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Luke Arnold
Holly Black
Christopher Buehlman
Miles Cameron
Mark Lawrence
Sharon Lee & Steve Miller
Arkady Martine
Jessie Mihalik
Naomi Novik

... and many others.

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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

One Foot in the Fade

Fetch Phillips 03

Arnold, Luke

An angel falls in Sunder City... In a city that lost its magic, an angel falls in a downtown street. His wings are feathered, whole – undeniably magical – the man clearly flew, for all that he plummeted to his downfall, moments after. The mystery will set Fetch – in his quest to bring magic back to his beloved city – on a journey involving necromancers, genies and shadowy secret societies. Fetch will search Sunder's wildest forests and dingiest dive bars for the answer, and when he finds it, nothing will ever be the same again.

Fetch Phillips: Man for Hire, Bringing the magic back! Enquire at Georgio's café...

The first in this brilliantly-voiced series, by Australian actor and writer Luke Arnold, is *The Last Smile in Sunder City* (PBK, \$22.99). These are great fun, recommended.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

He Who Fights with Monsters

graphic novel

Artibani, Francesco &

Dell'edera, Werther (Artist)

On All Hallows' Eve, a community struggles under the boot of the Nazi war machine when supernatural forces come to play a part in the conflict! It's World War 2 and the struggle between good and evil is in full force. In Prague, the great Bohemian city is being oppressed by the Nazi occupation and the population lives in terror, while the resistance forces try to organise themselves in the shadows. It is an almost impossible task. With the ruthless SS tightening their grip on every street and neighbourhood with overwhelming might, only one hope feeds the struggle. A crazy hope, which rests on the fragile foundations of an ancient, monstrous legend...

Horror HC \$55.00

The Pharmacist

Atalla, Rachelle

In the end, very few people made it to the bunker. Now they wait there for the outside world to heal. Wolfe is one of the lucky ones. She's safe and employed as the bunker's pharmacist, doling out medicine under the watchful eye of their increasingly erratic and paranoid leader. But is it the place of greatest danger? When the leader starts to ask things of Wolfe, favours she can hardly say no to, it seems her luck is running out. Forming an unlikely alliance with the young Doctor Stirling, her troubled assistant Levitt, and Canavan – a tattooed giant of a man whose purpose in the bunker is a mystery – Wolfe must navigate the powder keg of life underground where one misstep will light the fuse. The walls that keep her safe also have her trapped. How much more is Wolfe willing to give, to stay alive?

Dystopia TP \$32.99

Mage of Fools

Bacon, Eugen

In the dystopian world of Mafinga, Jasmin must contend with a dictator's sorcerer to cleanse the socialist state of its deadly pollution. Mafinga's malevolent king dislikes books and, together with his sorcerer Atari, has collapsed the environment to almost uninhabitable. The sun has killed all the able men, including Jasmin's husband Godi. But Jasmin has Godi's secret story machine that tells of a better world, far different from the wastelands of Mafinga. Jasmin's crime for possessing the machine and its forbidden literature filled with subversive text is punishable by death. Fate grants a cruel reprieve in the service of a childless queen who claims Jasmin's children as her own. Jasmin is powerless – until she discovers secrets behind the king and his sorcerer.

Fantasy TP \$27.99

The Councillor

Beaton, E J

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

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Book of Night

Black, Holly

In Charlie Hall's world, shadows can be altered, for entertainment and cosmetic preferences – but also to increase power and influence. You can alter someone's feelings – and memories – but manipulating shadows has a cost, with the potential to take hours or days from your life. Your shadow holds all the parts of you that you want to keep hidden – a second self, standing just to your left, walking behind you into lit rooms. And, sometimes, it has a life of its own.

Charlie is a low-level con artist, working as a bartender while trying to distance herself from the powerful and dangerous underground world of shadow trading. She gets by doing odd jobs for her patrons and the naive new money in her town at the edge of the Berkshires. But when a terrible figure from her past returns, Charlie's present life is thrown into chaos, and her future seems at best, unclear – and, at worst, nonexistent. Determined to survive, Charlie throws herself into a maelstrom of secrets and murder, setting her against a cast of doppelgangers, mercurial billionaires, shadow thieves, and her own sister – all desperate to control the magic of the shadows. With sharp angles and prose, and a sinister bent, Holly Black is a master of shadow and story stitching. Remember while you read, light isn't playing tricks in *Book of Night*, the people are. A stunning adult fiction debut by bestselling author Holly Black: a modern dark fantasy. 'Black is a master at world building.' – *The New York Times Book Review*.

Dark fantasy TP \$32.99

The Blacktongue Thief

Blacktongue Thief 01

Buehlman, Christopher

Kinch Na Shannack owes the Takers Guild a small fortune for his education as a thief, which includes (but is not limited to) lock picking, knife fighting, wall scaling, fall breaking, lie weaving, trap making... plus a few small magics. His debt has driven him to lie in wait by the old forest road, planning to rob the next traveller that crosses his path. But today, Kinch Na Shannack has picked the wrong mark. Galva is a knight, a survivor of the brutal goblin wars, and handmaiden of the goddess of death. She is searching for her queen, missing since a distant northern city fell to giants. Unsuccessful in his robbery and lucky to escape with his life, Kinch now finds his fate entangled with Galva's. Common enemies and uncommon dangers force thief and knight on an epic journey where goblins hunger for human flesh, krakens hunt in dark waters, and honour is a luxury few can afford. *The Blacktongue Thief* is fast and fun and filled with crazy magic. I can't wait to see what Christopher Buehlman does next' – *Brent Weeks*, author of the Lightbringer series. The first in a series. We've had fantastic customer feedback on this! Recommended.

Grimdark fantasy PBK \$22.99

Island of Time

Bunn, Davis

'There was no murder... Because they never existed.' The Geneva branch of Interpol – the international agency tasked with policing magic and the arcane arts – is where careers go to die. Action is rare as Switzerland banned magic, 700 years ago. That's how Agent Jackson Burnett likes it. But then reports of an explosion lead Jackson to the

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home of businessman Bernard Bouchon. What's there is unfathomable: The family and their possessions have vanished into ash. Jackson's enigmatic new partner Luca Tami, a blind Talent able to perform magic, suspects powerful supernatural forces are at play. The family weren't killed... they've been erased from time. With all traces of the family disappearing, the case is hours away from being forgotten. How can Jackson solve a crime no one remembers happening? He must find a way to remember. He must discover who is behind the spell, and why. Dangerous magics are in use, and it's clear those controlling them won't let anyone stand in their way.

Time travel HC \$62.95

Abbott in Darkness Butler, D J

A man at the end of his rope must unravel a mystery in a far-flung sector of the galaxy. The web of conspiracy is tightly woven, and John Abbott is but one man fighting the darkness... John Abbott is all in. He's up to his eyeballs in debt to pay for school, and he just moved his small family 40 light-years from Earth for a plum job with the wealthy interstellar corporation, the Sarovar Company. John's first assignment is to discreetly investigate possible corruption at the remote Arrowhawk Station, where Company traders buy the famous Sarovari Weave from the three-sided, crablike Weavers. John finds evidence of theft and worse, but when the guilty parties realise he's getting close, they come after him and his family. Can John catch the thieves and end their corrupt trade? Can he head off a war between the Company and the Weavers? Can he make a life for his family in this remote wilderness without corrupting himself? With no way back to Earth, the only direction for John Abbott and his family to go is forward – into danger.

SF mystery TP \$35.95

Momenticon Galdcott, Andrew

The world has become a dangerous place. Despite the environmentalists' best efforts, the atmosphere has turned toxic, destroying almost all life – plants, animals, and most of humanity too. Survivors live in domes protected by chitin shields, serving one or other of the two great companies, Lord Vane's Tempestas or Lord Sine's Genrich, with their very different visions for mankind's future. A long period of uneasy collaboration between them is about to end. Far from these centres of power stands the Museum Dome, where persons unknown have assembled mankind's finest paintings and artefacts and installed a young man, Fogg, as its curator. Here he has laboured for three years without a single visitor and with only AIPT, his automated physical trainer, for company. Then a single mysterious pill – a momenticon – appears in the Museum and triggers a series of bewildering events, embroiling Fogg and his unexpected new companions in a desperate fight against the dark forces which threaten to overwhelm all that remains. And time is running out. A dark, offbeat adventure from the bestselling author of *Rotherweird* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Godel Operation Gambias, James L

A droid and his boy, on a search for a legendary weapon. Daslakh is an AI with a problem. Its favourite human, a young man named Zee, is in love with a woman who never existed – and he will scour the Solar System to find her. But in the Tenth Millennium a billion worlds circle the Sun – everything from terraformed planets to artificial habitats, home to a quadrillion beings. Daslakh's nicely settled life gets more complicated when Zee helps a woman named Adya escape a gang of crooks. This gets the pair caught up in the hunt for the Godel Trigger, a legendary weapon left over from an ancient war between humans and machines – which could spell the end of civilisation. In their search, they face a criminal cat and her henchmen, a paranoid supermind with a giant laser, the greatest thief in history, and a woman who might actually be Zee's lost love. It's up to Daslakh to save civilisation, keep Zee's love life on the right track – and make sure that nobody discovers the real secret of the Godel Trigger.

