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Includes new books by:

Stephen Baxter

Trudi Canavan

Melissa Caruso

Jay Kristoff

Mercedes Lackey

Cixin Liu

Corey J White

... and many others.

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Until next time, good reading!  
Ron and Leanne

### THE ANGEL OF THE CROWS

ADDISON, Katherine

This is not the story you think it is. These are not the characters you think they are. This is not the book you are expecting. In an alternate 1880s' London, angels inhabit every public building, and vampires and werewolves walk the streets with human beings in a well-regulated truce. A fantastic utopia, except for a few things: Angels can Fall, and that Fall is like a nuclear bomb in both the physical and metaphysical worlds. And human beings remain human, with all their kindness and greed and passions and murderous intent. Jack the Ripper stalks the streets of this London, too. But this London has an Angel. The Angel of the Crows. While this is not the sequel to Addison's *The Goblin Emperor* (TP, \$26.99) we were all hoping for; we might be thankful for what we've received. :)

**Gaslamp fantasy HC \$57.95**

### RISE AND SHINE

ALLINGTON, Patrick

Each morning, the last humans start their day with graphic footage from the front. This is what sustains them – literally. In a world where eight billion souls have perished, the survivors huddle together apart, perpetually at war, in the city-states of Rise and Shine. Yet, this war, far from representing their doom, is their means of survival. For their leaders have found the key to life when crops, livestock, and the very future have been blighted – a key that turns on each citizen being moved by human suffering. Yet, is this small hope, this compassion, enough to sustain them against the despair born of all the friends they've lost, all the experiences they'll never know? Or must they succumb to, or even embrace, darker desires? *Rise and Shine* is a tale that speaks to our troubled times, a Kafkaesque fable of hope from the imagination of Miles Franklin nominee Patrick Allington.

**Science fiction TP \$27.99**

### HARBINGER 02: RAGE AND RUIN

ARMENTROUT, Jennifer L

Half-angel Trinity and her bonded gargoyle protector, Zayne, have been working with demons to stop the apocalypse while avoiding falling in love. The Harbinger is coming... but who or what is it? All of humankind may fall if Trinity and Zayne can't win the race against time as dark forces gather. As tensions rise, they must stay close together and patrol the DC streets at night, seeking signs of the Harbinger, an entity that is killing Wardens and demons with no seeming rhyme or reason. Forbidden to be with each other, Zayne and Trinity fight their feelings and turn to unusual sources for help – the demon Roth and his cohorts. But as deaths pile up and they uncover a sinister plot involving the local high school and endangering someone dear to Zayne, Trin realises she is being led... herded... played for some unknown end. As anger builds and feelings spiral out of control, it becomes clear that rage may be the ruin of them all. The sequel to *Storm and Fury* (PBK, \$19.99).

**YA fantasy PBK \$19.99**

### THREE-BODY PROBLEM:

#### THE REDEMPTION OF TIME

BAOSHU

Death is no release for Yun Tianming – merely, the first step on a journey that will place him on the front line of a war that has raged since the beginning of time. At the end of the fourth year of the Crisis Era, Yun Tianming died. He was flash frozen, put aboard a spacecraft and launched on a trajectory to intercept the Trisolaran First Fleet. It was a desperate plan, a Trojan gambit almost certain to fail. But there was an infinitesimal chance that the aliens would find rebooting a human irresistible, and that someday, somehow, Tianming might relay valuable information back to Earth. And, so, he did. But not before he betrayed humanity. Now, after millennia in exile, Tianming has a final chance at redemption. A being calling itself The Spirit has recruited him to help wage war against a foe that threatens the existence of the entire universe. A challenge he will accept, but this time Tianming refuses to be a mere pawn... He has his own plans. Published with the blessing of Cixin Liu, *The Redemption of Time* extends the astonishing universe conjured by the Three-Body Trilogy. You'll discover why the universe is a 'dark forest'; and, for the first time, you'll come face to face with a Trisolaran...

