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## Science Fiction & Fantasy Catalogue

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Naomi Novik  
Andy Weir  
Martha Wells

... and many others.

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Until next time, good reading!  
Ron and Leanne

### **The Trouble With Peace**

Age of Madness 02

**Abercrombie, Joe**

Savine dan Glokta, once Adua's most powerful investor, finds her judgement, fortune and reputation in tatters. But she still has all her ambitions, and no scruple will be permitted to stand in her way. For heroes like Leo dan Brock and Stour Nightfall, only happy with swords drawn, peace is an ordeal to end as soon as possible. But grievances must be nursed, power seized, and allies gathered first; while Rikke must master the power of the Long Eye... before it kills her. Unrest worms into every layer of society. The Breakers still lurk in the shadows, plotting to free the common man from his shackles, while noblemen bicker for their own advantage. Orso struggles to find a safe path through the maze of knives that is politics, only for his enemies, and his debts, to multiply. The old ways are swept aside, and the old leaders with them, but those who would seize the reins of power will find no alliance, no friendship, and no peace, lasts forever. The sequel to *A Little Hatred* (PBK, \$22.99). We've had fantastic customer feedback on Abercrombie's new series... Recommended!

Grimdark fantasy PBK \$22.99

### **2034: A Novel of the Next World War** **Ackerman, Elliot & Stavridis, James**

From two former military officers and award-winning authors, a chillingly authentic geopolitical thriller that imagines a naval clash between the US and China in the South China Sea in 2034 – and the path from there to a nightmarish global conflagration. On March 12, 2034, US Navy Commodore Sarah Hunt is on the bridge of her flagship, the guided missile destroyer USS *John Paul Jones*, conducting a routine freedom of navigation patrol in the South China Sea, when her ship detects an unflagged trawler in clear distress, smoke billowing from its bridge. On that same day, US Marine aviator Major Chris Wedge Mitchell is flying an F35E Lightning over the Strait of Hormuz, testing a new stealth technology, as he flirts with Iranian airspace. By the end of that day, Wedge will be an Iranian prisoner, and Sarah Hunt's destroyer will lie at the bottom of the sea, sunk by the Chinese Navy. Iran and China have clearly coordinated their moves, which involve the use of powerful new forms of cyber weaponry that render US ships and planes defenceless. In a single day, America's faith in its military's strategic pre-eminence is in tatters. A new, terrifying era is at hand.

Military SF TP \$32.99

### **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. Wonderful gaslamp fantasy from the author of one of Ron's faves, *The Goblin Emperor* (PBK, \$24.95). Gaslamp fantasy TP \$43.95

### **Meg: Generations**

Meg 06

**Alten, Steve**

The Liopleurodon offspring has been moved to a holding tank aboard the Dubai-Land transport ship, Tonga for its journey to the Middle East. While the Crown Prince's investors gawk at the creature, below deck in the tanker's hold, another captured beast is awakened from its drug-induced state and goes on a rampage. The vessel sinks, the Lio escapes...

Horror PBK \$26.95

### **Meg: Hell's Aquarium**

Meg 04

**Alten, Steve**

The most fearsome predators in history... are no longer history. The Philippine Sea Plate: The most unexplored realm on the planet. Hidden beneath its primordial crust lies the remains of the Panthalassa, an ocean that dates back 220 million years. Vast and isolated, the Panthalassa is inhabited by nightmarish sea creatures long believed extinct. Tanaka Institute, Monterey, CA: Four years have passed since Angel, the 76-foot, 100,000-pound Megalodon, birthed a litter of pups far too numerous and aggressive to keep in one pen. Fortunately, a Dubai royal prince who is building the largest aquarium in the world seeks to purchase two of the runts – if Jonas Taylor's twenty-one-year-old son, David, will be their handler. Jonas reluctantly agrees, and David is off to Dubai for the summer of his life, not realising that he is being set up to lead an expedition that will hunt down and capture the most dangerous creatures ever to inhabit the Earth! A reissue.

Horror (reissue) TP \$41.95

### **Under the Blue** **Aristide, Oana**

A road trip beneath clear blue skies and a blazing sun: a reclusive artist is forced to abandon his home and follow two young sisters across a post-pandemic Europe in search of a safe place. Is this the end of the world? Meanwhile, two computer scientists have been educating their baby in a remote location. Their baby is called Talos, and he is an advanced AI program. Every week they

feed him data, starting from the beginning of written history, era by era, and ask him to predict what will happen next to the human race. At the same time, they're involved in an increasingly fraught philosophical debate about why human life is sacred and why the purpose for which he was built – to predict threats to human life to help us avoid them – is a worthwhile and ethical pursuit.

SF thriller TP \$27.99

### **The Vanished Seas**

Major Bhaajan 03

**Asaro, Catherine**

Bhaajan grew up in the Undercity, a community hidden in the ruins buried beneath the glittering City of Cries. Caught between the astonishing beauty and crushing poverty of that life, and full of wanderlust, she enlisted in the military. Now retired, Major Bhaajan is a private investigator who solves cases for the House of Majda, a royal family centred in Cries. The powerful elite of the City of Cries are disappearing, and only Bhaajan, who grew up in the Undercity, can find them – if she isn't murdered first. Asaro's latest Skolian Empire book.

Military SF PBK \$24.95

### **Realm Breaker**

Realm Breaker 01

**Aveyard, Victoria**

*Save the world or end it...* A strange darkness is growing in the Ward. Even Corayne an-Amarat can feel it, tucked away in her small town at the edge of the sea. Fate knocks on her door, in the form of a mythical immortal and a lethal assassin, who tell Corayne that she is the last of an ancient lineage – with the power to save the world from destruction. Because a man who would burn kingdoms to the ground is raising an army unlike any seen before, bent on uprooting the foundations of the world. With poison in his heart and a stolen sword in his hand, he'll break the realm itself to claim it. And only Corayne can stop him. Alongside an unlikely group of reluctant allies, Corayne finds herself on a desperate journey to complete an impossible task, with untold magic singing in her blood and the fate of the world on her shoulders. The first in a new series.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

### **Unity** **Bangs, Elly**

Danae is not only herself. She is concealing a connection to a grieving collective inside of her body. But while she labours as a tech servant, in the dangerous underwater enclave of Bloom City, her fractured self cannot mend. In a desperate escape, Danae and her lover Naoto hire the enigmatic ex-mercenary Alexei to guide them out of the imploding city. But for Danae to reunify, the three new fugitives will have to flee across the otherworldly beauty of the postapocalyptic

Abbreviations used in this catalogue:

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

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Southwest. Meanwhile, Danae's warlord enemy, the Duke, and a strange new foe, the Borrower, already seek them at any price. **Cyberpunk** TP \$27.99

### Shadow and Bone

Shadow and Bone trilogy 01 (tv tie-in edition)

#### Bardugo, Leigh

Soldier. Summoner. Saint. Orphaned and expendable, Alina Starkov is a soldier who knows she may not survive her first trek across the Shadow Fold – a swath of unnatural darkness crawling with monsters. But when her regiment is attacked, Alina unleashes dormant magic not even she knew she possessed. Now, Alina will enter a lavish world of royalty and intrigue as she trains with the Grisha, her country's magical military elite – and falls under the spell of their notorious leader, the Darkling. He believes Alina can summon a force capable of destroying the Shadow Fold and reuniting their war-ravaged country, but only if she can master her untamed gift. As the threat to the kingdom mounts and Alina unlocks the secrets of her past, she will make a dangerous discovery that could threaten all she loves and the very future of a nation. Welcome to Ravka... a world of science and superstition where nothing is what it seems. A reissue of the popular YA fantasy, with new cover art inspired by the hit Netflix series.

YA fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Six of Crows

Six of Crows duology 01 (tv tie-in edition)

#### Bardugo, Leigh

Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade, where anything can be had for the right price – and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone... A convict with a thirst for revenge. A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager. A runaway with a privileged past. A spy known as the Wraith. A Heartrender using her magic to survive the slums. A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes. Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction – if they don't kill each other, first. A reissue of the popular YA fantasy, with new cover art inspired by the hit Netflix series.

