemma gets to the stolen tearstone, the more deadly plots she uncovers. Everyone is trying to capture the crown, but only one queen can sit on the throne... The first in a new series, spun off from the popular Crown of Shards series.

(Now, sadly, delayed until January 2022.)

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### Innate Magic

Marrowbone Spells 01

**Fay, Shannon**

Delightfully cheeky, unquestionably charming, and sometimes maddeningly naive, cloth mage Paul Gallagher is desperately trying to make a name for himself in a re-imagined post-war London. But in a world where magic is commonplace, sewing enchanted clothes is seen as little more than a frivolous distraction. Paul is hiding a secret, however: he possesses a powerful – and illegal – innate magic that could help him achieve his wildest dreams. Unfortunately, Paul confides in the wrong person – his latest crush, Captain Hector Hollister – and is drawn into a sinister plot that risks reigniting the machinery of war. To make matters worse, the pretty American gossip reporter Paul just met reveals her personal quest to expose a government cover up may be related to Hollister's magical goals. When Hollister threatens the life of Paul's dearest friend, he realises that his poor judgement has put not only his family and friends in danger, but also the whole world. The only way to set things right may be for Paul to undergo the dangerous ritual to become Court Magician – the most powerful magician in the country. But is becoming part of the institution the best way to enact change in a terribly unjust society?

Urban fantasy TP \$24.99

### Dark Tarot

Carpathian 35

**Feehan, Christine**

Sandu Berdardi continues to exist only to protect his people. An ancient Carpathian, his entire long life has been dedicated to honour, above all else. He knows his time has passed, especially since he has not been able to find his lifemate – the anchor to keep him sane in a world he no longer understands. But just as he truly starts to give up hope, a voice reaches out to him in the night and his world explodes into colour. Adalasia enters Sandu's mind seamlessly, as if she has been a part of him forever. While she can see the shape of things to come in her deck of cards, her gift is both a blessing and a curse. The true course of Sandu's quest remains unclear, with danger waiting at every turn. She cannot see everything the future holds, but she does know it is a journey they will take together. By joining him, she will start them down a dangerous, seductive path from which there is no coming back...

Paranormal romance TP \$22.99

### 1637:

#### No Peace Beyond the Line

Ring of Fire 29

**Flint, Eric & Gannon, Charles E**

It's 1637 in the Caribbean. Commander Eddie Cantrell and his ally and friend Admiral Maarten Tromp start it off with some nasty surprises for Spain, whose centuries-long exploitation and rapine of the New World has run unchecked. Until now. Yet, life goes on in the Caribbean. Relationships among the allied Dutch, Swedes, Germans, up-timers, and even Irish mercenaries continue to evolve and deepen. New friendships must be forged with the native peoples, who will not only shape the colonists' future in the Caribbean, but will also decide whether they will be given access to a Louisiana oilfield that could change the balance of power. But for now, the only oil Imperial Spain knows about is the crude pouring out of the Allies' pumps on Trinidad – which threatens its interests in both the New and the Old Worlds. So, following in the footsteps of the conquistadors, the empire's commanders are resolved to show that they do not take threats lightly or lying down. Indeed, their historical reaction is to respond with overwhelming – and often genocidal – force. The battle for the New World has not merely begun; it is a fight to the finish.

Alternate history PBK \$24.95

### All of Us Villains

**Foody, Amanda & Herman, Christine**

Prepare to meet the villains of the Blood Veil... After the publication of a salacious tell-all book, the remote city of Ilvernath is thrust into the spotlight. Tourists, protesters, and reporters alike flock to its spellshops and historic ruins to witness an ancient curse unfold: every generation, seven families name a champion among them to compete in a tournament to the death. The winner awards their family exclusive control over the city's high magick supply, the most powerful resource in the world. In the past, the villainous Lowes have won nearly every tournament, and their champion is prepared to continue his family's reign. But this year, thanks to the influence of their newfound

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notoriety, each of the champions has a means to win. Or better yet – a chance to rewrite their story. But this is a story that must be penned in blood.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### The Hush Foster, Sara

Lainey's friend Ellis is missing. And she's not the only one. In the six months since the first case of a terrifying new epidemic – when a healthy baby wouldn't take a breath at birth – the country has been thrown into turmoil. The government has passed sweeping new laws to monitor all citizens. And several young pregnant women have vanished without trace. As a midwife, Lainey's mum, Emma, is determined to be there for those who need her. But when 17-year-old Lainey finds herself in trouble, this dangerous new world becomes very real. The one person who might help is Emma's estranged mother, but reaching out to her will put them all in jeopardy...

Dystopia TP \$32.99

### Go Tell the Bees that I am Gone

Outlander 09

#### Gabaldon, Diana

Jamie Fraser and Claire Randall were torn apart by the Jacobite Rising of 1745, and it took them twenty years to find each other again. Now, the American Revolution threatens to do the same. It is 1779 and Claire and Jamie are at last reunited with their daughter, Brianna, her husband, Roger, and their children on Fraser's Ridge. Having the family together is a dream the Frasers had thought impossible. Yet, even in the North Carolina backcountry, the effects of war are being felt. Tensions in the Colonies are great and local feelings run hot enough to boil Hell's tea kettle. Jamie knows loyalties among his own tenants are split and the war is on his doorstep. It's only a matter of time before the shooting starts. Not so far away, young William Ransom is still coming to terms with the discovery of his true father's identity – and thus his own. Lord John Grey also has reconciliations to make and dangers to meet... on his son's behalf, and his own. Meanwhile, the Southern Colonies blaze, and the Revolution creeps ever closer to Fraser's Ridge. And Claire, the physician, wonders how much of the blood to be spilt will belong to those she loves. The series begins with *Outlander* (PBK, \$22.99).

Timeslip TP \$32.99

### This Broken World Gannon, Charles E

Since boyhood, Druadaen expected he'd ascend to the command of an elite legion and become the leader his father predicted he would be. However, fate had something different in store. Assigned instead to a small group of outriders tasked with watching nearby kingdoms, Druadaen discovers that the world beyond his homeland is riddled with impossibilities. How do humanoid raiders, known as the Bent, suffer staggering losses and yet return as a vast horde every decade? How do multi-ton dragons fly? How have fossils formed in a world which sacrists insist has existed for only ten millennia? Determined to solve these mysteries,

Druadaen journeys into the dank warrens of the Bent, seeks out a dragon's lair, and ventures into long-buried ruins in search of ancient scrolls. But, whereas legends tell of heroes who encounter their greatest perils during just such forays into the unknown, Druadaen's most lethal enemies might lurk in even more unusual places: The temples and council chambers of his own homeland.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

### These Violent Delights

These Violent Delights 01

#### Gong, Chloe

In glittering Shanghai, a monster awakens... A blood feud between two gangs runs the streets red, leaving the city in the grip of chaos. At its heart is 18-year-old Juliette Cai, a former flapper who has returned to assume her role as the proud heir of the Scarlet Gang – a network of criminals far above the law. Their only rivals in power are the White Flowers, who have fought the Scarlets for generations. And behind every move is their heir, Roma Montagov, Juliette's first love... and first betrayal. But when gangsters on both sides show signs of instability culminating in clawing their own throats out, the people start to whisper. Of a contagion, a madness. Of a monster in the shadows. As the deaths stack up, Juliette and Roma must set their guns – and grudges – aside and work together, for if they can't stop this mayhem, then there will be no city left for either to rule. The brilliantly imaginative *New York Times* bestselling fantasy retelling of Romeo and Juliet set against the immersive backdrop of 1920s Shanghai; now, followed by *Our Violent Ends* (TP, \$22.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

### Our Violent Ends

These Violent Delights 02

#### Gong, Chloe

The year is 1927, and Shanghai teeters on the edge of revolution. After sacrificing her relationship with Roma to protect him from the blood feud, Juliette has been a girl on the warpath. One wrong move, and her cousin will step into usurp her place as the Scarlet Gang's heir. The only way to save the boy she loves from the wrath of the Scarlets is to have him want her dead for murdering his best friend in cold blood. If Juliette were actually guilty of the crime Roma believes she committed, his rejection might sting less. Roma is still reeling from Marshall's death, and his cousin Benedikt will barely speak to him. Roma knows it's his fault for letting the ruthless Juliette back into his life, and he's determined to set things right – even if that means killing the girl he hates and loves with equal measure. Then a new monstrous danger emerges in the city, and though secrets keep them apart, Juliette must secure Roma's cooperation if they are to end this threat once and for all. Shanghai is already at a boiling point: The Nationalists are marching in, whispers of civil war brew louder every day, and gangster rule faces complete annihilation. Roma and Juliette must put aside their differences to combat monsters and politics, but they aren't prepared for the biggest threat of all: protecting their hearts from each other. The heart-stopping follow-up to *These Violent Delights* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

### We Hear Voices Green, Evie

Kids have imaginary friends. Rachel knows this. So, when her young son, Billy, miraculously recovers from a mysterious flu that has proven fatal for many, she thinks nothing of Delfy, his new invisible friend. After all, her family is healthy and that's all that matters. But soon Delfy is telling Billy what to do, and the boy is acting up and lashing out in ways he never has before. And Billy isn't the only kid suddenly hearing voices... Rachel can't shake the feeling that this is all tied up with the flu, and something – or someone – far more sinister is at play. As rising tensions threaten to tear her family apart, she clings to one purpose: to protect her children at any cost – even from themselves.

Horror TP \$37.95

### The House on Widows Hill

Ishmael Jones mysteries 09

#### Green, Simon R

Set high on top of Widows Hill, Harrow House has remained empty for years. Now, on behalf of an anonymous prospective buyer, Ishmael and Penny are spending a night there in order to investigate the rumours of strange lights, mysterious voices, unexplained disappearances, and establish whether the house is really haunted. What really happened at Harrow House, all those years ago? Joined by a celebrity psychic, a professional ghost-hunter, a local historian and a newspaper reporter, it becomes clear that each member of 'Team Ghost' has their own pet theory as to the cause of the alleged haunting. But when one of the group suddenly drops dead with no obvious cause, Ishmael realises that if he can find out how and why the victim died, he will have the key to solving the mystery.

Paranormal mystery TP \$39.95

### Twenty-Five to Life

#### Greene, R W W

Life goes on for the billions left behind after the humanity-saving colony mission to Proxima Centauri leaves Earth orbit... but what's the point? Julie Riley is two years too young to get out from under her mother's thumb, and what does it matter? She's over educated, under employed, and kept mostly numb – by her pharma implant. Her best friend – who she's mostly been interacting with, via virtual reality, for the past decade – is part of the colony mission to Proxima Centauri. Plus, the world is coming to an end. So, there's that. When Julie's mother decides it's time to let go of the family home in a failing suburb and move to the city to be closer to work and her new beau, Julie decides to take matters into her own hands. She runs, illegally, hoping to find and hide with the Volksgeist, a loose-knit culture of tramps, hoboes, senior citizens, artists, and never-do-wells who have elected to ride out the end of the world in their campers and converted vans, constantly on the move over the back roads of America.

