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

Clockwork Destiny

Clockwork trilogy 03

Anderson, Kevin J & Peart, Neil

Now, Owen Hardy – retired and content in his quiet, perfect life, with the beautiful Francesca – is pulled into one last adventure with his eager grandson Alain. This final mission for the Watchmaker will take them up to the frozen lands of Ultima Thule and the ends of the Earth. Marinda Peake must undertake a mission of her own, not only to compile the true-life story of the mysterious Watchmaker, but also to stop a deadly new group of anarchists. The Clockwork trilogy is based on the story and lyrics from the last album of musical titans Rush; with Anderson and Peart expanding the world, stories, and characters. The two developed the final novel in the trilogy in the last years of Peart's life; and, more than a year after his passing, Anderson returned to that unfinished project, with the full support of Peart's wife, bringing Owen and Marinda's stories to a satisfying and stirring conclusion. *Clockwork Angels* (HC, \$27.99) and *Clockwork Lives* (HC, \$44.99) begin this series.

Steampunk HC \$69.99

Our Wives Under the Sea

Armfield, Julia

Miri thinks she has got her wife back, when Leah finally returns after a deep-sea mission that ended in catastrophe. It soon becomes clear, though, that Leah may have come back wrong. Whatever happened in that vessel, whatever it was they were supposed to be studying before they were stranded on the ocean floor, Leah has carried part of it with her, onto dry land and into their home. To have the woman she loves back should mean a return to normal life, but Miri can feel Leah slipping from her grasp. Memories of what they had before – the jokes they shared, the films they watched, all the small things that made Leah hers – only remind Miri of what she stands to lose. Living in the same space but suddenly separate, Miri comes to realise that the life that they had might be gone.

Horror TP \$32.99

The Jigsaw Assassin

Major Bhaajan 04

Asaro, Catherine

Selei City is the capital of the Imerialte and one of the most desired locales, in all of the Skolian Empire. But its thin veneer of civilisation is cracked when a series of brutal crimes implicates those in political power in a vast conspiracy. Three prominent scientists have lost their lives to a serial killer – and notes at the scenes of the crimes lead to a connection to the Royalist political party. Major Bhaajan, former military officer turned private detective, is called back to Selei City to solve the crime. Bhaaj and her crew of Undercity Dust Knights

plunge into the Byzantine world of Imperial politics – a jigsaw world where none of the pieces seem to fit. As the assassination plot becomes more and more convoluted, Bhaaj is kidnapped, threatened with death, and must fight for her life against the growing number of people threatened by her investigation. Bhaaj has faced all this and more, but now she must deal with something far deadlier – interstellar politics.

Space opera TP \$35.95

Half a Soul

Regency Faerie Tales 01

Atwater, Olivia

It's difficult to find a husband in Regency England, when you're a young lady with only half a soul. Ever since she was cursed by a faerie, Theodora Ettings has had no sense of fear, or embarrassment – a condition which makes her prone to accidental scandal. Dora hopes to be a quiet, sensible wallflower during the London Season – but when the strange, handsome, and utterly uncouth Lord Sorcier discovers her condition, she is instead drawn into dangerous and peculiar faerie affairs. If Dora's reputation can survive both her curse and her sudden connection with the least-liked man in all of high society, then she may yet reclaim her normal place in the world... but the longer Dora spends with Elias Wilder, the more she begins to suspect that one may indeed fall in love, even with only half a soul. *Howl's Moving Castle* meets *Bridgerton* in this enchanting historical fantasy, where the only thing more meddlesome, than faeries, is a marriage-minded mother. The first in a series.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

Blade Breaker

Realm Breaker 02

Aveyard, Victoria

The fate of the world rests on a blade's edge. Fighting beside her band of unlikely companions, Corayne is learning to embrace her ancient lineage and wield her father's powerful sword. But while she successfully closed one of the Spindles, her journey is far from over. Queen Erida's army marches across Allward with her consort, Taristan, right beside them, opening more portals into nightmarish worlds, razing kingdoms to the ground. Corayne has no choice but to assemble an army of her own if she's to save the realm as she knows it. But perilous lands await her and the companions, and they face assassins, otherworldly beasts, and tempestuous seas all as they rally a divided Ward to fight behind them. But Taristan has unleashed an evil far more wicked than his corpse armies. Something deadly waits in the shadows; something that might consume the world before there's any hope for victory. The sequel to *Realm Breaker* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$22.99

All's Well

Awad, Mona

Miranda Fitch's life is a waking nightmare. The accident that ended her burgeoning acting career left her with excruciating chronic back pain, a failed marriage, and a deepening dependence on painkillers. And, now, she's on the verge of losing her job as a college theatre director. Determined to put on Shakespeare's *All's Well That Ends Well*, the play that promised and cost her everything, she faces a muttonous cast hellbent on staging *Macbeth*, instead. Miranda sees her chance at redemption slip through her fingers. That's when she meets three strange benefactors, who have an eerie knowledge of Miranda's past and a tantalising promise for her future: one where the show goes on, her rebellious students get what's coming to them, and the invisible doubted pain that's kept her from the spotlight is made known.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Galaxias

Baxter, Stephen

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

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

The Origin of Storms

Lotus Kingdoms 03

Bear, Elizabeth

The Lotus Kingdoms are at war, with four claimants to the sorcerous throne of the Alchemical Emperor fielding three armies between them. Alliances are made, and broken, many times over – but in the end, only one can sit on the throne. And that one must have not only the power, but the rightful claim.

Fantasy HC \$62.95

Venomous Lumpsucker

Beauman, Ned

The near future. Tens of thousands of species are going extinct every year. And a whole industry has sprung up around their extinctions, to help us preserve the remnants, or perhaps just assuage our guilt. For instance, the biobanks: secure archives of DNA samples, from which lost organisms might someday be resurrected... But then, one day, it's all gone. A mysterious cyber-attack hits every biobank simultaneously, wiping out the last traces of the perished species. Now, we're never getting them back. Karin Resaint and

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Mark Halyard are concerned with one species in particular: the venomous lumpsucker, a small, ugly bottom-feeder that happens to be the most intelligent fish on the planet. Resaint is an animal cognition scientist consumed with existential grief over what humans have done to nature. Halyard is an exec from the extinction industry, complicit in the mining operation that destroyed the lumpsucker's last-known habitat. Across the dystopian landscapes of the 2030s – a nature reserve full of toxic waste; a floating city on the ocean; the hinterlands of a totalitarian state – Resaint and Halyard hunt for a surviving lumpsucker. And the further they go, the deeper they're drawn into the mystery of the attack on the biobanks. Who was really behind it? And why would anyone do such a thing?

Dystopia TP \$32.99

Appleseed Bell, Matt

In 18th-century Ohio, two brothers travel into the wooded frontier, planting apple orchards from which they plan to profit in the years to come. As they remake the wilderness in their own image, planning for a future of settlement and civilisation, the long-held bonds and secrets between the two will be tested, fractured and broken – and possibly healed. Fifty years from now, in the second half of the 21st century, climate change has ravaged the Earth. Having invested early in genetic engineering and food science, one company now owns all the world's resources. But a growing resistance is working to redistribute both land and power – and in a pivotal moment for the future of humanity, one of the company's original founders will return to headquarters, intending to destroy what he helped build. A thousand years in the future, North America is covered by a massive sheet of ice. One lonely sentient being inhabits a tech station on top of the glacier – and in a daring and seemingly impossible quest, sets out to follow a homing beacon across the continent in the hopes of discovering the last remnant of civilisation.

Science fiction TP \$39.95

Shadows of Eternity Benford, Gregory

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

Science fiction TP \$39.95

Locklands

Founders trilogy 03

Bennett, Robert Jackson

Sancia Grado's used to long odds – but a god who's waging war using all of humanity as its pawns may be too strong, even for her: the thrilling, unforgettable conclusion to the Founders trilogy. Once, Sancia Grado was just a thief with a grudge and a rare talent. Then she learned how to use that talent, and

beat the great merchant houses of Tevanne at their own game. With Clef and Berenice, she even saw off an immortal hierophant – but the war they're fighting, now, is one they know they can't win. This time, they're not facing robber-baron elites or an immortal hierophant, but an entity whose intelligence is spread over half the globe: a ghost in the machine using the magic of scrying to possess and control not just objects, but human minds. Despite all their efforts their enemy marches on, implacable, unstoppable – and it's closing in on its true prize: an ancient doorway that leads to the centre of creation itself. Sancia and her friends glimpse a last desperate opportunity to stop this unbeatable foe – but to do so, they'll have to unlock the centuries-old mystery of scrying's origins and pull off the most daring heist they've ever attempted. And as if that weren't enough, their adversary might just have a spy in their ranks – and a last trick up its sleeve... This popular trilogy begins with *Foundryside* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Date from Hell

Match Made in Hell 02

Bond, Gwenda

After saving the world and stopping the apocalypse, Callie and Luke are looking forward to a quiet, romantic weekend together. When you're human and dating the Prince of Hell, quiet moments are hard to come by. But their romantic weekend in Hell takes a turn when Lucifer tasks Callie and Luke with chasing a wayward soul around the world. If they can prove it's possible to redeem a soul, Lucifer will allow the two of them to make some changes in Hell. But this wayward soul, Sean, doesn't have any interest in being redeemed. Instead, now that he's back on Earth, he's decided to take a leaf out of Callie and Luke's book and wants to find the Holy Grail. Now, Callie, Luke, and their friends – and enemies – must race Sean around the globe on a Grail quest and bring peace between Heaven and Hell before they can finally (maybe) get around to that date. The follow-up to *Not Your Average Hot Guy* (TP, \$34.99).

Paranormal romance TP \$29.99

Outrageous Horizon

Bosc, Adrien

Two hundred and fifty members of a new society, floating, stranded at sea, heading for unknown lands, fleeing a Europe in flames. *March 1941*. A converted cargo ship, the Paul-Lemerle, left Marseille on a voyage to the Caribbean, fleeing Vichy France and the devastation of the war. The ship was filled with immigrants from the East, exiled Spanish Republicans, Jews, stateless persons, and decadent artists. Among them were Claude Levi-Strauss, the painter Wilfredo Lam, the writers Anna Seghers and Andre Breton, and the Russian revolutionary Victor Serge. Can we know the taste of pineapple from listening to travellers' tales? asks Bosc. Can we ever feel the sensation of history? Mixing the documentary techniques of history, the imaginative leaps of fiction, and the cool analysis of the essay, Bosc takes us from Marseille to Casablanca to Martinique

and on to New York, to tell an evocative story of migration, cultural crisis, and the intellectual cost of the rise of fascism.

Utopia PBK \$19.99

Sweep of Stars Broadus, Maurice

'The beauty in blackness is its ability to transform. Like energy we are neither created nor destroyed, though many try.' – *West African Proverb*. The Muungano empire strived and struggled to form a utopia when they split away from old earth. Freeing themselves from the endless wars and oppression of their home planet, in order to shape their own futures and create a far-reaching coalition of city-states that stretched from Earth and Mars to Titan. With the wisdom of their ancestors, the leadership of their elders, the power and vision of their scientists and warriors they charted a course to a better future. But the old powers could not allow them to thrive and have now set in motion new plots to destroy all that they've built. In the fire to come they will face down their greatest struggle, yet. Amachi Adisa and other young leaders will contend with each other for the power to galvanise their people and chart the next course for the empire. Fela Buhari and her elite unit will take the fight to regions not seen by human eyes, but no training will be enough to bring them all home. Stacia Chikeke, captain of the starship Cypher, will face down enemies across the stars, and within her own vessel, as she searches for the answers that could save them, all. The only way is forward.

Space opera HC \$49.99

The Godbreaker

God-King Chronicles 03

Brooks, Mike

Two armies will clash – led by two fearsome generals. Rumour claims one is a demon, and the other is a god reborn... In the West, Marin and Alazar are in the army of the Godsworn following Tyrun, who claims to be Nari Reborn. In the East, the demon known as The Golden lands with Tjakorsha at its back, looking to slay a god. In the City of Islands, Jeya and Bulang try to survive as factions seek to use Bulang's ancestry for their own gain. In the South, Daimon and Saana fight to keep the peace they brokered alive amid the onset of war. And in amongst it all is Tila Narida, the Divine Princess, who has always turned chaos to her own advantage... The legacy of Narida's God-Kings spans a continent, and will end in blood. The ultimate epic fantasy ends in this battle-filled finale. The first two books of the trilogy are *The Black Coast* and *The Splinter King* (PBK, \$22.99 each).