Science fiction PBK \$24.95

Artifact Space

Arcana Imperii duology 01

Cameron, Miles

Out in the darkness of space, something is targeting the Greatships. With their vast cargo holds and a crew that could fill a city, the Greatships are the lifeblood of human occupied space, transporting an unimaginable volume – and value – of goods from City, the greatest human orbital, all the way to Tradeport at the other, to trade for xenoglas with an unknowable alien species. It has always been Marca Nbaro's dream to achieve the near impossible: escape her upbringing and venture into space. All it took, to make her way onto the crew of the Greatship *Athens* was thousands of hours in simulators, dedication, and pawning or selling every scrap of her old life – in order to forge a new one. But though she's made her way onboard with faked papers, leaving her old life – and scandals – behind isn't so easy. She may have just combined all the dangers of her former life, with all the perils of the new... A fresh and zingy space opera from the author of the *Traitor Son Cycle*, now in paperback. Our space-opera-fan customers loved this, when it was released in trade paperback last year. Recommended!

Space opera PBK \$22.99

Wakers

Side Step trilogy 01

Gard, Orson Scott

Laz is a side-stepper: a teen with the incredible power to jump his consciousness to alternate versions of himself in parallel worlds. All his life, there was no mistake that a little side-stepping couldn't fix. Until Laz wakes up one day in a cloning facility on a seemingly abandoned Earth. Laz finds himself surrounded by hundreds of other clones, all dead, and quickly realises that he too must be a clone of his original self. Laz has no idea what happened to the world he remembers as vibrant and bustling only yesterday, and he struggles to survive in the barren wasteland he's now trapped in. But the question that haunts him isn't why was he created, but instead, who woke him up...

and why? There's only a single bright spot in Laz's new life: one other clone appears to still be alive, although she remains asleep. Deep down, Laz believes that this girl holds the key to the mysteries plaguing him, but if he wakes her up, she'll be trapped in this hellscape with him. This is one problem that Laz can't just side-step his way out of. The first in a new series.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

Widowland

Carey, G J (aka Thynne, Jane)

To control the past, they edited history. To control the future, they edited literature. *London, 1953, Coronation year – but not the Coronation of Elizabeth II.* Thirteen years have passed since a Grand Alliance between Great Britain and Germany was formalised. George VI and his family have been murdered and Edward VIII rules as King. Yet, in practice, all power is vested in Alfred Rosenberg, Britain's Protector. The role and status of women is Rosenberg's particular interest. Rose Ransom belongs to the elite caste of women and works at the Ministry of Culture, rewriting literature to correct the views of the past. But, now, she has been given a special task. Outbreaks of insurgency have been seen across the country; graffiti daubed on public buildings. Disturbingly, the graffiti is made up of lines from forbidden works, subversive words from the voices of women. Suspicion has fallen on Widowland, the rundown slums where childless women over 50 have been banished. These women are known to be mutinous, for they have nothing to lose. Before the Leader arrives for the Coronation ceremony of King Edward and Queen Wallis, Rose must infiltrate Widowland, to find the source of this rebellion and ensure that it is quashed. An alternative history with a strong feminist twist, perfect for fans of Robert Harris' *Fatherland* and the dystopian novels of Margaret Atwood.

Alternate history PBK \$22.99

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

12 blank cards and envelopes

Garroll, Lewis & Rackham, Arthur (illustrator)

Arthur Rackham Plate 13, from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. 1907 National Gallery of Australia, Canberra Gift of Orde Poynton Esq CMG 1986. Twelve blank cards and envelopes.

Stationery Box \$30.00

The Key to Fury

Key 02

Gast, Kristin

What price would you pay for freedom? Return to the acclaimed dystopian world of the Key by New York Times bestselling author Kristin Cast, as two young rebels fight to determine their own worth and change the world along with themselves. Safety comes with a price. The Key Corporation has kept Westfall safe from pandemics for the last 50 years. But that's not all they've done... After discovering the shocking truth behind the Key Corporation, nurse Elodie and misfit Aiden have managed to escape in search of New Dawn – the stronghold for the Eos resistance movement. There, they can fight for

a better world, one where everyone can make their own futures. But things aren't always as they seem, and as they navigate the tricky paths between perception and reality, freedom and fighting for survival, the two young rebels must discover who they can trust, even as they learn more about who they really are... And change also comes at a cost. The sequel to *The Key to Fury* (PBK, \$16.99).

Dystopia TP \$29.99

The King in Yellow

graphic novel

Chambers, Robert W & Culbard, I N J

The King in Yellow is a play that brings madness to all who read it. Irresistible and insidious, it lures the reader with its innocence and dooms them with its corruption. In a series of interlinked stories, Robert W Chambers' classic work of weird fiction shows the creeping spread of the play's macabre touch. I N J Culbard's deft and unsettling adaptation (newly-reissued in a smaller format, with a foreword by Dan Abnett, and a new cover) breathes life into Chambers' influential masterpiece, expertly revealing the malice and mayhem that await those unlucky enough to turn the wrong page.

Horror PBK \$24.99

The Best Science Fiction of the Year: Volume Six Clarke, Neil (editor)

Keeping up to date, with the most buzzworthy and cutting-edge science fiction requires sifting through countless magazines, e-zines, websites, blogs, original anthologies, single-author collections, and more – a task that can be accomplished by only the most determined and voracious readers. For everyone else, Night Shade Books is proud to present the latest volume of *The Best Science Fiction of the Year*, a yearly anthology compiled by Hugo and World Fantasy Award-winning editor Neil Clarke, collecting the finest that the genre has to offer, from the biggest names in the field to the most exciting new writers. The best science fiction scrutinises our culture and politics, examines the limits of the human condition, and zooms across galaxies at faster-than-light speeds, moving from the very near future to the far-flung worlds of tomorrow in the space of a single sentence. Clarke, publisher and editor-in-chief of the acclaimed and award-winning magazine *Clarkesworld*, has selected the short science fiction (and *only* science fiction) best representing the previous year's writing, showcasing the talent, variety, and awesome 'sensawunda' that the genre has to offer.

Year's best TP/HC \$32.99/\$62.99

The Signal Line Colley, Brendan

Brothers Geo and Wes are testing their relationship, now that their parents have passed away. Geo and Wes rarely agree on anything, especially not the sale of the Hobart family home. Geo needs the money to finance his musical career in Italy. For Wes, the house represents the memory of their father, and what it means to live an honest, working life. But then a ghost train appears in Hobart, often on the tram tracks that once existed, along with the Swedish man who has been pursuing it for 40 years. Everyone,

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it seems, is chasing their dreams. Or are they running from the truth? *The Signal Line* is a warm-hearted, unforgettable novel about what we are all searching for, even when our personal dreams and aspirations have collapsed: love and acceptance. Winner of the Unpublished Manuscript Prize, Tasmanian Premier's Literary Awards.

Urban fantasy TP \$29.99

Reclaim the Stars

anthology
Córdova, Zoraida (editor)

From stories that take you to the stars, to stories that span into other times and realms, to stories set in the magical now, *Reclaim the Stars* takes the Latin American diaspora to places fantastical and out of this world. Follow princesses warring in space, haunting ghost stories in Argentina, mermaids off the coast of the Caribbean, swamps that whisper secrets, and many more realms explored and unexplored; this stunning collection of 17 short stories breaks borders and realms to prove that stories are truly universal. *Reclaim the Stars* features both bestselling and acclaimed authors, as well as two new voices in the genres: Vita Ayala, David Bowles, J C Cervantes, Zoraida Córdova, Sara Faring, Romina Garber, Isabel Ibañez, Anna-Marie McLemore, Yamile Saied Méndez, Nina Moreno, Circe Moskowitz, Maya Motayne, Linda Raquel Nieves Pérez, Daniel José Older, Claribel A Ortega, Mark Oshiro, and Lilliam Rivera.

YA speculative fiction HC \$32.99

Rosebud

novella
Cornell, Paul

'The crew of the Rosebud are, currently, and by force of law, a balloon, a goth with a swagger stick, some sort of science aristocrat possibly, a ball of hands, and a swarm of insects.' When five sentient digital beings – condemned for over 300 years to crew the small survey ship by the all-powerful Company – encounter a mysterious black sphere, their course of action is clear: obtain the object, inform the Company, earn lots of praise. But the ship malfunctions, and the crew has no choice but to approach the sphere and survey it themselves. They have no idea that this object – and the transcendent truth hidden within – will change the fate of all existence, the Company, and themselves. A multilayered, locked-room, sf, 112pp Tor.com novella, in which five digital beings unravel their existences to discover the truth of their humanity.

Science fiction TP \$33.95

Spectrum

Web Shifter's Library 03
Czerneda, Julie E

Something malevolent lurks in deep space, something able to pluck starships from their course and cause their crews to vanish. It has a purpose: to use those ships to mark an unmistakable boundary. A warning. It has an interest: Botharis, the planet where Esen and Paul have established the All Species' Library of Linguistics and Culture. Home to Veya Ragem, whose ship was the first to trespass. Esen and Paul will need every

resource, every friend and even foes, if they're to discover who – or what is behind this before more are lost. Once they do, Esen plans to use her abilities to comprehend and reason with this new species. What she doesn't know? There truly are monsters. And they wait for you in the dark. Just ask Evan Gooseberry. The Web Shifter's Library series begins with *Search Image* (PBK, \$25.95).