**Science fiction PBK \$19.99**

### WORLD ENGINES 01: DESTROYER

BAXTER, Stephen

In the mid-21st century, the *Kernel*, a strange object on a five-hundred-year orbit, is detected coming from high above the plane of the solar system. Could it be an alien artefact? In the middle of climate-change crises, there is no mood for space-exploration stunts – but Reid Malenfant, elderly, once a shuttle pilot, and frustrated would-be asteroid miner, decides to go take a look anyway. Nothing more is heard of him. But his ex-wife, Emma Stoney, sets up a

trust fund to search for him, the next time the Kernel returns...

By 2570, Earth is transformed. A mere billion people are supported by advanced technology on a world that is almost indistinguishable from the natural, with recovered forests, oceans, ice caps. It is not an age for expansion; there are only small science bases beyond the Earth. But this is a world you would want to live in: a *Star Trek* without the stars. After 500 years, the *Kernel* returns, and a descendant of Stoney, who Malenfant will call Emma II, mounts a mission to see what became of Malenfant. She finds him still alive, cryo-preserved... His culture-shock encounter with a conservative future is entertaining... But the Kernel itself turns out to be attached to a kind of wormhole, through which Malenfant and Emma II, exploring further, plummet back in time, across five billion years... The first in a new series.

**Science fiction PBK \$22.99**

### DEVOLUTION: A FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT OF THE RAINIER SASQUATCH MASSACRE

BROOKS, Max

As the ash and chaos from Mount Rainier's eruption swirled and finally settled, the story of the Greenloop massacre has passed unnoticed, unexamined... until now. But the journals of resident Kate Holland, recovered from the town's bloody wreckage, capture a tale too harrowing – and too earth shattering, in its implications – to be forgotten. Kate's is a tale of unexpected strength and resilience, of humanity's defiance in the face of a terrible predator's gaze, and inevitably, of savagery and death. Yet, it is also far more than that. Because if what Kate Holland saw, in those days, is real, then we must accept the impossible. We must accept that the creature, known as Bigfoot, walks among us – and that it is a beast of terrible strength and ferocity.

**Horror TP \$32.99**

### MILLENNIUM'S RULE 04: MAKER'S CURSE

CANAVAN, Trudi

Rielle is now the Maker, restorer of worlds. She has lost count of the number of worlds she has been sent to save. Tyen has cast off his old identity. No longer a spy, he now attempts to teach new sorcerers and find ways to counteract the war machines that are spreading throughout the worlds. But when an old enemy brings news of something worse than magically dead worlds and dangerous sorcerers – a threat unlike anything the worlds have faced before – Rielle and Tyen must reunite, if they are to have any chance of saving humanity. The Millennium's Rule series begins with *Thief's Magic* (PBK, \$19.99).

**Fantasy TP \$32.99**

### ONCE AND FUTURE

CAPETTA, Amy Rose & MCCARTHY, Cori

Ari Helix has been an illegal immigrant in the galaxies for as long as she can remember. But when her spaceship crashes on Old Earth and she pulls a magic sword from an ancient willow, her destiny becomes set in stone. As the forty-second reincarnation of King Arthur, she must save humanity from tearing itself apart, with only the help of an adolescent wizard named Merlin. This female king must battle for her right to be herself, take down totalitarian governments and unite the world. How hard could that be? The first in a duology, which concludes with *Sword in the Stars* (PBK, \$16.99).

**YA science fiction PBK \$16.99**

### ONCE & FUTURE 02: SWORD IN THE STARS

CAPETTA, Amy Rose & MCCARTHY, Cori

Once and future collide – when Ari, Merlin and the Knights of the Rainbow attempt to steal a magical chalice from Earth's medieval past in order to save humanity's future, irreparably entangling our space-age heroes with the original King Arthur. Ari plays a risky game of lies and chivalry and Merlin confronts his nemesis, his older self; while, all the time, they must preserve the time continuum to eventually return to their own future. When the Lady of the Lake interferes, Merlin and Ari realise how much their future has been manipulated by her exquisite machinations of the past. Nin offers a way to release King Arthur's spirit from Ari's body – to end the cruel cycle that keeps them all prisoner – and allow them home. But at what cost? A galaxy-altering conclusion to the duology which began with *Once and Future* (PBK, \$16.99).

