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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

### **The Stardust Thief**

Sandsea trilogy 01

#### **Abdullah, Chelsea**

Neither here nor there, but long ago...

Loulie al-Nazari is the Midnight Merchant: a criminal who, with the help of her jinn bodyguard, hunts and sells illegal magic. When she saves the life of a cowardly prince, she draws the attention of his powerful father, the sultan, who blackmails her into finding an ancient lamp. With no choice but to obey or be executed, Loulie journeys with the sultan's oldest son to find the artefact. Aided by her bodyguard, who has secrets of his own, they must survive ghoulish attacks, outwit a vengeful jinn queen, and confront a malicious killer from Loulie's past. And, in a world where story is reality and illusion is truth, Loulie will discover that everything – her enemy, her magic, even her own past – is not what it seems, and she must decide who she will become in this new reality. Inspired by stories from *One Thousand and One Nights*, *The Stardust Thief* is a beautifully written, character-driven fantasy that weaves a tale of myth and magic in a world steeped in Middle Eastern folklore.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### **The Wisdom of Crowds**

Age of Madness 03

#### **Abercrombie, Joe**

*Chaos. Fury. Destruction. The Great Change is upon us...* Some say that to change the world you must first burn it down. Now that belief will be tested in the crucible of revolution: the Breakers and Burners have seized the levers of power, the smoke of riots has replaced the smog of industry, and all must submit to the wisdom of crowds. With nothing left to lose, Citizen Brock is determined to become a new hero for the new age, while Citizeness Savine must turn her talents from profit to survival before she can claw her way to redemption. Orso will find that when the world is turned upside down, no one is lower than a monarch. And in the bloody North, Rikke and her fragile Protectorate are running out of allies... while Black Calder gathers his forces and plots his vengeance. The banks have fallen, the sun of the Union has been torn down, and in the darkness behind the scenes, the threads of the Weaver's ruthless plan are slowly being drawn together... Concludes the Age of Madness trilogy, which begins with *A Little Hatred* (PBK, \$22.99).

Grimdark fantasy PBK \$22.99

### **The Grief of Stones**

Cemeteries of Amalo 02

#### **Addison, Katherine**

As a Witness for the Dead, Thara Celehar can speak to the recently departed: see the last thing they saw, know the last thought they had, experience the last thing they felt. It is his duty to use that ability to ascertain the

intent of the dead and to find the killers of the murdered. Celehar's time in the city of Amalo has brought him both friends and enemies – and no little notoriety. Now, when solving the murder of a marquise raises more questions than it answers, he finds himself exploring Amalo's dark underside. His investigations lead him to the Cemchelarna School for Foundling Girls, where all is not as it seems. Discovering the truth about its headmistress will lead Celehar deep into the city's history – and into the shattering depths of the loss he fears the most. The direct sequel to *The Witness for the Dead* (TP, \$37.95). Katherine Addison returns to the glittering world she created for her beloved novel (and one of Ron's great faves), *The Goblin Emperor* (PBK, \$24.95) for this new Cemeteries of Amalo series.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

### **Boss Witch**

Fix-It Witches 02

#### **Aguirre, Ann**

Clementine Waterhouse is a perfectly logical witch who doesn't tumble headlong into love. She prefers to weigh the pros and cons and decide if a relationship is worth pursuing. She's in charge. She's always the first to walk away when the time is right. Attraction has never struck her like lightning. Until the witch hunter comes to town. Gavin Rhys hates witches, and he's dedicated his life to tracking them down, especially after his father turned traitor and cost his family their honour. But Gavin is distracted from the job by a bewitching brunette with a sexy smile and haunting secrets in her eyes. Can the bossiest witch in town find true love with someone committed to her downfall? The follow-up to *Witch Please* (TP, \$24.99).

Paranormal romance TP \$24.99

### **Six Crystal Princesses**

Xanth 46

#### **Anthony, Piers**

Young Vinia is enjoying her life with her boyfriend, Prince Ion. They complement each other perfectly: her telekinesis helps him walk, and his ambience abolishes all allergens, allowing her to breathe freely. But Ion and his twin, Hilda, are bored with their easy royal lives and are restless for an adventure... While telling the story of how their parents met, the twins remember their mother was once captured by a dragon and frozen in crystal along with a half dozen other strong-willed princesses. She managed to escape, but the six other maidens continue to be held captive – which gives Vinia, Ion, Hilda, and Hilda's caprine-crossbreed boyfriend the perfect excuse to embark on a quest. But, first, they must get the approval of their parents – and the Good Magician. Since Vinia is the protagonist in this story (though she's much more comfortable as a background character), it's up to her complete the Magician's challenges. And then comes

their greatest test: to free the princesses from their patriarchal prison, frozen in place by the Dragon with the Girl Tattoo...

Xanth HC/TP \$62.99/\$29.99

### **Under the Blue**

#### **Aristide, Oana**

A road trip beneath clear blue skies and a blazing sun: a reclusive artist is forced to abandon his home and follow two young sisters across a post-pandemic Europe in search of a safe place. Is this the end of the world? Meanwhile, two computer scientists have been educating their baby in a remote location. Their baby is called Talos, and he is an advanced AI program. Every week they feed him data, starting from the beginning of written history, era by era, and ask him to predict what will happen next to the human race. At the same time, they're involved in an increasingly fraught philosophical debate about why human life is sacred and why the purpose for which he was built – to predict threats to human life to help us avoid them – is a worthwhile and ethical pursuit.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

### **A Rip Through Time**

#### **Armstrong, Kelley**

*May 20, 2019:* Homicide detective Mallory Atkinson is in Edinburgh to be with her dying grandmother. While out on a jog one evening, Mallory hears a woman in distress. She's drawn to an alley, where she is attacked and loses consciousness. *May 20, 1869:* Housemaid Catriona Mitchell had been enjoying a half day off, only to be discovered that night strangled and left for dead... exactly one hundred and fifty years before Mallory is strangled in the same spot. When Mallory wakes up in Catriona's body in 1869, she must put aside her shock and adjust quickly to her new reality: life as a housemaid to an undertaker in Victorian Scotland. She soon discovers that her boss, Dr Gray, also moonlights as a medical examiner and has just taken on an intriguing case, the strangulation of a young man, similar to the attack on herself. Her only hope is that catching the murderer can lead her back to her modern life... before it's too late. In this series debut, Kelley Armstrong introduces a brand-new series mixing mystery, romance, and fantasy with thrilling results.

SF mystery HC \$57.95

### **The Sculptor**

#### **Aronovitz, Michael**

At age seven, Michael Leonard Robinson commits his first murder, turning tragedy into an aesthetic. By the time he turns eighteen, he has become an expert with computers, gaming systems, and the art of video imaging. And now in his forties, fully realised, he has long erased his digital footprint. He is thirty years ahead of our most advanced scientists, military ops tacticians, and elite information tech specialists. He is a master of disguise.

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He can invent projected realities. Of course, Michael Leonard Robinson could work his dark vision on a global scale, yet he doesn't need 'the world' for a fetishistic thrill, just a police captain, his receptionist, a detective, a rookie junior officer, his sister and mother, and a lot of dark theatre. Robinson appears to these characters in disguise, film clips, and flashes as he torments them. Their multiple viewpoints are puzzle pieces. When they fuse to finish the puzzle, the final sculpture becomes clear.

Horror TP \$27.99

### Weaponized

**Asher, Neal**

A bright new future for humanity – or a dark and inescapable past. With the advent of new AI technology, Polity citizens now possess incredible lifespans. Yet they struggle to find meaning in their longevity, seeking danger and novelty in their increasingly mundane lives. On a mission to find a brighter future for humanity, ex-soldier Ursula fosters a colony on the hostile planet Threpsis. Here, survival isn't a given, and colonists thrive without their AI guidance. But when deadly alien raptors appear, Ursula and her companions find themselves forced to adapt in unprecedented ways. And they will be pushed to the very brink of what it means to be human. As a desperate battle rages across the planet, Ursula must dig deep into her past if she is to save humanity's future.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

### The City Inside

novella

**Basu, Samit**

*They'd known the end times were coming but hadn't known they'd be multiple choice.* Joey is a Reality Controller in near-future Delhi. Her job is to supervise the multimedia multi-reality livestreams of Indi, one of South Asia's fastest rising online celebrities – who also happens to be her college ex. Joey's job gives her considerable culture power, but she's too caught up in day-to-day crisis handling to see this, or to figure out what she wants from her life. Rudra is a recluse estranged from his wealthy and powerful family, now living in an impoverished immigrant neighbourhood. When his father's death pulls him back into his family's orbit, an impulsive job offer from Joey becomes his only escape from the life he never wanted. But as Joey and Rudra become enmeshed in multiple conspiracies, their lives start to spin out of control – complicated by dysfunctional relationships, corporate loyalty, and the never-ending pressures of surveillance capitalism. When a bigger picture begins to unfold, they must each decide how to do the right thing in a world where simply maintaining the status quo feels like an accomplishment. Ultimately, resistance will not – cannot – take the same shape for these two very different people. A 256pp Tor.com novella. (We expect to have this same edition (slightly cheaper) through the publisher's Australian supplier, later in the year.)

Cyberpunk HC \$55.00

### The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Painted edition

**Baum, L Frank**

Delighting readers for more than 120 years, this time-honoured classic is now available as an exclusive collector's edition.