Post-apocalypse TP \$22.99

### A Boy Called Christmas Haig, Matt & Mould, Chris (illustrator)

*Believe in the impossible...* You are about to read *the true story of Father Christmas*.

If you are one of those people who believe that some things are impossible, you should put this book down right away. (Because this book is *full* of impossible things.) Are you still reading? Good. Then, let us begin... A Christmas classic from the bestselling author, now in paperback.

Children's fantasy PBK \$14.99

### World's Edge

Tethered Citadel 02

#### Hair, David

Chasing a dream of wealth and freedom, Raythe Vyre's ragtag caravan of refugees from imperial oppression went off the map, into the frozen wastes of the north. What they found there was beyond all their expectations: Rath Argentium, the legendary city of the long-vanished Aldar, complete with its fabled floating citadel. Even more unexpectedly, they encountered the Tangato, the remnants of the people who served the Aldar, who are shocked to learn that they're not alone in the world – and hostile to Raythe's interlopers. What awaits Raythe's people in the haunted castle that floats above them, the lair of the last Aldar king? Everlasting wealth – or eternal damnation? The sequel to *Map's Edge* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Sucker Punch

Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter 27

#### Hamilton, Laurell K

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

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### The Dreaming Void

Void trilogy 01

#### Hamilton, Peter F

The Void: a sealed universe, billions of years old. Alive, its expansion is barely contained. Now, it wants to make contact. Inigo channels mysterious dreams of an unlikely hero, a simpler life and a hope for a brighter future – on a world that's not his own. His disaffected followers are determined to seek this utopia and cross the forbidden boundary of the Void to reach it. Unaware that such an act could trigger its growth beyond all control... destroying everything in its path. A reissue of the first novel in the epic Void trilogy, set in the world of the Commonweath Saga.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

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### The Temporal Void

Void trilogy 02

**Hamilton, Peter F**

Humanity is in turmoil as a fanatical cult, inspired by projected dreams from the Void, prepares to journey beyond its boundaries – no matter what they will unleash in doing so... Investigator Paula Myo is determined to find the Void's 'Second Dreamer', Araminta, who is channelling the latest visions of Edeard the Waterwalker. A messiah, it's his crusade against injustice that has influenced billions to risk journeying into the unknown. It's only as the dreams reach their culmination and Edeard's story nears its end that the Void's true nature will be revealed. And by then it may be too late... A reissue of the second novel in the epic Void trilogy, set in the world of the Commonwealth Saga.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### The Evolutionary Void

Void trilogy 02

**Hamilton, Peter F**

Time is running out for those determined to prevent millions of followers from the cult of Living Dreams crossing into the Void and triggering an expansion that will destroy everything in its path. Second Dreamer Araminta is on the run but knows that she cannot escape her destiny forever. But when she finally makes her choice, it will change her in ways no one could have expected. Meanwhile, Edeard, the subject of the cult's dreams, finds life as challenging and dangerous as ever. He soon realises that there are consequences for stability. But is the price for peace too high? A reissue of the third novel in the epic Void trilogy, set in the world of the Commonwealth Saga.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### Light Chaser

novella

**Hamilton, Peter F**

**& Powell, Gareth L**

In an action-packed sci-fi adventure, a love powerful enough to transcend death can bring down an entire empire. Amahle is a Light Chaser – one of a number of explorers, who travel the universe alone (except for their onboard AI), trading trinkets for life stories. But when she listens to the stories sent down through the ages, she hears the same voice talking directly to her from different times and on different worlds. She comes to understand that something terrible is happening, and only she is in a position to do anything about it. And it will cost everything to put it right. A 144pp Tor.com novella. Recommended.

Science fiction PBK \$27.99

### Payback's a Witch

Witches of Thistle Grove 01

**Harper, Lana**

Emmy Harlow is a witch in exile. She hasn't been home to the magical town of Thistle Grove in years, which has a lot to do with a complicated family history and a desire to forge her own way in the world, and only the very tiniest bit to do with Gareth Blackmoore, heir to the most powerful magical family in town, casual breaker of hearts and destroyer of dreams. But when a spellcasting tournament approaches, it turns out the pull of tradition (or the truly impressive parental

guilt trip that comes with it) is strong enough to bring Emmy back. She's determined to do her familial duty; spend some quality time with her best friend, Linden Thorn; and get back to her real life in Chicago. On her first night home, Emmy runs into Talia Avramov – an all-around badass adept in the darker magical arts – who is fresh off a bad break-up... with Gareth Blackmoore. Talia had let herself be charmed, only to discover that Gareth was also seeing Linden – unbeknownst to either of them. And, now, she and Linden want revenge. Only one question stands: Is Emmy in? But most concerning of all: Why can't she stop thinking about the terrifyingly competent, devastatingly gorgeous, wickedly charming Talia Avramov? The first in a series.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### The Lady of Galadan

Dune: Caladan 02

**Herbert, Brian**

**& Anderson, Kevin J**

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

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### The Rookery

Nightjar duology 02

**Hewitt, Deborah**

The Rookery, city of secrets, lies and magic, is facing destruction. But does Alice have the power to save her new home? And will she give her life to save its secrets? When Alice discovered this alternate London, her life changed forever. She discovered she was seeing Nightjars – miraculous birds that guard our souls. But her newfound magic has a dark side. So, in an effort to protect her friends, Alice is training to wield her rare abilities under House Mielikki – the House of Life. Yet, something isn't right. And after a series of attacks leaves her reeling, it's clear someone wants her to fail. Alice must plunge into a world of seductive magic and unimaginable perils to uncover the conspiracy. And when she discovers why the Rookery itself is at risk, she realises the price she must pay to save it. The dazzling, magical sequel to *The Nightjar* (PBK, \$18.99).

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### The Book of Magic

Practical Magic 03

**Hoffman, Alice**

The Owens family has been cursed in matters of love for over 300 years but all of that is about to change. The novel begins in a library, the best place for a story to be conjured, when beloved aunt Jet Owens hears the death-watch beetle and knows she has only seven days to live. Jet is not the only one in danger – the curse is already at work. A frantic attempt to save a young man's life spurs three generations of the Owens women, and one

long-lost brother, to use their unusual gifts to break the curse as they travel from Paris to London to the English countryside where their ancestor Maria Owens first practiced the Unnamed Art. The younger generation discovers secrets that have been hidden from them in matters of both magic and love by Sally, their fiercely protective mother. As Kylie Owens uncovers the truth about who she is and what her own dark powers are, her aunt Franny comes to understand that she is ready to sacrifice everything for her family, and Sally Owens realises that she is willing to give up everything for love. The conclusion of the beloved Practical Magic series.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Magic Lessons

Practical Magic prequel

**Hoffman, Alice**

Where does the story of the Owens bloodline begin? With Maria Owens, in the 1600s, when she's abandoned in a snowy field in rural England as a baby. Under the care of Hannah Owens, Maria learns about the 'Nameless Arts'. Hannah recognises that Maria has a gift and she teaches the girl all she knows. It is here that she learns her first important lesson: Always love someone who will love you back. When Maria is abandoned by the man who has declared his love for her, she follows him to Salem, Massachusetts. Here she invokes the curse that will haunt her family. And it's here that she learns the rules of magic and the lesson that she will carry with her for the rest of her life. Love is the only thing that matters.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Star Mother

Star Mother 01

**Holmberg, Charlie N**

When a star dies, a new one must be born. The Sun God chooses the village of Endwever to provide a mortal womb. The birthing of a star is always fatal for the mother, and Ceris Wenden, who considers herself an outsider, sacrifices herself to secure her family's honour and take control of her legacy. But after her star child is born, Ceris does what no other star mother has: she survives. When Ceris returns to Endwever, however, it's not nine months later – it's seven hundred years later. Inexplicably displaced in time, Ceris is determined to seek out her descendants. Being a woman travelling alone brings its own challenges, until Ceris encounters a mysterious – and desperate – godling. Ristriell is incorporeal, a fugitive, a trickster, and the only being who can guide Ceris safely to her destination. Now, as Ceris traverses realms both mortal and beyond, her journey truly begins. Together, pursued across the Earth and trespassing the heavens, Ceris and Ristriell are on a path to illuminate the mysteries that bind them and discover the secrets of the celestial world.

Fantasy TP \$24.99

### The Black Locomotive

**Hughes, Rian**

London is built from concrete, steel and the creative urge. Old technology gives way to the new. Progress is inevitable – but is it more fragile than its inhabitants realise? A strange anomaly is uncovered in the new top-secret Crossrail extension being

built under Buckingham Palace. It is an archaeological puzzle, one that may transform our understanding of history – and the origins of London, itself. And if our modern world falls, we may have to turn to the technology of the past in order to save our future.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### XX: a Novel, Graphic Hughes, Rian

At Jodrell Bank Observatory a mysterious signal of extraterrestrial origin has been detected. Jack Fenwick, artificial intelligence expert and on the autistic spectrum, thinks he can decode it. But when he and his associates at tech startup Intelligencia find a way to step into the alien realm the signal encodes, they discover that it's already occupied – by ghostly entities that may come from our own past. Have these 'DMEn' (Digital Memetic Entities) been created by persons unknown for just such an eventuality? Are they our first line of defence in a coming war, not for territory, but for our minds? Including transcripts from NASA debriefs, newspaper and magazine articles, fictitious Wikipedia pages, a 17th-century treatise called *Cometographia* by Johannes Hevelius, and a spread on the so-far undeciphered written language of Easter Island, Rongorongo, from a book called *Language Lost: Undeciphered Scripts of the Ancient World*. There is no book quite like this. The battle for your mind has already begun. Wrapping stories within stories, Rian Hughes' XX unleashes the full narrative potential of graphic design. It uses the visual culture of the 21st century to ask us who we think we are – and where we may be headed next. Recommended.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### The Coming of the Dark

Immortal's Blood 02

**Humphreys, Chris**

Three lands. Each ruled in different ways by a decadent immortal elite for their own pleasure and power. They know nothing of each other. But there is a fourth, vast land of mortals. Led by black-eyed priests, the tribes have put aside centuries of hate to unite under the prophecy of 'the One' a child saviour who is neither boy nor girl. Now, they are finally ready to conquer the whole world... and wipe the immortals out. Yet, in each of those other worlds there are some who will resist, even unto a final death. Luck, a malformed god of the Northmen, desperate to give up a drug that shows him the whole world clearly, even as it destroys his will to fight for it. Ferros, a brilliant warrior recently made immortal, torn between new and old loyalties and loves. Atisha, mother of 'the One', determined to defeat all plans that have been made for her child. Among battles on sea and land, the fall of empires and the rise of the Mortals, will come the Triumph of the One. But will it be a final darkness? Or is there someone who can still save the light?.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

### The Ghost Tracks

**Hurtado, Celso**

Erasmó Cruz is from the wrong side of the tracks. His dad was a junkie who overdosed. His mom chose to run off rather than raise him. His only passion is the supernatural,

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and his only family is his grandmother, whose aches and pains, he soon learns, aren't just from old age but from cancer. Desperate to help his grandmother pay for treatment, Erasmo sets up shop as a paranormal investigator. After witnessing a series of inexplicable events, he must uncover the truth behind his clients' seemingly impossible claims. From hauntings to exorcisms, Erasmo soon finds that San Antonio is a much scarier place than even he knew.