**YA science fiction PBK \$16.99**

### GATE OF SECRETS 01: THE OBSIDIAN TOWER

CARUSO, Melissa

As the granddaughter of a Witch Lord of Vaskandar, Ryx was destined for power and prestige. But a childhood illness left her with broken magic that drains the life from anything she touches, and Vaskandar has no place for a mage with unusable powers. So, Ryx has resigned herself to an isolated life as the warden of her grandmother's castle. At the castle's heart lies a black tower. Sealed by magic, it guards a dangerous secret that has been contained

for thousands of years. But when Ryx discovers a visiting envoy attempting to break into the tower, a magical accident leaves her with blood on her hands. Unwittingly, Ryx has unleashed a threat that could engulf the whole continent. She and an unlikely collection of newfound allies must contain it, and the political conflicts that follow, or else everything she loves will fall to darkness. The first in a new trilogy, by the author of Ron's faves: the Swords & Fire trilogy, beginning with *The Tethered Mage* (PBK, \$22.99).

**Fantasy PBK \$22.99**

### DAEVABAD TRILOGY 03: THE EMPIRE OF GOLD

CHAKRABORTY, S A

Daevabad has fallen. After a brutal conquest stripped the city of its magic, Nahid leader Banu Manizheh and her resurrected commander, Dara, must try to repair their fraying alliance and stabilise a fractious, warring people. But the death of his people and loss of his beloved Nahri have unleashed the worst demons of Dara's dark past. To vanquish them, he must face some ugly truths about his history and put himself at the mercy of those he once considered enemies. Having narrowly escaped their murderous families and Daevabad's deadly politics, Nahri and Ali, now safe in Cairo, face difficult choices of their own. Though, Nahri is finding peace in the rhythms of her old home, she is haunted by the knowledge that the loved ones she left behind and the people who considered her a saviour, are at the mercy of a new tyrant. Ali, too, cannot help but look back, and is determined to return to rescue his city and the family that remains. As peace grows more elusive and old players return, Nahri, Ali, and Dara come to understand that in order to remake the world, they may need to fight those they once loved... and take a stand, for those they once hurt. The final chapter in the Daevabad trilogy, which starts with *The City of Brass* (PBK, \$19.99).

**Fantasy TP \$29.99**

### HOUSE OF DRAGONS 01: HOUSE OF DRAGONS

CLUCESS, Jessica

Five royal houses will hear the call to compete in the Trial for the dragon throne. A liar, a soldier, a servant, a thief, and a murderer will answer it. Who will win? When the Emperor dies, the five royal houses of Etrusia attend the Call, where one of their own will be selected, to compete for the throne. It is always the oldest child, the one who has been preparing, for years, to compete in the Trial. But this year is different. This year, these five outcasts will answer the call... The Liar: Emilia must hide her dark magic or be put to death. The Soldier: Lucian is a warrior, who has sworn to never lift a sword again. The Servant: Vespri is a dragon trainer, whose skills alone will keep her in the game. The Thief: Ajax knows that nothing is free – he must take what he wants. The Murderer: Hyperia was born to rule and will stop at nothing, to take her throne. The first in a new series.

**YA fantasy TP \$19.99**

### THE QUEEN'S ASSASSIN

DE LA CRUZ, Melissa

Caledon Holt is the kingdom's deadliest weapon. No one alive can best him in speed, strength, or brains; which is why he's the Hearthstone Guild's most dangerous member. Cal is also the Queen's Assassin, bound to her by magic and unable to leave her service, until the task she's set for him is fulfilled. Shadow of the Honey Glade has been training all her life to join the Guild, hoping that one day she'll become an assassin as feared and revered as Cal. But Shadow's mother and aunts expect her to serve the crown – as a lady of the Renovian Court. When a surprise attack brings Shadow and Cal together, they're forced to team up as assassin and apprentice. Even though Shadow's life belongs to the court and Cal's belongs to the queen, they cannot deny their attraction to each other. But, now, with war on the horizon and true love at risk, Shadow and Cal will uncover a shocking web of lies that will change their paths forever. The first in a series.