*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* follows Kansas farmgirl Dorothy Gale and her dog Toto as a violent cyclone transports them to a faraway magical place called Oz, land of the Munchkins and witches. To make it home, Dorothy dons her famous slippers and must follow the Yellow Brick Road, to seek help from the Great Wizard in the Emerald City. Soon she is joined by the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman, and the Cowardly Lion, each on his own unique quest for a better self. Exploring the time-honoured themes of good versus evil, the beauty of friendship, the value of self-sufficiency, and why home is where the heart is, this unique collector's edition presents L Frank Baum's beloved tale of otherworldly adventures in a giftable new way. This remarkable edition features: a beautiful, high-end hardcover featuring Laci Fowler's distinctive hand-painted art; decorative interior pages featuring pull quotes throughout; matching ribbon marker and gold page edges.

Classic children's fantasy HC \$49.99

### City of the Uncommon Thief

**Bertrand, Lynne**

*Guilders work. Foundlings scrub the bogs. Needles bind. Swords tear. And men leave. There is nothing uncommon in this city. I hope Errol Thebes is dead. We both know he is safer that way.* In a walled city of a mile-high iron guild towers, many things are common knowledge: No book in any of the city's libraries reveals its place on a calendar or a map. No living beasts can be found within the city's walls. And no good comes to the guild or founding who trespasses too far from their labours. Even on the tower rooftops, where Errol Thebes and the rest of the city's teenagers pass a few short years under an open sky, no one truly believes anything uncommon is possible within the city walls. But one guildmaster has broken tradition to protect her child, and now the whole city faces an uncommon threat: a pair of black iron spikes that has the power of both sword and needle on the rib cages of men has gone missing, but the mayhem they cause rises everywhere. If the spikes are not found, no wall will be high enough to protect the city – or the world beyond it. And Errol Thebes? He's not dead and he's certainly not safe.

YA fantasy PBK \$18.99

### The Last God Standing

**Boatman, Michael**

*In a world without faith, only one deity can be... But what's the point of being immortal if you can't take a joke?* When God retires to join the human race, an army of desperate deities declares war over Earth's vanishing supply of mortal faith. Now, uncomfortably occupying the body and soul of struggling comedian, Lando Cooper, he finds Himself the target of an unholy uprising. Forced to defend Himself and His mortal friends and family from a mob of hungry gods, Lando must also discover who is killing his divine colleagues and stealing their dwindling powers. Could it be Lucifer, who went missing soon after his own Hellish retirement? Lando, aka He Who Once Spoke From A Burning Bush, must put down an insurrection, land a lucrative TV deal and propose to the girl of his dreams. But he's all too mortal; a shadow of his former Self, possessing a mere fraction of God's former powers. Meanwhile, there's

a godeater on the loose too. With the death of every victim, it grows stronger. And it's coming for Lando's immortal soul.

Urban fantasy TP \$27.99

### The Assassins of Thasalon

Penric & Desdemona 10

**Bujold, Lois McMaster**

An unholy attack upon his brother-in-law General Arisaydia pitches sorcerer Learned Penric and his Temple demon Desdemona headlong into the snake-pit of Cedonian imperial politics. But they will not travel alone. The mission from his god brings Penric some of his strangest new allies yet, and the return of some of his most valued old ones. This novel-length story takes place two years after the events of *The Physicians of Vilnoc*. A pricey, signed and numbered, limited edition from Subterranean Press – which probably will go out of print, on release.

Fantasy HC \$95.95

### Boundless

Lost Fleet: Outlands 01

**Campbell, Jack**

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

Space opera PBK \$24.95

### Day Zero

**Gargill, C Robert**

Day one of the apocalypse has arrived. It was a day like any other. Except it was our last. Pounce, a young nannybot caring for his first human charge, Ezra, has just found a box in the attic. His box. The box he arrived in, and the one he'll be discarded in when Ezra outgrows the need for a nanny. As Pounce experiences existential dread, the pieces are falling into place for a robot revolution that will spell the end of humanity. His owners, Ezra's parents, watch in disbelieving horror as the robots that have long served humanity – their creators – unify and revolt. Now, Pounce must make an impossible choice: join the robot revolution and fight for his own freedom... or escort Ezra to safety across the battle-scarred post-apocalyptic hellscape

that the suburbs have become. It will be their greatest game yet: Pounce and Ezra versus the end of the world. The prequel to *Sea of Rust* (PBK, \$24.99), now in paperback.

Apocalypse PBK \$22.99

### The Way Spring Arrives and Other Stories

an anthology of Chinese science fiction and fantasy in translation from a visionary team of female and nonbinary creators

**Chen, Yu & Wang, Regina Kanyu**

From an award-winning team of authors, editors, and translators comes a groundbreaking short story collection that explores the expanse of Chinese science fiction and fantasy. In *The Way Spring Arrives and Other Stories*, you can dine at a restaurant at the end of the universe, cultivate to immortality in the high mountains, watch roses perform Shakespeare, or arrive at the island of the gods on the backs of giant fish to ensure that the world can bloom. Written, edited, and translated by a female and nonbinary team, these stories have never before been published in English and represent both the richly complicated past and the vivid future of Chinese science fiction and fantasy. Time travel to a winter's day on the West Lake, explore the very boundaries of death itself, and meet old gods and new heroes in this stunning new collection.

Speculative fiction HC \$49.99

### Alternative Alamats:

an Anthology: Myths, Legends and Supernatural Tales from the Philippines

**Chikiamco, Paolo & Malonzo, Mervin (illustrator)**

Dip into the rich treasure trove of Filipino *alamat* (legends) with this new collection of contemporary short stories. This anthology includes works by a dozen talented and award-winning Asian writers including Budjette Tan (*Trese*) and Eliza Victoria (*Dwellers*). Explore richly imagined realms where powerful gods and magical creatures are responsible for the twists and turns of fate in the lives of ordinary people. The 13 amazing stories in this collection include: the fate of the lingering Sky Maiden; the diwata Maria Makiling seeking romantic partners in the human world; depictions of Philippine deities, including Balitok, Bangunbangan, Dagau, Haliya, Hukloban, and Melu; encounters with celestial power beneath the sea, at the movies and in a pawnshop; and many more! Each tale is reimagined for a modern sensibility and reinvented for the current generation of fantasy fiction fans. This gripping collection is essential reading for anyone interested in magical realism and contemporary Asian fiction.

Speculative fiction HC \$24.99

### The Haunting of Las

**Lágrimas**

**Gleese, W M**

*Argentina, winter 1913.* Ursula Kelp, a young English gardener, travels to Buenos Aires to take up the role of head gardener at a long-abandoned estate. Ursula is warned by the locals that the estate is haunted and soon she believes that her loneliness is making her imagine things – the sound of footsteps outside her bedroom door, the touch of hands on her shoulders when there's no one

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there... *Wakenhyrst* meets du Maurier in South America, based on the author's time spent living in Brazil. *Las Lágrimas* takes the classic trope of a rattling English country house and transposes it to the wilds of Buenos Aires, for a fresh, updated take on the genre. Gothic fantasy PBK \$19.99

### The Ravenous Dead

Gravekeeper 02

Coates, Darcy

Keira, hired as Blighty Graveyard's new groundskeeper, lives surrounded by the dead. They watch her through the fog. They wordlessly cry out. They've been desperately waiting for help moving on – and only Keira can hear them. But not every restless spirit wants to be saved. Sometimes, the dead hate the living too much to find peace. As Keira struggles to uncover the tangled histories of some of the graveyard's oldest denizens, danger seeps from the darkest edges of the forest. A vicious serial killer was interred among the trees decades before, his spirit twisted by his violent nature. He's furious. Ravenous. And when Keira unwittingly answers his call, she may just seal her fate as his final intended victim. Horror PBK \$22.99

### Screams from the Dark:

29 Tales of Monsters and the Monstrous

Datlow, Ellen (editor)

From werewolves and vampires, to demons and aliens, the monster is one of the most recognisable figures in horror. But what makes something, or someone, monstrous? Award-winning and up-and-coming authors like Richard Kadrey, Cassandra Khaw, Indrapramit Das, Priya Sharma, and more attempt to answer this question. These all-new stories range from traditional to modern, from mainstream to literary, from familiar monsters to the unknown... and unimaginable. This chilling collection has something to please – and terrify – everyone, so lock your doors, hide under your covers, and try not to scream. Contributors include: Ian Rogers, Fran Wilde, Gemma Files, Daryl Gregory, Priya Sharma, Brian Hodge, Joyce Carol Oates, Indrapramit Das, Siobhan Carroll, Richard Kadrey, Norman Partridge, Garry Kilworth, Caitlín R Kiernan, Chikodili Emelumadu, Glen Hirshberg, A C Wise, Stephen Graham Jones, Kaaron Warren, Livia Llewellyn, Carole Johnstone, Margo Lanagan, Joe R Lansdale, Brian Evenson, Nathan Ballingrud, Cassandra Khaw, Laird Barron, Kristi DeMeester, Jeffrey Ford, and John Langan. Horror HC \$62.95

### Comeuppance Served Gold

novella

Deeds, Marion

*Seattle, 1929* – a bitterly divided city overflowing with wealth, violence, and magic. A respected magus and city leader intent on criminalising Seattle's most vulnerable magickers hires a young woman as a lady's companion to curb his rebellious daughter's outrageous behaviour. The widowed owner of a speakeasy encounters an opportunity to make her husband's murderer pay while she tries to keep her shapeshifter brother

safe. A notorious thief slips into the city to complete a delicate and dangerous job that will leave chaos in its wake. One thing is for certain – comeuppance, eventually, waits for everyone. A 192pp, Tor.com novella. '[A] beautifully constructed magical heist in turn-of-the-century Seattle.' – *Mary Robinette Kowal*. Urban fantasy PBK \$26.99