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Stories of Mars

Burroughs, Edgar Rice

A normal man on Earth, but a warrior and prince on Mars... John Carter, veteran of the American Civil War, finds himself transported from Arizona to Mars when hiding from attackers in a secret cave. The inhabitants greet him, referring to the planet as Barsoom, and Carter finds that he has superhuman strength and agility due

to the different gravity of this new world. After joining the nomadic tribe of green, six-limbed Martians called Tharks, he rises through the ranks and earns the respect and friendship of one of the chiefs. Until, that is, the Tharks capture Dejah Thoris, Princess of Helium and a member of the red, humanoid Martians. Rescuing Dejah Thoris, Carter attempts to return her to her people, finding himself at the centre of a conflict that reaches across Martian society, all while falling in love. Can he save Barsoom? What of Earth? Does he want to return, or would he rather stay with Dejah Thoris? To celebrate the centenary of the first serialisation of *A Princess of Mars*, in 1912; it and its two sequels – *The Gods of Mars* and *The Warlord of Mars* – have been collected in this Golden Age Masterwork.

Golden Age Masterworks PBK \$22.99

Heroic Hearts

anthology

Butcher, Jim & Hughes, Kerrie (editors)

In this short story collection of courage, adventure, and magic, heroes – ordinary people, who do the right thing – bravely step forward. But running toward danger might cost them everything... In Jim Butcher's 'Little Things', the pixie Toot-Toot discovers an invader, unknown to the wizard Harry Dresden... and, in order to defeat it, he'll have to team up with the dread cat Mister. In Patricia Briggs' 'Dating Terrors', the werewolf Asil finds an online date might just turn into something more – if she can escape the dark magic binding her. In Charlaine Harris' 'The Return of the Mage', the Britlingen mercenaries will discover more than they've bargained for, when they answer the call of a distress beacon on a strange and remote world. And in Kelley Armstrong's 'Comfort Zone', the necromancer Chloe Saunders and the werewolf Derek Souza are just trying to get through college. But they can't refuse a ghost pleading for help. This anthology also collects stories by: Annie Bellet, Anne Bishop, Jennifer Brozek, Kevin Hearne, Nancy Holder, Kerrie L Hughes, Chloe Neill, and R R Virdi.

Urban fantasy TP \$29.99

The Adventurists

and Other Stories

collection

Butner, Richard

Remember the girl you once knew, the theatre kid? Now, she's become the Queen, and you might need to rescue her. There's the historic house, where someone once saw a ghost and you almost fell in love. An ornithopter hangs in the lobby of your corporate workplace: your co-worker thinks he might be able to operate it. Once, you found a tunnel under your old high school, and couldn't resist going to see where it led. Sometimes a door will open into a new world, sometimes into the past. Putting on a costume might be the restart you are half hoping for. There are things buried here. You might want to save them. You might want to get out of the way. Butner's allusive and elusive stories reach into the uncanny corners of life – where there are no job losses, just HCAPs (Head Count

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Allocation Procedures), where a tree might talk to just one person, where Death's Fool is not to be ignored.

Speculative fiction TP \$29.99

Feral Creatures

Buxton, Kira Jane

Once upon an apocalypse, there lived an obscenely handsome American crow named S T... When the world last checked in, with its favourite Cheeto addict – the planet had been overrun by flesh-hungry beasts, and nature had started reclaiming her territory from humankind. S T, the intrepid crow, alongside his bloodhound-bestie Dennis, had set about saving pets that had become trapped in their homes after humanity went the way of the dodo. That is, dear reader, until S T stumbled upon something so rare – and so precious – that he vowed to do everything in his power to safeguard what could, quite literally, be humanity's last hope for survival. But in a wild world plagued by prejudiced animals, feather-raising environments, new threats so terrifying they make zombies look like baby bunnies, and a horrendous dearth of cheesy snacks, what's a crow to do? Why, wing it on another big-hearted, death-defying adventure, that's what! Joined by a fabulous new cast of animal characters, S T faces many new challenges; plus his biggest one yet: parenthood. The follow-up to *Hollow Kingdom* (PBK, \$22.99).

Urban fantasy TP \$37.95

Resolute

Lost Fleet: Outlands 02

Campbell, Jack

Geary knows that some political factions in the Alliance were just trying to get rid of him when he was assigned to escort a diplomatic and scientific mission to the far reaches of humanity's expansion into the galaxy... and beyond. But he views his mission as both a duty and an opportunity to make things better wherever he can. And when a crippled Rift Federation ship tumbles out of jump space, Geary leaps into action. But the survivors' story isn't completely adding up. As Geary investigates, he soon finds himself fending off spies and assassins while leading the fleet as it fights its way across space controlled by the mysterious and hostile aliens whom humans call enigmas. Challenges arrive at every turn, including an unknown alien species that invites the fleet to visit one of their star systems. With little information to go on, Geary must weigh the benefits of potential new allies against the possibility of a trap. The fate of the fleet – and, perhaps, even the future of humanity – will depend on him making the right decision. If he can stay alive long enough to do that! The sequel to *Boundless* (PBK, \$19.99).

Space opera HC \$57.95

Mary:

an Awakening of Terror

Cassidy, Nat

Mary is a quiet, middle-aged woman doing her best to blend into the background. Unremarkable. Invisible. Unknown, even to herself. But lately, things have been changing inside Mary. Along with the hot flashes and body aches, she can't look in a mirror without

passing out, and the voices in her head have been urging her to do unspeakable things. Fired from her job in New York, she moves back to her hometown, hoping to reconnect with her past and inner self. Instead, visions of terrifying, mutilated spectres overwhelm her with increasing regularity and she begins auto-writing strange thoughts and phrases. Mary discovers that these experiences are echoes of an infamous serial killer. Then the killings begin, again. Mary's definitely going to find herself.

Horror TP \$48.95

Guild Boss

Harmony 15

Castle, Jayne

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

SF romance PBK \$19.99

Joan

a novel of Joan of Arc

Chen, Katherine J

Girl. Warrior. Heretic. Saint? France is mired in a losing war against England. Its people are starving. Its king is in hiding. Yet, out of the chaos, an unlikely heroine emerges. Reckless, steel-willed and brilliant, Joan has survived a childhood steeped in both joy and violence to claim an extraordinary – and fragile – position at the head of the French army. The battlefield and the royal court are full of dangers and Joan finds herself under suspicion from all sides – as well as under threat from her own ambition. With unforgettably vivid characters and propulsive storytelling, Joan is a thrilling epic, a triumph of historical fiction, and a feminist celebration of one remarkable – and remarkably real – woman who left an indelible mark on history.

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

Go Hex Yourself

Clare, Jessica

When Reggie Johnson answers a job ad in the paper, she's astonished to find that she's not applying to work at her favourite card game, *Spellcraft: The Magicking*. Instead, she's applying to be an actual familiar, for an actual witch. As in, real magic. The new job has a few perks – great room and board, excellent pay, and she's apprenticing to a powerful witch. Sure, the witch is a bit eccentric. And sure, there was that issue with the black cat Reggie would prefer to forget about. The biggest problem, however, is warlock Ben Magnus, her employer's nephew and the most arrogant, insufferable, maddening man to ever cast a spell. Reggie absolutely hates him. He's handsome, but he's also bossy and irritating and orders her around. Ben's butt might look great in a crystal ball vision, but that's as far as it goes. But when someone with a vendetta targets the household, she finds herself working with Ben to break a deadly curse. Apparently, when they're not fighting like cats and dogs, things get downright... bewitching. Paranormal romance TP \$24.99

Enclave

Coleman, Claire G

'These are troubling times. The world is a dangerous place,' the voice of the Chairman said. 'I can continue to assure you of this: within the Wall you are perfectly safe.' Christine could not sleep, she could not wake, she could not think. She stared, half blind, at the cold screen of her smartphone. She was told the Agency was keeping them safe from the dangers outside, an outside world she would never see. She never imagined questioning what she was told, what she was allowed to know, what she was permitted to think. She never even thought there were questions to ask. The enclave was the only world she knew, the world outside was not safe. Staying or leaving was not a choice she had the power to make. But then Christine dared start thinking... and from that moment, danger was everywhere. From the critically-acclaimed author of *Terra Nullius* (PBK, \$22.99) comes a powerful dystopian allegory exploring a future of surveillance, disruption and segregation that echoes the horrors of a colonial past; confronting the ugly realities of racism, homophobia, surveillance, greed and privilege, and the self-destructive distortions that occur when we ignore our shared humanity. '... much of this novel feels frighteningly plausible...' Coleman's world shimmers on the page like a heat haze.' – *ArtsHub*.

Dystopia TP \$29.99

Our Child of Two Worlds

Our Child of the Stars 02

Cox, Stephen

Molly and Gene Myers rescued Cory and kept him safe from those who wanted to use his remarkable knowledge and power for their own ends... and in doing so, they rediscovered themselves and fell in love with a remarkable child. Cory and his new family are having to deal with the consequences of fame – but Molly is more concerned about the future, for Cory's people are on their way. This is the time of Woodstock and the moon

landings; war is raging in Vietnam and the superpowers are threatening each other with annihilation – but the Myers know there is a far greater threat approaching from the stars, and only Cory's people possess the knowledge to fight off the invaders. In this gripping sequel to *Our Child of the Stars* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction TP 32.99

Upgrade

Grouch, Blake

'You are the next step in human evolution...' At first, Logan Ramsay isn't sure if anything's different. He just feels a little sharper. Better able to concentrate. Better at multitasking. Reading a bit faster, memorising better, needing less sleep. But before long, he can't deny it: something's happening to his brain. To his body. He's starting to see the world, and those around him, even those he loves most, in whole new ways. The truth is, Logan's genome has been hacked. And there's a reason he's been targeted for this upgrade. A reason that goes back decades to the darkest part of his past, and a horrific family legacy. Worse still, what's happening to him is just the first step in a much larger plan, one to inflict the same changes on humanity at large, and at a terrifying cost. Because of what Logan's becoming, he's the one person in the world capable of stopping what's been set in motion. But to have a chance at winning this war, he'll have to become something other than himself. And even as he's fighting, he can't help wondering: what if humanity's only hope for a future really does lie in engineering our own evolution...

Science fiction TP \$34.99

Mad for a Mate

BeWere My Heart 03

Davidson, MaryJanice

Verity Lane might be a Shifter who can't shift (known as a 'squib') – but woe betide anyone who tries to tell her who she is or what she's capable of. She's a proud member of a club for squibs out to prove themselves by participating in dangerous stunts. Which is probably how she ended up on this strange island... Bear shifter Magnus Berne wants two things: to connect with his motherless goddaughter, and to find out who keeps dumping dead bodies on his property. When he discovers Verity on his island, he's determined to get some answers – but it's clear that whoever has been killing squibs is just as resolved to keep it quiet. And now that Verity is in the crosshairs, they'll have to move quickly to stay ahead, stay alive, and stay together.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

Fall of the Argosi

Argosi 02 (Spellslinger 08)

de Castell, Sebastien

New to the ways of the Argosi, the tribe of wandering philosophers who seek to defeat evil by wit and guile, Ferius Parfax encounters a hideous plague – the Red Scream. Highly contagious, caught by the hearing of a deadly verse, it turns its victims into mindless monsters that destroy all human life they come into contact with. With the help of a deaf boy whom she has saved from two

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horrifying victims of the plague, Ferius sets out to find the source of the Red Scream and overcome its terrifying power. Along the way she is joined by another Argosi, Rosie, who purports to be so much wiser and more adept than Ferius, but who turns out to have her own dark secrets. Peopled with extraordinary characters and gut-wrenching drama, Ferius' story teaches her hard lessons about the limits of the Argosi's ways. Readers will delight not just in this amazing masterclass in plot pacing and narrative drive, but in the seemingly bottomless well of wit, thought and wisdom that the story brings up and that has changed lives across the globe. It takes the reader on a journey like no other.

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

And Then I Woke Up

novella

Devlin, Malcolm

In a world reeling from an unusual plague, monsters lurk in the streets while terrified survivors arm themselves and roam the countryside in packs. Or, perhaps, something very different is happening. When a disease affects how reality is perceived, it's hard to be certain of anything... Spence is one of the 'cured' living at the Ironside rehabilitation facility. Haunted by guilt, he refuses to face the changed world, until a new inmate challenges him to help her find her old crew. But if he can't tell the truth from the lies, how will he know if he has earned the redemption he dreams of? How will he know he hasn't just made things worse? A scathing portrait of the world we live in and a running commentary on what's story, what's truth, and what's not. – *Stephen Graham Jones*. A 176pp Tor.com novella.