**YA fantasy PBK \$17.99**

### THE VESSELS

ELIAS, Anna

What if you could help those, who've passed on, get a second chance – but at the risk of your own life? Four broken strangers volunteer to become the first humans in North America to join the international VESSELS program. Their bodies will host the Spirits who seek to right past wrongs and earn a chance at Elysium. Disguised inside a homeless shelter in Reno; the program is facilitated by a retired Army officer, a former ER doctor, and a tech-savvy teen who tracks the Spirits merged with their Vessels through an ancient ritual on the Anaho Indian Reservation. The Vessels only have seven days to succeed – and to survive. But when the vengeful spirit of a serial killer enters one of them... they learn not all Spirits are here for redemption.

**Science fiction TP \$39.95**

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PBK = 'A' & 'B' format (standard size) paperback

TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperback

HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

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### HELLA

GERROLD, David

Hella is a planet, where everything is oversized – especially the ambitions of the colonists. The trees are mile-high, the dinosaur herds are huge, and the weather is extreme – so extreme, the colonists have to migrate twice a year; to escape the blistering heat of summer, and the atmosphere-freezing cold of winter. Kyle is a neuro-atypical young man, emotionally challenged, but with an implant that gives him real-time access to the colony’s computer network, making him a very misunderstood savant. When an overburdened starship arrives, he becomes the link between the established colonists, and the refugees from a ravaged Earth. The Hella colony is barely self-sufficient. Can it stand the strain of a thousand new arrivals, bringing with them the same kinds of problems, they thought they were fleeing? Despite the dangers to himself and his family, Kyle is in the middle of everything – in possession of the most dangerous secret of all. Will he be caught in a growing political conspiracy? Will his reawakened emotions overwhelm his rationality? Or will he be able to use his unique ability to prevent disaster?

**Science fiction** **HC** **\$55.00**

### COURT OF MIRACLES TRILOGY 01:

#### THE COURT OF MIRACLES

GRANT, Kester

A young thief finds herself going head to head with leaders of Paris’ criminal underground, in the wake of a failed French Revolution. *Liberty*... 1828 and the citizens of Paris still mourn in the wake of their failed revolution. Among them, in the dark alleys and crumbling cathedrals of the city, the most wretched have gathered into guilds of thieves, assassins – and worse. Together, they are known as the Court of Miracles. *Family*... Eponine has lost more than most. When her father, Thénardier, sells her sister to the Guild of Flesh; she makes a promise to do anything she can to get her sister back, even if that means joining the Court of Miracles, the very people keeping her sister a slave. *Treachery*... Eponine becomes, perhaps, the greatest thief the Court has ever known, finding a place among them and gaining another sister, Cosette. But she has never forgotten the promise she made, and if she’s to have any hope of saving one sister, she will have to betray the other. This beautiful reimagining of *Les Misérables* tells the stories of your favourite characters... and what might have happened, if the French Revolution had not come to pass. The first in a series.

**Fantasy** **TP** **\$29.99**

### THE GIANT AND THE SEA

JAMIESON, Trent & CAI, Rovina

A giant stands on the shore, watching the sea. She never moves, never speaks, until the day she turns to a little girl and says, ‘The sea is rising.’ The brave girl takes the message to the town. But when the people refuse to listen, the giant must find another way to save them. Perfect for the children of the Climate Strike, this is a lyrical and deeply moving story about climate change, standing up for what you believe in, and the power of hope. With lyrical text by Trent Jamieson, and illustrations by CBCA Award-winner Rovina Cai that will resonate long after reading.

**Children’s fantasy** **HC** **\$26.99**

### THE DARK TIDE

JASINSKA, Alicia

Every year on St Walpurga’s Eve, Caldella’s Witch Queen lures a boy back to her palace. An innocent life must be sacrificed on the full moon to keep the island city from sinking. Convinced her handsome brother is going to be taken, this year, Lina Kirk enlists the help of the mysterious Thomas Lin, her secret crush, and the only boy to ever escape from the palace after winning the love of a queen. Working together, they protect her brother but draw the queen’s attention. Queen Eva cast away her heart when her sister died to save the boy she loved. Now, as queen, she won’t make the same mistake. With the tide rising higher than ever before, and the islanders whispering that Eva’s magic is failing, she’s willing to sacrifice anyone if it means saving herself and her city. When Thomas is chosen as sacrifice, Lina takes his place and the two girls are forced to spend time together, as they wait for the full moon. But Lina is not at all what Eva expected, and the queen is nothing like Lina envisioned. Against their will, the two girls find themselves falling for each other. As water floods Caldella’s streets and the dark tide demands its sacrifice, they must choose who to save: themselves, each other, or the island city relying on them both.