YA horror TP \$35.95

### Bewitch the Darkness

Guardians of Eternity series

Ivy, Alexandra

Only one drastic mission can tempt Kyi away from the peaceful woodland where the dryads raised her: killing her mother. Xuria's beauty masks a bone-deep evil that has enslaved fey, for centuries, with the help of a powerful stone. A hundred years ago, Kyi almost succeeded – until one meddling vampire destroyed her chance. With rumours that Xuria has emerged from her secret realm, Kyi's determined to try again – despite the vampire who is now focused on destroying her. Locke has been waiting over a century to avenge what he believes was Xuria's death. Discovering the sorceress' raven-haired fey daughter was the assassin is a surprise – until her story of Xuria's treachery begins to ring true. Working with Kyi is one solution – and the relentless heat simmering between them is a hint that they may be fated as mates. But even a destined love will have to wait as they now struggle to defeat Kyi's twin sister, who has a chilling plan of her own...

Paranormal romance TP \$37.95

### Vagabonds

Jingfang, Hao

AD 2201. Just over a century ago, the Martian colonies declared their independence. After a brief conflict, Earth and Mars cut ties, carving separate trajectories into the future, viewing each other with suspicion and even hatred. Five years ago, a group of Martian students were sent to Earth as goodwill ambassadors from the Red Planet. Now, the young men and women are coming home, escorting a delegation of prominent Terrans to see if the two worlds can bridge the void that has opened up between them. Almost immediately, negotiations break down and old enmities erupt. Luoying, one of the returning Martians, is caught amidst the political intrigue and philosophical warfare. Martians and Terrans, old friends and new mentors, statesmen and revolutionaries – everything and everyone challenges her, pushing her to declare her allegiance. Torn between her native land and the world on which she came of age, Luoying must discover the truth amid a web of lies spun by both sides, she must chart a course between history and the future, or face the destruction of everything she's ever loved.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

### Trouble the Saints

Johnson, Alaya Dawn

Set against the darkly glamorous backdrop of New York City, where an assassin falls in love, and tries to change her fate at the dawn of World War II. Amid the whirl of city life,

a young woman from Harlem is drawn into the glittering underworld of Manhattan, where she's hired to use her knives to strike fear among its most dangerous denizens. Ten years later, Phyllis LeBlanc has given up everything – not just her own past, and Dev, the man she loved, but even her own dreams. Still, the ghosts from her past are always by her side – and history has appeared on her doorstep to threaten the people she keeps in her heart. And, so, Phyllis will have to make a harrowing choice, before it's too late – is there ever enough blood in the world to wash clean generations of injustice? A dazzling, daring novel – a magical love story, a compelling exposure of racial fault lines – and an altogether brilliant and deeply American saga. 'Juju assassins, alternate history, a gritty New York crime story... in a word: awesome.'

– N K Jemisin.

Urban fantasy TP \$34.99

### The Maleficent Seven

Johnston, Cameron

Black Herran was a dread demonologist, and the most ruthless general in all Essoran. She assembled the six most fearsome warriors to captain her armies: a necromancer, a vampire lord, a demigod, an orcish warleader, a pirate queen, and a twisted alchemist. Together they brought the whole continent to its knees... Until the day she abandoned her army, on the eve of total victory. Forty years later, she must bring her former captains back together for one final stand, in the small town of Tarnbrooke – the last bastion against a fanatical new enemy tearing through the land, intent on finishing the job Black Herran started years before. Seven bloodthirsty monsters. One town. Their last hope.

Dark fantasy TP \$22.99

### When the Goddess Wakes

Ring-Sworn trilogy 03

Jones, Howard Andrew

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

Fantasy HC \$59.99

### Warrior of the Altai

Jordan, Robert

Draw near and listen, or else time is at an end. The watering holes of the Plain are drying up, the fearsome fanghorn grow more numerous, and bad omens abound. Wulfgar, a leader of the Altai people, must contend with twin queens, warlords, prophets and magic in hopes of protecting his people and securing their future. Elspeth, a visitor from another world, holds the answers, but first Wulfgar must learn to ask the right questions. But what if the knowledge that saves the Altai will also destroy them?

Fantasy PBK \$26.95

### The Eye of the World

Wheel of Time 01, TV series tie-in

Jordan, Robert

When she arrives in a small village in the Two Rivers, Moiraine discovers three young men, each of whom might be the long-awaited and reviled Chosen One, the Dragon Reborn. But she is not the only stranger new to the village, nor the only one searching. In a race against time and the agents of the Shadow, she must guide her charges through lands of myth and legend, toward allies both new and old, and into the footsteps of prophecy. The Wheel of Time turns, and an epic adventure begins. A TV tie-in edition of first novel in the series.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### King Bullet

Sandman Slim 12, final!

Kadrey, Richard

It's been three months since Stark stopped a death cult and a potential ghost apocalypse, and he's at loose ends. His personal life is a mess. His professional life isn't much better. And the world... well, the world is going to shit. LA is gripped by a viral epidemic that has everyone wearing masks, and keeping their distance from each other. But what's even more frightening is the Shoggoth gang and their leader, King Bullet, who reveals in the city's collapse. Who is King Bullet? No one knows. He seemingly came from nowhere – with nothing but a taste for mayhem and an army of crazed killers who follow his every command. What king wants seems simple on its face: Chaos. Destruction. A city in flames. But there's more to the king and his plans for LA, and what Stark discovers will change Heaven, Earth, and Stark himself forever. The incredible finale of the page-turning, high-octane Sandman Slim series is filled with an explosive ending and intense kick-ass action. Recommended (but now, sadly, delayed until late January 2022). If you have somehow missed these, start with *Sandman Slim* (PBK, \$19.99).

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Aurora's End

Aurora Cycle 03

Kaufman, Amie & Kristoff, Jay

The thrilling finale to the internationally bestselling Aurora Cycle series sees the return of Squad 312 in an explosive battle across time and space. *Is this the end?* What happens when you ask a bunch of losers, discipline cases and misfits to save the galaxy from an ancient evil? The ancient evil wins, of course. Wait... Not. So. Fast. When we last saw Squad 312, they were working together seamlessly (*aka* freaking out) as an intergalactic battle raged and an ancient superweapon threatened to obliterate Earth. Everything went horribly wrong, naturally. But as it turns out, not all endings are endings, and the team has one last chance to rewrite theirs. Maybe two. It's complicated. Cue Zila, Fin, and Scarlett (*and Magellan!*) making friends, making enemies and making history? Sure, no problem. Cue Tyler, Kal, and Auri joining forces with two of the galaxy's most hated villains? Um, okay, yeah. That, too. Actually saving the galaxy, though? Now *that* will take a miracle. The squad you love may be out of time, but are they out of

luck? Find out in the epic conclusion to the bestselling and award-winning Aurora Cycle series (which begins with *Aurora Rising* (TP, \$19.99)).

YA space opera TP \$19.99

### The Romanov Rescue

Kratman, Tom; Watson, Justin; Ezell, Kacey

As WWI comes to a close, a German general, an escaped prisoner of war, and the crew of an airship converge to effect the Romanov rescue. Can there be a world without communism? Mankind's history is bound up in the fabric of fate, a strong cloth, tough and closely woven. It is the beginning of 1918, the last year of the greatest war in human history to date. All the belligerents stagger on their feet. Starvation is an ever present reality, while disease waits in the wings. In Russia, no longer a belligerent but, instead, rapidly descending into civil war and chaos, a lone family – father, mother, four beautiful young girls, and a brave but sickly boy – await their own fate, shivering and hungry in the dark, hoping and praying for salvation. Their relatives in England have turned their backs. The guards set over them do little but torment them. They look Heavenward, but God doesn't answer. They know they're a threat to the new regime, a threat that will, in time, be eliminated. But even the strongest fabric has flaws. An escaped prisoner of war, caught, injured, and punished, but still highly capable, might be one. An airship, returned and at loose ends after a failed mission to Africa might be another. A German general, taking a wrong turn on his nightly walk and, suddenly, coming face to face with the reality of the monster rising in the east, would be a third.

Alternate history HC \$55.00

### The Burning God

Poppy War 03

Kuang, R F

After saving her nation of Nikan from foreign invaders and battling the evil Empress Su Daji in a brutal civil war, Fang Runin was betrayed by allies and left for dead. Despite her losses, Rin hasn't given up on those for whom she has sacrificed so much – the people of the southern provinces and especially Tikany, the village that is her home. Returning to her roots, Rin meets difficult challenges – and unexpected opportunities. While her new allies in the Southern Coalition leadership are sly and untrustworthy, Rin quickly realises that the real power in Nikan lies with the millions of common people who thirst for vengeance and revere her as a goddess of salvation. Backed by the masses and her Southern Army, Rin will use every weapon to defeat the Dragon Republic, the colonising Hesperians, and all who threaten the shamanic arts and their practitioners. As her power and influence grows, will she be strong enough to resist the Phoenix's voice, urging her to burn the world and everything in it? The conclusion of the powerful epic fantasy series with its roots in the 20th-century history of the Chinese poppy war. The series begins with *The Poppy War* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

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### Hollywood Heroine

Heroine Complex 05

**Kuhn, Sarah**

Over the years, the adventures of superheroines Aveda Jupiter and Evie Tanaka have become the stuff of legend – and, now, they'll be immortalised in their very own TV show! The pair head to LA for filming, but Aveda struggles to get truly excited. Instead, she's preoccupied wondering about the fate of the world and her role in it. You know, the usual. Now, that Otherworld activity has been detected outside the Bay Area, Aveda can't help but wonder if the demon threat will ever be eradicated. When the drama on set takes a turn for the supernatural, Evie and Aveda must balance their celebrity commitments with donning their superhero capes again to investigate. And when the evil they battle reveals a larger, more nefarious plot, it's time for the indomitable Aveda Jupiter to rise to the occasion and become the leader she was meant to be on a more global scale – and, hopefully, keep some semblance of a personal life while doing so.