Horror TP \$24.99

Barbarian Lover

Ice Planet Barbarians 03

Dixon, Ruby

Kira plans on remaining single on this alien planet – she doesn't want a mate anyway. At least, that's what she tells herself. But when Aehako comes along, everything changes... As one of the humans stranded on the ice planet, I should be happy that I have a new home. Human women are treasured here; and one alien, in particular, has made it clear that he's interested in me. It's hard to push away the sexy, flirtatious Aehako when I long to grab him by his horns and insist he take me to his furs. But I've got a terrible secret – a few of them, actually. I'm convinced that Aehako can never love me if he knows the full truth. More worryingly, the aliens who abducted me are back, and thanks to the translator in my ear, they can find me. My presence here endangers everyone... but can I give up my new life and the man I desire more than anything? And will he even want me if he knows my secrets? The first in this 'publishing phenomenon' series is *Ice Planet Barbarians* (PBK, \$24.99).

SF romance PBK \$24.99

The Serpent

Time of Heroes 03

Drake, David

Jon of Dun Add has created a civilisation, where before there had only been isolated pockets of humanity in a shattered cosmos.

Young knight Pal is one of the most respected members of Lord Jon's Hall of Champions. But Pal's greatest talent lies not on the field of battle, though he's no slouch there. He is also a Maker, one who can repair the tools the Ancients had left – sometimes. Moreover, he has learned to use his warrior dog's ability to predict motion better than any human could, an ability that has saved his skin and won the day more than once. Now, Pal will need all his talent – as a fighter, as a Maker, and as a Champion – to deal with the monsters the Waste throws at him – and to deal with his fellow humans. For there are those who would destroy Dun Add and Lord Jon's vision of a humanity united in peace from within... These Arthurian-inspired far-future tales begin with *The Spark* (PBK, \$24.95).

Spare opera PBK \$24.95

M Is for Monster

graphic novel

Dutton, Talia

A scientist attempts to bring her younger sister back to life with unexpected results in this Frankenstein-inspired graphic novel about ghosts, identity, and family. When Doctor Frances Ai's younger sister Maura died in a tragic accident six months ago, Frances swore she would bring her back to life. However, the creature that rises from the slab is clearly not Maura. This girl, who chooses the name 'M', doesn't remember anything about Maura's life and just wants to be her own person. However, Frances expects M to pursue the same path that Maura had been on – applying to college to become a scientist – and continue the plans she and Maura shared. Hoping to trigger Maura's memories, Frances surrounds M with the trappings of Maura's past, but M wants nothing to do with Frances' attempts to change her into something she's not. In order to face the future, both Frances and M need to learn to listen and let go of Maura once and for all. Talia Dutton's debut graphic novel, *M Is for Monster*, takes a hard look at what it means to live up to other people's expectations – as well as our own.

YA fantasy PBK \$29.99

The Final Strife

Final Strife 01

El-Arifi, Saara

The Empire rules by blood... Red is the blood of the elite, of magic, of control. Blue is the blood of the poor, of workers, of the resistance. Clear is the blood of the servants, of the crushed, of the invisible. The Aktibar – a set of trials held every 10 years to find the next Ember rulers of the Empire – is about to begin. All can join, but not just anyone can win; it requires great skill and ingenuity to become the future wardens of Strength, Knowledge, Truth, and Duty. Sylah was destined to win the trials and be crowned Warden of Strength. Stolen by blue-blooded rebels she was raised with a Duster's heart; forged as a weapon to bring down from within the red-blooded Embers' regime of cruelty. But when her adopted family were brutally murdered those dreams of a better future turned to dust. However, the flame of hope may yet be rekindled because Sylah wasn't made to sparkle, she was born to burn. And it's up to her, whether she rules the empire or destroys it. The first in a series.

'Epic in scope, its worldbuilding as intricate as filigree. The Final Strife sings of rebellion, love, and the courage it takes to stand up to tyranny, following three women whose journeys will keep you gripped to the last' – *Samantha Shannon*, bestselling author of *The Priory of the Orange Tree*.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Measure

Erlick, Nikki

Eight ordinary people. One extraordinary choice. It seems like just another morning. You make a cup of tea. Check the news. Open the front door. On your doorstep is a box. Inside the box is the exact number of years you have left to live. The same box appears on every doorstep across the world. Do you open yours? It's the decision of a lifetime.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Blackheart Knights

Eve, Laure

An original and unusual retelling of the Arthurian legend, set in London as you've never seen it before: a place with electricity for blood, lit by a thousand neon lights... Power always wins. Imagine Camelot, but in Gotham: a city where Arthurian knights are the celebrities of the day, riding on motorbikes instead of horses and competing in televised fights for fame and money. Imagine a city where a young, magic-touched bastard astonishes everyone by becoming king – albeit with extreme reluctance – and a girl, with a secret past, trains to become a knight for the sole purpose of vengeance. Imagine a city where magic is illegal but everywhere, in its underground bars, its back-alley soothsayers – and in the people who have to hide what they are for fear of being tattooed and persecuted. Imagine a city where electricity is money, power the only game worth playing, and violence the most fervently worshipped religion.

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.99

Harmony of Fire

Alice & Owen 01

Feehan, Brian

The We – beings who existed long before humans ever did, filled with powerful magic – walk among us. Owen and Alice are both etherealists – rare humans born with magic who are targets for those We that wish to take it from them. At nine years old and against her will, Alice's soul was tied to one such powerful and evil We. She escaped and was trained to be a weapon so she might one day break the bond and safely return home. Everything is going to plan... until she meets Owen. Owen is a musician who is trying to outrun his past while keeping those around him safe in an increasingly dangerous world. Owen keeps them on the move until a band of hunters crosses their path. Owen must go home – a place he swore he'd never return to – and seek protection from the We who could destroy them. And then he meets Alice. Only through finding each other do either Alice or Owen have a chance of survival. The first novel in a brand-new series by debut author Brian Feehan – son of bestselling author Christine Feehan.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

Red on the River

Sunrise Lake 02

Feehan, Christine

Vienna Mortenson isn't your typical gambler – her poker winnings don't go on flashy cars, they support her community, including the search and rescue team she leads. Out in the wilderness, lives are on the line, and it's down to her to be tough and decisive. Vienna isn't someone who makes a fool of herself, especially over a guy who left without looking back. Zale Vizzini's job constantly puts him in harm's way. A stable relationship seems off the cards when you work undercover. But, despite the challenges, Zale wants something real with Vienna. Now, he's determined to win her back. As their friends' wedding approaches, Zale uses the festivities to make a play for Vienna's heart. But amid the rugged terrain of Nevada, there are more deadly forces waiting to strike. Soon, both their lives are threatened. With the odds stacked against them can they – and their love – survive? The follow-up to *Murder at Sunrise Lake* (PBK, \$22.99).

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

1812: the Rivers of War

Trail of Glory 01

Flint, Eric

In this alternate history of the American frontier and the Jacksonian era, a small change takes place in the Battle of the Horseshoe Bend during the War of 1812. What results is a cascade of new developments that becomes an avalanche. In our world, Ensign Sam Houston, just turned 21, led the charge on the creek barricade in that battle and almost died from a terrible wound that took him a year to recover from. In this world, his wound is minor, so he is able to continue fighting the British – and develop his close relationship with Andrew Jackson much sooner. Along with a radical Scots-Irish immigrant in the US army, Patrick Driscoll – one of 'the Men of '98' – Houston organises a defence of the US Capitol that prevents the British from destroying it and makes him a national hero. He and Driscoll then play a central role in the defence of New Orleans under Jackson's command. They change the course of that battle in ways that will, over time, transform the relationship between the United States, the Indian tribes of the south, and the slaves brought over from Africa. A reissue of Flint's 2005 book.

Alternate history (reissue) TP \$35.95

Engines of Empire

Age of Uprising 01

Ford, R S

The nation of Torwyn is run on the power of industry, and industry is run by the Guilds. Chief among them are the Hawkspurs, whose responsibility it is to keep the gears of the empire turning. That's exactly why matriarch Rosomon Hawkspur sends each of her heirs to the far reaches of the nation. Conall, the eldest son, is sent to the distant frontier to earn his stripes in the military. It is here that he faces a threat he could have never seen coming: the first rumblings of revolution. Tyreta is a sorceress with the ability to channel the power of pyrestone, the magical resource that fuels the empire's machines.

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She is sent to the mines to learn more about how pyrsetone is harvested – but instead, she finds the dark horrors of industry that the empire would prefer to keep hidden. The youngest, Fulren, is a talented artificer and finds himself acting as a guide to a mysterious foreign emissary. Soon after, he is framed for a crime he never committed. A crime that could start a war. As the Hawkspurs grapple with the many threats that face the nation within and without, they must finally prove themselves worthy – or their empire will fall apart. The first in a new series.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

The Crimson Thread

Forsyth, Kate

May 1941. German paratroopers launch a blitzkrieg from the air against Crete. They are met with fierce defiance, the Greeks fighting back with daggers, pitchforks, and kitchen knives. During the bloody eleven-day battle, Alenka, a young Greek woman, saves the lives of two Australian soldiers. Jack and Teddy are childhood friends who joined up together to see the world. Both men fall in love with Alenka. They are forced to retreat with the tattered remains of the Allied forces over the towering White Mountains. Both are among the seven thousand Allied soldiers left behind in the desperate evacuation from Crete's storm-lashed southern coast. Alenka hides Jack and Teddy at great risk to herself. Her brother Axel is a Nazi sympathiser and collaborator and spies on her movements. As Crete suffers under the Nazi jackboot, Alenka is drawn into an intense triangle of conflicting emotions with Jack and Teddy. Their friendship suffers under the strain of months of hiding and their rivalry for her love. Together, they join the resistance and fight to free the island, but all three will find themselves tested to their limits. Alenka must choose whom to trust and whom to love and, in the end, whom to save.

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

The Hush

Foster, Sara

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

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

This World Does Not Belong to Us

Freire, Natalia García

Many years have passed, since Lucas was expelled from his childhood home by Felisberto and Eloy – the two strangers who arrived uninvited and slowly, insidiously, made it their own. Now, Lucas is back, fully grown and intent on claiming his rightful inheritance. But he is not interested in the house as it once was, nor in his mother's

lovingly planted flowerbeds – now conquered by weeds – nor in the lavish portraits covering every wall. Lucas belongs to a darker world, one crawling with the only creatures he really trusts: insects. As the house crumbles before his eyes, Lucas turns to the allies of his underground kingdom to help him take revenge. Weaving together past and present like a spider's web, *This World Does Not Belong to Us* is a spine-tingling story of human greed, from a masterful new literary voice. Secrets and revenge converge in this chilling tale, from a breakout new Latin American voice.

Horror TP \$29.99

Sandman Box Set

Gaiman, Neil

The iconic series *The Sandman* from bestselling author Neil Gaiman collected in a beautiful slip-cased box set! Weaving together ancient mythology, folklore, and fairy tales with his own distinct narrative vision, Gaiman created an unforgettable tale of the forces that exist beyond life and death. The Sandman universe is a master-creation, following Dream, also known as Morpheus, lord of the Dreaming – a vast, hallucinatory landscape that houses all the dreams of any and everyone who has ever existed. Gods, demons, mortals, and everything in between. All dreamers visit the Dreaming and have an opportunity to teach Morpheus some surprising lessons. After being captive for 70 years, Morpheus will have to go on a journey to reclaim his objects of power and bring order to the Dreaming. Collects volumes 1–14 of the *Sandman* series! This gorgeous box set is presently being reprinted and will be available again in October.

Fantasy PBK \$445.00

The Sandman Book One

Sandman 01, graphic novel

Gaiman, Neil

Neil Gaiman's award-winning masterpiece *The Sandman* is one of the most popular and critically acclaimed graphic novels of all time. The series is a rich blend of modern and ancient mythology in which contemporary fiction, historical drama, and legend are seamlessly interwoven. This first book, collecting Neil Gaiman's genre-defining series about the Dream King, collects *Sandman* issues 1–20. These are the stories covered within season one of the Netflix series, premiering on 5 August.

Fantasy PBK \$59.99

The Sandman Book Two

Sandman 02, graphic novel

Gaiman, Neil

The Sandman Book Two collects issues 21–37 of the original run of *The Sandman*. This volume also features *The Sandman Special: The Song of Orpheus* #1 and short stories from *Vertigo: Winter's Edge* #1–3 that further chronicle the enchanting world of Morpheus, the Lord of Dreams, and his kin, the Endless.

Fantasy PBK \$69.99

The Sandman Book Three

Sandman 03, graphic novel

Gaiman, Neil

This volume picks up where the last left off in Morpheus' ongoing saga as he travels

through the dreaming. This book collects *The Sandman* issues 38–56, as well as tales from *Vertigo Preview* #1. Lose yourself in Gaiman's fantastic worlds, and continue the fantasy with *The Sandman Book Three*.