**YA fantasy** **PBK** **\$19.99**

### DARK SHORES

JENSEN, Danielle L

Teriana is the daughter of a trading ship captain. Her people have the sea in their bones, their ships are guarded by demigods of the Sea Goddess, and they are the only ones who know how to traverse the never-ending ocean between the East and the West. Marcus is the leader of the Thirty-Seventh legion, the notorious army that has led the Celendor Empire to conquer the entire East. The legion is the only family he has, and even they don’t know the secret he’s been hiding since childhood. When a tyrannical ruler gains power in Celendor, he kidnaps Teriana’s mother and threatens to reveal Marcus’ deepest secret, unless the two of them help him conquer the unknown West... The sequel, *Dark Skies*, is also available this month in hardcover (\$32.99).

**YA fantasy** **PBK** **\$16.99**

### NINE REALMS 04: THE CERULEAN QUEEN

KOZLOFF, Sarah

Cerulia has done the impossible and regained the throne. She’s also inherited a council of traitors, a realm in chaos, and a war

with Oromondo. Now, a master of her Gift, to return order to her kingdom she will use all she has learned – humility, leadership, compassion, selflessness, and the necessity of ruthlessness.

**Fantasy** **TP** **\$29.99**

### NEVERNIGHT CHRONICLES 03: DARKDAWN

KRISTOFF, Jay

Pale Daughter. Kingmaker. Crow. A killer of kings. Gladiatii. Escaped slave. Infamous assassin. Mia Corvere is on the run. After winning the greatest games Godsgrove has ever seen and giving the gift of murder as her victor’s speech, Mia is being hunted by every Blade of the Red Church and every soldier of the Luminatii legion. Her mentor Mercurio has been captured and Consul Julius Scaeva stands on the edge of total dominance over the Republic. Truedark approaches and if Mia is to have any hope of defeating Scaeva and saving her family, she must make a perilous journey across the Republic seeking the final answers to the riddle of her life. Night is falling on the Republic for, perhaps, the final time. The thrilling and heartbreaking conclusion to the *Nevernight* Chronicles. The trilogy begins with *Nevernight* (PBK, \$19.99).

**Fantasy** **PBK** **\$19.99**

### FAMILY SPIES 03: SPY, SPY AGAIN

LACKEY, Mercedes

Thirteen-year-old Prince Kyril and Mags and Amily’s fourteen-year-old son Tory ‘share’ the Gift of Farsight – although, neither of them are Chosen. They are self-trained; though currently, their shared Gift only allows them to see what is happening with their immediate family members. After much debate, the Herald’s Collegium has decided to test and train them anyway. That’s when the surprises start. They do not share a single Gift; they have two complementary Gifts working together, in a way that the Heralds have never seen before. Tory is the Farseer – Kee’s Gift is to extend his range beyond a few dozen feet. Their Gifts become crucial when Mags gets a desperate message from his cousin Bey, the head of the enigmatic assassin-tribe, the Sleepgivers. Bey’s eldest daughter has been kidnapped, but he doesn’t know why, or by whom. He’s calling in the debt Mags owes him to find his daughter – before it’s too late. Tory is certain that if anyone can find her, he can. But that will mean travelling out of Valdemar into an unknown, dangerous country.

And it will mean taking a Royal Prince with him.

**Valdemar** **HC** **\$55.00**

### THE SUPERNOVA ERA

LIU, Cixin

Eight years ago, and eight light years away, a supermassive star died. Tonight, a supernova tsunami of high energy will finally reach Earth. Dark skies will shine bright as a new star blooms in the heavens and within a year everyone over the age of thirteen will be dead, their chromosomes irreversibly damaged. And, so, the countdown begins. Parents apprentice their children and try to pass on the knowledge they’ll need, to keep the world running. But the last generation may not want to carry the legacy of their parents’ world. And though they imagine a better, brighter future, they may not be able to escape humanity’s dark instincts... ‘Wildly imaginative, really interesting... The scope of it was immense’ – *Barack Obama*.