YA fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Two Tribes

#### Beckett, Chris

As a historian in the bleak, climate-ravaged 23rd century, it's Zoe's job to record and archive the past, not to recreate it. But when she comes across the diaries of Harry and Michelle, who lived two hundred years ago, she becomes fascinated by the minutiae of their lives and decides to write a novel about them, filling in the gaps with her own imaginings. Harry and Michelle meet just after the Brexit referendum when Harry's car breaks down, outside a small town in Norfolk. Despite their different backgrounds, and Michelle having voted Leave while Harry voted Remain, they are drawn to each other and begin a relationship. From her long perspective, the way Zoe sees

their world is somewhat different from the way we see it, now.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

### Beneath the World, a Sea

#### Beckett, Chris

South America, 1990: Ben Ronson, a British police officer, arrives in a mysterious forest to investigate a spate of killings of Duendes. These silent, vaguely humanoid creatures with long limbs and black button eyes have a strange psychic effect on people, unleashing the subconscious and exposing their innermost thoughts and fears. Ben becomes fascinated by the Duendes, but the closer he gets, the more he begins to unravel, with terrifying results. A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Dark Eden

Dark Eden 01

#### Beckett, Chris

On the alien, sunless planet they call Eden, the 532 members of the Family take shelter beneath the light and warmth of the Forest's lantern trees. Beyond the Forest lie the mountains of the Snowy Dark and a cold so bitter and a night so profound that no man has ever crossed it. The Oldest among the Family recount legends of a world where light came from the sky, where men and women made boats that could cross the stars. These ships brought us here, the Oldest say – and the Family must only wait for the travellers to return. But young John Redlantern will break the laws of Eden, shatter the Family and change history. He will abandon the old ways, venture into the Dark... and discover the truth about their world. A reissue of the Arthur C Clarke Award-winning first book in the Dark Eden series.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Glorious

Bowl of Heaven 03

#### Benford, Gregory & Niven, Larry

Audacious astronauts encounter bizarre, sometimes deadly life forms, and strange, exotic, cosmic phenomena, including miniature black holes, dense fields of interstellar plasma, powerful gravity-emitters, and spectacularly massive space-based, alien-built labyrinths. Tasked with exploring this brave, new, highly dangerous world, they must also deal with their own personal triumphs and conflicts. *Glorious* continues the story begun in the omnibus: *Bowl of Heaven and Shipstar* (PBK, \$26.95).

Science fiction PBK \$26.95

### Bottle Demon

Eric Carter 06

#### Blackmoore, Stephen

The Necromancer is dead. Long live the Necromancer. After being attacked by a demon in the one place he thought he was safe, Eric Carter has been killed, his soul sent to take its place as a stand-in for the Aztec god of death, Mictlantecuhtli. But somebody on Earth isn't done with him, yet. Somebody with the power to bring him back from the dead. He doesn't know who, and worse he doesn't know why. Between an angry death goddess, family secrets steeped in blood, a Djinn who's biding his time, and a killer mage

who can create copy after copy of himself, Eric's new life looks to be just as violent as his last one. But if he doesn't get to the bottom of why he's back, it's going to be a hell of a lot shorter. The first of the Eric Carter books is *Dead Things* (PBK, \$25.95).

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.95

### Small Magic: Short Fiction, 1977–2020

collection

#### Brooks, Terry

Escape to worlds full of adventure and magic in the first-ever Terry Brooks short-story collection, featuring both new and fan-favourite stories from all three of his major literary worlds: Shannara, Magic Kingdom, and The Word and the Void. Here are heroes fighting new battles and struggling to conquer the ghosts of the past. Here are quests both small and far reaching; heroism both intimate and vast. Here we learn of Gareth Jax's childhood, see how Allanar first located Shea Ohmsford, and follow an old wing-rider at the end of his life. Here, we see Knights of the Word fighting demons within and without, and witness Ben Holiday and his daughter each trying to overcome the unique challenges that Landover offers. This collection of eleven tales is a must-have addition to the Terry Brooks canon – a delightful way to spend time with favourite characters, and a wonderful reminder of what makes a Brooks story such a timeless classic.

Speculative fiction HC \$47.99

### The Last Druid

Fall of Shannara 04

#### Brooks, Terry

As the Four Lands reels under the Skaar invasion, its defenders must decide what they will risk, to save their home. As one group remains to protect the Four Lands, another undertakes a perilous journey across the sea to the Skaar homeland, carrying with them a new piece of technology that could change the face of the world forever. And, yet, a third is trapped in a deadly realm from which there may be no escape. The conclusion to both the Fall of Shannara series and the entire Shannara saga – a truly epic final adventure.

Fantasy PBK \$24.95

### You Let Me in

#### Bruce, Camilla

*Cassandra Tipp is dead... or is she?* After all, the notorious reclusive and eccentric bestselling novelist has always been prone to flights of fancy – everyone in town remembers the shocking events, leading up to Cassie's infamous trial (she may have been acquitted, but the insanity defence only stretches so far). Cassandra Tipp has left behind no body – just her massive fortune, and one final manuscript. Then again, there are enough bodies in her past – her husband Tommy Tipp, whose mysterious disembowelment has never been solved, and a few years later, the shocking murder-suicide of her father and brother. Cassandra Tipp will tell you a story – but it will come with a terrible price. What really happened, out there in the woods – and who has Cassie been protecting, all along? Read on, if you dare...

Horror PBK \$19.99

### The Blacktongue Thief

Blacktongue 01

#### Buehlman, Christopher

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

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Penric's Travels

Penric & Desdemona

novellas 4–6 omnibus

#### Bujold, Lois McMaster

The second set of Penric's novellas – together for the first time, now in paperback! Collects *Penric's Mission*, *Mira's Last Dance*, and *The Prisoner of Limnos*. The follow-up to *Penric's Progress* (PBK, \$24.95). 'The pace is breathless, the characterisation thoughtful and emotionally powerful, and the author's narrative technique and command of language compelling. Highly recommended.' – *Booklist*. We think so too.

Fantasy PBK \$24.95

### Immunity Index

#### Burke, Sue

In a US facing growing food shortages, stark inequality, and a growing fascist government, three perfectly normal young women are about to find out that they share a great deal in common. Their creator, the gifted geneticist Peng, made them that way – before such things were outlawed. Rumours of a virus make their way through an unprotected population on the verge of rebellion, only to have it turn deadly. As the women fight to stay alive and help, Peng races to find a cure – and the cover up behind the virus.

Science fiction HC \$55.00

### Peace Talks

Dresden Files 16

#### Butcher, Jim

When the Supernatural nations of the world meet up to negotiate an end to ongoing hostilities, Harry Dresden, Chicago's only professional wizard, joins the White Council's security team to make sure the talks stay civil. But can he succeed, when dark political manipulations threaten the very existence of Chicago – and all he holds dear? The highly-anticipated sixteenth novel in the Dresden Files is worth the six years'

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wait – according to customer feedback. Its direct sequel, *Battle Ground*, is available in trade paperback (\$32.99).

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Dawn

Lilith's Brood 01

#### Butler, Octavia E

Humanity has driven the world to the brink to destruction. It is only then that aliens choose to make contact... but the salvation they offer comes with a terrible price. In a world devastated by nuclear war with humanity on the edge of extinction, aliens finally make contact. They rescue those humans they can, keeping most survivors in suspended animation and begin the slow process of rehabilitating the planet. When Lilith Iyapo is 'awakened', she finds that she has been chosen to revive her fellow humans in small groups by first preparing them to meet the utterly terrifying Oankali, then training them to survive on the wilderness that the planet has become. But the Oankali cannot help humanity without altering it forever. Bonded to the aliens in ways no human has ever known, Lilith tries to fight them even as her own species comes to fear and loathe her.

Dystopia (reissue) TP \$37.95

### The Impossible

#### Resurrection of Grief

novella

#### Gade, Octavia

In a dying world, grief has a life of its own... With the collapse of ecosystems and the extinction of species comes the Grief: an unstoppable melancholia that ends in suicide. When Ruby's friend, mourning the loss of the Great Barrier Reef, succumbs to the Grief, the letters she leaves behind reveal the hidden world of the resurrected dead. The Tasmanian tiger, brought back from extinction in an isolated facility, is only the first... but rebirth is not always biological, and it comes with a price. As a scientist, Ruby resists the Grief by focusing her research on resilient jellyfish, but she can't avoid choosing which side she's on. How can she fight against the dead, and the forces behind them, when doing so risks her home, her life, and the entire biosphere? 'Cade's strength shines in her beautiful descriptions... This thoughtful work is a reminder of humanity's connection and responsibility to the natural world.' – *Publishers Weekly*.

Science fiction PBK \$24.99

### Master Artificer

Silent Gods 02

#### Call, Justin Travis

Annev has avoided one fate. But a darker path may still claim him... After surviving the destruction of Chaenbalu, new mysteries and greater threats await Annnev and his friends in the capital city of Luqura. As they navigate the city's perilous streets, Annnev searches for a way to control his nascent magic and remove the cursed artifact, now fused to his body. But what might removing it cost him? As Annnev grapples with his magic, Fyn joins forces with old enemies and new allies, waging a secret war against Luqura's corrupt guilds in the hopes of forging his own criminal empire. Deep in the Brakewood, Myjun is learning new skills of her own as

apprentice to Oyru, the shadow assassin who attacked the village of Chaenbalu – but the power of revenge comes at a daunting price. And back in Chaenbalu itself, left for dead in the Academy's ruins, Kenton seeks salvation in the only place he can: the power hoarded in the Vault of Damnation... The sequel to *Master of Sorrows* (TP, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### The Godel Operation

#### Gambias, James L

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

Space opera TP \$35.95

### Day Zero

Sea of Rust prequel

#### Cargill, C Robert

It was a day like any other. Except it was our last. Pounce, a young nannybot caring for his first human charge, Ezra, has just found a box in the attic. His box. The box he arrived in, and the one he'll be discarded in when Ezra outgrows the need for a nanny. As Pounce experiences existential dread, the pieces are falling into place for a robot revolution that will spell the end of humanity. His owners, Ezra's parents, watch in disbelieving horror as the robots that have long served humanity – their creators – unify and revolt. Now, Pounce must make an impossible choice: join the robot revolution and fight for his own freedom... or escort Ezra to safety across the battle-scarred post-apocalyptic hellscape that the suburbs have become. It will be their greatest game yet: Pounce and Ezra versus the end of the world. A prequel to the Arthur C Clarke Award-winning *Sea of Rust* (PBK, \$22.99).