Shadow Fire

Shadow Riders 06
Feehan, Christine

Shadow Rider Elie Archambault has been called many things: domineering, brash, loyal, but most of all fast. And there's nothing faster than choosing to marry a woman you've never met. All he has is a signed contract and a list of his new bride's expectations for their arranged marriage. He's not expecting love, or some happy ever after – just a partner that knows exactly what she signed up for. He'll be faithful because he's a man of honour, but she'll never have his heart... Elie knows who he is. A privileged member of the Archambault family. A skilled rider and fighter. A man who's always had things easy for all the wrong reasons. He's made his mistakes and lost his chance at real, true passion with his other half thanks to his own careless arrogance. Now he just wants to do his duty as a Shadow Rider and leave the past behind. But Elie has no idea that his choice is about to spark a blaze that will burn all his carefully laid plans to the ground...

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

Manhunt

Felker-Martin, Gretchen

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

Horror TP \$29.99

Sh*tload of Crazy Powers

Frost Files 04
Ford, Jackson

Teagan Frost has enough sh*t to deal with, between her job as a telekinetic government operative and a certain pair of siblings who have returned from the dead to wreak havoc with their powers. But little does she know, things are about to get even more crazy... Teagan might have survived the flash flood of the century; but, now, she's trapped in a hotel by a bunch of gun-toting maniacs. And to make matters worse, her powers have mysteriously disappeared. Faced with certain death at every turn, Teagan will need to use every resource she has to stop a plot that could destroy Los Angeles – maybe, even, the entire world. The Frost Files begin with *The Girl Who Could Move Sh*t With Her Mind* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Chivalry

graphic novel

Gaiman, Neil
& Doran, Colleen (illustrator)

An elderly widow buys what turns out to be the Holy Grail from a second-hand shop, setting her off on an epic adventure with a knight who brings her gifts of ancient relics in hope of winning the cup. From the Eisner and Bram Stoker award-winning team of *Snow, Glass, Apples* comes a delightfully humorous and charming new graphic novel adaptation.

Urban fantasy HC \$32.99

The Gauntlet and the Fist Beneath

Rotstorm 01
Green, Ian

Protect. Fight. Destroy. Protect your people. The endless rotstorm rages over the ruins of the Ferron Empire. Floré would never let the slavers of the Empire rise again. As a warrior of the Stormguard Commandos, she wrought horrors in the rotstorm to protect her people. She did her duty and left the bloodshed behind. Fight for your family. Floré's peace is shattered when blazing orbs of light cut through the night sky and descend on her village. Her daughter is abducted and Floré is forced into a chase across a land of twisted monsters and ancient gods. She must pursue the mysterious orbs, whose presence could herald the return of the Empire she spent her entire life fighting. Destroy your enemies. Now, Floré must take up the role she swore to put aside and become the weapon the Stormguard trained her to be, to save not only her daughter, but her people... A fantasy adventure debut by Scottish author, Ian Green – perfect for fans of Brandon Sanderson's Stormlight Archive.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Best Thing You Can Steal

Gideon Sable 01
Green, Simon R

Welcome to London, but not as you know it. A place where magic and horror run free, wonders and miracles are everyday things, and the dark streets are full of very shadowy people... Gideon Sable is a thief and a con man. He specialises in stealing the kind of things that can't normally be stolen. Like a ghost's clothes, or a photo from a country that never existed. He even stole his current identity. Who was he originally? Now, that would be telling. One thing's for sure though, he's not the bad guy. The people he steals from always have it coming. Gideon's planning a heist, to steal the only thing that matters from the worst man in the world. To get past his security, he's going to need a crew who can do the impossible... but luckily, he has the right people in mind. The Damned, the Ghost, the Wild Card... and his ex-girlfriend, Annie Anybody. A woman who can be anyone, with the power to make technology fall in love with her. If things go well, they'll all get what they want. And if they're lucky, they might not even die trying... The first in a new series.

Urban fantasy TP \$39.95

Tell Me an Ending

Harkin, Jo

Across the world, thousands of people are shocked by a notification that they once chose to have a memory removed. Now they are being given an opportunity to get that memory back. Four individuals are filled with new doubts, grappling with the unexpected question of whether to remember unknown events, or to leave them buried forever. Finn, an Irish architect living in the Arizona desert, begins to suspect his charming wife of having an affair. Mei, a troubled grad school dropout in Kuala Lumpur, wonders why she remembers a city she has never visited. William, a former police inspector in England, struggles with PTSD, the breakdown of his marriage, and his own secret family history. Oscar, a handsome young man with almost no memories at all, travels the world in a constant state of fear. Into these characters' lives comes Noor, a psychologist working at the Nepenthe memory removal clinic in London. The process of reinstating patients' memories begins to shake the moral foundations of her world. As she delves deeper into how the program works, she will have to risk everything to uncover the cost of this miraculous technology.

Dystopia TP \$32.99

Million Dollar Demon

Hollows 15

Harrison, Kim

The new master vampire of Cincinnati has arrived... and she wants Rachel Morgan out. No matter where Rachel goes, Constance is there – threatening Rachel's allies, causing city-wide chaos, and, to add insult to injury, even forcing Rachel out of her current quarters. Ever since Rachel found a way to save the souls of vampires, the old undead's long-time ascendancy has been broken. Now Constance sees eliminating Rachel as the key to consolidating her own power. Rachel has no desire to be enthralled or killed – and she's terrified of what may become of the city if Constance forces a return to the ancient ways. But even a witch-born demon can't stand against the old undead – at least, not alone. And if Rachel refuses to claim the role of Cincinnati's master demon, the city will tear itself apart, taking her and all those who stand beside her with it.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

Lafcadio Hearn's Kwaidan:

Terrifying Stories of Japanese Yokai, Ghosts, and Demons

Hearn, Lafcadio

'Even as she screamed, her voice became thin, like a crying of wind; then she melted into a bright white mist that spired to the roof beams. Never again was she seen.' Lafcadio Hearn's *Kwaidan* (which means 'ghost story' in Japanese) is the first and most famous collection of Japanese yokai stories ever published. This unforgettable collection of 17 eerie tales and three original cultural studies by Hearn are based on traditional oral tales passed down for generations. They are fresh reminders of the dark and mysterious corners of the Japanese psyche, from popular representations in anime, manga and video games to Masaki Kobayashi's

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Oscar-nominated horror film *Kwaidan*. This new edition includes over 20 full-colour woodblock prints that showcase the rich visual tradition of Japanese Yokai. A new foreword by Michael Dylan Foster, the leading Western expert on Yokai literature, places the stories in context and explains the lasting importance of Hearn's pioneering look at Japan's bewitching spirit world. The stories in this volume include: 'Yuki-onna' – a ghostly woman saves a man during a fierce snowstorm then gives him a deadly warning; 'The Story of Mimi-Nashi-Hoichi' – a musician is unwittingly called upon by a Samurai to perform for the dead, with bloody consequences; and 'Diplomacy' – a Samurai warrior avoids the ghostly revenge of a man he intends to kill by outsmarting him before striking he strikes the death blow. Hearn is the best-known early Western interpreter of Japanese culture and was particularly interested in tales of the supernatural. He eagerly gathered 'delicate, transparent, ghostly sketches' in his adopted land and translated them with gusto. His English versions were translated back into Japanese and are considered classics of Japanese literature to this day – eagerly devoured by Japanese school children.

Ghost stories (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Of Claws and Fangs

collected stories from the world of Jane Yellowrock & Soulwood
Hunter, Faith
Collected together, for the first time, this volume contains shorter works featuring heroines Jane Yellowrock and Nell Ingram, as well as a host of other characters from the Jane Yellowrock and Soulwood series. Faith Hunter is 'an expert at creating worlds filled with intriguing supernatural elements and exciting scenarios' (*RT Book Reviews*) and her skills are on full display in this collection. From a vampire-filled Halloween evening in New Orleans to the searing tale of how a certain were-leopard first got his spots, this collection has something for everyone, and each story is sure to put the super in supernatural. With 18 stories in all, *Of Claws and Fangs* will enrich and entertain – it's a must-have for Faith Hunter's readers and all lovers of fantasy.

Paranormal TP \$29.99

Beneath the Keep

Tearling prequel
Johansen, Erika
The Tearling has reverted to feudalism, a far cry from the utopia it was founded to be. As the gap between rich and poor widens and famine threatens the land, sparking unrest, rumours of a prophecy begin to spread: a great hope, a True Queen who will rise up and save the kingdom. But rumours will not help Lazarus, a man raised to kill in the brutal clandestine underworld of the Creche, nor Aislinn, a farm girl who must reckon with her own role in the growing rebellion. And in the Keep, the crown princess, Elyssa, finds herself torn between duty to the throne and the lure of a group of fierce idealists who promise radical change. But Elyssa must choose quickly, before a nefarious witch and her shadowy master use dark magic to

decide for her. It is only a matter of time before all three will be called into the service of something bigger than they have ever imagined: the fight for a better world.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Forging Silver into Stars

Forging Silver into Stars 01
Kemmerer, Brigid
Magic has been banished in the land of Syhl Shallow for as long as best friends Jax and Callyn can remember. They once loved the stories of the powerful magesmiths and mythical scavengers who could conjure fire or control ice, but now they've learned that magic only leads to danger: magic is what killed Callyn's parents, leaving her alone to raise her younger sister. Magic never helped Jax, whose leg was crushed in an accident that his father has been punishing him for ever since. Magic won't save either of them when the tax collector comes calling, threatening to take their homes if they can't pay what they owe. Meanwhile, Jax and Callyn are astonished to learn magic has already returned to Syhl Shallow – in the form of a magesmith who's now married to their queen. Now, the people of Syhl Shallow are expected to allow dangerous magic in their midst, and no one is happy about it. When a stranger rides into town offering Jax and Callyn silver in exchange for holding secret messages for an anti-magic faction, the choice is obvious – even if it means they may be aiding in a plot to destroy their new king. It's a risk they're both willing to take. That is, until another visitor arrives: handsome Lord Tycho, the King's Courier, the man who's been tasked with discovering who's conspiring against the throne. Suddenly, Jax and Callyn find themselves embroiled in a world of shifting alliances, dangerous flirtations, and ancient magic... where even the deepest loyalties will be tested. The first in a new series.