**Science fiction** **PBK** **\$19.99**

### UTOPIA AVENUE

MITCHELL, David

Utopia Avenue is the strangest British band you’ve never heard of. Emerging from London’s psychedelic scene in 1967, and fronted by folk singer Elf Holloway, blues bassist Dean Moss and guitar virtuoso Jasper de Zoet, Utopia Avenue embarked on a meteoric journey from the seedy clubs of Soho, a TV debut on *Top of the Pops*, the cusp of chart success, glory in Amsterdam, prison in Rome, and a fateful American sojourn in the Chelsea Hotel, Laurel Canyon, and San Francisco during the autumn of ’68. David Mitchell’s kaleidoscopic novel tells the unpurgated story of Utopia Avenue’s turbulent life and times; of fame’s Faustian pact and stardom’s wobbly ladder; of the families we choose and the ones we don’t; of voices in the head, and the truths and lies they whisper; of music, madness, and idealism. Can we really change the world, or does the world change us?

**Magical realism** **TP** **\$32.99**

### BLACK STAR RENEGADES 02: WE ARE MAYHEM

MORECI, Michael

Though the ragtag group of misfits, known as the Black Star Renegades, won a decisive battle by destroying Ga Halle’s *War Hammer*, the war is far from over. In response to losing the crown jewel of its fleet, the evil Praxis empire has vengefully reinforced its tyranny across the galaxy – but its rule won’t be had, so easily. Led by hotshot pilot Kira Sen, a growing rebel force stands in the way of Praxis’ might. Not only do they possess the will to fight for galactic freedom, they also possess the ultimate ace in the hole: The mythical Rokura, the most powerful weapon ever known. Too bad. Cade Sura hasn’t figured out how to use it. As Kira wages an increasingly bloody war against Praxis, Cade is left with only once choice: With Ga Halle scouring every star system for the coveted weapon, Cade embarks on a dangerous mission into uncharted space to discover the Rokura’s origins. Only then, can he learn how it can be wielded. Because if he doesn’t, all hope for the galaxy might be lost. The sequel to *Black Star Renegades* (TP, \$29.99).

**Space opera** **TP** **\$29.99**

### SHADOWPLAY

O’CONNOR, Joseph

1878: The Lyceum Theatre, London. Three extraordinary people begin their life together, a life that will be full of drama,

transformation, passionate and painful devotion to art and to one another. Henry Irving, the Chief, is the volcanic leading man and impresario; Ellen Terry is the most lauded and desired actress of her generation, outspoken and generous of heart; and ever following along behind them in the shadows is the unremarkable theatre manager, Bram Stoker. Fresh from life in Dublin as a clerk, Bram may seem the least colourful of the trio, but he is wrestling with dark demons in a new city, in a new marriage, and with his own literary aspirations. As he walks the London streets, at night, streets haunted by the Ripper and the gossip which swirls around his friend Oscar Wilde, he finds new inspiration. But the Chief is determined that nothing will get in the way of his manager’s devotion to the Lyceum and to himself. And both men are enchanted by the beauty and boldness of the elusive Ellen.

**Supernatural** **TP** **\$32.99**

### JANISSARIES 04: MAMELUKES

POURNELLE, Jerry

Rick Galloway’s still not sure what inspired him to volunteer to fight Cubans in Angola, and he certainly never expected to end his African cartel under the auspices – more or less – of a galactic civilisation administered and run by a slave class of humans for their alien masters, either. But he did. And since then, he’s survived mutinies, civil wars, battles against Byzantine ‘Romans’, medieval knights, and Mongol raiders on a world where catastrophic ‘climate change’ races unchecked through a 600-year cycle. Along the way he’s found love, lost it, found it again, and become a great noble... all the while, knowing his alien ‘employers’ will probably nuke his people back into the Stone Age when they’re done. He’s managed his impossible balancing act for 13 years. He’s lost people he cared about, been forced to do things he’s hated, and tried – along the way – to make life better for the people trapped on Tran with him, and he’s tired. So tired. But, now, everything has changed... again. New Starmen have arrived on Tran, with dangerous gifts and star weapons of their own. Everything Rick Galloway thought he knew about his mission on Tran is about to be turned on its head. And everyone expects *him* to fix it. The final novel by legendary author Jerry Pournelle, with contributions from David Weber and the author’s son Phillip Pournelle. The first three instalments of the series may be read in the omnibus edition, *Lord of Janissaries* (TP, \$33.95).