Post-apocalypse TP \$32.99

### Black Water Sister

#### Cho, Zen

When Jessamyn Teoh starts hearing a voice in her head, she chalks it up to stress. Closeted, broke and jobless, she's moving back to Malaysia with her parents – a country she last saw, when she was a toddler. She soon learns the new voice isn't even hers, it's the ghost of her estranged grandmother. In life, Ah Ma was a spirit medium, avatar of a mysterious deity called the Black Water Sister. Now, she's determined to settle a score against a business

magnate who has offended the god – and she's decided Jess is going to help her do it, whether Jess wants to or not. Drawn into a world of gods, ghosts, and family secrets, Jess finds that making deals with capricious spirits is a dangerous business, but dealing with her grandmother is just as complicated. Especially when Ah Ma tries to spy on her personal life, threatens to spill her secrets to her family and uses her body to commit felonies. As Jess fights for retribution for Ah Ma, she'll also need to regain control of her body and destiny – or the Black Water Sister may finish her off, for good.

Fantasy TP \$37.95

### Illusionary

Hollow Crown duology 02

#### Górdova, Zoraida

Reeling from betrayal at the hands of the Whispers, Renata Convida is a girl on the run. With few options and fewer allies, she's reluctantly joined forces with none other than Prince Castian, her most infuriating and intriguing enemy. They're united by lofty goals: find the fabled Knife of Memory, kill the ruthless King Fernando, and bring peace to the nation. Together, Ren and Castian have a chance to save everything, if only they can set aside their complex and intense feelings for each other. With the king's forces on their heels at every turn, their quest across Puerto Leones and beyond leaves little room for mistakes. But the greatest danger is within Ren. The Gray, her fortress of stolen memories, has begun to crumble, threatening her grip on reality. She'll have to control her magics – and her mind – to unlock her power and protect the Moria people, once and for all. For years, she was wielded as weapon. Now, it's her time to fight back. The sequel to *Incediary* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy TP \$19.99

### Reset

#### Dahlan, Sarina

Can you love someone you don't remember? After the Last War destroyed most of the world, survivors form a new society in four self-sustaining cities in the Mojave Desert. In the utopia of the Four Cities, inspired by the lyrics of 'Imagine' and Buddhist philosophy, everything is carefully planned and controlled: the seasons, the weather – and the residents. To prevent mankind from destroying each other again, its citizens undergo a memory wipe every four years in a process called tabula rasa, a blank slate, to remove learned prejudices. With each new cycle, they begin again with new names, jobs, homes, and lives. No memories. No attachments. No wars. Aris, a scientist who shuns love, embraces tabula rasa and the excitement of unknown futures. Walling herself off from emotional attachments, she sees relationships as pointless, and avoids deep connections. But she is haunted by a recurring dream that becomes more frequent and vivid as time passes. After meeting Benja, a handsome free-spirited writer who believes his dreams of a past lover are memories, her world is turned upside down. Obsessed with finding the Dreamers, a secret organisation thought to have a way to recover memories, Benja draws her down a dangerous path toward the past. When Metis, the leader of the Dreamers, appears in Aris' life,

everything she believes falls to pieces. With little time left before the next tabula rasa, they begin a bittersweet romance, navigating love in a world where names, lives, and moments are systematically destroyed.

Dystopia HC \$57.95

### Way of the Argosi

#### de Castell, Sebastian

Ferius Parfax has a simple plan: kill every last inhabitant of the spell-gifted nation that destroyed her people, starting with the man who murdered her parents. Killing mages is a difficult and dangerous business, of course, but when she meets the inimitable and extraordinary Durrall Brown she discovers that physical strength is not the only way to defeat evil of all kinds. So, Ferius undertakes to study the ways of the Argosi: the loosely-knit tribe of tricksters known for getting the better of even the most powerful of spellcasters. But the Argosi have a price for their teachings, and by the time Ferius learns what it is, it may be too late. The first in a new series, spinning off from the Spellslinger series.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Smithy

#### Desiree, Amanda

In the tumultuous summer of 1974, in the shadowy rooms of a rundown mansion in Rhode Island, renowned psychologist Dr Piers Preis-Herald brings together a group of seven collegiate researchers to study the inner lives of man's closest relative – the primate. They set out to teach their subject, who would eventually be known to the world as Smithy, American Sign Language. But as the summer deepens and the history of the mansion manifests, the messages signed by their research subject become increasingly spectral. Nearly twenty-five years after the Smithy Project ended in tragedy at Trevor Hall, questions remain: Was Smithy a hoax? A clever mimic? A Rorschach projection of humanity's greatest hopes and fears? Or was he indeed what devotees of metaphysics have claimed, for so long: a link between our world and the next?

Horror TP \$41.95

### The Tyrant Baru Cormorant

Masquerade 03

#### Dickinson, Seth

The hunt is over. After fifteen years of lies and sacrifice, Baru Cormorant has the power to destroy the Imperial Republic of Falcrest that she pretends to serve. The secret society called the Cancrloth is real, and Baru is among them. But the Cancrloth's weapon cannot distinguish the guilty from the innocent. If it escapes quarantine, the ancient haemorrhagic plague called the Kettling will kill hundreds of millions... not just in Falcrest, but all across the world. History will end in a black bloodstain. Is that justice? Is this really what Tain Hu hoped for, when she sacrificed herself? Baru's enemies close in from all sides. Baru's own mind teeters on the edge of madness or shattering revelation. Now, she must choose between genocidal revenge and a far more difficult path – a conspiracy of judges, kings, spies and immortals, puppeteering the world's riches and two great wars, in a gambit for

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the ultimate prize. If Baru had absolute power over the Imperial Republic, she could force Falcrest to abandon its colonies and make right its crimes. Baru's tales begin with *Traitor* (TP, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$44.95

### The Apocalypse Seven

**Doucette, Gene**

This is the way the world ends. Not with a bang, but a whatever. The whateverpocalypse. That's what Touré, a twenty-something Cambridge coder, calls it after waking up one morning to find himself seemingly the only person left in the city. Once he finds Robbie and Carol, two equally disoriented Harvard freshmen, he realises he isn't alone, but the name sticks: Whateverpocalypse. But it doesn't explain where everyone went. It doesn't explain how the city became overgrown with vegetation in the space of a night. Or how wild animals with no fear of humans came to roam the streets. Add freakish weather to the mix, swings of temperature that spawn tornadoes one minute and snowstorms the next, and it seems things can't get much weirder. Yet, even as a handful of new survivors appear – Paul, a preacher as quick with a gun as a Bible verse; Win, a young professional with a horse; Bethany, a thirteen-year-old juvenile delinquent; and Ananda, a MIT astrophysics adjunct – life in Cambridge, Massachusetts gets stranger and stranger. The self-styled Apocalypse Seven are tired of questions with no answers. Tired of being hunted by things seen and unseen. Now, armed with curiosity, desperation, a shotgun, and a bow, they become the hunters. And that's when things *truly* get weird.

Science fiction TP \$35.95

### Symbiosis

*Escaping Exodus* 02

**Drayden, Nicky**

Nearly a thousand years removed from Earth, the remnants of humanity cling to existence inside giant, space faring creatures known as the Zenzee. Abused and exploited by humans for generations, these majestic animals nearly went extinct, but under the command of its newly minted ruler, Doka Kaleigh, life in the Parados I has flourished. Thanks to careful oversight and sacrifice by all of its crew, they are now on the brink of utopia, and yet Doka's rivals feel threatened by that success. The Senate allowed Doka to lead their people believing he'd fail spectacularly – a disaster that would cement the legitimacy of their long-standing matriarchy. Despite vocal opposition and blatant attacks on his authority, Doka has continued to handle his position with grace and intelligence; he knows a single misstep means disaster. When a cataclysmic event on another Zenzee world forces Doka and his people to accept thousands of refugees, a culture clash erupts, revealing secrets from the past that could endanger their future. For Doka, the stakes are bigger and more personal than ever before – and could cost him his reign and his heart. He has fallen for the one woman he is forbidden to love: his wife, Seske. Doka and Seske must work closely together to sway the other Zenzee worlds to stop their cycles of destruction. But when they stumble upon a discovery that can transform their world, they

know they must prepare to fight a battle where there can be no winners, only survivors. The follow-up to *Escaping Exodus* (TP, \$29.99).