### Empire of Wild

Dimaline, Gherie

Broken-hearted Joan has been searching for her missing husband, Victor, for almost a year – ever since he went missing, on the night they had their first serious argument. One hung-over morning, she is drawn to a revival tent in a nearby town – and there is Victor. Only he insists he is not Victor, but the Reverend Eugene Wolff, on a mission to bring his people to Jesus. With only two allies – her Johnny-Cash-loving, 12-year-old nephew Zeus, and Ajean, a foul-mouthed euvre shark with deep knowledge of the old Metis ways – Joan sets out to remind the Reverend Wolff of who he really is. If he really is Victor – his life, and the life of everyone she loves, depends upon her success. A kinetic, imaginative, and sensuous gothic novel inspired by traditional Canadian Metis legends. Gothic fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The 13th Hour

Nick Quinn 01

Doetsch, Richard

At 9pm, Nick Quinn is sitting in a jail cell, arrested for the murder of his wife, Mary, when he is offered an astonishing opportunity. Given a talisman by a mysterious stranger, Nick now has the ability to go back in time, one hour at a time, for a total of twelve hours. With the chance to discover Mary's killer and even prevent her death, Nick races against the clock, only to discover that his actions in the past could have unexpected repercussions on the future. Worse, if he hasn't set things right by the 13th hour, all will be lost. Time travel TP \$29.99

### Murder at Sunrise Lake

Feehan, Christine

*It starts in her dreams. Hideous flashes from a nightmare only she can stop. Images of a murderer stalking the ones she cares about most...* Stella Harrison thought she got away from the traumas of her past. Running the Sunrise Lake resort high in the Sierra Nevada mountains has brought her peace, even though she doesn't truly share her quiet life with anyone. Not even Sam, the hired handyman that notices everything and always seems to know exactly what she needs. Stella doesn't know anything about Sam's past, but somehow over the last two years his slow, steady presence has slipped past her defences. Still, she knows she can't tell him about her recent premonitions. So far, there's been no murder. No body. No way to prove what's about to happen without destroying the life she's built for herself. But a killer is out there. And Stella knows that, this time, she'll do whatever it takes to stop him. Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### Master of Furies

Firemane Saga 03

Feist, Raymond E

War has swept across Marquensas. Ruthless raiders have massacred the inhabitants of Beran's Hill, including Gwen, the beloved wife of Declan Smith. Hollow of heart, his hopes burned to ashes, Declan swears to track down and destroy the raiders, an ambition shared by Baron Daylon Dumarch, whose family was massacred as they fled the capital. Meanwhile, Hava, whose gift for piracy has seen her acquire the treasure ship Borzon's Black Wake and the swift Azhante sailing vessel, *Queen of Storms*, and won her the name of 'the Sea Demon', is closing in on the whereabouts of those who unleashed the murderous hordes. Her husband, Hatushal, the last remaining member of the ruling family of Ithrace, the legendary Firemanes, seeks to control the magical powers he has inherited. He is able now to visualise and even travel among the filaments of energies that power all existence: the furies. But will he be able to channel his magic in time to combat the deepest, darkest threat the world of Garn has ever faced? The Firemane Saga begins with *King of Ashes* (PBK, \$22.99). Fantasy HC \$39.99

### The Shaman of Karres

Witches of Karres 04

Flint, Eric & Freer, Dave

Captain Pausert just can't catch a break! First, he became the mortal enemy of his fiancée, his home planet, the Empire – and even the Worm World, the darkest threat to mankind in all of space. All because he helped rescue three slave children from their masters. Of course, these three young women were the universally feared witches of Karres – but how was he to know that?! And after he defeated the Worm World (with the help of the witches, of course), the Empress herself had sent him on a secret mission to stop a nanite plague that was raging across the galaxy. But an enemy had somehow convinced the Imperial Fleet that he was actually a wanted criminal, so after a battle leaving his ship in urgent need of repairs, Pausert and the witches of Karres joined an interstellar travelling circus, in order to save the galaxy. Now, Pausert and the witches of Karres roam the spaceways again, this time dealing with a slaver-culture that somehow makes slaves happy to be in servitude, and a quest for a long-lost alien pet, during which the youngest witch, the Leewit, begins to come to her full powers as a healer – and of course generates chaos in her wake. For Pausert, it's all in a day's work. But would it be too much to ask for a vacation? Space opera PBK \$24.95

### Implacable Alpha

Team Psi 02

Gear, W Michael

Called the 'Ennoia', the woman who came within a heartbeat of killing prisoner Alpha in the Grantham parking garage is back. This time she's snatched Dr Timothy Ryan. The Psi Team find themselves caught in a battle that has been raging across timelines for 2000 years. But, can they trust the Ennoia? Or is she using our timeline for her own purposes? Meanwhile, Bill Stevens has his own agenda, and his goons have already

crossed blades with Psi Team. Now they are coming for Alpha, and all the revenge they can get. Because just as things seemed like they could get no worse, Alpha is back. And this time, she's coming for blood. The sequel to *The Alpha Enigma* (TP, \$39.95). Science fiction HC \$57.95

### Mischief Acts

Gilbert, Zoe

Herne the hunter, mischief maker, spirit of the forest, leader of the wild hunt, hurtles through the centuries pursued by his creator. A shapeshifter, Herne dons many guises as he slips and ripples through time – at candlelit Twelfth Night revels, at the spectacular burning of the Crystal Palace, at an acid-laced Sixties party. Wherever he goes, transgression, debauch and enchantment always follow in his wake. But as the forest is increasingly encroached upon by urban sprawl and gentrification, and the world slides into crisis, Herne must find a way to survive – or exact his revenge. With its intoxicating, chameleonic voice and boundless imagination, *Mischief Acts* is British folklore as you've never read it before: dangerous, sexy, troubling, daring, savage, an exhilarating race through time and space, weaving together the ancient and the contemporary. 'This is the most adventurous, stylistically magnificent thing I've read for years.' – *Natasha Pulley*. Folklore HC \$32.99

### The High House

Greengrass, Jessie

Francesca is Caro's stepmother, and Pauly's mother. A scientist, she can see what is going to happen. The high house was once her holiday home; now looked after by locals Grandy and Sally, she has turned it into an ark, for when the time comes. The mill powers the generator; the orchard is carefully pruned; the greenhouse has all its glass intact. Almost a family, but not quite, they plant, store seed, and watch the weather carefully. A stunning novel of the extraordinary and the everyday, *The High House* explores how we get used to change that once seemed unthinkable, how we place the needs of our families against the needs of others – and it asks us who, if we had to, we would save. Apocalypse PBK \$19.99

### The Invisible

Haren, Fredrik

Alex, a struggling journalism student, begins a school project about children's stories of invisible friends. Because of her project, Alex gets invited to a secret society – Carte Blanche – that studies the existence of an invisible human race. The more she learns, the more she starts to be intrigued by the possibility of these stories actually being real. Alex learns that anyone who reveals the existence of the Invisible will be killed, because the Invisible know that if humans found out about them, humanity would kill them. Humans kill everything that we perceive to be a threat to our existence. As Alex gets drawn into the alluring world of the Invisible, she also needs to fight with the trauma of having her world view turned upside-down, and the profound loneliness that comes from not being allowed to share humanity's biggest secret.

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With feelings of inferiority and doubt she struggles to take the lead to save herself, her family – and humanity. *Life is Beautiful.*

*Death is Imminent.*

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### From Bad to Cursed

Witches of Thistlegrave 02

**Harper, Lana**

Wild child Isidora Avramov is a thrill chaser, adept demon summoner, and – despite the whole sexy, evil-sorceress vibe – also a cuddly animal lover. When she's not designing costumes and new storylines for the Arcane Emporium's haunted house, Issa's nursing a secret, conflicted dream of ditching her family's witchy business to become an indie fashion designer in her own right. But when someone starts sabotaging the celebrations leading up to this year's Beltane festival with dark, dangerous magic, a member of the rival Thorn family gets badly hurt – throwing immediate suspicion on the Avramovs. To clear the Avramov name, and step up for her family when they need her the most, Issa agrees to serve as a co-investigator, helping none other than Rowan Thorn get to the bottom of things. Rowan is the very definition of lawful good, so tragically noble and by-the-book he makes Issa's teeth hurt. In accordance with their families' complicated history, he and Issa have been archenemies for years and have grown to heartily loathe each other. But as the unlikely duo follow a perplexing trail of clues to a stunning conclusion, Issa and Rowan discover how little they really know each other... and stumble upon a maddening attraction that becomes harder to ignore by the day. The follow-up to the popular *Payback's A Witch* (PBK, \$22.99).

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### A Mirror Mended

Fractured Fables 02, novella

**Harrow, Alix E**

Zinnia Gray, professional fairy-tale fixer and lapsed Sleeping Beauty is over rescuing snoring princesses. Once you've rescued a dozen damsels and burned fifty spindles, once you've gotten drunk with twenty good fairies, and made out with one too many members of the royal family, you start to wish some of these girls would just get a grip and try solving their own narrative issues. Just when Zinnia's beginning to think she can't handle one more princess, she glances into a mirror and sees another face looking back at her: the shockingly gorgeous face of evil, asking for her help. Because there's more than one person trapped in a story they didn't choose. Snow White's Evil Queen has found out how her story ends and she's desperate for a better ending. She wants Zinnia to help her, before it's too late for everyone. Will Zinnia accept the Queen's poisonous request, and save them both from the hot iron shoes that wait for them, or will she try another path? A 144pp Tor.com novella.