Urban fantasy TP \$37.95

### Midnight in Everwood

**Kuzniar, M A**

*Nottingham, 1906.* Marietta Stelle longs to be a ballerina; but, as Christmas draws nearer, her dancing days are numbered – she must marry and take up her place in society in the New Year. But, when a mysterious toymaker, Dr Drosselmeier, purchases a neighbouring townhouse, it heralds the arrival of magic and wonder in Marietta's life. After Drosselmeier constructs an elaborate theatrical set for her final ballet performance on Christmas Eve, Marietta discovers it carries a magic all of its own – a magic darker than anyone could imagine. As the clock chimes midnight, Marietta finds herself transported from her family's ballroom to a frozen sugar palace, silent with secrets, in a forest of snow-topped fir trees. She must find a way to return home before she's trapped in Everwood's enchanting grip forever. In the darkness of night, magic awaits, and you will never forget what you find here...

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### The Phantom of the Opera

**Leroux, Gaston**

Filled with passion, love, and suspense, *The Phantom of the Opera* is a thrilling classic. Rumours abound that the Paris Opera House is haunted by a ghost. Nobody has ever seen it, but it makes itself known through malevolent acts. First published in book form in 1911, this gothic novel by Gaston Leroux has been fascinating readers for more than a century and is the inspiration for the long-running hit musical. This elegant, unabridged edition includes an introduction by literary critic Susan Balée and a timeline of the author's life at the back. Join the generations of fans seduced by this enthralling story of mystery and romance.

Classic HC \$19.99

### The Arrest

**Lethem, Jonathan**

The Arrest isn't post-apocalypse. It isn't a dystopia. It isn't a utopia. It's just what happens when much of what we take for

granted – cars, guns, computers, and airplanes, for starters – quits working... Before the Arrest, Sandy Duplessis had a reasonably good life as a screenwriter in LA. An old college friend and writing partner, the charismatic and malicious Peter Todbaum, had become one of the most powerful men in Hollywood. That didn't hurt. Now, post-Arrest, nothing is what it was. Sandy, who calls himself Journeyman, has landed in rural Maine. There he assists the butcher and delivers the food grown by his sister, Maddy, at her organic farm. But then Todbaum shows up in an extraordinary vehicle: a retrofitted tunnel-digger powered by a nuclear reactor. Todbaum has spent the Arrest smashing his way across a fragmented and phantasmagorical United States, trailing enemies all the way. Plopping back into the siblings' life with his usual odious panache, his motives are entirely unclear. Can it be that Todbaum wants to produce one more extravaganza? Whatever he's up to, it may fall to Journeyman to stop him.

Dystopia PBK \$19.99

### The Veiled Throne

Dandelion Dynasty 03

**Liu, Ken**

Princess Thera once known as Empress Una of Dara; yielded the throne to her younger brother in order to journey to Ukyu-Gonde to war with the Lyucu, and has crossed the impenetrable Wall of Storms with a fleet of ships and ten thousand people. Constantly facing adversity, she faces new challenges by doing the most interesting thing and not letting the past dictate the present. In Dara, the Lyucu leadership bristles with rivalries as power and perspectives change between the remains of the Dandelion courts. Here, mothers and daughters, Empress and Pekyu alike, nurture the seeds of plans that will take years to bloom. As the conquerors and the conquered jockey for position in these new regimes, tradition gives way to new justifications for power. The epic story of the Dandelion Dynasty continues in the third book in the series. Start with *The Grace of Kings* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### In the Watchful City

novella

**Lu, S Qiouyi**

The city of Ora is watching. Anima is an extrasensory human tasked with surveilling and protecting Ora's citizens via a complex living network called the Gleaming. Although ær world is restricted to what æ can see and experience through the Gleaming, Anima takes pride and comfort in keeping Ora safe from harm. When a mysterious outsider enters the city carrying a cabinet of curiosities from around with the world with a story attached to each item, Anima's world expands beyond the borders of Ora to places – and possibilities – æ never before imagined to exist. But such knowledge leaves Anima with a question that throws into doubt ær entire purpose: What good is a city, if it can't protect its people? A 192pp Tor.com novella. 'This masterful work positions Lu among the vanguard of contemporary futurism and speculative fiction.' – *Publishers Weekly* (starred review).

Science fiction PBK \$29.99

### A Court of Thorns and Roses Hardcover Box Set

A Court of Thorns and Roses 01–5

**Maas, Sarah J**

All five of the Court of Thorns and Roses hardcovers with the new series look in a luxe box set. Feyre is a huntress. The skin of a wolf would bring enough gold to feed her sisters for a month. But the life of a magical creature comes at a steep price, and Feyre has just killed the wrong wolf... Follow Feyre's journey into the dangerous, alluring world of the Fae, where she will lose her heart, face her demons and learn what she is truly capable of. This stunning five-book box set of the bestselling series includes: *A Court of Thorns and Roses*, *A Court of Mist and Fury*, *A Court of Wings and Ruin*, *A Court of Frost and Starlight*, and *A Court of Silver Flames*.

YA fantasy HC \$200.00

### The Brides of Maracoor

Another Day 01

**Maguire, Gregory**

We find Elphaba's granddaughter, Rain, washed ashore on a foreign island. Comatose from crashing into the sea, Rain is taken in by a community of single women committed to obscure devotional practices. As the mainland of Maracoor sustains an assault by a foreign navy, the island's civil-servant overseer struggles to understand how an alien arriving on the shores of Maracoor could threaten the stability and wellbeing of an entire nation. Is it myth or magic at work, for good or for ill. The first in a new trilogy spun off the iconic Wicked Years series.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### Come with Me

**Malfi, Ronald**

Aaron Decker's life changes one December morning when his wife Allison is killed. Haunted by her absence – and her ghost – Aaron goes through her belongings, where he finds a receipt for a motel room in another part of the country. Piloted by grief and an increasing sense of curiosity, Aaron embarks on a journey to discover what Allison had been doing in the weeks prior to her death. Yet, Aaron is unprepared to discover the dark secrets Allison kept, the death and horror that make up the tapestry of her hidden life. And with each dark secret revealed, Aaron becomes more and more consumed by his obsession to learn the terrifying truth about the woman who had been his wife, even if it puts his own life at risk.

Horror PBK \$19.99

### Kingdom of the Cursed

Kingdom of the Wicked 01

**Maniscalco, Kerri**

With the enigmatic Prince of Wrath at her side, Emilia sold her soul to become Queen of the Wicked and travelled to the Seven Circles to fulfil her vow of avenging her beloved sister. But the first rule in the court of the Wicked? Trust no one. And it quickly becomes clear that nothing in Hell is what it seems. Even Wrath, her onetime ally, may be keeping secrets about his true nature. But that suits Emilia just fine – she's got secrets of her own. Faced with backstabbing courtiers, princes who delight in fear, luxurious palaces, dazzling galas, and conflicting clues about what truly

happened to her sister, Emilia finds herself on a mission to unlock the mysteries of her own past and uncover the answers she craves. As long as her sins don't catch up to her first... The sequel to *Kingdom of the Wicked* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA dark fantasy TP \$22.99

### An Unintended Voyage

Maradaine 01

**Maresca, Marshall Ryan**

Moving outside the city of Maradaine, this new novel follows a lone member of the Maradaine Constabulary, as she navigates a new but just as dangerous city. Sergeant Corrie Welling – the young constabulary officer from Maradaine – has been abducted and confined on a ship bound for distant shores, where her captors have nefarious plans for her. With fortune and ingenuity, Corrie escapes, but finds herself stuck in a sprawling metropolis on the other side of the world: The Moccasa. The Moccasa is a test unlike anything Corrie has ever faced. She doesn't speak the language, doesn't know the culture, and is forbidden from leaving the city until she pays off a colossal debt. Even if she's able to find decent work, it will take her years to settle her accounts and get home. But Corrie Welling will not be cowed. She will work, fight, and hold her chin high. As a fringe faction of an apocalyptic faith spreads throughout the city, threatening the new friends she's sworn to protect, she'll continue to stand up for the values instilled in her as a member of the Maradaine Constabulary. Even if, as her darkest day approaches, she has to do it alone. The first instalment in a new Maradaine series. Always recommended.

Fantasy TP \$39.95

### A Marvellous Light

Last Binding 01

**Marske, Freya**

Young baronet Robin Blyth thought he was taking up a minor governmental post. However, he's actually been appointed parliamentary liaison to a secret magical society. If it weren't for this administrative error, he'd never have discovered the incredible magic underlying his world. Cursed by mysterious attackers and plagued by visions, Robin becomes determined to drag answers from his missing predecessor – but he'll need the help of Edwin Courcy, his hostile magical-society counterpart. Unwillingly thrown together, Robin and Edwin will discover a plot that threatens every magician in the British Isles. Several of our regulars have eagerly awaited debut author Freya Marske's *A Marvellous Light*. Gaslamp fantasy TP \$32.99

### Gilded

**Meyer, Marissa**

What if Rumpelstiltskin isn't the villain of the story? Long ago, cursed by the god of lies, a poor miller's daughter has developed a talent for spinning stories that are fantastical and spellbinding and entirely untrue. Or, so, everyone believes. When one of Serilda's outlandish tales draws the attention of the sinister Erlking and his undead hunters, she finds herself swept into a grim world where ghouls and phantoms prowl and hollow-eyed ravens track her every

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move. Erlking imprisons Serilda in his castle and sets her the impossible task of spinning straw into gold, a task she must complete or be killed for telling falsehoods. In her desperation, Serilda unwittingly summons a mysterious boy to her aid. He agrees to help her – for a price. Love isn't meant to be part of the bargain. Soon, Serilda realises that there is more than one secret hidden in the castle walls, including an ancient curse that must be broken if she hopes to end the tyranny of Erlking and his wild hunt forever.