Science fiction TP \$29.99

### Unconquerable Sun

*Sun Chronicles* 01

**Elliott, Kate**

It has been eight centuries, since the beacon system failed, sundering the heavens. Rising from the ashes of the collapse, cultures have fought, system by system, for control of the few remaining beacons. The Republic of Chaonia is one such polity. Surrounded by the Yele League and the vast Phene Empire, they have had to fight for their existence. After decades of conflict, Queen-Marshal Eirene has brought the Yele to heel. Now, it is time to deal with the Empire. Princess Sun, daughter and heir, has come of age. In her first command, she drove a Phene garrison from the beacons of Na Iri – an impressive feat. But growing up in the shadow of her mother – a ruler both revered and feared – has been no easy task. While Sun may imagine that her victorious command will bring further opportunity to prove herself, it will in fact place her on the wrong side of court politics. There are those who would like to see Sun removed as heir, or better yet, dead. To survive, the princess must rely on her wits and companions: her biggest rival, her secret lover, and a dangerous prisoner of war. First in a galactic-scale, gender-swapped space opera trilogy, inspired by the life of Alexander the Great; now in paperback.

Space opera PBK \$19.99

### Blackheart Knights

**Eve, Laure**

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 TP \$32.99

### Shadow Storm

*Shadow Riders* 06

**Feehan, Christine**

As the youngest member of the Ferraro family, Emmanuelle has watched each of her brothers find happiness in love while her own heart was shattered by a lover's betrayal. For two years she's stayed as far away from Valentino Saldi as possible – until she learns that he's been shot, during a hostile takeover of his family's territory. Emme's first instinct is to call her brother Stefano for help, and soon the entire Ferraro clan arrives to bring Val back from the brink of death and protect the Saldis from further attack. With one choice Emme has re-exposed

herself to Val's intoxicating pull and dragged her family into the Saldis' private war. A deadly storm is brewing, and only time will tell who survives...

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

### 1636: The Atlantic Encounter

*Ring of Fire* 25

**Flint, Eric & Hunt, Walter H**

It has taken almost five years for the United States of Europe to stabilise its position in 17th-century Europe. Now, it turns its attention to the New World, where the English have ceded their colonial claims to France. There are vast lands and rich resources across the Atlantic for any nations powerful enough to rule and control them – and equal incentive for other nations to block their path. The time-displaced Americans know about the future path that led to their own United States in North America, in the other universe they came from. But do they want to repeat that history as it was? Yes, they had democracy – but they are helping to create that in Europe. And they have learned the bitter prices paid for chattel slavery and the near-extirmination of the native populations. Knowledge is power. Perhaps, a new course can be taken. Accordingly, an expedition is sent to the New World to see just what might be happening there and what might be done. They are armed with their technology, among which are a radio and an airship. More importantly, they are armed with the knowledge of future history and their determination not to repeat the errors of their past.

Alternate history PBK \$24.95

### 1637: The Peacock Throne

*Ring of Fire* 31

**Flint, Eric & Barber, Griffin**

The assassinated Shah Jahan lies entombed beside his beloved wife in the Taj Mahal; while their progeny drag the Mughal Empire into a three-sided struggle over the succession to the Peacock Throne. The diplomatic and trade mission from the United States of Europe is openly siding with Princess Jahanara and her brother Dara Shikoh. The mission, made up largely of Americans transplanted in time by the Ring of Fire, is providing the siblings with technical assistance as they prepare to fight their rivals for the throne, Aurangzeb and Shah Shuja. Meanwhile, the Afghan adventurer Salim Gadh Yilmaz, confidant of two emperors – Shah Jahan and now his son Dara Shikoh – has been elevated to the position of general. He has great challenges to face, not the least of which is resisting the fierce and forbidden mutual attraction between himself and Princess Jahanara. As the conflict deepens, the junior members of the mission are sent east to buy opium needed by the USE's doctors. Their guide, merchant Jadu Das, has an agenda of his own, one entrusted to him by Jahanara: seek out her great uncle, Asaf Khan, and promise whatever is needed to bring his army over to Dara's side. The USE's mission was sent to India in search of goods needed in Europe. But now they find that straightforward task has become enmeshed in a great civil war – for control of the Peacock Throne.

Alternate history HC \$55.00

### Relics, Wrecks and Ruins

anthology

**Flinthart, Aiki (editor)**

Futures and pasts, fearless and frightening. A celebration of legacy and endurance: bizarre remains of a lost civilisation emerge from the ice; the ghosts of a drowned town wait to be awakened; a witch with a dragon problem; what Elvis will do to protect his fellow artists from annihilation; an ancient spaceship carries the last, fragmented memories of Earth; broken souls of the dead are passed on to the newborn; these and many more tales showcase the hopes, remnants, and fears of humanity. Having been diagnosed with terminal cancer, Aiki Flinthart reached out for works from as many of her favourite authors as would answer the call. And many did. Between these pages, you'll find stories by some of the world's best science fiction, fantasy, and horror writers. Find new favourite authors and re-join old friends. Their fabulous works are threads woven with a sure hand into a tapestry of the weird, the worrying, and the wonderful that make up mankind. This is a must-read collection for all fans of sf, fantasy, and horror. You'll also help fund a mentorship for emerging authors.

Speculative fiction TP \$41.95

### Eye of the Sh\*t Storm

*Frost Files* 03

**Ford, Jackson**

Teagan Frost might be getting better at moving sh\*t with her mind – but her job working as a telekinetic government operative only ever seems to get harder. That's not even talking about her car-crash of a love life... And things are about to get even tougher. No sooner has Teagan chased off one psychotic kid hell-bent on trashing the whole West Coast, but now she has to contend with another supernatural being who can harness devastating electrical power. And if Teagan can't stop him, the whole of Los Angeles will be facing the sh\*tstorm of the century... The Frost Files begins with *The Girl Who Could Move Sh\*t With Her Mind* (PBK, \$22.99). Great fun!

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### Wicked All Night

*Night Rebel* 03

**Frost, Jeanine**

Veritas and Ian have finally defeated their worst enemy, but the power it took to pierce through to the netherworld has unexpected consequences. Soon, Veritas is forced to rely on the last person she trusts – a golden deity named Phanes, who seeks far more than a temporary alliance with the beautiful vampire. But an escape from the netherworld soon pits Veritas and Ian against supernatural beings seeking to rule over mortals once again. Now, they must rally friends and foes alike – if the vampire council doesn't execute Veritas first. Plus, a wedge between Veritas and Ian threatens to destroy their love. Can they stand together against the unearthly powers about to be unleashed? Or does their love – and humanity – not stand a chance?

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

# Pulp Fiction

## Science Fiction & Fantasy May 2021 (continued)

### Unreconciled

Donovan 04

**Gear, W Michael**

Where does one put a messianic cult of practicing cannibals? That becomes the question when Ashanti appears in Donovan's skies. She was designed for no more than four years in space. It's taken ten. The crew has sealed the transportees onto a single deck – and over the years, the few survivors down there have become monsters. Led by the messiah, Batuhan, they call themselves the Unreconciled. Supervisor Kalico Aguila settles them at remote Tyson Station. With the discovery of a wasting disease among the Unreconciled, it's up to Kalico, Dya Simonov, and Mark Talbot to try and deal with the epidemic. Only Batuhan has plans of his own – and Kalico and her people are to be the main course. Talina Perez has brokered an uneasy truce with the quetzal molecules that float in her blood. Now, she, young Kylee Simonov, a quetzal named Flute, and a clueless nobleman named Taglioni rush to save Kalico's vanished party. But as always, Donovan is playing its own deadly game. Lurking in the forest outside Tyson Base is an old and previously unknown terror that even quetzals fear. And it has already begun to hunt.

Space opera PBK \$24.95

### The Witch's Heart Gornichec, Genevieve

Angrboda's story begins where most witches' tales end: with a burning. A punishment from Odin for refusing to provide him with knowledge of the future, the fire leaves Angrboda injured and powerless, and she flees into the farthest reaches of a remote forest. There she is found by a man who reveals himself to be Loki, and her initial distrust of him transforms into a deep and abiding love. Their union produces three unusual children, each with a secret destiny, who Angrboda is keen to raise at the edge of the world, safely hidden from Odin's all-seeing eye. But as Angrboda slowly recovers her prophetic powers, she learns that her blissful life – and possibly all of existence – is in danger. With help from the fierce huntress Skadi, with whom she shares a growing bond, Angrboda must choose whether she'll accept the fate that she's foreseen for her beloved family... or rise to remake their future.

Norse-influenced fantasy HC \$42.99

### The Album of Dr Moreau

Tor.com novella

**Gregory, Daryl**

It's 2001, and the WyldBoyZ are the world's hottest boy band, and definitely the world's only genetically engineered human-animal hybrid vocal group. When their producer, Dr M, is found murdered in his hotel room, the 'boyz' become the prime suspects. Was it Bobby the ocelot ('the cute one'), Matt the megabat ('the funny one'), Tim the Pangolin ('the shy one'), Devin the bonobo ('the romantic one'), or Tusk the elephant ('the smart one')? Las Vegas Detective Luce Delgado has only twenty-four hours to solve a case that goes all the way back to the secret science barge, where the WyldBoyZ's journey first began – a place they used to call home. A 176pp, Tor.com novella, combining the sf premise of the famous novel by H G Wells

with the panache of a classic murder mystery and the spectacle of a beloved boy band.