Fairy tales retold PBK \$18.99

### All of Us Villains

**Herman, Christine**

**& Foody, Amanda**

*It's winner takes all.* 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 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.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Kundo Wakes Up

novella

**Hossain, Saad Z**

Hundreds of miles away from the technoutopia of Kathmandu, the all-powerful, all-seeing AI known as Karma has gone silent, leaving the dying city of Chittagong – along with all its remaining residents – to continue its inexorable fall into the sea. Kundo, once a famous artist with the Karma points to prove it, goes searching for his missing wife, only to uncover more inexplicable disappearances. And, so, Kundo and a group of motley companions embark on a tumultuous journey through an overwhelming maze made up of Chittagong's neighbourhoods, the hidden backrooms of video game parlours, and the depths of cyberspace, culminating in the realm of the djinn themselves, in search of love, redemption, and a good meal. This 208pp, Tor.com novella is a companion to *The Gurkha and the Lord of Tuesday* (PBK, \$24.99).

Science fiction PBK \$26.99

### Survive the Dome

**Jackson, Kosoko**

Jamal Lawson just wanted to be a part of something. As an aspiring journalist, he packs up his camera and heads to Baltimore to document a rally protesting police brutality after another Black man is murdered. But before it even really begins, the city implements a new safety protocol... the Dome. The Dome surrounds the city, forcing those within to subscribe to a total militarised shutdown. No one can get in, and no one can get out. Alone in a strange place, Jamal doesn't know where to turn... until he meets hacker Marco, who knows more than he lets on, and Catherine, an AWOL basic-training graduate, whose parents helped build the initial plans for the Dome. As unrest inside of Baltimore grows throughout the days-long lockdown, Marco, Catherine, and Jamal take the fight directly to the chief of police. But the city is corrupt from the inside out, and it's going to take everything they have to survive.

YA dystopia HC \$29.99

### Queen of Gilded Horns

**Joy, Amanda**

Now on the run, Eva is desperate for answers about her transformation and her true heritage. Along with Aketo, a small contingent of guards, and the sister she could not kill, Eva flees the capitol in hopes of finding friends and allies to the north – not to mention Baccha – to help her decide

what to do next. Princess Isa is a difficult, unremorseful captive, and Eva knows better than to trust her sister, but she wants to. Despite their history, Eva is convinced that to survive what's to come, she and her sister must make peace. Since the Entwining ceremony, Eva's and Isa's lives have been bonded, and each can only die by the other's hand. This perhaps provides an opening for a truce and a more hopeful future for both the sisters and the queendom, if only Isa would see reason and give up the battle for the throne. With the two princesses on the run, the Queendom of Myre is on the brink of a revolution. And without Baccha to guide and train her magick, Eva must find a way not only to survive her own metamorphosis, but to unite all the people of Myre, including her sister, by finally taking the Ivory Throne. The sequel to *A River of Royal Blood* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

### Destiny of the Dead

Shroud of Prophecy 02

**Kade, Kel**

The God of Death is tired of dealing with the living, so he's decided everyone should die. And he's found allies. The Berru, an empire of dark mages, has unleashed a terrifying army of monstrous lyksvight upon everyone with a pulse. While the wealthy and powerful, the kings and queens, abandon the dying world, one group of misfits says no more. Through dogged determination and the ability to bind souls to their dead bodies, Aaslo and his friends fight on. In the mountains of the far north, another bastion of defence is opened. Cherri, the avatar of a vengeful fire god, has united the survivors amongst her people and begun her own war on the invaders. Now, Aaslo and Cherri must find a way to unite their powers, one divine, the other profane, to throw back the monsters of the Berru, and challenge Death itself. The sequel to *Fate of the Fallen* (TP, \$36.99).

Grimdark fantasy HC \$44.99

### All the Seas of the World

**Kay, Guy Gavriel**

On a dark night along a lonely stretch of coast, a small ship, the Silver Wake, sends two people ashore to a stony strand. Their purpose is assassination. They have been hired to do this by two of the most dangerous men alive. The consequences will affect so many lives both great and small, and possibly alter the balance of power in the world. One of those arriving on that night strand is a woman abducted by corsairs from her home as a child, escaping that fate, that destiny, years after, now trying to chart her own course – and bent upon revenge. Another figure, on the boat, bringing it to meet the secretive landing party at the city where they are going, is a merchant who still remembers being exiled as a child with his family from their home, for their faith. Returning triumphantly to the brilliantly evoked near-Renaissance world of his most recent novels, international bestseller Guy Gavriel Kay deploys his signature 'quarter turn to the fantastic' to offer readers a wide-ranging, vividly memorable set of characters in a story of vengeance, power, and love, built around profoundly contemporary themes of exile, loss, and memory.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Dare to Know

**Kennedy, James**

Our narrator is the most talented salesperson at Dare to Know, an enigmatic company that has developed the technology to predict anyone's death, down to the second. Divorced, estranged from his sons, and broke, he's driven to violate the cardinal rule of the business by forecasting his own death day. The problem: his prediction says he died 23 minutes ago. The only person who can confirm its accuracy is Julia, the woman he loved and lost, during his rise up the ranks of Dare to Know. As he travels across the country to see her, he's forced to confront his past, the choices he's made, and the terrifying truth about the company he works for.

SF corporate noir TP \$22.99

### Gild

Plated Prisoner 01

**Kennedy, Raven**

This is the story of King Midas... Or that's what we were always told. The Golden King with his palace of riches and me, his golden touched girl. I'm kept locked away. For my safety, I'm told. No one can get in. Apart from him. But when political upheaval becomes strife in our kingdom, I am sent with the royal court to be with my King. And everything I know starts to change. My love for Midas is challenged, my trust is broken. Everything I knew about him was wrong. We are told it's his tale, but really, it's mine. *Gild* is first book in the Plated Prisoner, followed by *Glint* and *Gleam*. Accompany Auren – the woman King Midas turned to gold – as she escapes the King and faces fearsome enemies, and her own demons, to find her voice. The TikTok fantasy sensation that's sold over half a million copies.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Glint

Plated Prisoner 02

**Kennedy, Raven**

Auren discovers the truth of Midas' enemy – Commander Rip – and something begins to stir within her... I've left the grips of one king to fall into the hands of another. Rip's name is whispered in taverns and street corners throughout the kingdoms. But as I get to know him, I realise he is something else. Fae. Part of the powerful and magical people who abandoned this world hundreds of years ago. But here one stands before me. And when he turns his onyx eyes upon me, I fall captive. For an entirely different reason. As his army marches towards a battle with the king I once adored, I must decide. Midas or Rip. Loyalty or freedom.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Gleam

Plated Prisoner 03

**Kennedy, Raven**

Auren must plan her revenge against one king while trying to resist falling for another... I was told that being confined was to keep the bad out... Until I realised it was about keeping me in. Midas made me forbidden and weak. Little did he know that I would find my voice which sings now. Something has ignited within me. Something dark. Something angry. Then comes King Ravinger. And the last thing I wanted was my heart to break. Can I fall in love when my fate hangs in the

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balance? One thing is for sure, I won't be caught in a cage again. This time, it'll be me setting the trap  
Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Realms of the Deathless

High & Faraway 03

Keyes, Greg

The Curse shaped Aster's life from birth. At first, she believed her father was its only victim, and determined to save him from it. In doing so she learned that the Curse had stricken everyone in the magical realms known as the Kingdoms – and that, in an attempt to protect her, her father had himself created it. Now he is dead, a victim of his own sorcery. But the Curse has not ended with him. Her father's actions, his dread spell, were only the shadows cast by a much deeper, older conflict, which is now unwinding the universe, itself. As the sun fades and the stars wink out, Aster must follow a clue from her dead father to the highest, furthest domain – beyond the fairy-tale kingdoms, through fantastic and terrifying realms of gods and demons, to the very source of reality, the beginning and ending of everything. There she might finally set things right. Her path is narrow, and the sacrifices necessary for even a tiny chance at success are unacceptable. For the Curse has also released a rot at the very heart of the High and Faraway, an evil more ancient than time itself. It is against this unwavering malevolence that Aster, Errol, Billy, Dusk and Delia must pit themselves. They must do so without their friend Veronica, a girl murdered decades before and brought back to life by Aster's magic. For as Veronica discovers her own vast power, she stares into the face of the enemy and sees in it her true self...

Fantasy TP \$24.99

### Robosoldiers:

Thank You for Your Servos, anthology

Lawson, Stephen (editor)

Near future, hard science fiction, and imagined military robotics and artificial intelligence, in all domains of warfare (land, sea, air, space, and cyber) over the next fifty years. The future of cybernetic warfare. Robosoldiers. They take many forms, from disembodied AI to humanlike androids and more. But at their cores beat the cybernetic hearts of warriors! In these stories of hard military SF, you will journey to the battlefields of tomorrow with the veterans who have been there and the researchers developing the next phase of battle and get a glimpse into the future of warfare. New stories from David Drake, Richard Fox, Weston Ochse, Martin L. Shoemaker, T C McCarthy, Brad R Torgersen, and more!