Fantasy PBK \$69.99

The Sandman Book Four

Sandman 04, graphic novel

Gaiman, Neil

This volume picks up where the last left off in the story of the Kindly Ones – a conflagration of nightmarish proportions that will affect the future of the Endless and the fate of the Dreaming forever! Friends, foes, and unexpected betrayers return throughout this incredible collection! *The Sandman Book Four* collects *The Sandman* issues 57–75; stories from *Vertigo Jam* #1; *Dust Covers: The Collected Sandman Covers*.

Fantasy PBK \$69.99

The Golden Swift

Silver Arrow 02

Grossman, Lev

It's been a year, since Kate and Tom became conductors on the Great Intercontinental Railway, and life has changed completely! Delivering animal passengers to their rightful habitats using their very own secret steam train, *The Silver Arrow*, is exciting and magical and fulfilling. Until, one day, a new and mysterious train almost rams them off the track! Its name? *The Golden Swift*. Kate catches a glimpse of the conductors. They're children, like them, and they're dropping animals off at all the wrong stations! Kate is determined to catch up with their rivals and confront them. Her actions will lead to an adventure bigger than she could have dreamed of, racing through the highlands of Western Scotland, diving down deep into the oceans on a magical submarine, meeting a talking tortoise, and finding out about a whole new way to offer endangered animals safe and lasting homes... The sequel to *The Silver Arrow* (PBK, \$14.99).

Children's fantasy PBK \$14.99

A Terrible Fall of Angels

Zaniel Havelock 01

Hamilton, Laurell K

Meet Detective Zaniel Havelock, a man with the special ability to communicate directly with angels. A former trained Angel speaker, he devoted his life to serving both the celestial beings and his fellow humans with his gift, but a terrible betrayal compelled him to leave that life behind. Now, he's a cop who is still working on the side of angels. But where there are angels, there are also demons. There's no question that there's evil at work when he's called in to examine the murder scene of a college student – but is it just the evil that one human being can do to another, or is it something more? When demonic possession is a possibility, even angelic protection can only go so far. Now, the race is on to stop a killer before he finds his next victim, as Zaniel is forced to confront his own very personal demons, and the past he never truly left behind. Angels walk among us, but so do other unearthly beings – in this first in a brand-new series, by the international bestselling author of the Anita Blake and Merry Gentry series.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Flames of Mira

Rift Walker 01

Harmon, Clay

Among boiling volcanoes, under Mira's frozen lands, people like Ig are forced to undergo life-threatening trials that bind chemical elements to the human body. One of Mira's most powerful elementals, Ig serves as an enforcer for Magnate Sorrelo Adriann, but is cursed with flesh binding magic that will kill him at the first sign of disobedience. When Sorrelo is overthrown, Ig quickly learns he can do far worse than what has been asked of him so far. If he can't escape the flesh binding in time, he will have to kill friend and foe alike to stop his master reclaiming the throne, or sacrifice himself trying. The first book in a series of magic and redemption in a world of fire and ice.

Fantasy HC \$57.95

Trouble with the Cursed

Hollows 16

Harrison, Kim

Rachel Morgan, witch-born demon, has one unspoken rule: take chances, but pay for them yourself. With it, she has turned enemies into allies, found her place with her demon kin, and stepped up as the *subrosa* of Cincinnati – responsible for keeping the paranormal community at peace and in line. Life is... good? Even better, her best friend, Ivy Tamwood, is returning home. Nothing's simple, though, and Ivy's not coming alone. The vampires' ruling council insists she escort one of the long undead, hell-bent on proving that Rachel killed Cincy's master vampire to take over the city. Which, of course, Rachel totally did not do. She only transformed her a little. With Rachel's friends distracted by their own lives and problems, she reaches out to a new ally for help – the demon Hodin. But this trickster has his own agenda. In the end, the only way for Rachel to save herself and the city may be to forge a new understanding with her estranged demon teacher, Al. There's just one problem: Al would sell his own soul to be rid of her...

Paranormal romance HC \$49.99

Aera: the Return of the Ancient Gods

omnibus

Heitz, Markus

The gods are back – or, almost all of them – and the world is in uproar. Only one man will seek the truth... I've never believed in any kind of god. But that's a problem when they start manifesting. It was a problem for everyone else too, especially those whose gods did not appear. We are divided, a fractured globe, because you'd start to question everything you'd believed, wouldn't you? Or would you fight? Because I don't think these really are the gods we've worshipped. Zeus, the Morrigan, Thor – they can go to hell. We're in the middle of an invasion, and I'm the only one who believes in that reality. My name is Malleus Bourreau. I'm an atheist and an investigator – and I will find the answers. The complete omnibus of the 10-part novella serialisation *Aera: The Return of the Ancient Gods*, from the internationally bestselling author of *The Dwarves* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

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Sands of Dune

novella collection

**Herbert, Brian
& Anderson, Kevin J**

The world of *Dune* has shaped an entire generation of science fiction. From the sand blasted world of Arrakis, to the splendour of the imperial homeworld of Kaitain, readers have lived in a universe of treachery and wonder. Now, these stories expand on the *Dune* universe, telling of the lost years of Gurney Halleck, as he works with smugglers on Arrakis in a deadly gambit for revenge; inside the ranks of the Sardaukar as the child of a betrayed nobleman becomes one of the Emperor's most ruthless fighters; a young firebrand Fremen woman, a guerrilla fighter against the ruthless Harkonnens, who will one day become Shadout Mapes. Collected for the first time, these three previously unpublished *Dune* novellas by Brian Herbert and Kevin J Anderson shine a light upon the darker corners of the *Dune* universe. Spanning space and time, *Sands of Dune* is essential reading for any fan of the series.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

Anti-Clock

James, V

Hendri, the coffin maker, has one goal in life: to see the dead body of his nemesis Satan Loppo being lowered into the coffin he has painstakingly carved. For it was Loppo who defiled his beloved Beatrice, and let loose his hellhound Hitler upon Hendri, giving him a permanent limp. From inside his coffin shop, Hendri watches the world go by even as he prepares to deliver justice upon Loppo. He is confronted by the son of his best friend becoming enamoured with Loppo's wealth, Loppo's evil designs towards the hills of Aadi Nadu, and his own Christian guilt that regularly comes to haunt him. Until he meets Pundit, a 112-year-old watchmaker who was part of Bose's Indian National Army and is building an 'Anti-Clock', which can turn back time. When Loppo too hears of the Anti-Clock and desires to possess it, the inevitable battle becomes a reality.

Science fiction TP \$35.95

The Ballad of Perilous Graves

Jennings, Alex

Put on your dancing shoes and step into New Orleans, as you've never seen it before. Nola is a city of wonders. An alternate New Orleans made of music and magic, where spirits dance the night away and Wise Women help keep the order. To those from Away, Nola might seem strange. To failed magician Perilous Graves, it's simply home. Then the rhythm of the city stutters. Nine songs of power have escaped from the magical piano that maintains the city's beat, and without them, Nola will fail. Unwilling to watch his home be destroyed, Perry will sacrifice everything to save it. But a storm is brewing and even if they capture the songs, Nola's time might be coming to an end. A vibrant and imaginative debut contemporary fantasy set in a fantastical version of New Orleans where music is magic; perfect for readers of N K Jemisin and P Djeli Clark.

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

Invisible Things

Johnson, Mat

When sociologist Nalini Jackson joins the SS *Delany* for the first, manned mission to Jupiter, all she wants is a career opportunity: the chance to conduct the first field study of group dynamics on long-haul cryoships. But what she discovers instead is an entire city encased in a bubble on Europa, Jupiter's largest moon. Even more unexpected, Nalini and the rest of the crew soon find themselves abducted and joining its captive population, forced to start new lives in a place called New Roanoke. New Roanoke is a city riven by wealth inequality and governed by a feckless, predatory elite, its economy run on heedless consumption and income inequality. But in other ways it's different from the cities we already know: it's covered by an enormous dome, it's populated by alien abductees, and it happens to be terrorised by an invisible entity so disturbing that no one even dares acknowledge its existence. Albuquerque chauffeur Chase Eubanks is pretty darn sure aliens stole his wife. People mock him for saying that, but he doesn't care who knows it. So, when his philanthropist boss funds a top-secret rescue mission to save New Roanoke's abductees, Chase jumps at the chance to find her. The plan: Get the astronauts out and provide the population with the tech they need to escape this alien world. The reality: Nothing is ever simple when dealing with the complex, contradictory, and contrarian impulses of everyday earthlings. This is a madcap, surreal adventure into a Jovian mirror world, one grappling with the same polarised politics, existential crises, and mass denialism that obsess and divide our own. Will New Roanoke survive? Will we?

Satirical sf HC \$49.99

Life

Jones, Gwyneth

Science doesn't lie, but it might not tell a truth you want to hear. Anna Senoz is a brilliant young scientist, working towards her PhD and a bright career, when she makes a discovery that could change the world of genetics forever. The "Transferred Y" chromosome, however, isn't as welcomed by her peers, or the wider society. Anna is forced to choose between her dedication to her discovery, the progress of her career, and her responsibilities to her family. Does scientific integrity mean speaking out against the naysayers? Are the potential ramifications of her discovery too wide reaching, for her to risk pursuing it? Winner of the 2004 Philip K Dick award, *Life* examines society's fixation on biological sex, the struggles of women in STEM, and the pressures placed upon them by families, colleagues, and friends, alike. Perfect for fans of alternate histories and near-future feminist SF, like *The Handmaid's Tale* and *Vox*.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

Firestarter

film tie-in edition

King, Stephen

You're a firestarter, honey... just one big zippo lighter. A year ago, he was an outstanding instructor of English at Harrison State College. Now, Andy is on the run with his daughter. A pigtailed girl, named Charlie.

A girl with an unimaginably terrifying gift. A gift which could be useful to corrupt authorities. Soon, Charlie will be caught up in the menace of a fateful drug experiment and a sinister government ploy... Let the reader beware: *Firestarter* is Stephen King at his most mesmerising... and menacing; a chilling classic about a girl with a terrifying gift. Reissued to tie in with the 2022 remake of the major motion picture, starring Zac Efron.

Horror PBK \$22.99

What Moves the Dead

Kingfisher, T

When Alex Easton, a retired soldier, receives word that their childhood friend Madeline Usher is dying, they race to the ancestral home of the Ushers in the remote countryside of Ruritania. What they find there is a nightmare of fungal growths and possessed wildlife, surrounding a dark, pulsing lake. Madeline sleepwalks and speaks in strange voices at night, and her brother Roderick is consumed with a mysterious malady of the nerves. Aided by a redoubtable British mycologist and a baffled American doctor, Alex must unravel the secret of the House of Usher before it consumes them all. A gripping and atmospheric retelling of Edgar Allan Poe's classic 'The Fall of the House of Usher', in a very special hardcover edition, featuring foil stamp on the casing, and custom endpapers illustrated by the author.

Horror HC \$43.95

Something New Under the Sun

Kleeman, Alexandra

Novelist Patrick Hamlin has come to Los Angeles to oversee the film adaptation of one of his books and try to impress his wife and daughter back home with this last-ditch attempt at professional success. But California is not as he imagined. Drought, wildfire, and corporate corruption are everywhere, and the company behind a mysterious new brand of synthetic water seems to be at the root of it all. Patrick finds an unlikely partner in Cassidy Carter – the cynical starlet of his film – and the two investigate the sun-scorched city, where they discover the darker side of all that glitters in Hollywood.

Cli-fi TP \$27.99

Aurora

Koepf, David

When the lights go out no one is safe... When a solar storm hits the earth, the lights go out across the planet. But, this time, the blackout won't be over soon – it could last for years. Aubrey and her stepson now face the biggest challenge of their lives. Soon, they hear rumours of riots, the struggle for food becomes real, and even within their small communities, the rule of law is collapsing. Aubrey's estranged brother Thom, a self-made billionaire who abandoned her years ago, retreats to a gilded desert bunker where he can ride out the crisis in perfect luxury. But the complicated history between the siblings is far from over, and what feels like the end of the world is just the beginning of a personal reckoning long overdue...