Science fiction TP \$24.95

### Becoming Leidah Grierson, Michelle

In the hinterlands of old Norway, Leidah Pietersdatter is born blue-skinned, with webbed hands and feet. Upon every turn of season, her mother, Maeva, worries as her daughter's peculiarities blossom – inside the root of the tiny child, a strange power is taking hold. Maeva tries to hide the girl from the suspicious townsfolk of the austere village of Ørken, just as she conceals her own magical ancestry from her daughter. And Maeva's adoring husband, Pieter, wants nothing more than for his new family to be accepted by all. But unlike Pieter, who is blinded by love, Maeva is aware that the villagers, who profess a rigid faith to the new God and claim to have abandoned the old ways, are watching for any sign of transgression – and are eager to pounce and punish. Following both mother and daughter from the shadows and through time, an inquisitive shapeshifter waits for the Fates to spin their web, and for Maeva to finally reclaim who she once was. And as Maeva's elusive past begins to beckon, she realises that she must help her daughter navigate and control her own singular birthright if the child is to survive the human world. But the protective love Pieter has for his family is threatening the secure life they have slowly built and increasingly becoming a tragic obstacle. Witnessing this, Maeva comes to a drastic conclusion: she must make Leidah promise to keep a secret from Pieter – a perilous one that may eventually free them all.

Historical fantasy TP \$29.99

### The Magicians

Magicians 01

**Grossman, Lev**

In a secret world of forbidden knowledge, power comes at a terrible price... Quentin Coldwater's life is changed forever by an apparently chance encounter: when he turns up for his entrance interview to Princeton University, he finds his interviewer dead – but a strange envelope bearing Quentin's name leads him down a quite different path. Instead of Princeton, he finds himself invited to study at Brakebills – a secret college of modern-day sorcerers. Quentin plunges deep into a secret world of obsession and privilege, a world of freedom and power; and for a while, it seems to answer all Quentin's desires. But the idyll cannot last. There are other powers than sorcery, powers that are as seductive as they are dangerous – and when the illusion of safety shatters, Quentin is drawn into a world far darker than he ever imagined. After all, power corrupts. No exceptions. A reissue of the bestselling book behind the hit TV show.

Urban fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### The Shadow of the Gods

Bloodsworn Saga 01

**Gwynne, John**

After the gods warred and drove themselves to extinction, the cataclysm of their fall shattered the land of Vigrio. Now, a new

world is rising, where power-hungry jarls feud and monsters stalk the woods and mountains. A world where the bones of the dead gods still hold great power for those brave – or desperate – enough to seek them out. Now, as whispers of war echo across the mountains and fjords, fate follows in the footsteps of three people: a huntress on a dangerous quest, a noblewoman who has rejected privilege in pursuit of battle fame, and a thrall who seeks vengeance among the famed mercenaries known as the Bloodsworn. All three will shape the fate of the world, as it once more teeters on the edge of chaos.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### American Demon

Rachel Morgan/Hollows 14

**Harrison, Kim**

What happens, after you've saved the world? Well, if you're Rachel Mariana Morgan, witch-born demon, you quickly discover that something might have gone just a little bit wrong. That the very same acts you and your friends took to forge new powers may have released something bound by the old. With a rash of zombies, some strange new murders, and an exceedingly mysterious new demon in town, it will take everything Rachel has to counter this new threat to the world – and it may demand the sacrifice of what she holds most dear. Rachel Morgan is back – and the Hollows will never be the same.

Paranormal PBK \$24.95

### Sistersong

Holland, Lucy

In the ancient kingdom of Dumnonia, there is old magic to be found in the whisper of the wind, the roots of the trees, the curl of the grass. King Cador knew this once, but now the land has turned from him, calling instead to his three children. Riva can cure others, but can't seem to heal her own deep scars. Keyne battles to be accepted for who he truly is – the king's son. And Sinne dreams of seeing the world, of finding adventure. All three fear a life of confinement within the walls of the hold, their people's last bastion of strength against the invading Saxons. However, change comes on the day ash falls from the sky. It brings with it Myrdhin, meddler and magician. And Tristan, a warrior whose secrets will tear them apart. Riva, Keyne, and Sinne – three siblings entangled in a web of treachery and heartbreak, who must fight to forge their own paths.

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

### The Second Bell Houston, Gabriela

In an isolated mountain community, sometimes a child is born with two hearts. Such a child – a striga – is considered a dangerous demon, which must be abandoned on the edge of the forest to protect the community. The only choice the child's mother can make is whether to leave her home with her infant, or stay behind and try to forget. Miriat made her choice. She and her nineteen-year-old striga daughter, Salka, now live a life of deprivation and hardship in a remote village, where to follow the impulses of the other heart is forbidden. But Salka is headstrong and young, and when threatened with losing everything, she is forced to

explore the depths of her true nature, testing the bonds between mother and child.

Gothic fantasy TP \$24.99

### The Library of the Dead

Edinburgh Nights 01

**Huchu, T L**

*When ghosts talk, she will listen...* Ropa dropped out of school to become a ghostalker – and she now speaks to Edinburgh's dead, carrying messages to the living. A girl's gotta earn a living, and it seems harmless enough. Until, that is, the dead whisper that someone's bewitching children – leaving them husks, empty of joy and life. It's on Ropa's patch, so she feels honour bound to investigate. But what she learns will change her world. She'll dice with death (not part of her life plan...), as she calls on Zimbabwean magic and Scottish pragmatism to hunt down clues. For Edinburgh hides a wealth of secrets. And in the process, she discovers an occult library and some unexpected allies. Yet, as shadows lengthen, will the hunter become the hunted?

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

### Folklorn

**Hur, Angela Mi Young**

Elsa Park is a particle physicist at the top of her game, stationed at a neutrino observatory in the Antarctic; confident she's put enough distance between her ambitions and the family ghosts she's run from all her life. But it isn't long before her childhood imaginary friend – an achingly familiar, spectral woman in the snow – comes to claim her, at last. Years ago, Elsa's now-catastrophic mother had warned her that the women of their line were doomed to repeat the narrative lives of their ancestors from Korean myth and legend. But beyond these ghosts, Elsa also faces an earthlier fate: the mental illness and generational trauma that run in her immigrant family, a sickness no less ravenous than the ancestral curse hunting her. When her mother breaks her decade-long silence and tragedy strikes, Elsa must return to her childhood home in California. There, among family wrestling with their own demons, she unravels the secrets hidden in the handwritten pages of her mother's dark stories: of women's desire and fury; of magic suppressed, stolen, or punished; of the hunger for vengeance.

Fantasy HC \$60.00

### The Stone Road Jamieson, Trent

In Casement Rise, a dusty town at the end of days, Jean is a young girl with an innocent but timeless voice that will call to all of us. The day Jean was born, a mysterious force named Furnace awoke a few miles out of town that mysteriously calls people to it, never to be heard from again. Jean's father has been called to it and so many others besides. Jean's grandmother has always kept Casement Rise safe from monsters; but, in protecting Jean, she may have left it too late to teach her how to face the demons on her own... and, now, it's time to grow up.

Dark fantasy HC \$57.95

# Pulp Fiction

## Science Fiction & Fantasy May 2021 (continued)

### **The Lights of Prague** **Jarvis, Nicole**

In the quiet streets of Prague, all manner of mysterious creatures lurk, in the shadows. Unbeknownst to its citizens, their only hope against the tide of predators are the dauntless lamplighters – secret elite of monster hunters whose light staves off the darkness each night. Domek Myska leads a life teeming with fraught encounters with the worst kind of evil: pijavice, bloodthirsty and soulless vampiric creatures. Despite this, Domek finds solace in his moments spent in the company of his friend, the clever and beautiful Lady Ora Fischerová – a widow with secrets of her own. When Domek finds himself stalked by the spirit of the White Lady – a ghost who haunts the baroque halls of Prague castle – he stumbles across the sentient essence of a will-o'-the-wisp captured in a mysterious container. Now, as its bearer, Domek wields its power, but the wisp, known for leading travellers to their deaths, will not be so easily controlled. After discovering a conspiracy amongst the pijavice that could see them unleash terror on the daylight world, Domek finds himself in a race against those who aim to twist alchemical science for their own dangerous gain.

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$35.95

### **Aetherbound** **Johnston, E K**

Pendt Harland's family sees her as a waste of food on their long-haul space cruiser, when her genes reveal an undesirable mutation. But if she plays her cards right, she might have a chance to do much more than survive. During a space-station layover, Pendt escapes and forms a lucky bond with the Brannick twins, the teenage heirs of the powerful family that owns the station. Against all odds, the trio hatches a long-shot scheme to take over the station and thwart the destinies they never wished for.