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

Shadow Fallen

Dream Hunters 06
Kenyon, Sherrilyn
For centuries, Ariel has fought the forces of evil. Her task was to protect the souls of innocent mortals when they die. Captured by a powerful sorceress, she is transformed into a human who has no memory of her real life or calling. And is plunked into the middle of the Norman invasion of England. Cursed, the moment he was born, with a 'demonic deformity', Valteri wants nothing of this earth except to depart it and will do his duty to his king until then. When a strange noblewoman is brought before him, Valteri realises he has met her before... in his dreams. When others come for her, bringing with them preternatural predators, he is faced with a destiny he had no idea was waiting; one he wants no part of. The truth is, Valteri isn't just a knight of William the Conqueror. He is the son of one of the deadliest powers in existence, and if he doesn't restore Ariel to her place, she is not the only one who will be in peril. The world itself hangs in the balance, and he is the necessary key to hold back the powers of evil. But only if he can find a way to work with the woman who stands for everything in the universe he hates.

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

The Absolute Book

Knox, Elizabeth
Taryn Cornick believes her sister Bea was deliberately run down, and killed. She believes it so hard she allows a man called the Muleskinner to exact the justice Bea was denied. An eye for an eye. Which is when Taryn's problems really begin. Because the police suspect Taryn's involvement in the driver's death. Worse, others have their eyes on Taryn – those in a faraway place who know what Taryn's family have been carefully hiding in their vast library. *The Absolute Book*. They want it – and they want Taryn to help find it. For the lives of those in more than one world depend upon it... 'An instant classic, to rank [with] masterpieces of fantasy such as *His Dark Materials* or *Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell*' – *Guardian*. Now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Firebreak

Kornher-Stage, Nicole
New Liberty City, 2134. Two corporations have replaced the US, splitting the country's remaining 45 states (five have been submerged under the ocean) between them: Stellaxis Innovations and Greenleaf. There are nine supercities within the continental US, and New Liberty City is the only amalgamated city split between the two megacorps, and thus at a perpetual state of civil war as the feeds broadcast the atrocities committed by each side. Here, Mallory streams Stellaxis's wargame SecOps on BestLife, spending more time jacked in than in the world just to eke out a hardscrabble living from tips. When a chance encounter with one of the game's rare super-soldiers leads to a side job for Mal – looking to link an actual missing girl to one of the SecOps characters. Mal's sudden burst in online fame rivals her deepening fear of what she is uncovering about BestLife's developer, and puts her in the kind of danger she's only experienced through her avatar.

Post-apocalypse TP \$39.95

Seven Mercies

Seven Devils 02
Lam, Laura & May, Elizabeth
After an ambush leaves the Novantae resistance in tatters, the survivors scatter across the galaxy. Wanted by two great empires, the bounty on any rebel's head is enough to make a captor filthy rich. And the seven devils? Biggest score of them all. To avoid attacks, the crew of Zelus scavenge for supplies on long-abandoned Tholosian outposts. Not long after the remnants of the rebellion settle briefly on Fortuna, Ariadne gets a message with unimaginable consequences: the Oracle has gone rogue. In a planned coup against the Empire's new ruler, the AI has developed a way of mass programming citizens into mindless drones. The Oracle's demand is simple: the AI wants One's daughter back at any cost. Time for an Impossible to Infiltrate mission: high chance of death, low chance of success. The devils will have to use their unique skills, no matter the sacrifice, and pair up with old enemies. Their plan? Get to the heart of the Empire. Destroy the Oracle. Burn it all to

the ground. The second book in a feminist space opera duology, following *Seven Devils* (PBK, \$22.99).

Space opera TP \$32.99

The Girl and the Moon

Book of the Ice 03
Lawrence, Mark
On the planet Abeth, a narrow Corridor of green land is surrounded on all sides by ice plains where only the strong survive. Ice triber Yaz has completed a perilous journey and arrived at the Corridor, and it exceeds and overwhelms all of her expectations. Everything seems different but some constants remain: her old enemies are still two steps ahead, bent on her destruction. She makes her way to the Convent of Sweet Mercy, where nuns train young girls who show the old gifts, but like the Corridor itself the convent is packed with peril and opportunity. Yaz has much to learn from the nuns – if they don't decide to execute her. The fate of everyone squeezed between the Corridor's vast walls, and ultimately the fate of those labouring to survive out on ice itself, hangs from the moon, and the battle to save the moon centres on the Ark of the Missing, buried beneath the emperor's palace. Everyone wants Yaz to be the key that will open the Ark – the one the wise have sought for generations. But sometimes wanting isn't enough. The first volume of the Book of the Ice is *The Girl and the Stars* (PBK, \$19.99).

Grimdark fantasy TP \$32.99

Fair Trade

Liden Universe 24
Lee, Sharon & Miller, Steve
Jethri Gobelyn has risen far: from despised youngest on a Terran family Loop ship to second trader on premier Liden tradeship *Ethoria* under the guidance of his unlikely foster-mother Norn ven'Deelin Clan Ixin. Master Trader ven'Deelin has taught Jethri much, and she expects great things from him. Indeed, one might say she demands them. Jethri has inherited a mission from his father, a plan that will allow family Loop ships like the one he grew up to survive the encroachment of Rostov's Dust. In this, he's backed by several prominent Looper families who are scheduled to meet and plan at the South Axis Trade Fair. In what seems to be a fortunate pairing of missions, Master Trader ven'Deelin sees Jethri become lead trader on his own small ship, which is scheduled to arrive at the South Axis Fair. Unfortunately, that 'fortunate coincidence' may instead be a test of Jethri's loyalties, as he's thrust into a tangle of grey-trading, mistaken identity, misinformation, and galactic politics... A new Liden novel is always an excellent thing!

Space opera HC \$55.00

The World Gives Way

Levien, Marissa
In 50 years, Myrra will be free. Until then, she's a contract worker. Ever since she was five, her life and labour have belonged to the highest bidder on her contract – butchers, laundries, and now the powerful, secretive Carlyles. But when one night finds the Carlyles dead, Myrra is suddenly free a lot sooner than she anticipated – and at a cost

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she never could have imagined. Burdened with the Carlyles' orphaned daughter and the terrible secret they died to escape, she runs. With time running out, Myrra must come face to face with the truth about her world – and embrace what's left before it's too late.

Dystopia TP \$39.95

Temple of No God

Hall of Smoke 02

Long, H M

After a brutal war between the gods, Hessa – High Priestess of the Eangen – has brokered a fragile alliance between warring tribes and bought peace to her home. But a new threat is growing in the remnants of the once-great Arpa Empire. Three factions are vying to take the throne, the vast well of raw magical power only accessible to the Emperor. Hessa knows she cannot let this chance pass by – she must intervene, to protect her peoples' hard-won future. With the peace she has sacrificed so much for at stake, Hessa must lead an army of Algatt and Eangen warriors into the heart of enemy territory. But warring Arpa factions are not the only danger – a sinister new cult is on the rise, one that sucks the life from everything it touches. With enemies on every side and the fragile peace beginning to waver, Hessa must decide who to place on the throne – no matter what it may cost her. The follow-up to *Hall of Smoke* (PBK, \$19.99). Crumbling empires, secretive cults, and godlike powers to be claimed – perfect for readers of Brian Staveley, V E Schwab and Melissa Caruso.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Shadow Out of Time

graphic novel

Lovecraft, H P & Culbard, I N J
Miskatonic University, Arkham, 1908.

Professor Nathaniel Peaslee collapses in front of a class of students, only coming to his senses five years later. Horrified to discover that his body has been far from inactive during the intervening period – and plagued by unsettling and outlandish nightmares – Peaslee attempts to piece together the truth behind the missing years of his life. A chilling journey through time, space, and the recesses of the mind, this newly-reissued adaptation (in a smaller format, with a foreword by Jeff Lemire, and a new cover) gives terrifying form to one of H P Lovecraft's final tales.

Horror PBK \$24.99

The Dream-Quest of

Unknown Kadath

graphic novel

Lovecraft, H P & Culbard, I N J

Obsessed with revisiting the sunset city of his dreams, Randolph Carter leaves the humdrum confines of reality behind, traveling into a vivid dreamworld where anything is possible. But while Carter draws closer to his goal – the mysterious Kadath, home to the gods themselves – another force, dark and brooding, is watching with plans of its own. An epic fantasy mixing adventure, peril, and wonder in equal parts, *The Dream-Quest of Unknown Kadath* (newly-reissued in a smaller format, with a foreword by Jeff Lemire, and a new cover) explores themes of memory and forbidden knowledge through the prism of H P Lovecraft's boundless imagination.

Horror PBK \$24.99

The Strange Case of Charles Dexter Ward

graphic novel

Lovecraft, H P & Culbard, I N J
Providence, Rhode Island, 1928.