Dystopian thriller TP \$29.99

Driftwood Orphans

Krueger, Paul

Before she was betrayed, and left for dead, Tenny was many things: prodigal daughter of the Driftwood City underworld. Leader of the Thorn Orphans, the gang fighting for a better tomorrow. City shaman, able to bend her home's boroughs to her will. Partner-in-crime to Cole, the runaway rich boy with powers just like hers. But that was, all, before. Four years later, Tenny is an exile, sleepwalking through life and waiting to die. But a chance encounter puts her on a bloody path back to the life she left behind. Friendless and powerless, she returns to Driftwood City, only to find a world where the Thorn Orphans have finally won. A better tomorrow, today. And all that progress tethered to the heartbeat of the friend who ordered her death. Her city. Her vengeance. It's an impossible choice. But if Tenny wants to survive, she'll have to choose one. A meditation on friendship, greed, and the uneasy intersection between justice and vengeance, this standalone fantasy puts a magical spin on pulpy revenge sagas like *John Wick* and *Kill Bill*.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Among Thieves

Kuhn, M J

Who needs friends, when you have axes? Ryia 'the Butcher' Cautella has earned her reputation as the quickest, deadliest blade in the city – not to mention the sharpest tongue. But Ryia Cautella is not her real name. A deadly secret has kept Ryia in hiding, running from city to city, doing whatever it takes to stay one step ahead of the formidable Guildmaster – sovereign ruler of the five kingdoms. But even the most powerful men can be defeated. One last, impossible job is all that stands between Ryia and her freedom – but even the Butcher can't do it alone. She teams up with the Saints, a crew of uniquely skilled miscreants, smugglers and thieves, to carry off a death-defying heist into the most tightly guarded island in the kingdoms – the Guildmaster's stronghold. Unfortunately, for Ryia, her new allies are nearly as selfish as she is, and they all have plans of their own... A high stakes' heist novel, set in a gritty world of magic and malice.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Family Business

Kupari, Mike

Decades ago, the Visitors descended on Earth. They claimed to bring peace and prosperity. Their real goal was the total subjugation of humankind. But humanity did not give up its only home without a fight. After a devastating war, the Visitors were driven back to Mars. Their millions of willing human collaborators were left behind. The task of hunting down these former alien collaborators and bringing them to justice falls to Federal Recovery Agents like Nathan Foster. Now, Nathan Foster is tasked with bringing to justice Emmogene Anderson. As a teenager, Emmogene was experimented on by the Visitors and implanted with a device that allows her to control other people. With her is her obsessive ex-lover, who was also a former commando of the Visitors' forces. It's an

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easy enough job – but Emmogene has been implanted with something else, something much more important. Nathan and Ben must decide what is right in a largely lawless world – and the fate of the planet hangs in the balance.

Space opera PBK \$24.95

Build Your House Around My Body Kupersmith, Violet

Two young Vietnamese women go missing decades apart. Both are fearless, both are lost. And, both will have their revenge.

1986: The teenage daughter of a wealthy Vietnamese family gets lost in an abandoned rubber plantation while fleeing her angry father, and is forever changed by the experience. 2011: Twenty-five years later, a young, unhappy Vietnamese-American disappears from her new home in Saigon without a trace. The fates of both women are inescapably linked, bound together by past generations, by ghosts and ancestors, by the history of possessed bodies and possessed lands. Violet Kupersmith's heart-pounding fever dream of a novel hurtles through the ghostly secrets of Vietnamese history to create an immersive, playful, utterly unforgettable debut.

Historical fantasy PBK \$19.99

Other Terrors: an Inclusive Anthology Liaguno, Vince A & Mason, Rena (editors)

An anthology of original new horror stories edited by Bram Stoker Award winners Vince Liaguno and Rena Mason that showcases authors from underrepresented backgrounds, telling terrifying tales of what it means to be, or merely to seem, 'other'. Offering original new stories from some of the biggest names in horror, as well as some of the hottest up-and-coming talents, *Other Terrors* will provide the ultimate reading experience for horror fans who want to celebrate fear of 'the other'. Be they of a different culture, a different background, a different sexual preference, a different belief system, or a different skin colour, some people simply aren't part of the dominant community – and are perceived as scary. Humans are almost instinctively inclined to fear what's different, as foolish as that may be, and there are a multitude of individuals who have spent far too long on the outside looking in. And the thing about the outside is... it's much larger than you think. People, places, and things once considered normal will suddenly appear different, striking a deeper, much more primal, chord of fear. Are our eyes playing tricks on us, or is there something truly sinister lurking under the surface of what we thought we knew? And who among us who is really of the other, after all?

Horror TP \$37.95

The Tangleroot Palace and Other Stories

collection
Liu, Marjorie

Marjorie Liu leads you deep into the heart of the tangled woods. In her long-awaited debut collection of dark, lush, and spellbinding

short fiction, you will find unexpected detours, dangerous magic, and even more dangerous women. Briar, bodyguard for a body-stealing sorceress, discovers her love for Rose, whose true soul emerges only once a week. An apprentice witch seeks her freedom through betrayal, the bones of the innocent, and a meticulously plotted spell. In a world powered by crystal skulls, a warrior returns to save China from invasion by her jealous ex. A princess runs away from an arranged marriage, finding family in a strange troupe of travelling actors at the border of the kingdom's deep, dark woods. Concluding with a gorgeous full-length novella, Marjorie Liu's first short fiction collection is an unflinching sojourn into her thorny tales of love, revenge, and new beginnings. 'The Tangleroot Palace is charming and ruthless. Tales that feel new yet grounded in the infinitely ancient, a mythology for the coming age.' – *Angela Slatter*, author of *The Bitterwood Bible*.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

Breath by Breath

Step by Step 03

Llywelyn, Morgan

The residents of Sycamore River emerge from nuclear war, caused by the Change and its effects on technology. As they try to rebuild their shattered lives, they discover the Change continues. For some, the air has become lethally toxic. The small band of Sycamore River townsfolk have survived the unthinkable, but will they survive the last of the Change? Morgan Llywelyn concludes her near-future, apocalyptic thriller trilogy with her signature depth and intimacy of character.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

The House of Always

Chorus of Dragons 04

Lyons, Jenn

What if you were imprisoned, for all eternity? In the aftermath of the Ritual of Night, everything has changed. The Eight Immortals have catastrophically failed to stop Kihrin's enemies, who are moving forward with their plans to free Vol Karoth, the King of Demons. Kihrin has his own ideas about how to fight back, but even if he's willing to sacrifice everything for victory, the cost may prove too high for his allies. Now, they face a choice: can they save the world while saving Kihrin too? Or will they be forced to watch as he becomes the very evil, they had all sworn to destroy? A Chorus of Dragons begins with *The Ruin of Kings* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Pearl

Malerman, Josh

There's something strange about Walter Koppke's farm. At first, it seems to be his grandson, who cruelly murders one of Walter's pigs in an act of seemingly senseless violence. But then people in town begin to whisper that Walter's grandson heard a voice commanding him to kill. And that the voice belongs to a most peculiar creature: the pig named Pearl. Walter is not sure what to believe. He knows he's always been afraid of the strangely malevolent Pearl. But as madness and paranoia grip the town and the

townspeople descend on Walter's farm with violent wrath, they begin to discover that true evil wears a human face. Previously published as *On This, the Day of the Pig*.

Horror TP \$39.95

The Misfit Soldier Mammy, Michael

Sergeant Gastovsky – Gas, to everyone but his superior officers – never wanted to be a soldier. Far from it. But when a con goes wrong and he needs a place to lay low for a while, he finds himself wearing the power armour of the augmented infantry. After three years on a six-year contract, Gas has found his groove running low-level cons and various illegal activities that make him good money on the side. He's the guy who can get you what you need. But he's always had his eye out for a big score – the one that might set him up for life after the military. When one of his soldiers is left behind after a seemingly pointless battle, Gas sees his chance. He assembles a team of misfit soldiers that would push the term 'ragtag' to its limits for a big con that leads them on a daring behind-the-lines mission, pitting him not only against enemy soldiers but against the top brass of his own organisation. If he pulls this off, not only will he save his squadmate, he might just become the legend he's always considered himself. He might also change the way the entire galaxy looks at this war. But for any of that to happen, he has to live through this insane plan. And charm, rarely, stops bullets. *Ocean's Eleven* meets John Scalzi in this funny, action-filled, standalone adventure from the author of *Planetside* (PBK, \$19.99), in which a small team of misfit soldiers takes on a mission that could change the entire galaxy.

Military SF PBK \$19.99

Fugitive Telemetry

Murderbot Diaries 06, novella

Martha Wells

No, I didn't kill the dead human. If I had, I wouldn't dump the body in the station mall. When Murderbot discovers a dead body on Preservation Station, it knows it is going to have to assist station security to determine who the body is (was), how they were killed (that should be relatively straightforward, at least), and why (because apparently that matters to a lot of people – who knew?) Yes, the unthinkable is about to happen: Murderbot must, voluntarily, speak to humans! *Again!* This sixth entry into the series is a standalone novella, set before *Artificial Condition* – now in a paperback edition. Love, love, love it! Cannot recommend highly enough! (If you want one, but we don't have any in the shop – please, do order one, to stake your claim on the stock we will receive!) If you haven't read the preceding books in Wells' fab series – then start with *All Systems Red* (HC, \$29.99/ PBK, \$26.99).

Science fiction PBK \$24.99

To Crush the Moon

Queendom of Sol 04

McCarthy, Wil

Once the Queendom of Sol was a glowing monument to humankind's loftiest dreams.

Ageless and immortal, its citizens lived in peaceful splendour. But as Sol buckled under the swell of an immorbid population, space itself literally ran out... Conrad Mursk has returned to Sol on the crippled starship Newhope. His crew are the frozen refugees of a failed colony known as Barnard's Star. A thousand years older, Mursk finds Sol on the brink of rebellion, while a fanatic necro cult is reviving death itself. Now, Mursk and his lover, Captain Xiomara 'Xmary' Li Weng, are sent on a final, desperate mission by King Bruno de Towaji – one of the greatest terraformers of the ages – to literally crush the moon. If they succeed, they'll save billions of lost souls. If they fail, they'll strand humanity between death – and something unimaginably worse... A reissue of the conclusion to McCarthy's epic interstellar adventure.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$24.95

Daughter of Redwinter

Redwinter Chronicles 01

McDonald, Ed

Raine is 17 years old, and still on the run. She can see the dead, a secret that could get her killed. Seeking refuge with a deluded cult is her latest bad decision but rescuing an injured woman in the snow is soon revealed to be a horrific mistake. Hazia endangers not just Raine, but the whole world: she's escaped from Redwinter, fortress-monastery of the Draoihn, the warrior magicians who answer to no king or queen of the land, but to their own Grand Master. They will stop at nothing to retrieve what she's stolen. Raine must survive by her wits, and her skill with a bow in a world turned upside down. A battle, a betrayal and a horrific revelation finds her herself inside Redwinter, where anyone caught communing with ghosts is put to death. As conspirators plot to release an ancient enemy, Raine's ability to see the dead might be their only hope, but to use her power would see her condemned. This gripping, fast-paced epic fantasy – with a streetwise female protagonist plunged into a maelstrom of magic, conspiracy, and diabolic power – is the first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Firetide Coast

Deepwater trilogy 03

McKenna, Claire

Arden Beacon has nothing left to lose. Having fought monsters, the deep waters, and the establishment to fulfil a promise the man she loved – she is no closer to peace. But against the odds, she has found Jonah once more and they are together now. She means to keep it that way. Jonah, Arden, and Chalice are bound for Clay city. Warnings come that the scorned, yet powerful Miah and Bellis have joined forces and turned their eyes to the capital, now following the direction of the slippery Mr Lindsay. Wanton destruction and death will surely follow if they cannot be distracted, tricked, and stopped. All the while, the coins sewn into Arden's hands continue to poison her. Time is running out. With intrigue and beasts behind every wave, Jonah and Arden must face this final chapter, together – or risk losing everything.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

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Midnight, Water City

Water City trilogy 01

McKinney, Chris

Year 2142: Earth is 40 years past a near collision with the asteroid Sessho-seki. Akira Kimura, the scientist responsible for eliminating the threat, has reached heights of celebrity approaching deification. But, now, Akira feels her safety is under threat, so after years without contact, she reaches out to her former head of security, who has since become a police detective. When he arrives at her deep-sea home and finds Akira methodically dismembered, this detective will risk everything – his career, his family, even his own life – and delve back into his shared past with Akira to find her killer. With a rich, cinematic voice and burning cynicism, *Midnight, Water City* is both a thrilling neo-noir procedural and a stunning exploration of research, class, climate change, the cult of personality, and the dark sacrifices we are willing to make in the name of progress. The first entry in a brilliant new sci-fi noir trilogy.