**Military SF** **HC** **\$55.00**

### A CONSPIRACY OF TRUTHS 02: A CHOIR OF LIES

ROWLAND, Alexandra

Three years ago, Yfling watched his master-Chant tear a nation apart with nothing but the words on his tongue. Now, Ylfling is all alone in a new realm, broken hearted and grieving – but a Chant in his own right, employed as a translator to a wealthy merchant of luxury goods, Sterre de Waeyer. But Ylfling has been struggling to come to terms with what his master did, with the audiences he’s been alienated from, and with the stories he can no longer trust himself to tell. That is, until Ylfling’s employer finds out what he is, what he does, and what he knows. At Sterre’s command, Ylfling begins telling stories once more, fanning the city into a mania for a few shipments of an exotic flower. The prices sky rocket, but when disaster looms, Ylfling must face what he has done and decide who he wants to be: a man who walks away and lets the city shatter, as his master did? Or will he embrace the power of stories to save ten thousand lives? The follow-up to *A Conspiracy of Truths* (TP, \$39.95).

**Fantasy** **TP** **\$37.95**

### DRIZZT GENERATIONS 02: BOUNDLESS

SALVATORE, R A

Split between time and two worlds, Zaknafein had always been conflicted. That inner turmoil was magnified by his inferior position as a male dark elf in the matriarchal drow society. Only his status as one of the greatest warriors – as well as his friendship with the mercenary Jarlaxle – kept him sane. When he finally perished, he was content knowing he left behind a legacy as substantial, as his son Drizzt. Except... someone isn’t ready for Zaknafein to be dead. And, now, he’s back, hundreds of years later, in a world he doesn’t recognise. His son’s companions are not the prideful – and bigoted – males the drow warrior was accustomed to in his previous life. Drizzt’s circle includes dwarves, elves, and, perhaps worst of all, a human wife. Struggling to navigate this transformed new world, Zaknafein realises that some things have not changed: the threat of demons and the machinations of a drow matron no longer content with her family’s position in the ranks of Houses. Though, he has been displaced in time, Zaknafein is still a warrior. And no matter what prejudices he must overcome, he knows he will do his duty and fight by Drizzt’s side – to stem the tide of darkness that threatens the Realms.

**Fantasy** **PBK** **\$17.99**

### PSY-CHANGELING TRINITY 04: ALPHA NIGHT

SINGH, Nalini

Alpha wolf Selenka Durev’s devotion to her pack is equalled only by her anger at anyone, who would harm those under her care. That currently includes the empaths who’ve flowed into her city for a symposium that is a security nightmare; a powder keg just waiting for a match. Ethan Night is an Arrow who isn’t an Arrow. Numb and disengaged from the world, he’s loyal only to himself. Assigned as part of the security force at a world-first symposium, he carries a dark agenda tied to the power-hungry and murderous Consortium. Then violence erupts and Ethan finds himself crashing

into the heart and soul of an alpha wolf. Mating at first sight is a myth, a fairy tale. Yet, Selenka’s wolf is resolute: Ethan Night, broken Arrow and a man capable of obsessive devotion, is the mate it has chosen. Even if the bond is full of static and not quite as it should be. Because Selenka’s new mate has a terrible secret, his mind surging with a power that is a creature of madness and death... **Paranormal romance** **TP** **\$29.99**

### ALTERNATE WORLD WAR 03:

#### SHADOWS OF ANNIHILATION

STIRLING, S M

The Great War is at a stalemate, and the only thing stopping Germany from striking America is the threat of the United States using their own Annihilation Gas against them. But America’s supply is quickly decaying, and the Central Powers know it. A plant is under construction in the remote highlands of Mexico, so that America can make their own supply. President Teddy Roosevelt assigns crack agent Luz O’Malley and her technical genius Ciara Whelan to watch over the plant – operating under cover identities. But German agent Horst von Duckler has escaped from the POW camp in El Paso, and he’s heading in the same direction – bent on revenge against Luz, and sabotage that will deprive America of its deterrent, and kill tens of thousands. Stirling’s *Alternate World War* began with *Black Chamber* (TP, \$35.95).