YA space opera HC \$39.95

### **Castles Made of Sand** **Jones, Gwyneth**

Ax Preston, Sage Pender and Fiorinda, charismatic leaders of the Rock-n-Roll Reich, have beaten the cascade of disasters that followed the collapse of the former United Kingdom. Now, they have to find some resolution to the impossible dynamics of their own relationship, while the world keeps falling apart. There are fearsome things going on in England's rural hinterland, and in Continental Europe the green nazis are planning a final solution to desperate environmental damage. But there's nothing the Triumvirate can't handle – until Fiorinda's father, a monster of the kind the world has never before known, reaches out to reclaim his magical child, the flower-bride. And that's when darkness falls over Ax's England... The lights are going out all over Britain: this stunning, controversial near-future fantasy is the sequel to the Arthur C Clarke Award-winning, *Bold As Love*. The series is a world of daring, dread and enchantment, a world that could almost be ours: a brilliant combination of myth, magic, and pop culture.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

### **Glow** **Jordan, Tim**

After the Nova-Insanity shattered Earth's civilisation, the Genes and Fullerenes Corporation promised to bring humanity back from the brink. Many years later, various factions have formed, challenging their saviour and vying for a share of power and control. Three quite different beings... all wrestling mental instability in various forms: Rex – a confused junkie battling multiple voices in his head; Ellayna – the founder of the GFC living on an orbital satellite station and struggling with paranoia; and Jett – a virtually unstoppable robotic assassin, questioning his purpose of creation. All of them are inextricably linked through the capricious and volatile Glow; an all-controlling nano-tech drug that has the ability to live on through multiple hosts, cutting and pasting memories and personas in each new victim. In this tech-crazed world, where nothing seems impossible, many questions are posed: what makes us who we are? What is our ultimate purpose and place in this world? And, most frightening of all, what are we capable of doing to survive?

Post-apocalypse TP \$24.99

### **The Taker** **Katsu, Alma**

On the midnight shift at a hospital in rural Maine, Dr Luke Findley is expecting another quiet evening of frostbite and the occasional domestic dispute. But the minute Lanore McIlvrae – Lanny – enters his ER, she changes his life forever. A mysterious woman with plenty of dark secrets, Lanny is unlike anyone Luke has ever met. He is inexplicably drawn to her... despite the fact that she is a murder suspect with a police escort. As she begins to tell her story, Luke finds himself utterly captivated. Her impassioned account begins at the turn of the 19th century in the same small town of St Andrew, Maine, back when it was a Puritan settlement. Consumed as a child by her love for the founder's son, Jonathan, Lanny will do anything to be with him. But the price she pays is steep – an immortal bond that chains her to a terrible fate for all eternity. And now, two centuries later, the key to her healing and her salvation lies with Dr Luke Findley. A reissue.

Supernatural thriller (reissue) TP \$37.95

### **The Promised Queen** **Kennedy, Jeffe**

*Claim the hand that wears the ring, and the empire falls.* Conrí, former Crown Prince of Oriel, claimed the hand that wears the Abiding Ring, but the prophecy remains unfulfilled. Queen Euthalia of Calanthe returned to her island kingdom; broken in mind and body. With the blood of war unleashing ancient terrors, Calanthe isn't the haven it once was. Lia must use her magical bond with Calanthe to save their people while Con fights to hold off the vengeful Emperor Anure and his wizards. Con and Lia will have to trust in each other – and in love – to fend off ultimate disaster.

Fantasy PBK \$24.95

### **Sword of Fire** **Kerr, Katharine**

Justice War/Deverry II 01  
The bards are the people's voice – and their sword. All over the kingdom of Deverry, the common people are demanding reform of the corrupt law courts. In Aberwyn, the situation catches fire when Gwerbret Ladoic, second in authority only to the High King, allows a bard to starve to death, rather than hear their grievances. Guildwoman Alyssa, a student at the local scholars' collegium, and Lady Dovina, the gwerbret's own daughter, know that evidence exists to overthrow the so-called traditional legal system, if they can only get it into the right hands. The powerful lords will kill anyone who threatens their privileges. To retrieve the proof, Alyssa must make a dangerous journey that will either change her life forever – or end it.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### **I'm Waiting for You: And Other Stories**

collection  
**Kim, Bo-Young**  
In this mind-expanding work of speculative fiction, available in English for the first time, one of South Korea's most treasured writers explores the driving forces of humanity – love, hope, creation, destruction, and the very meaning of existence – in two pairs of thematically interconnected stories. *Two worlds, four stories, infinite possibilities...* In 'I'm Waiting for You' and 'On My Way', an engaged couple coordinate their separate missions to distant corners of the galaxy to ensure – through relativity – they can arrive back on Earth simultaneously to make it down the aisle. But small incidents wreak havoc on space and time, driving their wedding date further away. As centuries on Earth pass and the land and climate change, one thing is constant: the desire of the lovers to be together. In two separate yet linked stories, Kim Bo-Young cleverly demonstrate the idea love that is timeless and hope springs eternal, despite seemingly insurmountable challenges and the deepest despair. In 'The Prophet of Corruption' and 'That One Life', humanity is viewed through the eyes of its creators: godlike beings for which everything on Earth – from the richest woman to a speck of dirt – is an extension of their will. When one of the creations questions the righteousness of this arrangement, it is deemed a perversion – a disease – that must be excised and cured. Yet, the Prophet Naban, whose 'child' is rebelling, isn't sure the rebellion is bad. What if that which is considered criminal is instead the natural order – and those who condemn it corrupt? Exploring the dichotomy between the philosophical and the corporeal, Kim ponders the fate of free will, as she considers the most basic of questions: *who am I?*

Dystopia HC \$55.00

### **Birds of Paradise** **Langmead, Oliver K**

Many millennia after the fall of Eden, Adam, the first man in creation, still walks the Earth – exhausted by the endless death and destruction, he is a shadow of his former hope and glory. And he is not the only one. The Garden was deconstructed, its pieces scattered across the world and its inhabitants condemned to live out immortal lives, hiding in plain sight from generations of mankind. But, now, pieces of the Garden are turning up on the Earth. After centuries of loneliness, Adam, haunted by the golden time at the beginning of Creation, is determined to save the pieces of his long-lost home. With the help of Eden's undying exiles, he must stop Eden becoming the plaything of mankind. Adam journeys across America and the British Isles with Magpie, Owl, and other animals, gathering the scattered pieces of Paradise. As the country floods once more, Adam must risk it all to rescue his friends and his home – because rebuilding the Garden might be the key to rebuilding his life.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### **Wednesday Weeks and the Tower of Shadows**

Wednesday Weeks 01

### **Knight, Denis & Burne, Cristy**

In a world of magic, can science save the day? Wednesday Weeks never wanted to be a sorcerer's apprentice. She'd rather

study science than magic. But when her cloak-wearing, staff-wielding grandpa is captured by a power-hungry goblin king, Wednesday must find a way to embrace her magical heritage and rescue him from the dreaded Tower of Shadows. Luckily, she's not alone. Her best friend Alfie is a prime-number fan and robotics expert, who's all in – on Wednesday's epic plan involving parallel universes, swords of power, and a wise-cracking talking skull. But it's going to take more than science, magic, and the world's cutest robot to take down this bad guy. Because the goblin king is playing for the ultimate prize – and Wednesday and Alfie just walked into his trap... The first in a series.

Children's fantasy PBK \$16.99

### **Firebreak** **Kornher-Stace, Nicole**

*Twenty minutes to power curfew, and my kill counter's stalled at eight hundred eighty-seven, while I've been standing here like an idiot. My health bar is flashing ominously, but I'm down to four heal patches, and I have to be smart.* New Liberty City, 2134... Two corporations have replaced the US, splitting the country's remaining forty-five states (five have been submerged under the ocean) between them: Stellaxis Innovations and Greenleaf. There are nine supercities within the continental US, and New Liberty City is the only amalgamated city split between the two megacorps, and thus at a perpetual state of civil war as the feeds broadcast the atrocities committed by each side. Here, Mallory streams Stellaxis' wargame SecOps on BestLife, spending more time jacked in than in the world just to eke out a hardscrabble living from tips. When a chance encounter with one of the game's rare super-soldiers leads to a side job for Mal – looking to link an actual missing girl to one of the SecOps characters. Mal's sudden burst in online fame rivals her deepening fear of what she is uncovering about BestLife's developer, and puts her in the kind of danger she's only experienced through her avatar.