SF noir TP \$29.99

The Beautiful Ones

Moreno-Garcia, Silvia

They are the Beautiful Ones, Loisail's most notable socialites, and this spring is Nina's chance to join their ranks, courtesy of her well-connected cousin and his calculating wife. But the Grand Season has just begun and already Nina's debut has gone disastrously awry. She has always struggled to control her telekinesis: the haphazard manifestations of her powers have long made her the subject of gossip – malicious neighbours even call her the Witch of Oldhouse. But Nina's life is about to change, for there is a new arrival in town: Hector Auvray, the renowned entertainer, who has used his own telekinetic talent to perform for admiring audiences around the world. Nina is dazzled by Hector, for he sees her not as a witch, but ripe with magical potential. Under his tutelage, Nina's talent blossoms – as does her love for the great man. But great romances are for fairy tales, and Hector is hiding a secret bitter truth from Nina – and himself – that threatens their courtship. *The Beautiful Ones* is a charming tale of love and betrayal and the struggle between conformity and passion, set in a world where scandal is a razor-sharp weapon.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Girls of Fate and Fury

Girls of Paper and Fire 03

Ngan, Natasha

The fates of Lei and Wren are hanging in the balance. There's one thing Lei notes – she can never return to the Hidden Palace. The trauma and tragedy she suffered, behind those opulent walls, will plague her forever. She cannot be trapped there with the sadistic king again, especially without Wren. The last time Lei saw the girl she loved, Wren was fighting an army of soldiers in a furious battle to the death. With the two girls torn apart and each in great peril, will they reunite at last, or have their destinies diverged forever? This wonderful, hugely-popular trilogy begins with *Girls of Paper and Fire* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

We Have Always Been Here

Nguyen, Lena

Misanthropic psychologist Dr Grace Park is placed on the Deucalion, a survey ship headed to an icy planet in an unexplored galaxy. Her purpose is to observe the thirteen human crew members aboard the ship – all specialists in their own fields – as they assess the colonisation potential of the planet, Eos. But frictions develop as Park befriends the androids of the ship, preferring their company over the baffling complexity of humans, while the rest of the crew treats them with suspicion and even outright hostility. Shortly after landing, the crew finds themselves trapped on the ship by a radiation storm, with no means of communication or escape until it passes – and that's when things begin to fall apart. Park's patients are falling prey to waking nightmares of helpless, tongueless insanity. The androids are behaving strangely. There are no windows aboard the ship. Paranoia is closing in, and soon Park is forced to confront the fact that nothing – neither her crew, nor their mission, nor the mysterious Eos, itself – is as it seems.

SF thriller TP \$37.95

Things They Lost

Oduor, Okwiri

Ayosa is a wandering spirit – joyous, exuberant, filled to the brim with longing. Her only companions in her grandmother's crumbling house are as lonely as Ayosa herself: the ghostly Fatumas, whose eyes are the size of bay windows, who teach her to dance and wail at the death news; the Jolly-Annas, cruel birds who cover their solitude with spiteful laughter; the milkman, who never greets Ayosa and whose milk tastes of mud; and Sindano, the kind owner of a café no one ever visits. Unexpectedly, miraculously, one day Ayosa finds a friend. Yet, she is always fixed on her beautiful mama, Nabumbo Promise: a mysterious and aloof photographer, she comes and goes as she pleases, with no apology or warning.

Supernatural HC \$39.99

After the Rain

graphic novel

Okorafor, Nnedi & Brame, David (illustrator) & Jennings, John (adapted by)

After the Rain is an adaptation of Nnedi Okorafor's short story, 'On the Road'. The adaptation, written by John Jennings and illustrated by David Brame, begins in Nigeria during a powerful and unexpected storm. While visiting her grandmother, a young Nigerian-American woman named Chioma answers a knock at the door and is horrified by what she sees – a young boy with a severe head wound is standing on the doorstep. When he touches Chioma, his hand burns like fire and just as suddenly as he arrived, he disappears. Her grandmother comes down to see what is wrong and chastises Chioma for opening the door for a stranger. Outside there are only footprints in the mud which vanish in the same manner as their owner. This event sets off a chain of mysterious occurrences that become more and more terrifying. Chioma knows that something is wrong, and that the boy has 'marked' her in some way... Haunted and hunted, Chioma must embrace her heritage in order to survive.

Science fiction PBK \$29.99

Perhaps the Stars

Terra Ignota 04

Palmer, Ada

For years, the leaders of the Hive clandestinely committed terrible deeds, in order to maintain an outward semblance of utopian stability. But the facade could last only so long. Global travel and worldwide abundance may have tempered humanity's darkest inclinations, but conflict remains deeply rooted in the human psyche. A catalyst – in the form of a special little boy – was all it took to ignite half a millennium of repressed chaos. Now, war spreads across the globe, splintering old alliances and awakening sleeping enmities. All transportation systems are in danger, fracturing a long-united world and threatening to obliterate everything the Hive system built. With Mycroft Canner nowhere to be found, his successor must attempt to restore order in a world spiralling ever closer to irreparable ruin. But is the key to salvation to remain Earthbound... or, perhaps, to aim for the stars? The final book of the hugely-popular, Hugo Award-shortlisted Terra Ignota series. It begins with *Too Like the Lightning* (PBK, \$19.99). 'Incredibly ambitious and ground breaking... Palmer writes gloriously lush prose stuffed with asides, allusions and nods to the reader' – *Guardian*.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

The Woods Are

Always Watching

Perkins, Stephanie

If you go down to the woods today... Two girls go backpacking in the woods. Things go very wrong. And, then, their paths collide with a serial killer...

YA horror PBK \$19.99

Stars and Bones

Continuance 01

Powell, Gareth L

Seventy-five years from today, the human race has been cast from a dying Earth to wander the stars in a vast fleet of arks – each shaped by its inhabitants into a diverse and fascinating new environment, with its own rules and eccentricities. When her sister disappears while responding to a mysterious alien distress call, Eryn insists on being part of the crew sent to look for her. What she discovers, on Candidate–623, is both terrifying and deadly. When the threat follows her back to the fleet and people start dying, she is tasked with seeking out a legendary recluse who may just hold the key to humanity's survival. 'Gareth Powell drops you into the action from the first page and then Just. Keeps. Going. This is a pro at the top of his game.' – *John Scalzi*. From the multi BSFA award winner comes a stunningly inventive action-packed science-fiction epic adventure. A brand-new series for fans of Becky Chambers and Ann Leckie... or, of course, Gareth L Powell!

Space opera PBK \$19.99

The Old Country

Query, Matthew & Harrison

The ranch was our dream home. Nestled in the arms of a valley below the Teton mountains, acres upon acres of wilderness, our nearest neighbours over a mile away...

Beautiful, serene – isolated. Perfect. Until, naturally, the only neighbours for miles turned out to be crazy and delivered us a dire warning: The valley is cursed. Every season a spirit will manifest itself in increasingly disturbing ways, starting with a spooky light in the pond, and will kill you if you don't light a fire and – We made them leave then. Put it to the back of our minds and went about living our new, nearly perfect, lives. Then spring came, and so did the light... With piercing psychological insight and a profound feeling for the natural world, *Old Country* unspools an unrelenting narrative of terror and suspense.

Horror TP \$32.99

Decimate

Rice, Christopher

Claire Huntley and her brother, Poe, were on a midnight hike in Montana when the woods went wild. A blinding, devouring light and a rumbling pulse that blasted them off their feet left both kids with little memory of what happened. Their father insisted it was a violent extraterrestrial abduction; his wild obsession would tear their family apart in the wake of the trauma. Fourteen years later, Claire, who's battled anxiety attacks since that fateful hike, wants to heal her relationship with her brother, which has been damaged by his years of addiction. But only hours before their reunion, Poe's crowded passenger plane plunges into the Colorado mountains. No one survives the fiery crash. In the midst of her grief, Claire accepts her estranged father's request to join him in Montana, where he continues to investigate the paranormal force, he believes altered his children down to their bones. As they reunite, Claire's anxiety attacks take on a new dimension. Is she experiencing hallucinations or visions? Is her brother's presence in them a symptom of grief, or is she receiving messages from beyond life? The answers Claire and her father seek will take them on a breakneck journey deep into the Montana wilderness and the shadows of history, where they will unearth a secret force with terrifying implications for their family – and the world.

Supernatural mystery TP \$27.99

Kingdoms of Death

Sun Eater 04

Ruocchio, Christopher

Hadrian Marlowe is trapped. For nearly a century, he has been a guest of the Emperor, forced into the role of advisor, a prisoner of his own legend. But the war is changing. Mankind is losing. The Cielcin are spilling into human space from the fringes, picking their targets with cunning precision. The Great Prince Syriani Dorayaica is uniting their clans, forging them into an army and threat the likes of which mankind has never seen. And the Empire stands alone. Now, the Emperor has no choice but to give Hadrian Marlowe – once his favourite knight – one more impossible task: journey across the galaxy to the Lothrian Commonwealth and convince them to join the war. But not all is as it seems, and Hadrian's journey will take him far beyond the Empire, beyond the Commonwealth, impossibly deep behind enemy lines. The first in this popular series is *Empire of Silence* (PBK, \$22.99).

Space fantasy TP \$34.99

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The Martyr

Covenant of Steel 02

Ryan, Anthony

Times have changed for Alwyn Scribe. Once an outlaw, he's now a spymaster and sworn protector of Lady Evadine Courlain, whose visions of a demonic apocalypse have earned her the fanatical devotion of the faithful. Yet, Evadine's growing fame has put her at odds with both Crown and Covenant. As trouble brews in the kingdom, both seek to exploit her position for their own ends. Sent to the Duchy of Alundia to put down a rebellion, Alwyn must rely on old instincts to fight for his new cause. Deadly feuds and ancient secrets are laid bare as war erupts, a war that will decide the fate of the Kingdom of Albermaine and, perhaps, prevent the coming of the prophesied Second Scourge. The gripping second novel in Anthony Ryan's blockbuster new series following *The Pariah* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

These Hollow Vows

These Hollow Vows 01

Ryan, Lexi

Brie would do anything before making a deal with the Fae; death is better than their vicious schemes. But when her sister is taken by the sadistic king of the Unseelie court, there is nothing Brie wouldn't do to get her back – including making a deal with the king, himself, to steal three magical relics from the rival Seelie court. Gaining unfettered access to the Seelie court is easier said than done. Brie's only choice is to pose as a potential bride for the Seelie Prince, Ronan – a prince who's not quite as wicked as she once thought. Unwilling to let her heart distract her, she accepts help from a band of Unseelie misfits with their own secret agenda. But as Brie spends time with their mysterious leader, Finn, she finds herself struggling to resist his seductive charm. Caught between two dangerous courts, Brie must decide who to trust with her loyalty... and with her heart. The first in a duology.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Gold Diggers

Sathian, Sanjena

A floundering teenager, growing up in Atlanta's suburbs, Neil Narayan doesn't have the same drive as everyone around him. His immigrant parents' expectations for him are high, and he tries to want their version of success, but mostly, Neil just wants his neighbour Anita Dayal. But Anita has a secret: she and her mother, Anjali, have been brewing an ancient alchemical potion from stolen gold that transfers the ambition of the jewellery's original owner to the drinker. Anita needs just a little boost to get into Harvard, but when Neil – who needs a whole lot more – joins in the plot, events spiral into a tragedy that rips their community apart. Spanning two continents, two coasts, and four epochs, *Gold Diggers* expertly balances social satire and magical realism, asking what a community must do to achieve the American dream. We hear a Mindy Kaling-led TV adaptation is in the offing!

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Mask Falling

Bone Season 04

Shannon, Samantha

Paige Mahoney has eluded death again. Snatched from the jaws of captivity and consigned to a safe house in the Scion Citadel of Paris, she finds herself caught between those factions that seek Scion's downfall and those who would kill to protect the Rephaim's puppet empire. The mysterious Domino Program has plans for Paige, but she has ambitions of her own in this new citadel. With Arcturus Mesarthim – her former enemy – at her side, she embarks on an adventure that will lead her from the catacombs of Paris to the glittering hallways of Versailles. Her risks promise high reward: the Parisian underworld could yield the means to escalate her rebellion to outright war. As Scion widens its bounds and the free world trembles in its shadow, Paige must fight her own memories after her ordeal at the hands of Scion. Meanwhile, she strives to understand her bond with Arcturus, which grows stronger by the day. But there are those who know the revolution began with them – and could end with them... This series (from the author who also brought us the wonderful *The Priory of the Orange Tree*) begins with *The Bone Season* (PBK, 19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

A Cruel and Fated Light

Hollow Star Saga 02

Shuttleworth, Ashley

An ailing king. An ambitious queen.