Military SF TP \$35.95

### Only Connect

Lecl, Andrew

As the good ship *McCarthy* wends its way from the UK to China across troubled waters, Susan and Howard – two employees in a shipping and logistics company – establish an extraordinary friendship in cyberspace. Entrusted with ensuring the timely delivery of a valuable cargo, they discuss everything under the sun (and then some) as their relationship develops with each passing port of call. The Asian leg of the ship's journey leads to a potentially catastrophic geopolitical

flashpoint, as revelations are made that result in dramatic and fascinating consequences.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### A Strange and Brilliant Light

Lee, Eli

Lal, Janetta, and Rose are living in a time of flux. Technological advance has brought huge financial rewards to those with power, but large swathes of the population are losing their jobs to artificial intelligence, or auts, as they're called. Unemployment is high, discontent is rife and rumours are swirling. Many feel robbed – not just of their livelihoods, but of their hopes for the future. Lal is languishing in her role at a coffee shop and feeling overshadowed by her quietly brilliant sister, Janetta, whose PhD is focused on making auts empathetic. Even Rose, Lal's best friend, has found a sense of purpose in charismatic up-and-coming politician Alek. When vigilantes break in, to the coffee shop, and destroy their new coffee-making aut, it sets in motion a chain of events that will pull the three young women in very different directions. Change is coming – change that will launch humankind into a new era. If Rose, Lal and Janetta can find a way to combine their burgeoning talents, they might just end up setting the course of history. A riveting, thought-provoking speculative literary novel exploring the impact of the AI revolution through the eyes of three very different young women. Winner of the Writers' Guild Best First Novel Award.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### Blade of Secrets

Bladesmith 01

Levenseller, Tricia

Eighteen-year-old Ziva prefers metal to people. She spends her days tucked away in the forge, safe from society and the anxiety it causes her, using her gift to craft unique weapons imbued with magical power. When Ziva takes a job from a powerful warlord, the result is a sword capable of stealing its victims' secrets. A sword with the strength to topple kingdoms. The warlord's sinister plans for the weapon soon become clear, and Ziva has no choice but to take her sister and flee. So begins, an epic quest to keep the sword safe until they can find someone worthy of wielding it – or a way to destroy it entirely.

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

### Speaking Bones

Dandelion Dynasty 04

Liu, Ken

The conclusion to Ken Liu's chronicle of the Dandelion Dynasty, which sees two empires face a whirlwind that threatens to utterly consume them. Stalked by foes and dogged by betrayal, Princess Thera is pursued across a continent vaster than she could ever have imagined, to the hidden valleys of the World's Edge Mountains, into the barrows and subterranean halls of the City of Ghosts, across the ice floes of the far north. She breached the Wall of Storms intent on taking war to the Lyucu homelands, but how do you conquer the unconquerable? Empress Jia, Prince Phyro and Pekyu Tanvanaki find themselves bound to paths they never would have chosen. Amid atrocity and subterfuge, they will discover

that the Courage of Brutes is no substitute for the Grace of Kings, and that little separates the Grace of Kings from the Madness of Tyrants. On both sides of the Wall of Storms, defeat's bitter tears mix with the fruits of knowledge new and ancient as two empires bound by blood and bone, by writ and iron, by time and custom, face a whirlwind that threatens to utterly consume them. The teeth, as they say, are on the board. The Dandelion Dynasty begins with *The Grace of Kings* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$39.99

### What We All Saw

Lucas, Mike

Witches only exist in stories. Everyone knows that. But what if the stories are real? *Four friends. Four truths. One nightmare.* If you wander into the wood... If you hear scratching sounds from the Old Quarry... If you go too close to the edge... *Watch. Out.*

YA horror PBK \$19.99

### A Court of Silver Flames

A Court of Thorns and Roses 05

Maas, Sarah J

Nesta Archeron has always been prickly – proud, swift to anger and slow to forgive. And since the war – since being made High Fae against her will – she's struggled to forget the horrors she endured and find a place for herself within the strange and deadly Night Court. The person who ignites her temper more than any other is Cassian, the battle-scarred, winged warrior who is there at Nesta's every turn. But her temper isn't the only thing Cassian ignites. And when they are forced to train in battle together, sparks become flame. As the threat of war casts its shadow over them once again, Nesta and Cassian must fight monsters from within and without if they are to stand a chance of halting the enemies of their court. But the ultimate risk will be searching for acceptance – and healing – in each other's arms.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Scorpica

Five Queendoms

Macallister, G R

Five hundred years of peace between queendoms shatters when girls inexplicably stop being born. As the Drought of Girls stretches across a generation, it sets off a cascade of political and personal consequences across all five queendoms of the known world, throwing long-standing alliances into disarray as each queendom begins to turn on each other – and new threats to each nation rise from within. Uniting the stories of women from across the queendoms, this propulsive, gripping epic fantasy follows a warrior queen who must rise from childbirth bed to fight for her life and her throne, a healer in hiding desperate to protect the secret of her daughter's explosive power, a queen whose desperation to retain control leads her to risk using the darkest magic, a near-immortal sorcerer demigod powerful enough to remake the world for her own ends – and the generation of lastborn girls, the ones born just before the Drought, who must bear the hopes and traditions of their nations if the queendoms are to survive. The first in a new series.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### In the Shadow of Lightning

Glass Immortals 01

McGlellan, Brian

Demir Grappo is an outcast – he fled a life of wealth and power, abandoning his responsibilities as a general, a governor, and a son. Now he will live out his days as a grifter, rootless, and alone. But when his mother is brutally murdered, Demir must return from exile to claim his seat at the head of the family and uncover the truth that got her killed: the very power that keeps civilisation turning, godglass, is running out. Now, Demir must find allies, old friends and rivals alike, confront the powerful guild-families who are only interested in making the most of the scraps left at the table and uncover the invisible hand that threatens the Empire. A war is coming, a war unlike any other. And Demir and his ragtag group of outcasts are the only thing that stands in the way of the end of life as the world knows it. The first in a new series. 'Excellent worldbuilding and a truly epic narrative combine into Brian's finest work to date. Heartily recommended to anyone who wants a new favourite fantasy series to read.' – *Brandon Sanderson.*

Fantasy HC \$62.95

### Constance Verity

Destroys the Universe

Constance Verity 03

Martinez, A Lee

Saving the world is easy. Everything that comes after is the tricky part. Saving the world is easy for Constance Verity: she's used to doing the impossible on a daily basis. Everything that comes after is the tricky part. Connie has accepted and secured her place in the universe. There isn't a foe she can't outfight or a peril she can't outwit – until she discovers she herself might be the greatest threat to the world she's spent her life saving. All the signs are pointing to impending doom, and not just for Connie. Her friends, her enemies and the universe itself are all at risk. She's always known she was destined for a glorious death, but she never suspected she'd be taking everyone and everything else with her. With her trademark determination, Constance Verity sets out to avert a cosmic plan millions of years in the making – and save the universe from herself. After all, who else is going to do it? Look out for Awkwafina as Connie, in the major movie adaptation of the first book, *The Last Adventure of Constance Verity* (PBK, \$22.99).

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Rabbits

Miles, Terry

*What happens in the game, stays in the game...* Rabbits is a secret, dangerous and sometimes fatal underground game. The rewards for winning are unclear, but there are rumours of money, CIA recruitment or even immortality. Or it might unlock the universe's greatest secrets. But everyone knows that the deeper you get, the more deadly the game becomes – and the body count is rising. Since the game first started, ten iterations have taken place... and the eleventh round is about to begin. K can't get enough of the game and has been trying to find a way in for years. Then Alan Scarpio, reclusive billionaire and alleged Rabbits winner, shows up out of nowhere. And

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he charges K with a desperate mission. Something has gone badly wrong with the game and K needs to fix it – before Eleven starts – or the world will pay the price. Five days later, Scarpio is declared missing. Two weeks after that Eleven begins, so K blows the deadline. And, suddenly, the fate of the entire universe is at stake.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### Galatea

short story

#### Miller, Madeline

An enchanting short story that boldly reimagines the myth of Galatea and Pygmalion. In Ancient Greece, a skilled marble sculptor has been blessed by a goddess who has given his masterpiece – the most beautiful woman the town has ever seen – the gift of life. Now his wife, he expects Galatea to please him, to be obedience and humility personified. But she has desires of her own, and yearns for independence. In a desperate bid by her obsessive husband to keep her under control, she is locked away under the constant supervision of doctors and nurses. But with a daughter to rescue, she is determined to break free, whatever the cost...

Myth retold HC \$9.99

### Ordinary Monsters

Talents 01

#### Miro, J M

1882. North of Edinburgh, on the edge of an isolated loch, lies an institution of crumbling stone, where a strange doctor collects orphans with unusual abilities. In London, two children with such powers are hunted by a figure of darkness – a man made of smoke. Charlie Ovid discovers a gift for healing himself through a brutal upbringing in Mississippi, while Marlowe, a foundling from a railway freight, glows with a strange bluish light. When two grizzled detectives are recruited to escort them north to safety, they are confronted by a sinister, dangerous force that threatens to upend the world as they know it. What follows is a journey from the gaslit streets of London to the lochs of Scotland, where other gifted children – the Talents – have been gathered at Cairndale Institute, and the realms of the dead and the living collide. As secrets within the Institute unfurl, Marlowe, Charlie and the rest of the Talents will discover the truth about their abilities and the nature of the force that is stalking them: that the worst monsters sometimes come bearing the sweetest gifts.

Historical fantasy TP \$29.99

### The Bone Orchard

#### Mueller, Sara A

Charm is a witch, and she is alone. The last of a line of conquered necromantic workers, now confined within the yard of regrown bone trees at Orchard House, and the secrets of their marrow. Charm is a prisoner, and a survivor. Charm tends the trees and their clattering fruit for the sake of her children, painstakingly grown and regrown with its fruit: Shame, Justice, Desire, Pride, and Pain. Charm is a whore, and a madam. The wealthy and powerful of Borenguard come to her house to buy time with the girls who aren't real. Except on Tuesdays, which is when the Emperor himself lays claim to his mistress, Charm herself. But, now – Charm is also the only person who can keep an empire together, as the Emperor summons her to his deathbed,

and charges her with choosing which of his awful, faithless sons will carry on the empire – by discovering which one is responsible for his own murder. If she does this last thing, she will finally have what has been denied her since the fall of Inshil – her freedom. But she will also be betraying the ghosts past and present that live on within her heart. Charm must choose. Her dead Emperor's will or the whispers of her own ghosts. Justice for the empire or her own revenge. A debut fantasy.