A dangerous inmate disappears from a private hospital for the insane, his method of escape baffling the authorities. Only the patient's final visitor, family physician Dr Marinus Bicknell Willett – himself, a piece of the puzzle – holds the key to unlocking the case of Charles Dexter Ward. A macabre mixture of historical investigation, grave robbing, and bone-chilling revelation, this newly-reissued adaptation (in a smaller format, with a foreword by Jeff Lemire, and a new cover) artfully lays bare one of H P Lovecraft's most horrifying creations.

Horror PBK \$24.99

The Discord of Gods

A Chorus of Dragons 05

Lyons, Jenn

Relos Var's final plans to enslave the universe are on the cusp of fruition. He believes there's only one being in existence that might be able to stop him: the demon Xaltorath. As these two masterminds circle each other, neither is paying attention to the third player on the board, Kihrin. Unfortunately, keeping himself classified in the 'pawn' category means Kihrin must pretend to be everything the prophecies threatened he'd become: the destroyer of all, the sun eater, a mindless, remorseless plague upon the land. It also means finding an excuse to not destroy the people he loves (or any of the remaining Immortals) without arousing suspicion. Kihrin's goals are complicated by the fact that not all of his 'act' is one. His intentions may be sincere, but he's still being forced to grapple with the aftereffects of the corrupted magic ritual that twisted both him and the dragons. Worse, he's now tied to a body that is the literal avatar of a star – a form that is becoming increasingly, catastrophically unstable. All of which means he's running out of time. After all, some stars fade – but others explode. Concluding *A Chorus of Dragons*.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The City Who Fought

Brainships 04

McGaffrey, Anne & Stirling, S M

Simeon was a shell-person – the brain who ran Space Station SSS-900 on the fringes of human space. But things hadn't been going too well lately, and he was more than a little discontented. Though normally he enjoyed his work, these days it seemed boring. To make matters worse, his long-time partner had just retired and he was having a hard time adjusting to his newly assigned brawn – a strong-willed woman named Channa Hap who seemed to feel it her duty to keep him in line. He's buried himself in his favourite pastime – wargaming. Simeon's hobby would find unexpected uses when the brutal Kolnari attack the nearby colony planet Bethel. Sheltering the colony's refugees brought 'the city' an invitation to serious trouble with Kolnari pirates. And only Simeon and Channa working together can save the city. A reissue.

Space opera (reissue) TP \$35.95

Seasonal Fears

Alchemical Journeys 02

McGuire, Seanan

The king of winter and the queen of summer are dead. The fight for their crowns begins! Melanie has a destiny, though it isn't the one everyone assumes it to be. She's delicate; she's fragile; she's dying. Now, truly, is the winter of her soul. Harry doesn't want to believe in destiny, because that means accepting the loss of the one person who gives his life meaning, who brings summer to his world. So, when a new road is laid out in front of them – a road that will lead through untold dangers toward a possible lifetime together – walking down it seems to be the only option. But others are following behind, with violence in their hearts. It looks like Destiny has a plan for them, after all... 'One must maintain a little bit of summer even in the middle of winter.' – *Thoreau*. From bestselling author Seanan McGuire, *Seasonal Fears* is an extraordinary companion novel to *Middlegame* (TP, \$32.99).

Fantasy HC \$62.95

The King's Daughter

film tie-in edition

McIntyre, Vonda

Can she find the courage to defy a king?

In 17th-century France, Louis XIV rules with flamboyant ambition. In his domain, wealth and beauty are all; frivolity begets cruelty; science and alchemy collide. From the Hall of Mirrors to the vermin-infested attics of the Chateau at Versailles, courtiers compete to please the king, sacrificing fortune, principles, and even sacred family bonds. By the 50th year of his reign, Louis XIV has made France the most powerful state in the western world, but the Sun King's appetite for glory knows no bounds. In a bold stroke, he sends his natural philosopher on an expedition to seek the source of immortality: the mythical sea monster. For the glory of his God, his country, and his king, Father Yves de la Croix returns with his treasures: one heavy shroud packed in ice... and in a covered basin, an imprisoned sea creature, Marie-Joséphé de la Croix has been looking forward to assisting her brother Yves in the scientific study of the sea monster, until she makes a discovery that will threaten everything her brother, the court and the King believe. But in the decadent court of King Louis, where morality is skewed and corruption reigns, will anyone listen to a single voice? Somehow, she must find the courage to follow her heart and her convictions – even at the cost of changing her life forever. A sumptuous historical fantasy romance, set in the court of the Sun King; now a major motion picture starring Pierce Brosnan as King Louis XIV and Fan Bingbing as the Mermaid. *The King's Daughter* was originally published as *The Moon and the Sun*.

Historical fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Children on the Hill

McMahon, Jennifer

1978: At her renowned treatment centre in picturesque Vermont, the brilliant psychiatrist, Dr Helen Hildreth, is acclaimed for her compassionate work with the mentally ill. But when she's home with her cherished grandchildren, Vi and Eric, she's just Gran

– teaching them how to take care of their pets, preparing them home-cooked meals, providing them with care and attention and love. Then one day Gran brings home a child to stay with the family. Iris – silent, hollow eyed, skittish, and feral – does not behave like a normal girl. Still, Violet is thrilled to have a new playmate. She and Eric invite Iris to join their Monster Club, where they catalogue all kinds of monsters and dream up ways to defeat them. Before long, Iris begins to come out of her shell. She and Vi and Eric do everything together: ride their bicycles, go to the drive in, meet at their clubhouse in secret to hunt monsters. Because, as Vi explains, monsters are everywhere. 2019: Lizzy Shelley, the host of the popular podcast *Monsters Among Us*, is traveling to Vermont, where a young girl has been abducted, and a monster sighting has the town in an uproar. She's determined to hunt it down, because Lizzy knows better than anyone that monsters are real – and one of them is her very own sister.

Supernatural thriller HC \$57.95

Station Eleven

TV tie-in edition

Mandel, Emily St John

Kirsten Raymonde will never forget the night Arthur Leander, the famous Hollywood actor, had a heart attack on stage during a production of *King Lear*. That was the night when a devastating flu pandemic arrived in the city, and within weeks, civilisation as we know it came to an end. Twenty years later, Kirsten moves between the settlements of the altered world with a small troupe of actors and musicians. They call themselves the Traveling Symphony, and they have dedicated themselves to keeping the remnants of art and humanity alive. But when they arrive in St Deborah by the Water, they encounter a violent prophet who will threaten the tiny band's existence. And as the story takes off, moving back and forth in time, and vividly depicting life before and after the pandemic, the strange twist of fate that connects them all will be revealed. Now, an original series on HBO Max. A Pulp Fiction bestseller (and one of Ron's perennial faves), always recommended.

Post-pandemic PBK \$19.99

A Desolation Called Peace

Teixcalaan 02

Martine, Arkady

An alien armada lurks on the edges of Teixcalaanli space. No one can communicate with it, no one can destroy it, and Fleet Captain Nine Hibiscus is running out of options. In a desperate attempt at diplomacy with the mysterious invaders, the fleet captain has sent for a diplomatic envoy. Now, Mahit Dzmare and Three Seagrass – still reeling from the recent upheaval in the Empire – face the impossible task of trying to communicate with a hostile entity. Their failure will guarantee millions of deaths in an endless war. Their success might prevent Teixcalaan's destruction – and allow the empire to continue its rapacious expansion. Or it might create something far stranger... The sequel to the Hugo Award-winning *A Memory Called Empire* (PBK, \$19.99) is now in paperback.

Space opera PBK \$19.99

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The Last Adventure of Constance Verity

Constance Verity 01, film tie-in edition
Martinez, A Lee
It all began at Constance Verity's seventh birthday party, when she defeated a giant snake – but really, it was the fault of the magic wish granted to her at her birth. She's now a master of exotic martial arts and a keen detective, and she possesses a collection of strange artefacts, mostly kept in unlabelled boxes in her apartment. But Constance has spent the past 27 years saving the world, and frankly, she's sick of it. She wants an office job and a normal boyfriend – one who isn't going to get killed by who knows what – and she's figured out the way to get them. She's going to kill her fairy godmother. After all, it was Grandmother Willow who granted the wish and reset her life. The problem is, saving the world is Constance's destiny. She's really good at it, and there are forces at work to make sure she stays in the job. Then again, it's also her destiny to have a glorious death. A reissue to tie in with the film adaptation, starring Awkafina. The sequel is *Constance Verity Saves the World* (PBK, \$22.99).
Urban fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Constance Verity Saves the World

Constance Verity 02
Martinez, A Lee
Constance Verity is still saving the universe, one crisis at a time, but the rules have changed. She's managed to build a quiet life between feats of improbable heroism, until the line between adventure and ordinary begins to blur and Connie discovers that preventing her two very different worlds from colliding might be beyond even her. It's hard enough to maintain a relationship without having to find time to save the world, but when her (sort of) ex-boyfriend, the son of one of her top ten archenemies, comes to her for help, the timing couldn't be worse. But when malicious superbrains and sinister ocean gods join an entirely unreasonable number of assassins, Connie might finally be in over her head – and the curse of steadily worsening bad luck isn't helping much. With her history of saving the world, over and over, it should be just another day in Connie's life – shouldn't it? A reissue to tie in with the film adaptation of the first in the series, *The Last Adventure of Constance Verity* (PBK, \$22.99), starring Awkafina.
Urban fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Darling Girl: a novel of Peter Pan