Fairy tales retold TP \$22.99

### Quantum Shadows

Modesitt Jr, L E

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

Science fiction TP \$36.99

### Girls of Fate and Fury

Girls of Paper and Fire 03

Ngan, Natasha

The fates of Lei and Wren are hanging in the balance. There's one thing Lei notes – she can never return to the Hidden Palace. The trauma and tragedy she suffered, behind those opulent walls, will plague her forever. She cannot be trapped there with the sadistic king again, especially without Wren. The last time Lei saw the girl she loved, Wren was fighting an army of soldiers in a furious battle to the death. With the two girls torn apart and each in great peril, will they reunite at last, or have their destinies diverged forever? This fantastic, hugely-popular trilogy begins with *Girls of Paper and Fire* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

### Stolen Earth

Nicholas, J T

Environmental disasters and AI armies have caused the human population of Earth to flee. They lie scattered across space stations and colonies, overcrowded and suffering. The Earth is cut off by the Interdiction Zone: a network of satellites that prevents any escape from the planet. The incredible cost of maintaining it has crippled humanity, who struggle under the totalitarian yoke of the Sol Commonwealth government. Many have been driven to the edge of society, taking any work offered, criminal and otherwise, in order to survive. The crew of the Arcus are just such people. Through the Interdiction Zone, a world of priceless artefacts awaits, provided anyone is crazy enough to make the run. With fuel running low and cred accounts even lower, the Arcus' survival might depend on taking the job. Yet, on arrival on Earth,

the crew discovers that what remains of their world is not as they have been told, and the truth may bring the entire Sol Commonwealth tumbling down... *Firefly* meets *The Expanse*, in a future where humanity has destroyed the Earth through ecological disaster and warfare, and a totalitarian state prevents any access to their home...

SF adventure PBK \$19.99

### Terciel and Elinor

Old Kingdom 06

Nix, Garth

Returns to the Old Kingdom, for the never-before-told love story of Sabriel's parents, Terciel and Elinor, and the charter magic that brought them together – and threatened to tear them apart. A long-awaited prequel to a classic fantasy series. In the Old Kingdom, a land of ancient and often terrible magics, 18-year-old orphan Terciel learns the art of necromancy from his great-aunt Tizanael. But not to raise the Dead, rather to lay them to rest. He is the Abhorsen-in-Waiting, and Tizanael is the Abhorsen, the latest in a long line of people whose task it is to make sure the Dead do not return to Life. Across the Wall in Ancelstierre, a steam-age country where magic usually does not work, 19-year-old Elinor lives a secluded life, her only friends an old governess and an even older groom who was once a famous circus performer. Her mother is a tyrant, who is feared by all despite her sickness and impending death... but, perhaps, there is even more to fear from that. Elinor does not know she is deeply connected to the Old Kingdom, nor that magic can sometimes come across the Wall, until a plot by an ancient enemy of the Abhorsens brings Terciel and Tizanael to Ancelstierre. In a single day of fire and death and loss, Elinor finds herself set on a path which will take her into the Old Kingdom, into Terciel's life, and will embroil her in the struggle of the Abhorsens against the Dead who will not stay dead.

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

### Noor

Okorafor, Nnedi

Anwuli Okwudili prefers to be called AO. To her, these initials have always stood for Artificial Organism. AO has never really felt... natural, and that's putting it lightly. Her parents spent most of the days before she was born praying for her peaceful passing because even *in utero*, she was wrong. But she lived. Then came the car accident years later that disabled her even further. Yet, instead of viewing her strange body the way the world views it, as freakish, unnatural, even the work of the devil, AO embraces all that she is: a woman with a ton of major and necessary body augmentations. And then one day she goes to her local market and everything goes wrong. Once on the run, she meets a Fulani herdsman named DNA and the race against time across the deserts of Northern Nigeria begins. In a world where all things are streamed, everyone is watching the reckoning of the murderess and the terrorist and the saga of the wicked woman and mad man unfold. This fast-paced, relentless journey of tribe, destiny, body, and the wonderland of technology revels in the fact that the future sometimes isn't so predictable. Expect the unaccepted.

Science fiction HC \$55.00

### Wishyouwas:

the tiny guardian of lost letters

Page, Alexandra & Neville-Lee, Penny (illustrator)

It's 1952 in smog-shrouded London. Christmas might be fast approaching, but with her mum away and Uncle Frank busy running the post office, Penny Black is lonelier than ever. All that changes when Penny discovers a small, fluffy, funny, springy and – most importantly – *talking* creature in the post office one night, trying to make off with a letter. But Wishyouwas is no thief. He's a Sorter, and he soon introduces Penny to a fascinating secret world hidden in the tunnels underneath the city's streets. Self-appointed guardians of lost mail, the Sorters have dedicated their lives to rescuing letters that have gone astray and making sure they get delivered to their rightful owners. Penny is determined to protect the Sorters, but how long will she be able to keep them safe with Stanley Scrawl, the sinister Royal Mail Rat Catcher, on the prowl? Can Penny save the Sorters and deliver a joyful Christmas?

Children's fantasy PBK \$14.99

### The Invention of Sound

Palahniuk, Chuck

Gates Foster lost his daughter, Lucy, seventeen years ago. He's never stopped searching. Suddenly, a shocking new development provides Foster with his first major lead in over a decade, and he may finally be on the verge of discovering the awful truth. Meanwhile, Mitzi Ives has carved out a space among the Foley artists creating the immersive sounds giving Hollywood films their authenticity. Using the same secret techniques as her father before her, she's become an industry-leading expert in the sound of violence and horror, creating screams so bone chilling, they may as well be real. Soon, Foster and Ives find themselves on a collision course that threatens to expose the violence hidden beneath Hollywood's glamorous façade.

Horror PBK \$22.99

### Requiem of Silence

Earthsinger Chronicles 04

Penelope, L

Civil unrest plagues the nation of Elsira as refugees from their old enemy, Lagrimar, seek new lives in their land. Queen Jasminda is determined to push the unification forward, against growing opposition and economic strife. But the True Father is not finished with Elsira and he may not be acting alone. He has built a powerful army. An army that cannot be killed. An army that can only be stopped by Nethersong and the help of friends and foes of Elsira alike to stop it. Former assassin Kyara will discover that she is not the only Nethersinger. She will need to join the others to harness a power that can save or end Elsira. But time is of the essence, and they may not be ready by the time the True Father strikes. Sisterhood novitiate Zeli will go to the reaches of the Living World to unlock a secret that could save the kingdoms. When armies meet in the battlefield, a new world will be forged – whether by the hands of gods or men, remains to be seen.

Fantasy TP \$39.99

### Every Star a Song

Ascendance 02

Posey, Jay

Mankind has spread itself across the galaxy, building a near-utopia ruled by the Ascendance, with order maintained by their wielding of the Deep Language of the cosmos. Rebellions can be wiped out and planets destroyed with a single word. Elyth, former Ascendance agent, is on the run. Lost after her discoveries of corruption in the system, she longs for the simplicity and blind dedication of her life as an agent. But Elyth is quickly tracked and cornered by the Ascendance. However, they aren't there for punishment. Instead, they offer her a deal... Elyth agrees to join a team of elite agents exploring a new planet, in order to clear her name, and rejoin the fold. But things soon start to go awry. Strange sounds are heard in the wilderness, horrifying creatures are seen stalking the forests, and even the landscape itself seems to change during the night. As expedition members start dying, two things become clear: the planet is awake, and it is speaking back. The follow-up to *Every Sky A Grave* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction TP \$29.99

### The Time-Travelling

Gaveman

Pratchett, Terry

The final collection of short stories from the incredible Sir Terry Pratchett! *Imagination is an amazing thing*. It can take you to the top of the highest mountain, or down to the bottom of the deepest depths of the sea. This where it took Doggins on his Awfully Big Adventure: a quest full of magic and flying machines. (And the world's best joke – trust me, it's hilarious.) It took three young inventors to the moon (where they may or may not have left a bottle of lemonade) and a caveman on a trip to the dentist. You can join them on these adventures, and many more, in this incredible collection of stories... *From the greatest imagination there ever was*. Written for local newspapers when Terry Pratchett was a young lad, these never-previously-published stories are packed full of anarchic humour and wonderful wit. A must have for Terry fans... and young readers looking for a fix of magic.

Juvenile fantasy PBK \$16.99

### The Ultimate

Discworld Companion

Pratchett, Terry; Briggs,

Stephen; Kidby, Paul

The absolute, comprehensive, from Tiffany Aching to Jack Zweiblimen guide to all things Discworld, fully illustrated by Paul Kidby. The Discworld, as everyone knows, is a flat world balanced on the back of four elephants which, in turn, stand on the shell of the giant star turtle, the Great A'Tuin, as it slowly swims through space. It is also the global publishing phenomenon with sales of over 70 million books worldwide (but who's counting?). There's an awful lot of Discworld to keep track of. But fear not! Help is at hand. For the very first time, everything (and we mean everything) you could possibly want to know has been crammed into one

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place. If you need a handy guide to locales from Ankh-Morpork to Zemphis... If you can't tell your Achmed the Mads from your Jack Zweiblumens... If your life depends on distinguishing between the Agatean Empire and the Zoons... Look no further. Compiled and perfected by Stephen Briggs, the man behind *The Ultimate Discworld Companion's* predecessor *Turtle Recall*, this is your ultimate guide to Sir Terry Pratchett's beloved fantasy world.

Discworld TP \$32.99

### The Endless Skies Price, Shannon

High above the sea, floats the pristine city of the Heliana. Home to winged-lion shapeshifters – the Leonodai – and protected from the world of humans by an elite group of warriors, the Heliana has only known peace. After years of brutal training, 17-year-old Rowan is ready to prove her loyalty to the city and her people to become one of the Leonodai warriors. But before Rowan can take the oath, a deadly disease strikes the city's children. Soon the warriors – including two of Rowan's closest friends – are sent on a dangerous mission to find a fabled panacea deep within enemy lands. Left behind, Rowan learns a devastating truth that could compromise the mission and the fate of the Heliana itself. She must make a decision: stay with the city and become a warrior like she always dreamed, or risk her future in an attempt to save everyone she loves. Whatever Rowan decides, she has to do it fast, because time is running out, and peace can only last so long...

YA fantasy HC \$36.99

### The Evidence Priest, Christopher

An unsettling tale of a man caught up in a crime he does not understand, and cannot believe. Todd Fremde is an author, a writer of police procedurals and criminal mysteries. Invited to the remote island of Dearth, far across the Dream Archipelago, to talk at a conference, he finds himself caught up in a series of mysteries. How can Dearth claim to be completely crime free, yet still have an armed police force? Why are they so keen for him to appear, but so dismissive when he arrives? Is his sense of time confused, or is something confusing happening to time itself? And how does this all connect with a murder committed on his home island, ten years before, and seemingly forgotten? Fremde's investigation and research will lead him to some dangerous conclusions...