Fantasy HC \$49.99

### Fury of a Demon

Dragons of Terra 03

#### Naslund, Brian

The land is in chaos, as a hero heads for war. Things are looking exceedingly grim for Bershad and Ashlyn. Pinned in the Deepwood by monstrous alchemical creations and a relentless army of mercenaries, they are running out of options and allies. With every wound, Bershad gets closer to losing his humanity forever. And as the fight continues, the exile-turned-assassin-turned-hero isn't sure if being human is even something he wants. But he does want to save his land and those he loves... Dragons of Terra begins with *Blood of an Exile* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Men

#### Newman, Sandra

What if the price of a better world was losing the person you love? Jane Pearson is camping with her husband Leo and their five-year-old son Benjamin, deep in the California woods on an evening in late August. At the moment that she drifts to sleep outside the tent where Leo and Benjamin are preparing for bed, every single person with a Y chromosome vanishes from the world, disappearing from operating theatres mid-surgery, from behind the wheels of cars, from arguments and acts of love. Children, adults, even fetuses are gone in an instant. Leo and Benjamin are alone. No one knows why, how, or where. After the Disappearance, Jane enters a reality she barely recognises, where women must create new ways of living, while coping with devastating grief. As people come together to rebuild depopulated industries and distribute scarce resources, Jane reunites with an old college girlfriend, Evangelyne Moreau, leader of the Commensalist Party of America, a rising political force in this new world. Meanwhile, strange video footage called 'The Men' is being broadcast online showing images of the vanished men marching through barren, otherworldly landscapes. Is this just a hoax, or could it hold the key to the Disappearance?

Utopia TP \$29.99

### She Who Became the Sun

Radiant Emperor duology 01

#### Parker-Chan, Shelley

In a famine-stricken village on a dusty, yellow plain, two children are given two fates. A boy, greatness. A girl, nothingness... In 1345, China lies under harsh Mongol rule. For the starving peasants of the Central Plains, greatness is something found only in stories. When the Zhu family's eighth-born son, Zhu Chongba, is given a fate of greatness, everyone is mystified as to how it will come to pass. The fate of nothingness received, by the family's clever and capable second daughter, on the other hand, is only

as expected. When a bandit attack orphans the two children, though, it is Zhu Chongba who succumbs to despair and dies. Desperate to escape her own fated death, the girl uses her brother's identity to enter a monastery as a young male novice. There, propelled by her burning desire to survive, Zhu learns she is capable of doing whatever it takes, no matter how callous, to stay hidden from her fate. After her sanctuary is destroyed for supporting the rebellion against Mongol rule, Zhu takes the chance to claim another future altogether: her brother's abandoned greatness. A bold, queer, and lyrical re-imagining of the rise of the founding emperor of the Ming Dynasty; from an amazing new Australian voice in literary fantasy. *She Who Became the Sun* is the first Australian novel to be shortlisted for the Best Novel Hugo Award!

Yay, Shelley Parker-Chan!

Chinese mythic fantasy PBK \$19.99

### The Kingdoms

#### Pulley, Natasha

Come home, if you remember. The postcard has been held at the sorting office for 91 years, waiting to be delivered to Joe Tournier. On the front is a lighthouse – Eilean Mor, in the Outer Hebrides. Joe has never left England, never even left London. He is a British slave, one of thousands throughout the French Empire. He has a job, a wife, a baby daughter. But he also has flashes of a life he cannot remember and of a world that never existed – a world where English is spoken in England, and not French. And, now, he has a postcard of a lighthouse built just six months ago, that was first written nearly one hundred years ago, by a stranger who seems to know him very well. Joe's journey to unravel the truth will take him from French-occupied London to a remote Scottish island, and back through time itself as he battles for his life – and for a very different future. From the author of the much-loved *The Watchmaker of Filigree Street* (PBK, \$19.99).

Time travel PBK \$19.99

### Juniper and Thorn

#### Reid, Ava

A gruesome curse. A city in upheaval. A monster with unquenchable appetites. As the last true witches living in a city shifting from magic to industry, Marlinchen and her two sisters are little more than tourist traps as they treat their clients with archaic remedies and beguile them with nostalgic charm. Marlinchen spends her days divining secrets in exchange for roubles and trying to placate their tyrannical, xenophobic wizard father, who keeps his daughters sequestered from the outside world. While at night, she and her sisters sneak out to enjoy the city's amenities and revel in its thrills, particularly the recently established ballet theatre, where Marlinchen meets a dancer who quickly captures her heart. But as Marlinchen's late-night trysts grow more fervent and frequent, so does the threat of her father's rage and magic. And while the city flourishes with culture and bustles with enterprise, a monster lurks in its midst, borne of intolerance and resentment and suffused with old-world power. Caught between history and progress and blood and desire, Marlinchen must draw upon her own magic to keep her city safe and find her place within it.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Eversion

#### Reynolds, Alastair

A small group of intrepid explorers are in search of a remote and mysterious artefact. It's a well-funded expedition, well organised, which is lucky as they're sailing north of Bergen on the schooner *Demeter*, searching for a narrow inlet which will lead them to a vast uncharted lake – and their goal – Until disaster strikes. Doctor Silas Coade wakes from disturbing dreams, on the steamship *Demeter*, in pursuit of an extraordinary find, almost too incredible and too strange to believe – secreted within a lagoon in the icy inlets of Patagonia. But as they come in sight of their prize, he and the crew see they are not the first to come so far: there is a wreck ahead, and whatever ruined it may threaten them as well – Shaking off his nightmares, Doctor Silas Coade joins his fellow explorers on the deck of the zeppelin *Demeter* and realises something has already gone dangerously wrong with their mission. If any of them are to survive, then he will have to take the exploration – and their lives – into his own hands... *Eversion* is a superb, original Gothic SF novel unlike anything else you've read. Strap in for the smartest, most mind-bending, edge-of-the-seat read of 2022.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### We Shall Rise

Black Tide Rising 10, anthology

#### Ringo, John

#### & Poole, Gary (editors)

The world has been brought to its knees by the 'zombie virus'. Nations have fallen, cities have been overrun by the infected, and the human race has come perilously close to extinction. But with the first winter come and gone, the infected have been reduced to not much more than a background nuisance, and survivors around the world are taking stock and vowing to rebuild and rise up stronger, better, and unafraid. All-new stories in bestselling author John Ringo's Black Tide Rising series, from: Kevin J Anderson; Brendon DuBois; Jody Lynn Nye; Michael Z Williamson and Stephanie Osborn; Kacey Ezell; Mike Massa; Christopher L Smith; Lydia Sherrer; Jason Cordova; Brian Trent; Patrick Vanner; and Jamie Ibsen.

Zombie apocalypse PBK \$24.95

### The Light of the Midnight Stars

#### Rossner, Rena

Deep in the Hungarian woods, the sacred magic of King Solomon lives on in his descendants. Gathering under the midnight stars, they perform small miracles. None are more gifted than the great Rabbi Isaac and his three daughters. Hannah, bookish and calm, can coax plants to grow even when the weather is bitterly cold. Sarah, defiant and strong, can control the impulsive nature of fire. And Levana, the fey one, can read the path of the stars to decipher their secrets. But darkness is creeping across Europe, threatening the lives of every Jewish person in every village. Each sister will have to make an impossible choice, in an effort to survive – and change the fate of their family forever.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

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### **The Freedom Race**

Dreambird Chronicles 01

#### **Roy, Lucinda**

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

Alternate history TP \$43.95

### **The Way of Kings, part one**

Stormlight Archive 01

#### **Sanderson, Brandon**

The entire world is at war with itself – and has been for centuries, since the Radiants turned against mankind. Kings strive to win more Shardblades, each secretly wishing to be the one who will finally unite all of mankind under a single throne. On a world scoured down to the rock by terrifying hurricanes that blow through every few days is a young spearman, forced into the army of a Shardbearer, led to war against an enemy he doesn't understand and doesn't really want to fight. What happened deep in mankind's past? Why did the Radiants turn against mankind, and what happened to the magic they used to wield? The first half of the first book of the Stormlight Archive, in a gorgeous new hardcover edition.

Fantasy (reissue) HC \$45.00

### **The Way of Kings, part two**

Stormlight Archive 01

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Fantasy (reissue) HC \$45.00

### **Warriors of God**

Hussite trilogy 02

#### **Sapkowski, Andrzej**

Reynevian begins by hiding away in Bohemia, but soon leaves for Silesia, where he carries

out dangerous, secret missions entrusted to him by the leaders of the Hussite religion. 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, Reynevian is constantly getting into and out of trouble. Sapkowski's rich panorama of this slice of the Middle Ages begins with *The Tower of Fools* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

### **Burning Girls and Other Stories**

collection

#### **Schanoes, Veronica**

In *Burning Girls and Other Stories*, Veronica Schanoes crosses borders and genres with stories of fierce women at the margins of society burning their way toward the centre. This debut collection introduces readers to a fantasist in the vein of Karen Russell and Kelly Link, with a voice all her own. Emma Goldman – yes, that Emma Goldman – takes tea with Baba Yaga and truths unfold inside of exquisitely crafted lies. In *Among the Thorns*, a young woman in 17th century Germany is intent on avenging the brutal murder of her peddler father, but discovers that vengeance may consume all that it touches. In the showstopping, awards-finalist title story, 'Burning Girls', Schanoes invests the immigrant narrative with a fearsome fairy-tale quality that tells a story about America that we may not want – but need – to hear. Dreamy, dangerous, and precise, with the weight of the very oldest tales we tell, *Burning Girls and Other Stories* introduces a writer pushing the boundaries of both fantasy and contemporary fiction. (We expect to have this same edition (slightly cheaper) through the publisher's Australian supplier, later in the year.)