Michalski, Liz
Life is looking up for Holly Darling, granddaughter of Wendy – yes, that Wendy. She's running a successful skincare company; her son, Jack, is happy and healthy; and the tragedy of her past is well behind her... until she gets a call that her daughter, Eden, who has been in a coma for nearly a decade, has gone missing from the estate where she's been long tucked away. And, worst of all, Holly knows who must be responsible: Peter Pan, who is not only very real, but more dangerous than anyone could imagine. Eden's disappearance is a disaster for more

reasons than one. She has a rare condition that causes her to age rapidly – ironic, considering her father is the boy who will never grow up – which also makes her blood incredibly valuable. It's a secret that Holly is desperate to protect, especially from Eden's half-brother, Jack, who knows nothing about his sister or the crucial role she plays in his life. Holly has no one to turn to – her mother is the only other person in the world who knows that Peter is more than a story, but she refuses to accept that he is not the hero she's always imagined. Desperate, Holly enlists the help of Christopher Cooke, a notorious ex-soldier, in the hopes of rescuing Eden before it's too late... or she may lose both her children.
Peter Pan HC \$44.99

Hunt the Stars

Starlight's Shadow 01
Mihalik, Jessie
Octavia Zarola would do anything to keep her tiny, close-knit bounty hunting crew together – even if it means accepting a job from Torran Fletcher, a ruthless former general and her sworn enemy. When Torran offers her enough credits to not only keep her crew afloat but also hire someone to fix her ship, Tavi knows that she can't refuse – no matter how much she'd like to. With so much money on the line, Torran and his crew insist on joining the hunt. Tavi reluctantly agrees because while the handsome, stoic leader pushes all of her buttons – for both anger and desire – she's endured worse, and the massive bonus payment he's promised for a completed job is reason enough to shut up and deal. But when they uncover a deeper plot that threatens the delicate peace between humans and Valoffs, Tavi suspects that Torran has been using her as the impetus for a new war. With the fate of her crew balanced on a knife's edge, Tavi must decide where her loyalties lie – with the quiet Valoff who's been lying to her, or with the human leaders who left her squad to die on the battlefield. And this time, she's put her heart on the line. The first in a brand-new series about a female bounty hunter, and the man who is her sworn enemy.
Space opera TP \$29.99

The Change

Miller, Kristen
In the Long Island oceanfront community of Mattauk, three different women discover that midlife changes bring a whole new type of empowerment... After Nessa James's husband dies and her twin daughters leave for college, she's left all alone in a trim white house not far from the ocean. In the quiet of her late 40s, the former nurse begins to hear voices. It doesn't take long for Nessa to realise that the voices calling out to her belong to the dead – a gift she's inherited from her grandmother, which comes with special responsibilities. On the cusp of 50, suave advertising director Harriett Osborne has just witnessed the implosion of her lucrative career and her marriage. She hasn't left her house in months, and from the outside, it appears as if she and her garden have both gone to seed. But Harriett's life is far from over – in fact, she's undergone a stunning and very welcome metamorphosis. Ambitious former executive Jo Levison has spent 30 long years at war with her body. The free-floating

rage and hot flashes that arrive with the beginning of menopause feel like the very last straw – until she realises she has the ability to channel them, and finally comes into her power. Guided by voices only Nessa can hear, the trio of women discover a teenage girl whose body was abandoned beside a remote beach. The police have written the victim off as a drug-addicted sex worker, but the women refuse to buy into the official narrative. Their investigation into the girl's murder leads to more bodies, and to the town's most exclusive and isolated enclave, a world of stupendous wealth where the rules don't apply. With their newfound powers, Jo, Nessa, and Harriett will take matters into their own hands...
Supernatural thriller TP \$29.99

Boys, Beasts, and Men

collection
Miller, Sam J
In Nebula Award-winning author Sam J Miller's devastating debut short-fiction collection – featuring an introduction by Amal El-Mohtar – queer infatuation, inevitable heartbreak, and brutal revenge seamlessly intertwine. Whether innocent, guilty, or not even human, the boys, beasts, and men roaming through Miller's gorgeously-crafted worlds can destroy readers, yet leave them wanting more. Despite his ability to control the ambient digital cloud, a foster teen falls for a clever conman. Luring bullies to a quarry, a boy takes clearly enumerated revenge through unnatural powers of suggestion. In the aftermath of a shapeshifting alien invasion, a survivor fears that he brought something out of the Arctic to infect the rest of the world. A rebellious group of queer artists create a new identity that transcends even the anonymity of death. Savage wit, unrelenting candour, and lush imagery combine in this essential career retrospective collection.
Speculative fiction TP \$29.99

Up Against It

Tor Essentials
Mixon, Laura J
Jane Navio is the resource manager of Phoecea, an asteroid colony poised on the knife edge of the hard vacuum of unforgiving space. A mishap has dumped megatons of water and methane out the colony's air lock, putting the entire human population at risk. Jane discovers that the crisis may have been engineered by the Martian crime syndicate, as a means of executing a coup that will turn Phoecea into a client-state. And if that wasn't bad enough, an AI that spawned during the emergency has gone rogue... and there's a giant x-factor in the form of the transhumanist Viridian cult that lives in Phoecea's bowels. Jane's in the prime of her career – she's only a bit over a century old – but the conflict between politics and life support is tearing her apart. To save her colony and her career, she's going to have to solve several mysteries at once – a challenge that will put her up against all the difficulties, contradictions, and awkward compromises entailed in the human colonisation of outer space. A reissue of a prescient classic of crime, politics, and emergent AI in a future human-settled solar system.
Science fiction (reissue) TP \$43.95

Lambda Musgrave, David

Whoever the lambdas might be, and wherever they really come from, they're already here among us. Outwardly alien arrivals from a distant sea, the lambdas are genetically human. They slip quietly into low- to middle-income jobs and appear to want nothing more than to be left alone. For Cara Gray, they are first a haunting presence in her otherwise ordinary childhood, then the inscrutable target of her police surveillance work. When a bomb goes off at a school, a nebulous group of lambda extremists claims responsibility for the attack – but how could a vulnerable community of tiny aquatic humans, barely visible in society and seemingly indifferent to their own exploitation, be capable of something so horrific? In Cara's world, a toothbrush can be legally alive, a quantum computer has the power to decide who dies, and a government employee made of slime mould protein needs help to relieve his neuroses. As Cara's relationship with the lambdas deepens, she must decide whether to accept her place in a pattern of technology, violence and deceit, or to take action of her own.
Science fiction TP \$29.99

Notes from the Burning Age

North, Claire
Ven was once a holy man, a keeper of ancient archives. It was his duty to interpret archaic texts, sorting useful knowledge from the heretical ideas of the Burning Age – a time of excess and climate disaster. For in Ven's world, such material must be closely guarded, so that the ills that led to that cataclysmic era can never be repeated. But when the revolutionary Brotherhood approaches Ven, pressuring him to translate stolen writings that threaten everything he once held dear, his life will be turned upside down. Torn between friendship and faith, Ven must decide how far he's willing to go to save this new world, and how much he is willing to lose. A remarkable and captivating new novel from the award-winning Claire North that puts dystopian fiction in a whole new light.
Dystopia PBK \$22.99

The Last Graduate

Scholomance 02
Novik, Naomi
The dark school of magic has always done its best to devour its students, but now that El has reached her final year – and, somehow, won herself a handful of allies along the way – it's suddenly developed a very particular craving... For her. As the savagery of the school ramps up, El is determined that she will not give in; not to the mals, not to fate, and especially not to the Scholomance. But as the spectre of graduation looms – the deadly final ritual that leaves few students alive – if she and her allies are to make it out, El will need to realise that sometimes winning the game means throwing out all the rules. Sequel to the wonderful, *hugely-popular A Deadly Education* (PBK, \$19.99).
Fantasy PBK \$19.99

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Nineteen Eighty-Four

(1984)

Orwell, George

Big Brother is watching you. War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength. Winston Smith is a good worker. He supports the Party. He is good at his job rewriting history to Government specification. Big Brother watches him, but there is nothing to see. Winston's struggle against the totalitarian world he inhabits is a closely-guarded secret. It exists only in his mind, until he begins a secret love affair with Julia, a fellow worker. Is this enough to push him to revolution? Or is it the beginning of his downfall? A masterwork of dystopian fiction, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* is harrowingly prescient, and its impact has stretched around the globe. With a new introduction by political editor and writer Ian Dunt, this brand-new edition of a science fiction classic is a must-have for any collector. SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

Kaikeyi

Patel, Vaishnavi

I was born on the full moon under an auspicious constellation, the holiest of positions – much good it did me. So begins Kaikeyi's story. The only daughter of the kingdom of Kekaya, she is raised on tales of the gods: how they churned the vast ocean to obtain the nectar of immortality, how they vanquish evil and ensure the land of Bharat prospers, and how they offer powerful boons to the devout and the wise. Yet, she watches as her father unceremoniously banishes her mother, listens as her own worth is reduced to how great a marriage alliance she can secure. And when she calls upon the gods for help, they never seem to hear. Desperate for some measure of independence, she turns to the texts she once read with her mother and discovers a magic that is hers alone. With this power, Kaikeyi transforms herself from an overlooked princess into a warrior, diplomat, and most favoured queen, determined to carve a better world for herself and the women around her. But as the evil from her childhood stories threatens the cosmic order, the path she has forged clashes with the destiny the gods have chosen for her family. And Kaikeyi must decide if resistance is worth the destruction it will wreak – and what legacy she intends to leave behind. Historical fantasy HC \$57.95