**Alternate history** **TP** **\$39.95**

### THE COMMON 01: STORMBLOOD

SZAL, Jeremy

Vakov Fukasawa used to be a Reaper: a bio-enhanced soldier fighting for the Harmony, against a brutal invading empire. He’s still fighting now, on a different battlefield: taking on stormtech. To make him a perfect soldier, Harmony injected him with the DNA of an extinct alien race, altering his body chemistry and leaving him permanently addicted to adrenaline and aggression. But although they meant to create soldiers, at the same time Harmony created a new drug market that has millions hopelessly addicted to their own body chemistry. Vakov may have walked away from Harmony, but they still know where to find him, and his former Reaper colleagues are being murdered by someone, or something – and Vakov is appalled to learn his estranged brother is involved. Suddenly, it’s an investigation he can’t turn down... but the closer he comes to the truth, the more addicted to stormtech, he becomes. And it’s possible the war isn’t over, after all... A debut from a new Australian voice in sf!

**Science fiction** **TP** **\$32.99**

### BLACK DAGGER BROTHERHOOD:

#### WHERE WINTER FINDS YOU

WARD, J R

When Trez lost his beloved to a tragic death, his soul was crushed, and his destiny seemed relegated to suffering. But when he meets a mysterious female, he becomes convinced his true love has been reincarnated. Is he right? Or has his grief created a disastrous delusion? Therese has come to Caldwell to escape a rift with her bloodline. The revelation that she was adopted and not born into her family shakes the foundations of her identity, and she is determined to make it on her own. Her attraction to Trez is not what she’s looking for, except the sexy Shadow proves to be undeniable. Has fate provided a grieving widower with a second chance... or is Trez too blinded by the past to see the present for what it really is? In this sensual, arresting book full of the themes of redemption and self-discovery, two lost souls find themselves at a crossroads where the heart is the only compass that can be trusted... but that may require a courage that neither of them possesses.

**Paranormal romance** **PBK** **\$19.99**

### REPO VIRTUAL

WHITE, Corey J

The city of Neo Songdo is a Russian nesting doll of realities – augmented and virtual spaces anchored in the weight of the real. The smart city is designed to be read by machine vision while people see only the augmented facade of the corporate ideal. At night, the stars are obscured by an intergalactic virtual war being waged by millions of players, while on the streets below people are forced to beg, steal, and hustle to survive. Enter Julius Dax, online repo man and real-life thief. He’s been hired for a special job: stealing an unknown object from a reclusive tech billionaire. But when he finds out he’s stolen the first sentient AI, his payday gets a lot more complicated. It’s no secret that we love Corey’s *Voidwitch Saga*; and we’re very excited about his debut full-length novel. Recommended!

**Science fiction** **HC** **\$42.99**

### JACK (NOVELLA)

WILLIS, Connie

During the height of the Blitz in London, the air raid rescue squad operating out of Mrs Lucy’s house is close knit and ever watchful. When a new volunteer named Jack shows up, his odd behaviour – not eating, disappearing during the day for a mysterious job – isn’t concerning, at first. The sleepless stress of the job is hard on everyone. Soon, Jack is in high demand, due to an almost uncanny talent for finding buried people still alive under the rubble... But how does he do it? As the narrator, another member of the squad also named Jack, begins to investigate, the truth turns out to have a dark, tragic twist. A reissue of Connie Willis’ surprising and deftly rendered classic 1991 novella *Jack*, a finalist for the Nebula and the Hugo awards, is a must-have for readers of her beloved works set in World War II, including ‘Fire Watch’, *Blackout*, and *All Clear*. A pricey, limited edition from Subterranean Press – which may be out of print, on release.

**Science fiction** **HC** **\$79.95**