Four tenuous friends. And a deadly game that threatens them, all. After thwarting the man behind the gruesome ironborn murders – and breaking several fae laws to do so – all Arlo wants is a quiet summer. As the deity of luck's Hollow Star, capable of bringing about endless possibilities, this shouldn't be too much to ask, right? But someone is still trying to summon the mythical Seven Deadly Sins. All signs point to immortal meddling, and if this is the gods' attempt at returning to the Mortal Realm, it's Arlo they're going to use to do it. When Queen Riadne offers to host Arlo at the Seelie Summer palace, she jumps at the chance. She'll get to see more of Vehan and Aurelian and, perhaps, even work out her complicated feelings for the gorgeous ex-Fury, Nausicaa. But no one trusts the infamous Queen of Light, even as Arlo wonders if she's just been greatly misunderstood. With the Summer Solstice quickly approaching, everyone expects Riadne to finally challenge the High King for his crown. And as Arlo struggles to get control of her powers and take charge of her destiny, she'll soon be faced with a choice that won't only change the fate of the Mortal Realm forever, but could condemn it to a cruelty the likes of which the Courts have never known. The sequel to *A Dark and Hollow Star* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

Storm Echo

Psy-Changeling Trinity 06

Singh, Nalini

Silence has fallen. The Psy are free to feel emotion. Free to love. But Silence was never a prison for Ivan Mercant. The biggest threat to

his future lies dormant in his brain – a psychic monster that wants only to feed. And now, the brutal leash he's kept on that monster is slipping. He prepared for this day, for the end of Ivan Mercant... but that was before he met Lei. As primal as she is human, this wild changeling brings colour into his life, laughter to his soul. Then the dream shatters in a rain of blood, in silent bodies in the snow. Lei is gone. Vanished without a trace... until he meets strangely familiar eyes across a busy San Francisco street. Soleil Bijoux Garcia is a healer who has lost everything. She exists in a world of desolate aloneness... 'til the day she finds herself, face to face with a lethal stranger. The animal who is her other half knows this man, but her memories are tattered fragments. Sorrow and a need for vengeance are all that drive her. Her mission? To kill the alpha of the DarkRiver leopard pack. But fate has other plans. Soon, a deadly soldier who believes himself a monster and a broken healer might be all that stand between life and death for the entire Psy race...

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

The Wizard of Eventide

Goddess War 03

Skovron, Jon

Allies and enemies alike must band together to defeat an evil on a scale never before seen – and this time, the Gods are on the battlefield. As Vittorio's empire enacts its bloody reign, the Uaine now behind him after a stunning betrayal, a reunited Sonya and Sebastian must embark on a journey to distant lands to amend past wrongs – and find unlikely allies along the way. In far Raiz, Jorge has his hands full enough with the devastation the Empire left behind. But the battle isn't over, and the sovereignty of his nation will depend on his ability to band together the ancient houses – and recruiting a figure straight out of legend. Galina, now Queen of Izmoroz, rules her land with an iron fist in a velvet glove. But heavy is the crown, and enemies lie in wait both within and without her dominion. To realise her vision for a free Izmoroz, at last, she'll have to fight with much more than politics.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Vows of Empire

Bloodright trilogy 03

Skrutskie, Emily

Gal and Ettian have never been farther apart. Once, they were roommates and best friends, each suffocating under a secret of galactic consequence. When Gal's came to light – that he was heir to the Umber Empire, and all of its brutal conquest – the two were forced to flee their military academy, fall in with a brewing rebellion to reclaim the Archon Empire from Umber's grasp, and face their long-held feelings for each other. Then the rebellion discovered Gal's identity and to save his life, Ettian had no choice but to unveil his own secret: that he was the long-lost heir to the Archon throne. With Gal as a political prisoner, Ettian began the fight to restore his own empire – and to open Gal's eyes to the possibility of a galaxy reclaimed from Umber's greed. But just when Gal was starting to come around, a team of Umber operatives rescued him from Archon's clutches and dragged him home to take up

his crown. Now, separated for the first time and in full command of the might of their respective forces, the star-crossed rulers find themselves truly at odds. And with the war reaching a tipping point, the time has finally come for Gal and Ettian to confront what they owe their empires, their friends, and each other if they're ever to forge a universe where the two of them can be together.

YA space opera HC \$49.99

Sorrowland

Solomon, Rivers

Vern – seven months pregnant and desperate to escape the strict religious compound where she was raised – flees for the shelter of the woods. There, she gives birth to twins, and plans to raise them far from the influence of the outside world. But even in the forest, Vern is a hunted woman. Forced to fight back against the community that refuses to let her go, she unleashes incredible brutality far beyond what a person should be capable of, her body wracked by inexplicable and uncanny changes. To understand her metamorphosis and to protect her small family, Vern has to face the past, and more troublingly, the future – outside the woods. Finding the truth will mean uncovering the secrets of the compound she fled but also the violent history in America that produced it.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Extinction

Somer, Bradley

In a lonely valley, deep in the mountains, a ranger watches over the last surviving grizzly bear. With the natural world exhausted and in tatters, Ben has dedicated himself to protecting this single fragment of the wild. One night, he hears voices in the valley – poachers, come to hunt his bear. A heart-pounding chase begins, crossing forests and mountainsides, passing centuries of human ruins. Sometimes hunter, sometimes prey – Ben must choose the bear's fate and his own. Is he willing to lay down his life, for a dying breed? Is he willing to kill, for it?

SF thriller TP \$32.99

The Next Time I Die

Hard Case Crime

Starr, Jason

Dying was only the beginning. Steven Blitz didn't think about his own safety when he saw the man trying to force a woman into his car. He stepped in to defend her, and got a knife to the gut for his troubles. But when he wakes up in the hospital from what should have been a fatal wound, he finds the whole world changed – a different president in the White House, a loving family when he'd been on the verge of divorce, more money in the bank than he's ever seen. There's a dark side, though: in this world, Steven Blitz is not a good man. And now he's got to get himself out of serious trouble without even knowing what it is he's done wrong. A paranoid thriller in the mind-bending tradition of Philip K Dick and *The Twilight Zone*, *The Next Time I Die* will draw you into its claustrophobic web of suspense and leave you questioning everything you think you know.

Supernatural thriller TP \$33.95

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Dark Earth Stott, Rebecca

The year is 500 AD. Sisters Isla and Blue live in the shadows of the Ghost City, the abandoned ruins of the once-glorious mile-wide Roman settlement Londinium on the bank of the River Thames. But the small island they call home is also a place of exile for Isla, Blue, and their father, a legendary blacksmith accused of using dark magic to make his fire-tongued swords – formidable blades that cannot be broken – and cast out from the community. When he dies suddenly, the sisters find themselves facing enslavement by the local warlord and his cruel, power-hungry son. Their only option is to escape to the Ghost City, where they discover an underworld of rebel women living secretly amid the ruins. But if Isla and Blue are to survive the men who hunt them, and protect their new community, they will need to use all their skill and ingenuity – as well as the magic of their foremothers – to fight back.

Historical fantasy TP \$29.99

This Time Tomorrow Straub, Emma

Alice Stern isn't ready to turn 40. She thought she'd have it figured out by now, and have spent more time with her father Leonard, who is very sick. When she wakes up outside their old apartment on her birthday, she's surprised to see a much younger Leonard, with a 16th birthday card for Alice, who is rapidly approaching adulthood... Alice, soon, realises she can keep coming back. Faced each time with different versions of her life, and the consequences of her decisions, Alice must not to lose sight of what she wants most – some time back with Leonard... A fiendishly clever, nostalgic, and tender novel about how we must cherish what we have while there is still time.

Time travel TP \$32.99

First, Become Ashes Szpara, K M

The Fellowship raised Lark to kill monsters. His partner betrayed them to the Feds. But Lark knows his magic is real, and he'll do anything to complete his quest. For 30 years, the Fellowship of the Anointed isolated its members, conditioning them to believe that pain is power. That magic is suffering. That the world beyond the fence has fallen prey to monsters. But when their leader is arrested, all her teachings come into question. Those touched by the Fellowship face a choice: how will they adjust to the world they were taught to fear, and how will they relate to the cult's last crusader, Lark? For Kane, survival means rejecting the magic he and his lover suffered for. For Deryn, the cult's collapse is an opportunity to prove they are worth as much as their Anointed brother. For Calvin, Lark is the alluring embodiment of the magic he's been seeking his entire life. But for Lark, the Fellowship isn't over. Before he can begin to discover himself and heal a lifetime of traumas, he has a monster to slay. *First, Become Ashes* contains explicit sadomasochism and sexual content, as well as abuse and consent violations, including rape.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Dark Stars: New Tales of Darkest Horror

anthology

Taff, John F D

Dark Stars is a tribute to horror's longstanding short fiction legacy, featuring 12 terrifying original stories from today's most noteworthy authors, with a foreword by bestselling author Josh Malerman (*Bird Box*) and an afterword by Ramsey Campbell. Created as an homage to the 1980 classic horror anthology, *Dark Forces*, edited by Kirby McCauley, this collection contains 12 original novelettes showcasing today's top horror talent. *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, and Alma Katsu, with seasoned author John F D Taff at the helm. An afterword from original *Dark Forces* contributor Ramsey Campbell is a poignant finale to this bone-chilling collection. 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.

Horror PBK \$19.99

Hotel Magnifique Taylor, Emily J

The legendary Hotel Magnifique is like no other: a magical world of golden ceilings, enchanting soirées and fountains flowing with champagne. It changes location every night, stopping in each place only once a decade. When the Magnifique comes to her hometown, 17-year-old Jani hatches a plan to secure jobs there for herself and her younger sister, longing to escape their dreary life. Luck is on their side, and with a stroke of luminous ink on paper the sisters are swept into a life of adventure and opulence. But Jani soon begins to notice sinister spots in the hotel's decadent façade. Who is the shadowy maître who runs the hotel? And can the girls discover the true price paid by those who reside there – before it's too late?

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

A Catalogue of Catastrophe Chronicles of St Mary's 13

Taylor, Jodi

Finally – finally! – Max has that nice office job she's always wanted. The one with no heavy lifting and no one tries to kill her. Well, one out of two's not bad... Punching well above their weight, Max and Markham set out to bring down a sinister organisation founded in the future – with a suspicious focus on the past. Max's focus is staying alive long enough to reunite with Leon and Matthew, alternately helped and hindered by St Mary's. Who aren't, always, the blessing they like to think they are. But non-stop leaping around the timeline – from witnessing Magna Carta to disturbing a certain young man with a penchant for gunpowder – is

beginning to take its toll. Is Max going mad? Or are the ghosts of the past finally catching up with her? This fun, popular series begins with *Just One Damned Thing After Another* (PBK, \$22.99).

Time travel PBK \$22.99

Gemetry Boys Thomas, Aiden

Yadriel has summoned a ghost... and, now, he can't get rid of him. When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his true gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real brujo. With the help of his cousin and best friend Maritza, he performs the ritual himself, and then sets out to find the ghost of his murdered cousin and set it free. However, the ghost he summons is actually Julian Diaz, the school's resident bad boy, and Julian is not about to go quietly into death. He's determined to find out what happened and tie off some loose ends before he leaves. Left with no choice, Yadriel agrees to help Julian, so that they can both get what they want. But the longer Yadriel spends with Julian, the less he wants to let him leave.

YA paranormal PBK \$19.99

Imperial Ghosts

Ashes of Empire 05

Thomson, Eric

Humanity's first empire collapsed centuries ago, but two tiny shards kept the ability to travel across the stars at faster than light speeds: the Wyvern Hegemony and the Republic of Lyonesse. Each considers itself the heir of the old empire and swore an oath of reunification. Yet, only one can rule over humanity reunited. As they race to absorb ruined human worlds and rebuild them in their respective image, it is only a matter of time before they encounter the ghosts of what once was. And those ghosts will demand their due.