We Are Satellites

Pinsker, Sarah

Everybody's getting one. Val and Julie just want what's best for their kids, David and Sophie. So, when teenage son David comes home one day asking for a Pilot, a new brain implant to help with school, they reluctantly agree. This is the future, after all. Soon, Julie feels mounting pressure at work to get a Pilot to keep pace with her colleagues, leaving Val and Sophie part of the shrinking minority of people without the device. Before long, the implications are clear, for the family and society: get a Pilot or get left behind. With government subsidies and no downside, why would anyone refuse? And how do you stop a technology, once it's everywhere? Those are the questions Sophie and her anti-Pilot movement rise up to answer, even if it puts them up against the Pilot's powerful manufacturer and pits Sophie against the people she loves most. Science fiction PBK \$19.99

In a Garden Burning Gold Power, Rory

Twins imbued with incredible magic and near-immortality will do anything to keep their family safe – even if it tears the siblings apart. Rhea and her twin brother, Lexos, have spent an eternity helping their father rule their small, unstable country, using their control over the seasons, tides, and stars to keep the people in line. For 100 years, they've been each other's only ally, defending each other and their younger siblings against their father's increasingly unpredictable anger. Now, with an independence movement gaining ground and their father's rule weakening, the twins must take matters into their own hands, to keep their family – and their entire world – from crashing down around them. But other nations are jockeying for power, ready to cross and double cross, and if Rhea and Lexos aren't careful, they'll end up facing each other across the battlefield. The first in a series. Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Prison of Sleep

Journals of Zaxony Delatree 02

Pratt, Tim

Every time Zaxony Delatree falls asleep he wakes up on a new world. His life has turned into an endless series of brief encounters. But, at least, he and Minna – the one companion who has found a way of travelling with him – are no longer pursued by the psychotic and vengeful Lector. But now Zax has been joined once again by Ana, a companion he thought left behind long ago. Ana is one of the Sleepers, a group of fellow travellers between worlds. Ana tells Zax that he is unknowingly host to a parasitic alien that exists partly in his blood and partly between dimensions. The chemical that the alien secretes is what allows Zax to travel. Every time he does, however, the parasite grows, damaging the fabric of the Universes. Anas is desperate to recruit Zax to her cause and stop the alien. But there are others who are using the parasite, such as the cult who serve the Prisoner – an entity trapped in the dimension between universes. Every world is like a bar in its prison. The cult want to collapse all the bars of the worlds and free their god. Can Zax, Minna, Ana, and the other Sleepers band together and stop them? The sequel to *Doors of Sleep* (TP, \$26.99). Time travel TP \$26.99

Sisters of the Forsaken Stars

Our Lady of Endless Worlds 02

Rather, Lina

Not long ago, Earth's colonies and space stations threw off the yoke of planet Earth's tyrannical rule. Decades later, trouble is brewing in the Four Systems, and Old Earth is flexing its power in a bid to regain control over its lost territories. The Order of Saint Rita – whose mission is to provide aid and mercy to those in need – bore witness to and defied Central Governance's atrocities on the remote planet Physosonga III. The sisters have been running ever since, staying under the radar while still trying to honour their calling. Despite the sisters' secrecy, the story of their defiance is spreading like wildfire, spearheaded by a growing anti-Earth religious movement calling for revolution. Faced with staying silent or speaking up, the Order of Saint Rita must decide the role they will play – and what hand they will have –

in reshaping the galaxy. A 192pp Tor.com novella, the sequel to *Sisters of the Vast Black* (PBK, \$24.99).

Space opera PBK \$32.99

Passersthrough Rock, Peter

At age 11, Helen disappeared in the wilderness of Mount Rainier National Park while camping with her father, Benjamin. She was gone for almost a week before being discovered and returned to her family. It is now 25 years later, and after more than two decades of estrangement, Helen and Benjamin reconnect at his home in Portland, Oregon, to try to understand what happened during the days she was gone. Meanwhile, Benjamin meets an odd pair, a woman and boy who seem driven to help him learn more about Helen's disappearance and send him on a journey that will lead to a murder house, uncanny possession, and a bone-filled body of water known as Sad Clown Lake, a lake 'that could only be found by getting lost, that was never in the same place twice'.

Horror HC \$44.99

Elektra

Saint, Jennifer

The House of Atreus is cursed. A bloodline tainted by a generational cycle of violence and vengeance. This is the story of three women, their fates inextricably tied to this curse, and the fickle nature of men and gods. *Clytemnestra*: The sister of Helen, wife of Agamemnon – her hopes of averting the curse are dashed when her sister is taken to Troy by the feckless Paris. Her husband raises a great army against them and determines to win, whatever the cost. *Cassandra*: Princess of Troy, and cursed by Apollo to see the future but never to be believed when she speaks of it. She is powerless in her knowledge that the city will fall. *Elektra*: The youngest daughter of Clytemnestra and Agamemnon, Elektra is horrified by the bloodletting of her kin. But can she escape the curse, or is her own destiny also bound by violence? A new retelling from the author of *Ariadne* (PBK, \$22.99).

Myth retold TP \$32.99

Rhythm of War Part One

Stormlight Archive 04

Sanderson, Brandon

After forming a coalition of human resistance against the enemy invasion, Dalinar Kholin and his Knights Radiant have spent a year fighting a protracted, brutal war. Neither side has gained an advantage, and the threat of a betrayal by Dalinar's crafty ally Taravangian looms over every strategic move. Now, as new technological discoveries by Navani Kholin's scholars begin to change the face of the war, the enemy prepares a bold and dangerous operation. The arms race that follows will challenge the very core of the Radiant ideals, and potentially reveal the secrets of the ancient tower that was once the heart of their strength. At the same time that Kaladin Stormblessed must come to grips with his changing role within the Knights Radiant, his Windrunners face their own problem: As more and more deadly enemy Fused awaken to wage war, no more honorspren are willing to bond with humans to increase the number of Radiants. Adolin and Shallan must lead the coalition's envoy to the honorspren stronghold of Lasting Integrity and either

convince the spren to join the cause against the evil god Odium, or personally face the storm of failure. This is the first half of the fourth epic novel of the Stormlight Archive: *Rhythm of War*. Fantasy PBK \$22.99

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Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Immortal Rising

Argeneau 34

Sands, Lynsay

Stephanie McGill was turned when she was just a teenager. Worse, her abilities are unlike any other immortal. Now, 13 years later, with the help of her adopted Argeneau family, Steph has carved out a new – if lonely – life. Until a new neighbour arrives... Thorne is also one of a kind. The result of a genetic experiment, he's not an immortal, but he's not mortal either. He only wants to get some peace and quiet so he can figure things out, and Stephanie's sanctuary is perfect. In fact, Stephanie is perfect. For the first time, Thorne is free to be himself and he's falling for her. But, if they're going to have a future together, they'll first need to deal with their past... because the mad scientist, who created Thorne, is now after Stephanie. Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

This All Come Back Now

an anthology of First Nations speculative fiction

Saunders, Mykaela

The first-ever anthology of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander speculative fiction – written, curated, edited and designed by blackfellas, for blackfellas, and about blackfellas. In these stories, 'this all come back': all those things that have been taken from us, that we collectively mourn the loss of, or attempt to recover and revive, as well as those that we thought we'd gotten rid of, that are always returning to haunt and hound us. Some writers summon ancestral spirits from the past, while others look straight down the barrel of potential futures, which always end up curving back around to hold us from behind. Dazzling, imaginative and unsettling, *This All Come Back Now* centres

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and celebrates communities and culture. It's a love letter to kin and country, to memory, and future-thinking.

Speculative fiction TP \$32.99

The Dying Squad Simcox, Adam

Who better to solve a murder than a dead detective? When Detective Inspector Joe Lazarus storms a Lincolnshire farmhouse, he expects to bring down a notorious drug gang; instead, he discovers his own body and a spirit guide called Daisy-May. She's there to enlist him to the Dying Squad, a spectral police force who solve crimes their flesh and blood counterparts cannot. Lazarus reluctantly accepts and returns to the Lincolnshire Badlands, where he faces dangers from both the living and the dead, in his quest to discover the identity of his killer – before they kill again.

Supernatural mystery PBK \$22.99

When a Princess Proposes Sparks, Kerrelyn

All Princess Eviana needs is an escape. Possessed of an unfortunate and unusual Embraced gift, which she's been banned from using, she required no training. Now, her overprotective parents want her to wed. As a result, the palace is crammed with obnoxious noblemen... Until Quentin, the enigmatic eagle shifter and royal spy, manoeuvres several of the unsuitable suitors into revealing their most embarrassing secrets before the court. Finally, Eviana has an excuse to free herself. If only her family knew the blow that's shaken her: golden-eyed Quentin's refusal to let her near... Heroic, but low born, Quentin's infatuation with Eviana is as inappropriate as it is unshakable. He must keep away from her, for his own sake. But after a series of suspicious deaths, and the princess's narrow escape from kidnapping, Quentin knows that only together can they expose the danger stalking Aertthlan's Embraced. On foot, in disguise, they'll need trust and quick wits to uncover the vicious conspiracy closing around them. But finding the truth might break down their own defences as well...