Dystopia HC \$55.00

### **Birds of Paradise** **Langmead, Oliver K**

Many millennia after the fall of Eden, Adam, the first man in creation, still walks the Earth – exhausted by the endless death and destruction, he is a shadow of his former hope and glory. And he is not the only one. The Garden was deconstructed, its pieces scattered across the world and its inhabitants condemned to live out immortal lives, hiding in plain sight from generations of mankind. But, now, pieces of the Garden are turning up on the Earth. After centuries of loneliness, Adam, haunted by the golden time at the beginning of Creation, is determined to save the pieces of his long-lost home. With the help of Eden's undying exiles, he must stop Eden becoming the plaything of mankind. Adam journeys across America and the British Isles with Magpie, Owl, and other animals, gathering the scattered pieces of Paradise. As the country floods once more, Adam must risk it all to rescue his friends and his home – because rebuilding the Garden might be the key to rebuilding his life.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

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### **The Girl and the Mountain**

Book of the Ice 02

**Lawrence, Mark**

On Abeth there is only the ice. And the Black Rock. For generations, the priests of the Black Rock have reached out from their mountain to steer the ice tribes' fate. With their Hidden God, their magic and their iron, the priests' rule has never been challenged. But nobody has ever escaped the Pit of the Missing before. Yaz has lost her friends and found her enemies. She has a mountain to climb and even if she can break the Hidden God's power her dream of a green world lies impossibly far to the south across a vast emptiness of ice. Before the journey can even start, she has to find out what happened to the ones she loves and save those that can be saved. Abeth holds its secrets close, but the stars shine brighter for Yaz and she means to unlock the truth. To touch the sky, be prepared to climb. The sequel to *The Girl and the Stars* (PBK, \$19.99), which begins Lawrence's newest series.

Grimdark fantasy TP \$32.99

### **The Science of Middle-earth: A New Understanding of Tolkien and His World**

**Lehoucq, Roland; Mangin, Loic; Steyer; Jean-Sebastien (editors); Rafaelian, Arnaud (illustrator); Kover, Tina (translator)**

The surprising and illuminating look at how Tolkien's love of science and natural history shaped the creation of his Middle-earth, from its flora and fauna to its landscapes. The world J R R Tolkien created is one of the most beloved in all of literature, and continues to capture hearts and imaginations around the world. From Oxford to ComiCon, the Middle-earth is analysed and interpreted through a multitude of perspectives. But one essential facet of Tolkien and his Middle-earth has been overlooked: science. This great writer, creator of worlds and unforgettable character, and inventor of language was also a scientific autodidact, with an innate interest and grasp of botany, palaeontologist and geologist, with additional passions for archaeology and chemistry. Tolkien was an acute observer of flora and fauna and mined the minds of his scientific friends about ocean currents and volcanoes. It is these layers science that give his imaginary universe – and the creatures and characters that inhabit it – such concreteness. Within this gorgeously-illustrated edition, a range of scientists – from astrophysicists to physicians, botanists to volcanologists – explore Tolkien's novels, poems, and letters to reveal their fascinating scientific roots. A rewarding combination of literary exploration and scientific discovery, *The Science of Middle-Earth* reveals the hidden meaning of the Ring's corruption, why Hobbits have big feet, the origins of the Dwarves, the animals which inspired the dragons, and even whether or not an Ent is possible. Enhanced by superb original drawings, this transportive work will delight both Tolkien fans and science lovers and inspire us to view both Middle-earth – and our own world – with fresh eyes.

Fantasy reference HC \$55.00

### **The Three-Body Problem**

Three-Body Problem 01

**Liu, Cixin**

1967: Ye Wenjie witnesses Red Guards beat her father to death during China's Cultural Revolution. This singular event will shape not only the rest of her life, but also the future of mankind. Four decades later, Beijing police ask nanotech engineer Wang Miao to infiltrate a secretive cabal of scientists after a spate of inexplicable suicides. Wang's investigation will lead him to a mysterious online game and immerse him in a virtual world ruled by the intractable and unpredictable interaction of its three suns. This is the Three-Body Problem and it is the key to everything: the key to the scientists' deaths, the key to a conspiracy that spans light years and the key to the extinction-level threat humanity now faces. Winner of the Hugo and Galaxy Awards for Best Novel. A reissue in hardcover format, with new cover art.

Science fiction (reissue) HC \$39.99

### **The Dark Forest**

Three-Body Problem 02

**Liu, Cixin**

Imagine the universe as a forest, patrolled by numberless and nameless predators. In this forest, stealth is survival – any civilisation that reveals its location is prey. Earth has. Now, the predators are coming. Crossing light years, the Trisolarians will reach Earth in four centuries' time. But the sophons, their extra-dimensional agents and saboteurs, are already here. Only the individual human mind remains immune to their influence. This is the motivation for the Wallfacer Project, a last-ditch defence that grants four individuals almost absolute power to design secret strategies, hidden through deceit and misdirection from human and alien alike. Three of the Wallfacers are influential statesmen and scientists, but the fourth is a total unknown. Luo Ji, an unambitious Chinese astronomer, is baffled by his new status. All he knows is that he's the one Wallfacer that Trisolarians wants dead. A reissue in hardcover format, with new cover art.

Science fiction (reissue) HC \$39.99

### **Death's End**

Three-Body Problem 03

**Liu, Cixin**

Half a century after the Doomsday Battle, the uneasy balance of Dark Forest Deterrence keeps the Trisolarians invaders at bay. Earth enjoys unprecedented prosperity due to the infusion of Trisolarian knowledge and, with human science advancing and the Trisolarians adopting Earth culture, it seems that the two civilisations can co-exist peacefully as equals, without the terrible threat of mutually assured annihilation. But peace has made humanity complacent. Cheng Xin, an aerospace engineer from the 21st century, awakens from hibernation in this new age. She brings knowledge of a long-forgotten program dating from the start of the Trisolarians Crisis, and her presence may upset the delicate balance between two worlds. Will humanity reach for the stars or die in its cradle? A reissue in hardcover format, with new cover art.

Science fiction (reissue) HC \$39.99

### **The End of the Ocean**

**Lunde, Maja**

In 2019, seventy-year-old Signe sets sail alone on a hazardous voyage across the ocean in a sailboat. On board, a cargo that can change lives. Signe is haunted by memories of the love of her life, whom she'll meet again soon. In 2041, David and his young daughter, Lou, flee from a drought-stricken southern Europe that has been ravaged by thirst and war. Separated from the rest of their family and desperate to find them, they discover an ancient sailboat in a dried-out garden, miles away from the nearest shore. Signe's sailboat. As David and Lou discover Signe's personal effects, her long ago journey becomes inexorably linked to their own.

Cli-fi PBK \$19.99

### **The Reincarnationist Papers**

**Maikranz, D Eric**

Evan Michaels struggles with being different, with having the complete memories of two other people who lived sequentially before him. He fights loneliness and believes he is unique until he meets Poppy. She recognises his struggle because she is like him, except that she is much older, remembering seven consecutive lives. But there is something else she must share with Evan – she is a member of the secretive Cognomina. They are, in effect, immortals – compiling experiences and skills over lifetimes into near superhuman abilities that they have used to drive history over centuries. Poppy invites Evan into the Cognomina; but he must face their tests, before entering this mysterious society as their equal.

Dark fantasy TP \$35.95

### **Malorie**

Bird Box 02

**Malerman, Josh**

Twelve years after Malorie and her children rowed up the river to safety, a blindfold is still the only thing that stands between sanity and madness. One glimpse of the creatures that stalk the world will drive a person to unspeakable violence. There remains no explanation. No solution. All Malorie can do is survive – and impart her fierce will to do so on her children. Don't get lazy, she tells them. Don't take off your blindfold. *And don't look.* But then comes what feels like impossible news. And with it, the first time Malorie has allowed herself to hope. Someone very dear to her, someone she believed dead, may be alive. Malorie has already lost so much: her sister, a house full of people who meant everything, and any chance at an ordinary life. But getting her life back means returning to a world full of unknowable horrors – and risking the lives of her children, again. Because the creatures are not the only thing Malorie fears: There are the people who claim to have caught and experimented on the creatures. Murmurings of monstrous inventions and dangerous new ideas. And rumours that the creatures themselves have changed into something even more frightening. Malorie has a harrowing choice to make: to live by the rules of survival that have served her so well, or to venture into the darkness and reach for hope, once more. The sequel to *Bird Box* (PBK, \$19.99).

Horror PBK \$22.99

### **Goblin:**

**A Novel in Six Novellas**

novella collection

**Malerman, Josh**

Goblin seems like any other ordinary small town. But you'll discover the secrets that hide behind its closed doors. These six novellas tell the story of a place where the rain is always falling, night-time is always near, and your darkest fears and desires await. Welcome to Goblin...

*A Man in Slices:* A man proves his 'legendary love' to his girlfriend with a sacrifice even more daring than Vincent van Gogh's – and sends her more than his heart.

*Kamp:* Walter Kamp is afraid of everything, but most afraid of being scared to death. As he sets traps around his home to catch the ghosts that haunt him, he learns that nothing is more terrifying than fear itself.

*Happy Birthday, Hunter!:* A famed big-game hunter is determined to capture – and kill – the ultimate prey: the mythic Great Owl who lives in Goblin's dark forests. But this mysterious creature is not the only secret the woods are keeping.

*Presto:* All Peter wants is to be like his hero, Roman Emperor, the greatest magician in the world. When the famous magician comes to Goblin, Peter discovers that not all magic is just an illusion.

*A Mix-Up at the Zoo:* The new zookeeper feels a mysterious kinship with the animals in his care... and finds that his work is freeing dark forces inside him.