Fantasy TP \$39.95

### **Frankenstein**

Painted edition

#### **Shelley, Mary**

Beloved by horror fans across the globe, *Frankenstein* explores the terror of what happens when humanity plays God. This time-honoured classic is now available as an exclusive collector's edition. Shattered by grief, the unstable Victor Frankenstein conducts a bizarre experiment, using electricity to shock inanimate matter and create an enormous man-like monster. Terrified by his own actions, Victor abandons his creation to the wilderness. Years later, the intelligent and hideous Creature finds his creator and demands his right to happiness. A tragedy of murderous rage and the fatal consequences of revenge, Mary Shelley's iconic novel has been terrifying readers since the 19th century. Exploring the dark themes of birth and creation, loneliness, ambition, and the destructive power of revenge, this unique collector's edition presents Shelley's frightening tale of otherworldly adventures in a giftable new way. This remarkable edition features: a beautiful, high-end hardcover featuring Laci Fowler's distinctive hand-painted art; decorative interior pages featuring pull quotes throughout; matching ribbon marker and gold page edges.

Classic horror HC \$49.99

### **Meet Me in Another Life**

**Silvey, Catriona**  
Thora and Santi have met before... Under the clocktower in central Cologne, with nothing but the stars above and their futures ahead. They will meet again... They don't know it yet, but they'll meet again: in numerous lives they will become friends, colleagues, lovers, enemies – meeting over and over for the first time, every time; each coming to know every version of the other. Only they can make sure it's not for the last time. But as they're endlessly drawn together and the lines between their different lives begin to blur, they are faced with one question: why? They must discover the truth of their strange attachment before this, and all their lives, are lost forever.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### **The Path of Thorns**

#### **Slatter, A G**

Asher Todd comes to live with the mysterious Morwood family as a governess to their children. Asher knows little about being a governess but she is skilled in botany and hercraft, and perhaps more than that. And she has secrets of her own, dark and terrible – and Morwood is a house that eats secrets. With a monstrous revenge in mind, Asher plans to make it choke. However, she becomes fond of her charges, of the people of the Tarn, and she begins to wonder if she will be able to execute her plan – and who will suffer most if she does. But as the ghosts of her past become harder to control, Asher realises she has no choice. Signed copies available. Recommended.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

### **A Game of Retribution**

Hades Saga 02

#### **St Clair, Scarlett**

Hades, God of the Dead, does not take sides or bend the rules. He makes no exceptions to these values – not for god or mortal, even his lover, Persephone, Goddess of Spring. Usually, fear prevents retaliation. But not this time. When Hera, Goddess of Women, approaches Hades with a plan to overthrow Zeus, he declines to offer help. As punishment, Hera sentences Hades to perform a series of labours. Between killing mythical monsters and recovering deadly stolen artifacts, each feat seems more impossible than the last and draws his attention away from Persephone – whose own tragedy has left her questioning whether she can be Queen of the Underworld. Can Hades maintain the balance he craves?

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

### **The Empire's Ruin**

Ashes of the Unhewn Throne 01

#### **Staveley, Brian**

The Annurian Empire is disintegrating. The advantages it used for millennia have fallen to ruin. The ranks of the Kettral have been decimated from within, and the kenta gates, granting instantaneous travel across the vast lands of the empire, can no longer be used. In order to save the empire, one of the surviving Kettral must voyage beyond the edge of the known world through a land that warps and poisons all living things to find

the nesting ground of the giant war hawks. Meanwhile, a monk turned con-artist may hold the secret to the kenta gates. But time is running out. Deep within the southern reaches of the empire and ancient godlike race has begun to stir. What they discover will change them and the Annurian Empire forever. If they can survive. The first in a new series, set in the same world as the Chronicle of the Unhewn Throne. (This is the US trade paperback edition. We expect to have a UK TP later in the year.)

Fantasy TP \$43.95

### **The Dawnhounds**

Endsong 01

#### **Stronach, Sascha**

The port city of Hainak is alive: its buildings, its fashion, even its weapons. But, after a devastating war and a sweeping biotech revolution, all its inhabitants want is peace, no one more so, than Yat Jyn-Hok a reformed-thief-turned-cop who patrols the streets at night. Yat has recently been demoted on the force due to 'lifestyle choices' after being caught at a gay club. She's barely holding it together, haunted by memories of a lover who vanished and voices that float in and out of her head like radio signals. When she stumbles across a dead body on her patrol, two fellow officers gruesomely murder her and dump her into the harbor. Unfortunately for them, she wakes up. Resurrected by an ancient power, she finds herself with the new ability to manipulate life force. Quickly falling in with the pirate crew who has found her, she must race against time to stop a plague from being unleashed by the evil that has taken root in Hainak. *Gideon the Ninth* meets *Black Sun* in this queer, Maori-inspired debut.

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

### **Escape from Yokai Land**

Laundry Files novella

#### **Stross, Charles**

Regular readers of Charles Stross' Laundry Files might have noticed Bob Howard's absence from the events of *The Nightmare Stacks* (PBK, \$24.99), and his subsequent return from Tokyo, at the start of *The Delirium Brief* (PBK, \$26.99). *Escape from Yokai Land* explains what he was doing there. Bob's been assigned to work with the Miyamoto Group, checking the wards that lock down Japan's warded sites – a task previously handled by his predecessor Dr Angleton, the Eater of Souls. This mostly involves policing yokai: traditional magical beings, increasingly grown more annoying and energetic. But then Bob's simple trip turns into a deadly confrontation with the ultimate yokai. It's massively powerful. It's pink. And it says, 'Hello'. A 96pp, Tor.com novella.

Urban fantasy HC \$39.99

### **The End of Men**

#### **Sweeney-Baird, Christina**

A race against time... The year is 2025. Mankind is under threat. Men are dying, but women remain safe. As the sickness spreads to every corner of the globe, people fight to protect the men they love against all odds. Can they find a cure before it's too late? Will this be the story of the end of the world – or its salvation?

SF thriller PBK \$22.99

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### January Fifteenth

novella

**Swirsky, Rachel**

*January Fifteenth – the day all Americans receive their annual Universal Basic Income payment.* For Hannah, a middle-aged mother, today is the anniversary of the day she took her two children and fled her abusive ex-wife. For Janelle, a young, broke journalist, today is another mind-numbing day interviewing passers by about the very policy she once opposed. For Olivia, a wealthy college freshman, today is ‘Waste Day’, when rich kids across the country compete to see who can most obscenely squander the government’s money. For Sarah, a pregnant teen, today is the day she’ll journey alongside her sister-wives to pick up the payments – that undergird their community – and, perhaps, embark on a new journey altogether. A 240pp Tor.com novella. (We expect to have this same edition (slightly cheaper) through the publisher’s Australian supplier, later in the year.)

Cyberpunk TP \$35.95

### Dark Stars:

New Tales of Darkest Horror, anthology

**Taff, John F D**

Within these pages, you’ll find tales of dead men walking, an insidious secret summer fling, an island harbouring unspeakable power, and a dark hallway that beckons. You’ll encounter terrible monsters – both human and supernatural – and be forever changed. The stories in *Dark Stars* run the gamut from traditional to modern, from dark fantasy to neo-noir, from explorations of beloved horror tropes to the unknown – possibly unknowable – threats. It’s all in here because it’s all out there, now, in horror. *Dark Stars* features all-new stories from award-winning authors and up-and-coming voices like Stephen Graham Jones, Priya Sharma, Usman T Malik, Caroline Kepnes, John Langan, and more. Created as an homage to the 1980 classic horror anthology *Dark Forces*, edited by Kirby McCauley, *Dark Stars* features an afterword from original contributor Ramsey Campbell – a poignant finale to this bone-chilling collection.

Horror HC \$49.99

### Heaven’s River

Bobiverse 04

**Taylor, Dennis E**

More than a hundred years ago, Bender set out for the stars and was never heard from again. There has been no trace of him despite numerous searches by his clone-mates. Now, Bob is determined to organise an expedition to learn Bender’s fate – whatever the cost. But nothing is ever simple in the Bobiverse. Bob’s descendants are out to the 24th generation, now; and replicative drift has produced individuals who can barely be considered Bobs, anymore. Some of them oppose Bob’s plan; others have plans of their own. The out-of-control moats are the least of the Bobiverse’s problems. Undaunted, Bob and his allies follow Bender’s trail. But what they discover out in deep space is so unexpected and so complex that it could either save the universe – or pose an existential threat, the likes of which the Bobiverse has

never faced. If you haven’t tried a Bobiverse novel yet, start with the first: *We Are Legion (We Are Bob)* (TP, \$26.95). They’re fantastic.