Fantasy romance TP \$27.99

The Bone Shard Emperor 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? A sequel to the first in this captivating new series, *The Bone Shard Daughter* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Titan Song

Carter Archives 03

Stout, Dan

Forbidden magic, murder... and disco. Carter's day keeps getting worse. With the return of spring, new life floods into Titanshade. The sun climbs higher and stays longer, the economy is ascendant, and ever more newcomers arrive to be part of the city's rebirth. Even pop culture has taken notice, with a high-profile concert only days away. When a band member's murder threatens to delay the show, the diva star performer demands that the famous Detective Carter work the case. But Carter has secrets of his own, and his investigation unearths more victims and dark secrets, triggering a spiral of deceit, paranoia, and nightmarish magical transformations. As conspiracies are exposed, Carter is sucked even deeper into the machinations of the rich, the powerful, and the venerated. Soon the very foundations of the city threaten to collapse and Carter's own freedom is on the line as he navigates between old enemies and fragile new alliances while racing to learn the true cause of this horrific series of deaths. An excellent urban fantasy noir series which begins with *Titanshade* (PBK, \$25.95).

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.95

Eyes of the Void

Final Architects 02

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

After 80 years of fragile peace, the Architects are back, wreaking havoc as they consume entire planets. In the past, Originator artefacts – vestiges of a long-vanished civilisation – could save a world from annihilation. This time, the Architects have discovered a way to circumvent these protective relics. Suddenly, no planet is safe. Facing impending extinction, the Human Colonies are in turmoil. While some believe a unified front is the only way to stop the Architects, others insist humanity should fight alone. And there are those who would seek to benefit from the fractured politics of war – even as the Architects loom ever closer. Idris, who has spent decades running from the horrors of his past, finds himself thrust back onto the battlefield. As an Intermediary, he could be one of the few to turn the tide of war. With a handful of allies, he searches for a weapon that could push back the Architects and save the galaxy. But to do so, he must return to the nightmarish unspace, where his mind was broken and remade. What Idris discovers there will change everything. The sequel to *Shards of Earth* (we expect the paperback edition (\$22.99) at the end of June).

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Here Goes Nothing

Toltz, Steve

'Nobody was ever thinking about me. Now that I'm dead, I dwell on this kind of thing a lot.' Angus Mooney is in a dark place: the afterlife. His days are spent in aching embarrassment; god, religion, the supernatural – he was wrong about everything. He longs for his audacious, fiery wife, Gracie, but can only watch from the

other side as she is seduced by his killer, who has stepped seamlessly into Mooney's shoes. Meanwhile, life after death isn't all it's cracked up to be. Another pandemic is sweeping the globe; Mooney's new home is filling up fast, resources are scarce, infrastructure is crumbling, and he has to share an increasingly cramped existence with a group of people still traumatised by their own deaths. And although he should know better, he remains in the grip of the same fear as when he was alive: the opinions of others.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Equinox

Towsey, David

Christopher Morden lives in a world where everybody changes with the rising and setting of the sun. For every person contains two distinct identities – a day brother and a night brother. One never sees the light, the other nothing of night. One evening, Christophor – is woken early by a call to the city prison. A young woman has torn her own eyes out, and the police suspect supernatural causes. The investigation takes Christophor far from home, to a village on the edge of the kingdom. There, he will find his witch – and his night brother will find himself desperate to save her. And as this battle of the self rages, the witch's ancient and apocalyptic ritual comes ever closer to completion...

Fantasy TP \$29.99

True Wolf

STAT 03

Tyler, Paige

Keep your team close and your enemies closer... Werewolf agent Caleb Lynch takes the lead on STAT's newest case: to track down the thieves who stole nuclear weapons from the Air Force. His best connection is a brother-sister duo with a shady record, but there's no guarantee Caleb can trust them – especially because of Brielle Fontaine's supernatural abilities. Still, Brielle could be a useful ally for STAT, and Caleb sees something in her that could change his whole world.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

The Immortal King Rao

Vara, Vauhini

In a future in which the world is run by the Board of Corporations, King's daughter, Athena, reckons with his legacy – literally, for he has given her access to his memories, among other questionable gifts. With climate change raging, Athena has come to believe that saving the planet and its Shareholders will require a radical act of communion – and, so, she sets out to tell the truth to the world's Shareholders, in entrancing sensory detail, about King's childhood on a South Indian coconut plantation; his migration to the US to study engineering in a world transformed by globalisation; his marriage to the ambitious artist with whom he changed the world; and, ultimately, his invention, under self-exile, of the most ambitious creation of his life – Athena, herself.

Dystopian satire HC \$57.95

Governor

Ascent to Empire 01

Weber, David & Fox, Richard

Six billion dead – and one man, intent on putting a stop to the killing... For more than 50 years, the Terran Federation and the Terran League have been killing one another. The death toll has climbed ever higher, year after year, with no end in sight. But the members of the Five Hundred, the social elite of the Republic's Heart Worlds, don't care. Their star systems are light-years from any threat of attack. Their children are sheltered from the 'mandatory service' that falls so heavily on the Fringe Worlds' backs. Their trade connections with the Rishathan Sphere bring them wealth and influence. And their contracts to build ships, fighters, missiles, and all the other sinews of war have made them the wealthiest human beings in the history of the galaxy. Rear Admiral Terrence Murphy is a Heart Worlder. His family is part of the Five Hundred. His wife is the daughter of one of the Five Hundred's wealthiest, most powerful industrialists. His sons and his daughter can easily avoid military service, and political power is his for the taking. There is no end to how high he can rise in the Republic's power structure. All he has to do is successfully complete a risk-free military 'governorship' in the backwater Fringe System of New Dublin without rocking the boat. Without dredging up any lunatic Fringe conspiracy theories. Without undercutting the Five Hundred's stranglehold on wealth and power. But the people sending him to New Dublin have miscalculated, because Terrence Murphy is a man who believes in honour. Who believes in duty – in common decency and responsibility. Who believes there are dark and dangerous secrets behind the façade of what 'everyone knows'. Terrence Murphy intends to meet those responsibilities and unearth those secrets, and he doesn't much care what the Five Hundred want. He intends to put a stop to the killing. Wherever that takes him, he will go. Whatever that costs him, he will pay. And whatever that requires, he will do. Terrence Murphy is coming for whoever has orchestrated 56 years of bloodshed and slaughter, and Hell itself is coming with him. A new novel in the world of *In Fury Born* (TP, \$35.95) – one of David Weber's most celebrated novels – now in paperback.

Space opera PBK \$24.95

All the White Spaces

Wilkes, Ally

In the wake of the First World War, Jonathan Morgan stows away on an Antarctic expedition, determined to find his rightful place in the world of men. Aboard the expeditionary ship of his hero, the world-famous explorer James 'Australis' Randall, Jonathan may live as his true self – and true gender – and have the adventures he has always been denied. But not all is smooth sailing: the war casts its long shadow over them all, and grief, guilt, and mistrust skulk among the explorers. When disaster strikes in Antarctica's frozen Weddell Sea, the men must take to the land and overwinter somewhere which immediately seems both

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eerie and wrong; a place not marked on any of their part-drawn maps of the vast, white continent. Now, completely isolated, Randall's expedition has no ability to contact the outside world. And no one is coming to rescue them. In the freezing darkness of the Polar night, where the aurora creeps across the sky, something terrible has been waiting to lure them out into its deadly landscape... As the harsh Antarctic winter descends, this supernatural force will prey on their deepest desires and deepest fears to pick them off one by one. It is up to Jonathan to overcome his own ghosts before he and the expedition are utterly destroyed. A vivid ghost story, exploring identity, gender, and selfhood – set against the backdrop of the golden age of polar exploration.

Historical supernatural adventure PBK \$19.99

Defiance

Freehold anthology

Williamson, Michael Z (editor)

The UN has invaded the Freehold of Grainne, a bastion of libertarian government in a galaxy of authoritarianism. Grainne must form an organised force from the shattered remnants of their military and from grimly determined, but underequipped and outnumbered, insurgents. Their war is for their very way of life. They'll do everything and anything to stop this invasion, using whatever means are available. They mean to make the enemy suffer. *Quod vulnere curare potes*. Physical wounds heal. But defiance? Defiance is to the death – or victory!

Contributors: Jamie Ibson; Jonathan D Green; Kevin J Anderson and Kevin Ikenberry; Michael Z Williamson; Jessica Schlenker;

Jaime DiNote; Will McCaskey; Justin Watson; J F Holmes and Jason Cordova; and Christopher DiNote and Philip Wohlrab.
Military SF PBK \$24.95

The Collarbound Zahabi, Rebecca

A man marked by magic. A woman marked by her past. On the other side of the Shadowpass, rebellion is brewing; refugees have begun to trickle into the city at the edge of the world. Looming high on the cliff is The Nest, a fortress full of mages who offer protection, but also embody everything the rebellion is fighting against: a strict hierarchy based on magic abilities. When Isha arrives as a refugee, she attempts to fit in amongst the other mages, but her Kher tattoo brands her as an outcast. She can't remember her past or

why she has the tattoo. All she knows is that she survived. She doesn't intend to give up now. Tatters, who wears the golden collar of a slave, knows that this rebellion is different from past skirmishes. He was once one of the rebels, and technically, they still own him. He plans to stay in the shadows, until Isha appears in his tavern. He's never seen a human with a tattoo, and the markings look eerily familiar... As the rebellion carves a path of destruction towards the city, an unlikely friendship forms between a man trying to escape his past and a woman trying to uncover hers, until their secrets threaten to tear them apart. A debut, perfect for fans of magical, brink-of-war settings, like that of *The Poppy War* (PBK, \$19.99) and *The City of Brass* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99