Science fiction PBK \$24.99

### The Ultimate Encyclopaedia of Fantasy: the definitive illustrated guide

**Pringle, David & Dedopulos, Tim (editors)**  
A detailed look at every aspect of modern fantasy, including detailed entries on books, films, TV, and creators, as well as the greatest fantasy characters and worlds. This essential reference book details everything the novice needs to know about the genre and everything the well-read fan is calling out for. Lavishly illustrated and expertly informed, it is edited by Tim Dedopulos and David Pringle, editor and co-founder of the internationally

acclaimed *Interzone* magazine, and features forewords by legendary authors Terry Pratchett and Ben Aaronovitch. They have assembled a team of expert contributors to compile a visually stunning, informative and fascinating guide to the world of fantasy, from its origins and early trailblazers to the cultural phenomena of today's mega fantasy properties.

SF&F reference HC \$49.99

### You Sexy Thing Rambo, Cat

Just when they thought they were out... *TwiceFar* station is at the edge of the known universe, and that's just how Niko Larson, former Admiral in the Grand Military of the Hive Mind, likes it. Retired and finally free of the continual war of conquest, Niko and the remnants of her former unit are content to spend the rest of their days working at the restaurant they built together, The Last Chance. But, some wars can't ever be escaped, and unlike the Hive Mind, some enemies aren't content to let old soldiers go. Niko and her crew are forced onto a sentient ship convinced that it is being stolen and must survive the machinations of a sadistic pirate king, if they even hope to keep the dream of The Last Chance alive.

Space opera HC \$55.00

### Seven Dirty Secrets Richards, Natalie D

On her eighteenth birthday, Cleo receives a mysterious invitation to a scavenger hunt. She's sure her best friend Hope or her brother Connor is behind it, but no one confesses. And as Cleo and Hope embark on the hunt, the seemingly random locations and clues begin to feel familiar. In fact, all of the clues seem to be about Cleo's dead boyfriend, Declan, who drowned on a group rafting trip exactly a year ago. A bracelet she bought him. A song he loved. A photo of the rafting group, taken just before Declan drowned. And then the phone calls start. Declan's voice taunting Cleo with a cryptic question: You ready? As the clock on the scavenger hunt ticks down, it becomes clear that someone knows what really happened to Declan. And that person will stop at nothing to make sure Cleo and her friends pay. Can they solve the hunt before someone else winds up dead?

YA supernatural thriller TP \$26.95

### The Ministry for the Future Robinson, Kim Stanley

*The Ministry for the Future* is a masterpiece of the imagination, using fictional eyewitness accounts to tell the story of how climate change will affect us all. Its setting is not a desolate, post-apocalyptic world, but a future that is almost upon us. Chosen by Barack Obama, as one of his favourite books of the year, this extraordinary novel from visionary writer Kim Stanley Robinson will change the way you think about the climate crisis.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### Red Mars

Mars trilogy 01

#### Robinson, Kim Stanley

For centuries, the barren, desolate landscape of the red planet has beckoned to humankind.

Now, a group of one hundred colonists begins a mission whose ultimate goal is to transform Mars into a more Earth-like planet. They will place giant satellite mirrors in Martian orbit to reflect light onto its surface. Black dust sprinkled on the polar caps will capture warmth and melt the ice. And massive tunnels drilled into the mantle will create stupendous vents of hot gases. But despite these ambitious goals, there are some who would fight to the death to prevent Mars from ever being changed. A reissue of one of science fiction's most beloved, acclaimed, and awarded trilogies.

Science fiction (reissue) TP \$39.95

### Green Mars

Mars trilogy 02

#### Robinson, Kim Stanley

Nearly a generation has passed since the first pioneers landed on Mars, and its transformation to an Earth-like planet is under way. But not everyone wants to see the process through. The methods are opposed by those determined to preserve their home planet's hostile, barren beauty. Led by the first generation of children born on Mars, these rebels are soon joined by a handful of the original settlers. Against this cosmic backdrop, passions, partnerships, and rivalries explode in a story as spectacular as the planet itself. A reissue of one of science fiction's most beloved, acclaimed, and awarded trilogies.

Science fiction (reissue) TP \$39.95

### Blue Mars

Mars trilogy 03

#### Robinson, Kim Stanley

The red planet is no more. Now, green and verdant, Mars has been dramatically altered from a desolate world into one where humans can flourish. The First Hundred settlers are being pulled into a fierce new struggle between the Reds, a group devoted to preserving Mars in its desert state, and the Green 'terraformers'. Meanwhile, Earth is in peril. A great flood threatens an already overcrowded and polluted planet. With Mars the last hope for the human race, the inhabitants of the red planet are heading toward a population explosion – or interplanetary war. A reissue of one of science fiction's most beloved, acclaimed, and awarded trilogies.

Science fiction (reissue) TP \$39.95

### The Devil You Know

Mercenary Librarians 02

#### Rocha, Kit

Maya has had a price on her head from the day she escaped the TechCorps. Genetically engineered for genius and trained for revolution, there's only one thing she can't do – forget. Gray has finally broken free of the Protectorate, but he can't escape the time bomb in his head. His body is rejecting his modifications, and his months are numbered. When Maya's team uncovers an operation trading in genetically enhanced children, she'll do anything to stop them. Even risk falling back into the hands of the TechCorps. And Gray has found a purpose for his final days: keeping Maya safe. The follow-up to *Deal With the Devil* (TP, \$29.99).

Post-apocalypse TP \$36.99

### Goblin Market: an Illustrated Poem Rossetti, Christina & McAusland, Georgie (illustrator)

The classic poem, *Goblin Market* (1862) by Christina Rossetti, tells the story of Lizzie and Laura, who are tempted by the fruit sold by the goblin merchants. In this fully illustrated and beautiful volume, illustrator Georgie McAusland brings the words and story to life. Breathing new life into the Victorian tradition of illustrated poems, this book reads like a picture story book. The stunning illustrations illuminate and drive the narrative forward as in all good story books. It tells the tale of the two sisters drifting apart as Laura succumbs to the forbidden fruit sold by the goblins, but the bonds of sisterhood prove strong. The poem has fascinated for generations and been the subject of various interpretations. This illustrated version brings the words and story alive for a new generation.

Poetry HC \$24.99

### Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Harry Potter 02, Minalima edition

#### Rowling, J K

##### & MinaLima (paper artists)

Prepare to be dazzled by this new edition of Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, designed and illustrated by MinaLima. With over 150 full-colour illustrations and eight exclusive, interactive paper-engineered elements, readers can travel via the Floo Network, encounter the Whomping Willow, reveal the spiral staircase to Dumbledore's office and even pull Mandrakes from their pots! This spectacular edition is the perfect gift for Harry Potter fans of all ages, a wonderful addition to any collector's bookshelf and an enchanting way to introduce this beloved series to a new generation of readers.

Harry Potter HC \$55.00

### Starlight Enclave

Way of the Drow 01

#### Salvatore, R A

After the settling dust of the demon uprising and two years of peace, rumblings from the Menzoberranzan draw have Jarlaxle nervous. Worried his allies may be pulled into a Civil War between the great Houses, he is eager to ensure Zaknafein is armed with weapons befitting his skill, including one in particular: *Khazid'hea*. A powerful artefact, the sword known as 'Cutter' has started wars, corrupted its users, and spilled the blood of many, many people. Nonetheless – or maybe because of that – the rogue Jarlaxle and a small group of friends will go on an expedition looking for the weapon's last wielder, Doum'wiele, in the freezing north, for she may be the key to unlocking the sword's potential... and perhaps the key to preventing the bloodshed looming over the Underdark. And as they explore the top of the world, Drizzt is on a journey of his own – both spiritual and physical. He wants to introduce his daughter Brie to Grandmaster Kane and the practices that have been so central to his beliefs. But, having only recently come back from true transcendence, the drow ranger is no longer sure what his beliefs mean anymore.

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He is on a path to determining the future, not just for his family, but perhaps the entire northlands of the Realms themselves. Two different roads. On one, Jarlaxle and Zaknafein are on a quest to find pieces that could offer salvation to Menzoberranzan. On the other, Drizzt seeks answers that could offer salvation to not just his soul, but *all* souls. And no matter the outcome of either journey, the Realms will never be the same again. The first in a new series.

Fantasy HC \$49.99

### Relentless

Drizzt: Generations 03

#### Salvatore, R A

Displaced in time and unexpectedly reunited with his son Drizzt Do'Urden, Zaknafein has overcome the prejudices ingrained in him as a drow warrior to help his son battle the ambitious Spider Queen and stem the tide of darkness that has been unleashed upon the Forgotten Realms. Though Zaknafein has endured the most difficult battles, survival has come at a terrible cost, and the fight is far from over. Facing demons and driders, Zaknafein carries the entire weight of Menzoberranzan surrounding Gauntlgym on his shoulders once more. But the chances of survival for him and his old friend and mercenary Jarlaxle look bleak. Trapped in a desperate and seemingly hopeless situation, the legendary warriors must reach deep inside themselves to face the impossible. While the burdens Zaknafein bears are more than enough for one of Menzoberranzan's greatest warriors, fate holds further challenges. When circumstances take an unexpected turn, Zaknafein discovers he must not only conquer the darkness but learn to accept the uncontrollable: life, itself.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Warriors of God

Hussite trilogy 02

#### Sapkowski, Andrzej

When the Hussite leaders entrust Reynevan with a dangerous secret mission, he is forced to come out of hiding in Bohemia and depart for Silesia. At the same time, he strives to avenge the death of his brother and discover the whereabouts of his beloved. Once again pursued by multiple enemies, he must contend with danger on every front. The sequel to *The Tower of Fools* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

### Gold Diggers

#### Sathian, Sanjena

Neil Narayan's parents moved to America for a better life, and his perfect older sister is now headed to an elite university. Neil is funny and smart, but he is not living up to his parents' dream. While he tries to want their version of success, mostly, Neil just wants his neighbour across the street, Anita Dayal. Once a lot like Neil, Anita is truly thriving academically, athletically, and socially. Anita has a secret: she and her mother Anjali have been brewing an ancient alchemical potion from stolen gold that harnesses the ambition of the jewellery's original owner. Anita just needs a little boost to get into Harvard. When Neil – who needs a whole lot more – stumbles onto their

secret and joins in the plot, events spiral into a tragedy that rips their community apart. Ten years later, Neil is an oft-stoned history grad student studying the California gold rush. Anita has given up her high-flying tech career and is working as an event planner, just for now. Anjali, the woman who gave them both so much, is in trouble, and only gold can save her. What choice do Anita and Neil have, but to pull off one last heist?