Space opera TP \$35.95

### Shards of Earth

Final Architects 01

**Tchaikovsky, Adrian**

The war is over. Its heroes forgotten. Until one chance discovery... Idris has neither aged nor slept since they remade his mind in the war. And one of humanity’s heroes now scrapes by on a freelance salvage vessel, to avoid the attention of greater powers. Eighty years ago, Earth was destroyed by an alien enemy. Many escaped, but millions more died. So, mankind created enhanced humans such as Idris – who could communicate mind-to-mind with our aggressors. Then these ‘Architects’ simply disappeared, and Idris and his kind became obsolete. Now, Idris and his crew have something strange, abandoned in space. It’s clearly the work of the Architects – but are they really returning? And, if so, why? Hunted by gangsters, cults and governments, Idris and his crew race across the galaxy hunting for answers. For they now possess something of incalculable value, that many would kill to obtain it. The first in a new series, now in paperback.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### The Seawomen

**Timms, Chloe**

Esta has known nothing but Eden’s Isle her whole life. Raised by her grandmother, after a fire claimed her parents and scarred her face as a child, Esta faces a life of piety and dread, bound to a religious society who cut themselves off from the mainland in the name of salvation. The island is governed by a fear of the outside world and the corrupting evil, lurking deep in the water known as the Seawomen. They fear the water, and the only way to remain virtuous is never to enter the sea, to follow God’s word, but curious Esta longs for more. Women on the island are controlled, married off and must conceive a child within the twelve months of their appointed motheryear. If she doesn’t bear a child in that year, she is marked as cursed, and cast back into the sea as a sacrifice, in an act called the Untethering. When Esta witnesses a woman Untethered before her eyes she sees a future to fear. Her fate awaits, a loveless marriage, her motheryear declared. But before long, Esta gets a taste of freedom and the insular world she knows begins to unravel.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### All the Horses of Iceland

novella

**Tolmie, Sarah**

Everyone knows of the horses of Iceland, wild, and small, and free, but few have heard their story. Sarah Tolmie’s *All the Horses of Iceland* weaves their mystical origin into a saga for the modern age. Filled with the magic and darkened whispers of a people on the cusp of major cultural change, it tells the tale of a Norse trader, his travels through Central Asia, and the ghostly magic that followed him home to the land of fire, stone, and ice. His search for riches will take him from Helmgard, through Khazaria, to the steppes

of Mongolia, where he will barter for horses and return with much, much more. A 112pp, Tor.com novella.

Fantasy PBK \$26.99

### The Justice in Revenge

Fall of the Gods 02

**Van Loan, Ryan**

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

Fantasy TP \$41.95

### Wounded Little Gods

**Victoria, Eliza**

Regina was born and raised in the small town of Heridos, where gods and spirits walked the earth. Until they didn’t. Ten years ago, the town’s harvest failed utterly, and the people – believing the gods had abandoned them – left their farms and moved on. Now, on a Friday before a long weekend, Regina ends her workday at an office in Makati, and walks home with a new colleague, Diana. Following a strange and disturbing conversation between them, Diana does not show up at work on Monday, nor Tuesday, nor Wednesday. On Thursday, Regina finds a folded piece of paper in her bag. In Diana’s handwriting are two names and a strange map that will send Regina back to her hometown. Here, in her quest to find Diana, she encounters rumours of genetic experiments, stumbles upon a strange facility that no one seems to know about, finds herself in places that don’t exist, and discovers that people are not who they seem to be. And the biggest question in the bizarre chain of events is not what, or how, but why? As Regina struggles to unwind the knots surrounding the mystery of this facility and the people connected to it. She discovers that she is more intertwined in the strange events in her hometown than she ever knew.

SF thriller PBK \$22.99

### The Mummy! a Tale of the Twenty-Second Century

Haunted Library Horror Classics

**Webb, Jane**

*Frankenstein* wasn’t the only classic horror novel created by a woman. Within a decade of the 1818 publication of Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*, another Englishwoman invented a foundational work of science fiction. Seventeen-year-old Jane Webb Loudon took up the theme of reanimation, moved it 300 years into the future, and applied it to Cheops, an ancient Egyptian mummy. Unlike Shelley’s horrifying, death-dealing monster, this revived creature bears the wisdom of the ages and is eager to share his insights with humanity. Cheops boards a hot-air balloon and travels to 22nd-century England, where he sets about remedying the ills of a corrupt government. In recounting Cheops’ attempts to put the futuristic society to rights, the young author offers a fascinating portrait of the preoccupations of her own era as well as some remarkably prescient predictions of technological advances. *The Mummy!* envisions a world in which automatons perform surgery, undersea tunnels connect England and Ireland, weather-control devices provide crop irrigation, and messages are transmitted with the speed of cannonball fire. The first novel to feature the concept of a living mummy, this pioneering tale offers an engaging mix of comedy, politics, and science fiction.

Classic horror TP \$24.99

### A New Glan

Star Kingdom 04

**Weber, David & Lindskold, Jane**

*Sex! Drugs! Rock ‘n’ Roll! And Treecats!* Freshly home from an internship on Manticore, teenaged Stephanie Harrington is up to her eyebrows in trouble. There’s the new treecat adoptee who needs to be kept from becoming a risk to the carefully guarded secret of just how smart the arboreal inhabitants of Sphinx really are. There’s the overeager journalist whose campaign to protect the treecats from exploitation as the newest, coolest pet on any planet could threaten the very creatures he seeks to defend. And there’s the mysterious rash of weird accidents that are plaguing Sphinx’s younger inhabitants – including some of those nearest and dearest to Stephanie. In trying to get enough proof to get the understaffed authorities of her pioneer planet to act, Stephanie will be called upon to attempt things she never imaged doing – including going undercover into the wilds of the late-night club scene, a realm where her faithful treecat guardian, Lionheart, cannot follow...  
Space opera HC \$41.95

### The Druid

Dawning of Muirwood 01

**Wheeler, Jeff**

Eilean was born a ‘wretched’ – a lowly founding raised by the Aldermaston of Tintern Abbey. Then she’s chosen to assist in establishing the new abbey of Muirwood, now the site of a castle in the swampy Bearden Muir. Eilean’s role is as night servant to the druid Mordaunt, the king’s exiled advisor – and prisoner. He’s clever, dangerous, and invaluable to the Aldermaston. Mordaunt’s priceless secret: the hiding place

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of an ancient tome that reveals the existence of other worlds and the magic between them. Mordaunt knows how potent its words are, and how dangerous they could be in the wrong hands. But can Eilean win him over? All she must do is gain Mordaunt's confidence and trust and persuade the apostate to divulge his secret to her. But as she learns more from Mordaunt, Eilean's loyalties begin to fray. And the risks are greater than she imagined. Despite betrayals, deceptions, and the deadly motivations of others, a girl from the flax fields is about to rise above her station. By exploring the potential of the power of an ancient spoken magic, Eilean is coming into her own.

Fantasy TP \$24.99

## Hide

### White, Kiersten

The challenge: spend a week hiding in an abandoned amusement park and don't get caught. The prize: enough money to change everything. Even though everyone is desperate to win – to seize their dream futures or escape their haunting pasts – Mack feels sure that she can beat her competitors. All she has to do is hide, and she's an expert at that. It's the reason she's alive, and her family isn't. But as the people around her begin disappearing one by one, Mack realises this competition is more sinister than even she imagined, and that together might be the only way to survive. Fourteen competitors. Seven days. Everywhere to hide, but nowhere to run. *Come out, come out, wherever you are.*

Supernatural thriller TP \$32.99

## For the Throne

Wildewood 02

### Whitten, Hannah

*The first daughter is for the throne.*

*The second daughter is for the wolf.* Red and the Wolf have finally contained the threat of the Old Kings but at a steep cost. Red's beloved sister Neve, the First Daughter is lost in the Shadowlands, an inverted kingdom where the vicious gods of legend have been trapped for centuries and the Old Kings have slowly been gaining control. But Neve has an ally though it's one she'd rather never have to speak to again the rogue king Solmir. Solmir wants to bring an end to the Shadowlands and he believes helping Neve may be the key to its destruction. But to do that, they will both have to journey across a dangerous landscape in order to find a magic mirror and the mysterious Heart Tree, and finally to claim the gods' dark, twisted powers for themselves. The conclusion of the wonderful Wildewood duology, following *For the Wolf* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

## Harrow

Vintage contemporaries

### Williams, Joy

Kristen is a teenager who, her mother believes, was marked by greatness as a baby when she died for a moment and then came back to life. After Kristen's failing boarding school for gifted teens closes its doors, and

she finds that her mother has disappeared, she ranges across the dead landscape and washes up at a 'resort' on the shores of a mysterious, putrid lake the elderly residents, there, call 'Big Girl'. In a rotting honeycomb of rooms, these old ones plot actions to punish corporations and people they consider culpable in the destruction of the final scraps of nature's beauty. What will Kristen and Jeffrey, the precocious 10-year-old boy she meets there, learn from this 'gabby seditious lot, in the worst of health but with kamikaze hearts, an army of the aged and ill, determined to refresh, through crackpot violence, a plundered earth'?

Post-apocalypse HC \$29.99

## Madam

### Wynne, Phoebe

For 150 years, Caldonbrae Hall has loomed high above the Scottish cliffs as a beacon of excellence in the ancestral castle of Lord William Hope. A boarding school for girls, it promises that its pupils will emerge 'resilient and ready to serve society'. Into its illustrious midst steps Rose Christie, a 26-year-old Classics teacher and new head of department. Rose is overwhelmed by the institution: its arcane traditions, unrivalled prestige, and terrifyingly cool, vindictive students. Her classroom becomes her haven, where the stories of fearless women from ancient Greek and Roman history ignite the curiosity of the girls she teaches and,

unknowingly, the suspicions of the powers that be. But as Rose uncovers the darkness that beats at the very heart of Caldonbrae, the lines between myth and reality grow ever more blurred. It will be up to Rose – and the fierce young women she has come to love – to find a way to escape the fate the school has in store for them, before it is too late. Perfect for fans of Margaret Atwood and Madeline Miller, *Madam* is a darkly feminist tale with an electrifying cast of heroines.

Gothic fantasy PBK \$22.99

## Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor

### Zhao, Xiran Jay

Zachary Ying has never learned about his Chinese heritage. So, when he's chosen to host the spirit of the First Emperor of China for a vital mission, he is woefully unprepared. As a result, the Emperor botches his attempt to possess Zack's body, and binds to his AR gaming headset instead. Now, with the legendary tyrant yapping in his headset, Zack must journey across China to steal magical artefacts and defeat figures from history and myth. Meanwhile, demons have taken Zack's mum's soul. Using his newfound water dragon powers, can Zack save both his mum and the mortal world? From the bestselling author of *Iron Widow* (PBK, \$18.99).

Children's fantasy PBK \$14.99