Military SF TP \$35.95

The Best of World SF

volume 01, anthology

Tidhar, Lavie (editor)

Twenty-six new short stories, representing the state of the art in international science fiction. The future is coming. It knows no bounds, and neither should science fiction. They say the more things change the more they stay the same. But over the last 100 years, science fiction has changed. Vibrant new generations of writers have sprung up across the globe, proving the old adage false. From Ghana to India, from Mexico to France, from Singapore to Cuba, they draw on their unique backgrounds and culture, changing the face of the genre one story at a time. Prepare yourself for a journey through the wildest reaches of the imagination, to visions of Earth as it might be and the far corners of the universe. Along the way, you will meet robots and monsters, adventurers and time travellers, rogues and royalty. In *The Best of World SF*, award-winning author Lavie Tidhar acts as guide and companion to a world of stories, from never-before-seen originals to award winners, from 23 countries and seven languages. Because the future is coming, and it belongs to us all. Stories: 'Immersion' by Aliette de Bodard; 'Debtless' by Chen Qiufan (trans from Chinese by Blake

Stone-Banks); 'Fandom for Robots' by Vina Jie-Min Prasad; 'Virtual Snapshots' by Tlotlot Tsamaase; 'What The Dead Man Said' by Chinelo Onwualu; 'Delhi' by Vandana Singh; 'The Wheel of Samsara' by Han Song (trans from Chinese by the author); 'Xingzhou' by Yi-Sheng Ng; 'Prayer' by Taiyo Fujii (trans from Japanese by Kamil Spsychalski); 'The Green Ship' by Francesco Verso (trans from Italian by Michael Colbert); 'Eyes of the Crocodile' by Malena Salazar Maciá (trans from Spanish by Toshiya Kamei); 'Bootblack' by Tade Thompson; 'The Emptiness in the Heart of all Things' by Fabio Fernandes; 'The Sun From Both Sides' by R S A Garcia; 'Dump' by Cristina Jurado (trans from Spanish by Steve Redwood); 'Rue Chair' by Gerardo Horacio Porcayo (trans from Spanish by the author); 'His Master's Voice' by Hannu Rajaniemi; 'Benjamin Schneider's Little Greys' by Nir Yaniv (trans from Hebrew by Lavie Tidhar); 'The Cryptid' by Emil H Petersen (trans from Icelandic by the author); 'The Bank of Burkina Faso' by Ekaterina Sedia; 'An Incomplete Guide...' by Kuzhali Manickavel; 'The Old Man with The Third Hand' by Kofi Nyameye; 'The Green' by Lauren Beukes; 'The Last Voyage of Skidbladnir' by Karin Tidbeck; 'Prime Meridian' by Silvia Moreno-Garcia; 'If At First You Don't Succeed' by Zen Cho. Now in paperback.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

Wake of War Topping, Zac

In the future, the fate of America will be decided in a valley of death... The year is 2037, and chaos reigns. The US government is in the hands of a borderline fascist who rules a country that is falling apart. Economic collapse looms, whole populations are fleeing their homes, and the armed forces are caught in a seemingly helpless war. Their foe – their own countrymen. The Revolutionist Front was borne of the government's increasingly draconian actions. But the RF is equally extreme, run by a merciless megalomaniac determined to create his own version of America. Now, both armies find themselves in a stalemate in Salt Lake City, facing each other across a vital resource mine that could decide the outcome of the war. In this maelstrom, three fighters will experience the horrors of war from different directions: a young, green infantryman about to receive his baptism of fire; a ruthless rebel sniper out to make her enemies pay for what they took from her; and a hardened mercenary being paid to protect the mine. Each will be tested to the limits of their loyalties and personal honour. But none will emerge from the coming battle the same as when they walked into hell on earth...

Military SF HC \$55.00

The Pallbearers Club Tremblay, Paul

1988, and puberty has hit Art Barbara hard – he's a painfully socially awkward teenager, overweight, acne ridden, and bent crooked by scoliosis. Worse, he has no extra credits to get him into college. So, Art starts the Pallbearers' Club, dedicated to mourning the homeless and lonely – the people with no one else to bury them. It might be a small club,

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unpopular and morbid, but it introduces Art to Mercy Brown, who is into bands, local history, folklore and digging up the dead. Decades later, Art is writing his memoir to try and make sense of it all, because nothing about Mercy is simple. It's all a matter of trust, right? Their friendship twists and coils around the pair of them, captured in Polaroid snapshots and sweaty gigs and the freaky, inexplicable flashes of nightmare that lurk in a folded jacket at night. Because Art is writing his memoir to make sense of it all, but Mercy is reading it too. Mercy thinks Art's novel – because this isn't a memoir – needs some work, and she's more than happy to set the record straight. What if Art didn't get everything right? Come on, Art, you can't tell just one side of the story...

Horror HC \$57.95

The Thief

Queen's Thief 01

Turner, Megan Whalen

Eugenides, the queen's thief, can steal anything – or so he says. Then his boasting lands him in the king's prison, and his chances of escape look slim. So, when the king's magus invites him on a seemingly impossible quest to steal a legendary object and win back his freedom, Gen is in no position to refuse. The magus has plans for his king and his country. Gen has plans of his own... 'Trust me. Just read it. Then read it again, because it will not be the same river twice...' – *Lois McMaster Bujold*, acclaimed, Hugo Award-winning author (we do trust Lois, a very great deal!). This first in Megan Whalen Turner's long-running and beloved Queen's Thief series is finally available in a UK paperback edition!

YA fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Dwellers

Victoria, Eliza

The rules are strict and absolute:

Rule #1: Don't kill the body you inhabit.

Rule #2: Never mention your previous

name again. Rule #3: Don't talk about your

previous life. Ever. But what happens when,

in escaping your old life by stealing a new

one, you jump out of the frying pan and into

the fire? Cousins from a clan of 'dwellers'

– people who inhabit the bodies and lives

of others – become brothers when they take

over the bodies of Jonah and Louis. An injury

forces them to remain in the brothers' house,

where they discover that the basement holds

a dead body! As old and new secrets come

to light, it becomes clear there is no such

thing as actions without consequences.

This dark fantasy – winner of the Philippine

National Book Award – is sure to take your

breath away.

Dark fantasy HC \$22.99

The Book of Accidents

Wendig, Chuck

Long ago, Nathan lived in a house in the

country with his abusive father – and

has never told his family what happened

there. Long ago, Maddie was a little girl

making dolls in her bedroom when she saw

something she shouldn't have – and is trying

to remember that lost trauma by making

haunting sculptures. Long ago, something

sinister, something hungry, walked in the

tunnels and the mountains and the coal mines

of their hometown in rural Pennsylvania.

Now, Nate and Maddie Graves are married,

and they have moved back to their hometown

with their son, Oliver. And now what

happened long ago is happening again... and

it is happening to Oliver. He meets a

strange boy who becomes his best friend, a

boy with secrets of his own and a taste for

dark magic. This dark magic puts them at

the heart of a battle of good versus evil and

a fight for the soul of the family – and perhaps

for all of the world. But the Graves family

has a secret weapon in this battle: their love

for one another.

Horror PBK \$22.99

August Kitko and the Mechas from Space

Starmetal Symphony 01

White, Alex

When an army of giant robot AIs threatens

to devastate Earth, a virtuoso pianist becomes

humanity's last hope in this bold, lightning-

paced, technicolour space opera series... Jazz

pianist Gus Kitko expected to spend

his final moments on Earth playing piano at

the greatest goodbye party of all time – and,

maybe, kissing rock star Ardent Violet –

before the last of humanity is wiped out

forever by the Vanguard – ultra-powerful

robots from the dark heart of space, hell

bent on destroying humanity... for reasons

none can divine. But when the Vanguard

arrive, the unthinkable happens – the mecha

that should be killing Gus, instead, saves

him. Suddenly, Gus' swan song becomes

humanity's encore, as he is chosen to join a

small group of traitorous Vanguard and their

pilots dedicated to saving humanity. The first

in a new series from the author of *A Big Ship*

at the Edge of the Universe (PBK, \$24.99).

Space opera PBK \$22.99

The Shadow Glass

Winning, Josh

Jack Corman is failing at life. Jobless, jaded

and on the 'wrong' side of thirty, he's facing

the threat of eviction from his London flat

while reeling from the sudden death of his

father, one-time film director Bob Corman.

Back in the eighties, Bob poured his heart

and soul into the creation of his 1986 puppet

fantasy *The Shadow Glass*, a film Jack loved

as a child, idolising its fox-like hero, Dune.

But *The Shadow Glass* flopped on release,

deemed too scary for kids and too weird for

adults, and Bob became a laughingstock,

losing himself to booze and self-pity.

Now, the film represents everything Jack

hated about his father, and he lives with the

fear that he'll end up a failure just like him.

In the wake of Bob's death, Jack returns to

his decaying home, a place creaking with

movie memorabilia and painful memories.

Then, during a freak thunderstorm, the

puppets in the attic start talking. Tipped into

a desperate real-world quest to save London

from the more nefarious of his father's

creations, Jack teams up with excitable fanboy

Toby and spiky studio executive Amelia to

navigate the labyrinth of his father's legacy

while conjuring the hero within – and igniting

a *Shadow Glass* resurgence that could,

finally, do his father proud. *Dark Crystal*

meets *About A Boy* in a thrilling race against

the clock to save the world in this nostalgia-

infused adventure!

Urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

Pennyblade

Worrad, J L

Exile. Mercenary. Lover. Monster.

Pennyblade. Kyra Cal'Adra has spent the

last four years on the Main, living in exile

from her home, her people, her lover and her

past. A highblood commrach – the ancient

race of the Isle, dedicated to tradition and

the perfection of the blood – she's welcome

among the humans of the Main only for

the skill of her rapier, her preternatural

bladework. They don't care which of the

gleaming towers she came from, nor that her

grandmother is matriarch of one of Corso's

most powerful families. But on the Main,

women loving women is a sin punishable by

death. Kyra is haunted by the ghost of Shen,

the love of her life, a lowblood servant woman

whom Kyra left behind as she fled the Isle.

When a simple contract goes awry, and her

fellow pennyblades betray her, Kyra is set

onto a collision course with her old life, and

the age-old conflict between the Main and

the Isle threatens to erupt once more. A sharp-

tongued disgraced-noble-turned-mercenary

has to stop the world collapsing into chaos

in this gripping, savagely funny epic fantasy

packed with unforgettable characters, for fans

of Joe Abercrombie.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

Irish Fairy Tales and Folklore

Yeats, W B

A classic collection of Irish fairy tales and

lore by Nobel Peace Prize-winning author and

poet W B Yeats. Originally published as two

separate volumes, in the 1800s, this premier

collection of Irish stories, edited and compiled

W B Yeats, is the perfect gift for any lover of

Irish literature and folklore. The lyrical prose

and rich cultural heritage of each tale will

captivate and enchant readers of all ages and

keep them entertained for hours on end. This

volume contains more than seventy classic

Irish stories, including timeless characters and

mythology passed down for generations, such

as: 'The Trooping Fairies', 'Changelings',

'Tir-na-n-óg', 'The Lepracaun', 'The Kildare

Pooka', 'How Thomas Connolly met the

Banshee', and many more!

Folklore HC \$24.99

The Icarus Plot

Zahn, Timothy

There wasn't much money to be made as a

Trailblazer, searching out new worlds for

possible development. Still, it was safer

than the bounty hunter career that had cost

Gregory Roarke his left arm, six years

ago. And thanks to his Kadolian partner

Selene's ultrasensitive sense of smell,

they occasionally discovered a medically

promising seed or spore they could sell under

the table. It was a quiet life, uneventful and

mostly legal. Until Roarke was approached

by two men with a proposal: track down a

mysterious woman named Tera and, through

her, locate a secret project called *Icarus*.

The challenge was intriguing. The unlimited

budget was tempting. But Roarke had a more

personal reason to accept the job. The chance

for long-delayed paycheck.

Space opera HC \$55.00

The Dragon Daughter and Other Lin Lan Fairy Tales

anthology

Zhang, Juwen (editor/translator)

A delightful collection of modern Chinese

tales. *The Dragon Daughter and Other Lin*

Lan Fairy Tales brings together 42 magical

Chinese tales, most appearing for the

first time in English. These stories have

been carefully selected from more than a

thousand, originally published in the

early 20th century, under the pseudonyms

Lin Lan and Lady Lin Lan – previously

unknown in the West, and now acclaimed

as the Brothers Grimm of China. The birth

of the tales began in 1924, when one author,

Li Xiaofeng, published a set of literary stories

under the Lin Lan pen name, an alias that

would eventually be shared by an editorial

team. Together, this group gathered fairy

tales (*tonghua*) from rural regions across

China. Combining traditional oral Chinese

narratives with elements from the West,

the selections in this collection represent

different themes and genres – from folk

legends to comic tales. Characters fall for

fairies, experience predestined love, and

have love/hate relationships with siblings.

Garden snails and snakes transform into

cooking girls, and dragon daughters construct

houses. An introduction offers historical

and social context for understanding the role

that the Lin Lan stories played in modern

China. Appendixes include information on

tale types and biographies of the writers and

contributors. *The Dragon Daughter and*

Other Lin Lan Fairy Tales is a captivating

testament to the power of storytelling.

Modern fairy tales TP \$34.99

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 artifacts 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? A delightful new

tale from the author of the wonderful *Iron*

Widow (PBK, \$19.99).

Children's fantasy PBK \$14.99