Magical realism TP \$32.99

### A Fool's Hope

Last War 02

#### Shackle, Mike

War takes everything. From Tinnstra, it took her family and thrust her into a conflict she wanted only to avoid. Now her queen's sole protector, she must give all she has left to keep Zorique safe. It has taken just as much from Jia's revolutionaries. Dren and Jax – battered, tortured, once enemies themselves – must hold strong against their bruised invaders, the Egril. For the Egril intend to wipe Jia from the map. They may have lost a battle, but they are coming back. If Tinnstra and her allies hope to survive, Jia's heroes will need to be ready when they do. The sequel to *We Are the Dead* (PBK, \$22.99).

Grimdark fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Frankenstein

#### Shelley, Mary

Mary Shelley's classic *Frankenstein* pioneered the deeply explored battle between monster and man. Follow three narratives in this ageless tale that navigates fear, fixation, love, and desire, while finding an anchor in humanity. The combination of fantastical elements and scientific exploration makes this Mary Shelley novel one of the first true models of science fiction. This new edition of *Frankenstein* stays true to the classic origins, but is provided with a whole new life by a beautifully designed, jacketed hardcover format. An introduction by writer and English professor Catherine Steindler, an author's introduction, and a timeline of the life and times of Mary Shelley completes this highly collectible edition.

Classic HC \$19.99

### The Last Woman

#### in the World

#### Simpson, Inga

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

Post-apocalypse TP \$32.99

### Archangel's Light

Guild Hunter 14

#### Singh, Nalini

Illium and Aodhan. Aodhan and Illium. For centuries they've been inseparable: the best of friends, closer than brothers, companions of the heart. But that was before – before darkness befell Aodhan and shattered him, body, mind, and soul. Now, at long last, Aodhan is healing, but his newfound strength and independence may come at a devastating cost – his relationship with Illium. As they serve side by side in China, a territory yet marked by the evil of its former archangel, the secret it holds nightmarish beyond imagining, things come to an explosive decision point. Illium and Aodhan must either walk away from the relationship that has defined them – or step forward into a future that promises a bond infinitely precious in the life of an immortal... but that demands a terrifying vulnerability from two badly-bruised hearts.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### Perestroika in Paris

#### Smiley, Jane

Paras, short for Perestroika, is a spirited racehorse at a racetrack west of Paris. One afternoon at dusk, she finds the door of her stall open and – she's a curious filly – wanders all the way to the City of Light. She's dazzled and often mystified by the sights, sounds, and smells around her, but she isn't afraid. Soon, she meets an elegant dog, a German shorthaired pointer named Frida, who knows how to get by without attracting the attention of suspicious Parisians. Paras and Frida coexist for a time in the city's lush green spaces, nourished by Frida's strategic trips to the vegetable market. They keep company with two irrepressible ducks and an opinionated raven. But then Paras meets a human boy, Etienne, and discovers a new, otherworldly part of Paris: the ivy-walled house where the boy and his nearly-100-year-old great-grandmother live in seclusion. As the cold weather nears, the unlikely of friendships bloom. But how long can a runaway horse stay undiscovered in Paris? How long can a boy keep her hidden and all to himself?

Fable TP \$35.95

### Termination Shock

#### Stephenson, Neal

A near-future world where the greenhouse effect has inexorably resulted in a whirling-dervish troposphere of super storms, rising sea levels, global flooding, merciless heat waves, and virulent, deadly pandemics. One man has a Big Idea for reversing global warming, a master plan perhaps best described as 'elemental'. But will it work? And, just as important, what are the consequences for the planet and all of humanity should it be applied? As only Stephenson can, *Termination Shock* sounds a clarion alarm, ponders potential solutions and dire risks, and wraps it all together in an exhilarating, witty, mind-expanding speculative adventure.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

### The Bone Shard Emperor

Drowning Empire 02

#### Stewart, Andrea

The Emperor is Dead. Long live the Emperor. Lin Sukai finally sits on the throne she won at so much cost, but her struggles are only just beginning. Her people don't trust her. Her political alliances are weak. And in the northeast of the Empire, a rebel army of constructs is gathering, its leader determined to take the throne by force. Yet, an even greater threat is on the horizon, for the Alanga – the powerful magicians of legend – have returned to the Empire. Lin may need their help to defeat the rebels and restore order. But can she trust them? The sequel to the popular *The Bone Shard Daughter* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Dracula

deluxe edition

#### Stoker, Bram

#### & Gorey, Edward (illustrator)

A collector's edition of the most famous vampire novel of all time, illustrated with the artwork of Edward Gorey. This collector's edition of Bram Stoker's *Dracula* is illustrated with artwork that Edward Gorey created for his stage designs for the novel's Broadway stage adaptation. The book also features an introduction and appendices by renowned fantasy editor Marvin Kaye.

Classic HC \$59.99

### Together We Will Go

#### Straczynski, J Michael

Mark Antonelli, a failed young writer looking down the barrel at thirty, is planning a cross-country road trip. He buys a beat-up old tour bus. He hires a young army vet to drive it. He puts out an ad for others to join him along the way. But this will be a road trip like no other: His passengers are all fellow disheartened souls who have decided that this will be their final journey – upon arrival in San Francisco, they will find a cliff with an amazing view of the ocean at sunset, hit the gas, and drive out of this world. The unlikely companions include a young woman with a chronic pain sensory disorder and another who was relentlessly bullied at school for her size; a bipolar, party-loving neo-hippie; a gentle coder with a literal hole in his heart and blue skin; and a poet dreaming of a better world beyond this one. We get to know them through access to their texts, emails, voicemails, and the daily journal entries they write as the price of admission for this trip.

Road trip PBK \$19.99

### The Year's Best Science

#### Fiction Vol 2:

the Saga Anthology of Science Fiction

#### Strahan, Jonathan (editor)

Jonathan Strahan presents the definitive collection of best short science fiction of the year. With short works from some of the most lauded science fiction authors, as well as rising stars, this science fiction collection displays the top talent and cutting-edge

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cultural moments that affect our lives, dreams, and stories. These brilliant authors examine the way we live now, our hopes, and struggles, all through the lens of the future. An assemblage of future classics, this star-studded anthology is a must read for anyone who enjoys the vast and exciting world of science fiction.

Year's best TP \$29.99

## Blindspace

Common 02

### Szal, Jeremy

Vakov Fukasawa is a Reaper. An elite soldier injected with a dangerous drug called stormtech: the DNA of a genocidal alien race, the Shenoi. It makes him stronger, faster, more aggressive. At a price. A price that, if the House of Suns cult isn't stopped, all of humanity will have to pay. Vakov saved his estranged brother from the cult and killed their leader. Now, they want his head on a spike, and they're hunting him and his friends down to get it, while continuing their mission to awaken the Shenoi and plunge the galaxy into mindless violence and chaos. There's a dangerous journey ahead, but Vakov and his misfit crew of eccentric aliens, troubled bounty hunters and rogue hackers will take any risk to stop the alien awakening. Only there's one risk Vakov hasn't shared: the one he himself poses. He got a terrifying glimpse of the Shenoi in the depths of interstellar space, and the violent nightmares he's suffered since suggest their DNA isn't just inside his body – he might already be fighting them for his mind... The sequel to *Stormblood* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction TP \$32.99

## Other Worlds:

Peasants, Pilgrims, Spirits, Saints

### Teffi

Stories about the occult, folk religions, superstition, and spiritual customs in Russia by one of the most essential 20th-century writers of short fiction and essays. Though, best known for her comic and satirical sketches of pre-Revolutionary Russia, Teffi was a writer of great range and human sympathy. The stories on otherworldly themes in this collection are some of her finest and most profound, displaying the acute psychological sensitivity, beneath her characteristic wit and surface brilliance. *Other Worlds* presents stories from across the whole of Teffi's long career, from her early days as a literary celebrity in Moscow to her post-Revolutionary years as an *émigré* in Paris. In the early story 'A Quiet Backwater', a laundress gives a long disquisition on the name days of the flora and fauna and on the Feast of the Holy Ghost, a day on which 'no one dairst disturb the earth'. The story 'Wild Evening' is about the fear of the unknown; 'The Kind That Walk', a penetrating study of anti-Semitism and of xenophobia; and 'Baba Yaga', about the archetypal Russian witch and her longing for wildness and freedom. Teffi traces the persistent influence of the ancient Slavic gods in superstitions and customs, and the deep connection of the supernatural to everyday life in the provinces. In 'Volya', the autobiographical final story, the power and pain of Baba Yaga is Teffi's own.

Folklore PBK \$24.99

## Far from the Light of Heaven Thompson, Tade

The colony ship *Ragtime* docks in the Lagos system, having travelled light years from home to bring one thousand sleeping souls to safety among the stars. Some of the sleepers, however, will never wake – and a profound and sinister mystery unfolds aboard the gigantic vessel. Its skeleton crew are forced to make decisions that will have repercussions for all of humanity's settlements – from the scheming politicians of Lagos station, to the colony planet of Bloodroot, to other far flung systems and indeed Earth itself. 'A gripping space opera with characters fighting for their lives aboard a dying starship. I enjoyed it so much and can't wait to see what Thompson does next' – *Martha Wells*, author of the *Murderbot Diaries*.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

## The Escapement

### Tidhar, Lavie

Into the reality, called the Escapement, rides the Stranger, a lone gunman on a quest to rescue his son from a parallel world. But it is too easy to get lost on a shifting landscape full of dangerous versions of his son's most beloved things: cowboys gone lawless, giants made of stone, downtrodden clowns, ancient battles, symbol storms, and shadowy forces at play. But the flower the Stranger seeks still lies beyond the Mountains of Darkness. Time is running out, as he journeys deeper and deeper into the secret heart of an unforeseen world. 'Comic, tragic, and utterly magnificent.' – *Samantha Shannon*, author of *The Priory of the Orange Tree*.

Fantasy western TP \$27.99

## Pictures by J R R Tolkien

deluxe edition

### Tolkien, J R R

### & Tolkien, Christopher (editor)

With Christopher Tolkien as your guide, take a tour through this colourful gallery of enchanting art produced by J R R Tolkien; presented in an elegant new slipcased edition. This collection of pictures, with text by Christopher Tolkien, now reissued after almost 30 years confirms J R R Tolkien's considerable talent as an artist. It provides fascinating insight into his visual conception of many of the places and events familiar to readers of *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *The Silmarillion*. Examples of his art range from delicate watercolours depicting Rivendell, the Forest of Lothlorien, Smaug, and Old Man Willow, to drawings and sketches of Moria Gate and Minas Tirith. Together, they form a comprehensive collection of Tolkien's own illustrations for his most popular books. Also included are many of his beautiful designs showing patterns of flowers and trees, friezes, tapestries and heraldic devices associated with the world of Middle-earth. In their variety and scope they provide abundant visual evidence of the richness of his imagination. This enchanting gallery was personally selected by Christopher Tolkien who, through detailed notes on the sources for each picture, provides unique insight into the artistic vision of his father, J R R Tolkien.

Tolkien HC \$49.99

## The Lord of the Rings

deluxe illustrated edition

### Tolkien, J R R

Sumptuous slipcased edition of Tolkien's classic epic tale of adventure, fully illustrated in colour for the first time by the author himself. This deluxe volume is quarterbound in leather and includes many special features unique to this edition. Since it was first published in 1954, *The Lord of the Rings* has been a book people have treasured. Steeped in unrivalled magic and otherworldliness, its sweeping fantasy and epic adventure has touched the hearts of young and old alike. Over 100 million copies of its many editions have been sold around the world, and occasional collectors' editions become prized and valuable items of publishing. This one-volume deluxe slipcased edition contains the complete text, fully corrected and reset, which is printed in red and black and features, for the very first time, thirty colour illustrations, maps and sketches drawn by Tolkien, himself, as he composed this epic work. These include the pages from the Book of Mazarbul, marvellous facsimiles created by Tolkien to accompany the famous 'Bridge of Khazad-dum' chapter. Also appearing are two poster-size, fold-out maps revealing all the detail of Middle-earth. This very special deluxe edition is quarterbound in cloth and red leather, with raised ribs on the spine and stamped in two foils. The pages are edged in gold and contained within are special features unique to this edition.

Tolkien HC \$275.00

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Tolkien HC \$89.99

## The Young H G Wells: Changing the World Tomalin, Claire

A fascinating journey into the early life of H G Wells, the father of science fiction, from one of Britain's best biographers. How did the first forty years of H G Wells' life shape the father of science fiction? From his impoverished childhood in a working-class English family, to his determination to educate himself at any cost, to the serious ill health that dominated his twenties and thirties, his complicated marriages, and love affair with socialism, the first forty years of H G Wells' extraordinary life would set him on a path to become one of the world's most influential writers. The sudden success of *The Time Machine* and *The War of the Worlds* transformed his life and catapulted him to international fame; he became the writer who most inspired Orwell and countless others, and predicted men walking on the moon seventy years before it happened. In this remarkable, empathetic biography, Claire Tomalin paints a fascinating portrait of a man like no other, driven by curiosity and desiring reform, a socialist and a futurist whose new and imaginative worlds continue to inspire today.

Biography HC \$45.00

## Rogue Wolf

SWAT 12

### Tyler, Paige

There's a wicked attraction between Special Wolf Alpha Team (SWAT) werewolf Trey Duncan and medical examiner Samantha Mills, but Trey's never worked up the nerve to ask her out until now. But the trouble with wolves is that they're never far from danger, and this time Trey is going up against a monster the likes of which his Dallas SWAT team has never seen... It's going to take everything Trey and Samantha have to crack the case and protect each other.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

## Comfort Me with Apples Valente, Catherynne M

Sophia was made for him. Her perfect husband. She can feel it in her bones. He is perfect. Their home together in Arcadia Gardens is perfect. Everything is perfect. It's just that he's away so much. So often. He works so hard. She misses him. And he misses her. He says he does, so it must be true. He is the perfect husband and everything is perfect. But sometimes Sophia wonders about things. Strange things. Dark things. The look on her husband's face when he comes back from a long business trip. The questions he will not answer. The locked basement she is never allowed to enter. And whenever she asks the neighbours, they can't quite meet her gaze... But everything is perfect. Isn't it?

(Now, sadly, delayed until February 2022.)

Dark fantasy HC \$39.95

# Pulp Fiction

## Science Fiction & Fantasy November 2021 (continued)

### Hold Fast Through the Fire

NeoG 02

#### Wagers, K B

*Zuma's Ghost* has won the Boarding Games for the second straight year. The crew – led by the unparalleled ability of Jenks in the cage, the brilliant pairing of Ma and Max in the pilot seats, the technical savvy of Sapphi, and the sword skills of Tamago and Rosa – has all come together to form an unstoppable team. Until it all comes apart. Their commander and Master Chief are both retiring. Which means Jenks is getting promoted, a new commander is joining them, and a fresh-faced spacer is arriving to shake up their perfect dynamics. And while not being able to threeppeat is on their minds, the more important thing is how they're going to fulfil their mission in the black. After a plea deal transforms a 20-year ore-mining sentence into NeoG service, Spacer Chae Ho-ki earns a spot on the team. But there's more to Chae that the crew doesn't know, and they must hide a secret that could endanger everyone they love – as well as their new team-mates – if it got out. At the same time, a seemingly untouchable coalition is attempting to take over trade with the Trappist colonies and start a war with the NeoG. When the crew of *Zuma's Ghost* gets involved, they end up as targets of this ruthless enemy. With new members aboard, will the team grow stronger this time around Will they be able to win the games And, more important, will they be able to surmount threats from both without and within. The sequel to the wonderful *A Pale Light in the Black* (TP, \$32.99). Just read K B Wagers!

Space opera HC \$49.99

### The Wolf

Black Dagger Brotherhood  
Prison Camp 02

#### Ward, J R

Rio Hernandez-Guerrero has been working undercover to bring down Caldwell's worst drug lord, the elusive and sadistic Mozart. She knows she's finally getting close to him when she's ordered to negotiate a massive deal with a shadowy supplier. But what shows up at the meeting... is nothing she expects. Betrayed by his clan, Lucan was locked up decades ago for the crime of

being both wolver and vampire. Forced to engage in drug dealing, by the prison camp's despot, he is not looking for anything more complicated in his cold and isolated life.

But then a human woman, with a stare that tames him, crosses his path... Rio captures a predator's heart, but they both have secrets that threaten not only their fate as soulmates but their very lives. Will they find a way to win at the deadly game they're both playing... or will their inner natures shatter their love?

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

### In Fury Born

Fury 01

#### Weber, David

*Unleash the fury!* Zhikotse. Shallingsport. Louvain. Sacred fields of battle on far-flung worlds where warriors of the Imperial Cadre spent blood and lives defending human civilisation. Alicia DeVries was there; she led the charge. Her reward? Betrayal by a deceitful empire. Retirement to obscurity. Now, Alicia is the only survivor of a brutal attack on her frontier-world family. Not since the mighty Achilles has the ancient spirit of the Fury Tisiphone taken up residence inside a human being. But not since Achilles has a warrior so skilled, so implacable, and possessing so much battle sense sprung up among the mass of humankind. Hero of the Empire. Holder of the Banner of Terra. There is a blood price to be paid. The Fury has awakened. A reissue.

Space opera (reissue) TP \$35.95

### The Murderer's Ape

Sally Jones 02

#### Wegelius, Jakob

Sally Jones is not only a loyal friend, she's an extraordinary individual. In overalls or in a maharaja's turban, this unique gorilla moves among humans without speaking but understanding everything. She and the Chief are devoted comrades who operate a cargo boat. A job they are offered pays big bucks, but the deal ends badly, and the Chief is falsely convicted of murder. For Sally Jones this is the start of a harrowing quest for survival and to clear the Chief's name. Powerful forces are working against her, and they will do anything to protect their secrets.

The sequel to *The Legend of Sally Jones* (PBK, \$16.99).

YA fantasy adventure PBK \$16.99

### The False Rose

Sally Jones 03

#### Wegelius, Jakob

When Sally Jones and The Chief discover a curious rose-shaped necklace hidden onboard their beloved *Hudson Queen*, it's the start of another perilous adventure for the seafaring gorilla and her faithful friend. Determined to get to the bottom of the mystery, they set sail for Glasgow, but there fall into the clutches of one of the city's most ruthless gangs, commanded by a fearsome smuggler queen who will stop at nothing to snatch the necklace for herself. Held prisoner hundreds of miles from friendship and safety, Sally Jones must use all her strength, determination and compassion to escape and unravel the mysterious story of the False Rose – a twisting tale leading all the way from Lisbon to Shetland and the South Seas. The follow-up to *The Murderer's Ape* (PBK, \$16.99).

YA fantasy adventure HC \$24.99

### Brothers of the Wind

Last King of Osten Ard novella

#### Williams, Tad

Pride often goes before a fall, but sometimes that prideful fall is so catastrophic that it changes history itself. Among the immortal Sithi of Osten Ard, none are more beloved and admired than the two sons of the ruling family, steady Hakatri and his proud and fiery younger brother Ineluki – Ineluki, who will one day become the undead Storm King. The younger brother makes a bold, terrible oath that he will destroy deadly Hidohebbi, a terrifying monster, but instead drags his brother with him into a disaster that threatens not just their family but all the Sithi – and perhaps all of humankind as well. Set a thousand years before the events of Williams' *The Dragonbone Chair*, the tale of Ineluki's tragic boast and what it brings is told by Pamon Kes, Hakatri's faithful servant. Kes is not one of the Sithi but a member of the enslaved Changeling race, and his loyalty has never before been tested. Now, he must face

the terrible black dragon at his master's side, then see his own life changed forever in a mere instant by Ineluki's rash, selfish promise.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### American Christmas Stories

Willis, Connie (editor)

Christmas took on its modern cast in America, and over the last 150 years the most magical time of the year has inspired scores of astonishingly diverse and ingenious stories. Library of America joins with acclaimed author Connie Willis to present a unparalleled collection of American stories about Christmas, literary gems that showcase how the holiday became one of the signature aspects of our culture. Spanning from the origins of the American tradition of holiday storytelling in the wake of the Civil War to today, this is the biggest and best anthology of American Christmas stories ever assembled. From ghost stories to the genres of crime, science fiction, fantasy, westerns, humour, and horror, stories of Christmas morning, gifts, wise men, nativities, family, commercialism, and dinners from New York to Texas to outer space, this anthology reveals the evolution of Christmas in America – as well as the surprising ways in which it has remained the same.

Christmas HC \$62.95

### Robot

Wisniewski-Snerg, Adam

The first English-language publication of one of the greatest Polish science fiction novels of all time. Is BER-66 a human or a machine? As he navigates the corridors and locked rooms of a strange bunker, he must solve the mysteries of murderous doppelgangers, a slow-motion city on the verge of destruction, and ultimately, the all-powerful Mechanism itself... Considered to be one of the most important and original Polish science fiction novels of all time, but never before translated into English, Adam Wisniewski-Snerg's debut novel is a haunting and mind-bending masterpiece of philosophical enquiry that penetrates deep into the heart of what it means to be human.

Classic sf PBK \$19.99