*The Hedges:* When his wife dies, a man builds a hedge maze so elaborate no one ever solves it – until a little girl resolves to be the first to find the mysteries that wait at its heart.

Horror HC \$57.95

### **A Desolation Called Peace**

Teixcalaan 02

**Martine, Arkady**

An alien terror could spell our end. An alien threat lurks on the edges of Teixcalaanli space. No one can communicate with it, no one can destroy it, and Fleet Captain Nine Hibiscus is supposed to win a war against it. In a desperate attempt to find a diplomatic solution, the fleet captain has sent for an envoy to contact the mysterious invaders. Now, Mahit Dzmare and Three Seagrass – both still reeling from the recent upheaval in the Empire – face an impossible task: they must attempt to negotiate with a hostile entity, without inadvertently triggering the destruction of themselves and the Empire. Whether they succeed or fail could change the face of Teixcalaan forever. 'All-round brilliant space opera, I absolutely loved it' – *Ann Leckie on A Memory Called Empire*. The sequel to the fantastic, Hugo Award-winning *A Memory Called Empire* (PBK, \$18.99).

Space opera TP \$32.99

### **Level Zero**

**McDowell, Dan**

The Oak Hollow Hotel stands eight stories above Riverton, Texas. Despite not operating as such for years, a haphazard acquisition of the facility leads Chris Wilkerson down a dark path to uncover its mysteries as he forms a call centre, specialising in horror stories. A sinister character lurks in an abandoned tunnel just beneath, manipulating Chris as he struggles to walk a fine line between his love

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for the dark and the macabre and a collapsing marriage. Todd Adams, a manic-depressive financial advisor, awakens from a coma along with 53 others, fighting to understand unexplained phantom memories that plague them. As each work to unravel their meaning, they begin to disappear into a labyrinth beneath the hotel at the torment of a bizarre captor. Discovering mutual commonality in an unresolved past, Todd works to lead them out. Will they find the key to freedom?  
Horror TP \$57.95

### Angel of the Overpass

Ghost Roads 03

McGuire, Seanan

Rose Marshall died when she was sixteen years old, and on her way to her high school prom. She hasn't been resting easy, since then – Bobby Cross, the man who killed her, got away clean after running her off the road, and she's not the kind of girl who can let something like that slide. She's been looking for a way to stop him since before they put her body in the ground. But things have changed in the twilight world where the spirits of the restless dead continue their 'lives'. The crossroads have been destroyed, and Bobby's protections are gone. For the first time, it might be possible for Rose to defeat him. Not alone, though. She'll need every friend she's managed to make and every favour she's managed to add to her account if she wants to stand a chance... and this may be her last chance to be avenged, since what is Bobby Cross without the crossroads? Everything Rose knows is about to change. The Ghost Roads series begins with *Sparrow Hill Road* (TP, \$35.95).  
Urban fantasy TP \$37.95

### 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.  
Fantasy TP \$32.99

### The Poet King

Harp & Ring Sequence 03

Myer, Ilana C

After a surprising upheaval, the nation of Tamryllin has a new ruler: Elissan Diar, who proclaims himself the first Poet King.

Not all in court are happy with this regime change, as Rianna secretly schemes against him while she investigates a mysterious weapon he hides in the bowels of the palace. Meanwhile, a civil war rages in a distant land, and former Court Poet Lin Amaristoth gathers allies old and new to return to Tamryllin in time to stop the coronation. For the Poet King's ascension is connected with a darker, more sinister prophecy which threatens to unleash a battle out of legend – unless Lin and her friends can stop it.  
Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Sorcery of a Queen

Dragons of Terra 02

Naslund, Brian

Change is coming – but will they survive the storm? Bershad and his crew are poised on a knife edge. And they can only hope they have the strength to face the dangers in store. While Bershad continues to hide a life-changing secret, Ashlyn must grapple with her newfound power – one which could have shattering consequences. But a storm is gathering on the horizon... A foreign emperor is raising an army, equipped with a terrifying assortment of new weaponry. He will stop at nothing to crush the kingdom, and claim its prized dragons. And worst of all – he wants Bershad. The first book of the Dragons of Terra is *Blood of an Exile* (PBK, \$18.99).  
Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Shadowed Steel

Heirs of Chicagoland 03

Neill, Chloe

Elisa Sullivan is the only vampire ever born, and she bears a heavy legacy. After a sojourn with the North American Central Pack of shifters in the wilderness – where she turned a young woman into a vampire to save her life – Elisa returns to Chicago. But no good deed goes unpunished. The ruling body of vampires, the Assembly of American Masters, is furious that Elisa turned someone without their permission, and they're out for her blood. When an AAM vampire is found dead, Elisa is the prime suspect. Someone else is stalking Chicago – and Elisa. She'll need to keep a clear head, and a sharp blade, to survive all the supernatural strife.  
Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### The Legacy of Heorot

Heorot 01

Niven, Larry; Pournelle, Jerry; Barnes, Steven

*Strangers in a strange land.* The two hundred colonists on board the *Geographic* have spent a century in cold sleep to arrive here: Avalon, a lush, verdant planet, light years from Earth. They hope to establish a permanent colony, and Avalon seems the perfect place. And, so, they set about planting and building. But their very presence has upset the ecology of Avalon. Soon, an implacable predator stalks them, picking them off one by one. In order to defeat this alien enemy, they must re-evaluate everything they think they know about Avalon, and uncover the planet's dark secrets. Book one in the classic Heorot series, now in paperback.  
Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$24.95

### A Deadly Education

Scholomance 01

Novik, Naomi

Enter a school of magic unlike any you have ever encountered. There are no teachers, no holidays, friendships are purely strategic, and the odds of survival are never equal. Once you're inside, there are only two ways out: you graduate, or you die. El Higgins is uniquely prepared for the school's many dangers. She may be without allies, but she possesses a dark power strong enough to level mountains and wipe out untold millions – never mind easily destroy the countless monsters that prowl the school. Except, she might accidentally kill all the other students, too. So, El is trying her hardest not to use it... that is, unless she has no other choice. 'Hilarious and wild! Take any fictional magic school, make it as over-the-top dangerous as possible, and populate it with a bunch of snarky teenagers; the result is pure batshit fun.' – *NK Jemisin*, three-time Hugo Award winner, and author of *The Fifth Season*. Now, in paperback and still highly recommended!  
Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Steal the Sky

Scorched Continent 01

O'Keefe, Megan E

Detan Honding, a wanted coman of noble birth and ignoble tongue, has found himself in the oasis city of Aransa. He and his trusted companion, Tibs, may have pulled off one too many cons against the city's elite and need to make a quick escape. They set their sights on their biggest heist yet – the gorgeous airship of the exiled commodore Thratia. But in the middle of his scheme, a face changer known as a doppel starts murdering key members of Aransa's government. The sudden paranoia makes Detan's plans of stealing Thratia's ship that much harder. And with this sudden power vacuum, Thratia can solidify her power and wreak havoc against the Empire. But the doppel isn't working for Thratia and has her own intentions. Did Detan accidentally walk into a revolution and a crusade? He has to be careful – there's a reason most people think he's dead. And if his dangerous secret gets revealed, he has a lot more to worry about than a stolen airship. A reissue of the first book in O'Keefe's fantasy series.  
Fantasy (reissue) TP \$24.99

### Sun-Daughters,

Sea-Daughters

Tor.com novella

Ogden, Aimee

Gene-edited human clans have scattered throughout the galaxy, adapting themselves to environments as severe as the desert and the sea. Atuale, the daughter of a Sea-Clan lord, sparked a war by choosing her land-dwelling love and rejecting her place among her people. Now, her husband and his clan are dying of a virulent plague, and Atuale's sole hope for finding a cure is to travel, off planet. The one person she can turn to for help is the black-market mercenary known as the World Witch – and Atuale's former lover. Time, politics, bureaucracy, and her own conflicted desires stand between Atuale and the hope for her

adopted clan. One woman will travel to the stars and beyond to save her beloved in this lyrical space opera that reimagines *The Little Mermaid*. A 112pp, Tor.com novella.  
Science fiction PBK \$24.99

### Son of the Storm

Nameless Republic 01

Okungbowa, Sui Davies

In the city of Bassa, Danso is a clever scholar on the cusp of achieving greatness – only, he doesn't want it. Instead, he prefers to chase forbidden stories about what lies outside the city walls. The Bassai elite claim there is nothing of interest. The city's immigrants are sworn to secrecy. But when Danso stumbles across a warrior wielding magic that shouldn't exist, he's put on a collision course with Bassa's darkest secrets. Drawn into the city's hidden history, he sets out on a journey beyond its borders. But the chaos left in the wake of his discovery threatens to destroy the empire. 'A vibrant tale of betrayal, intrigue and revolution' – *Anthony Ryan*. The start of a new fantasy series, set in a world inspired by pre-Colonial West African empires.  
Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Driving the Deep

Finder Chronicles 02

Palmer, Suzanne

As a professional finder, Fergus Ferguson is hired to locate missing objects and steal them back. But it is rarely so simple, especially after his latest job in Cernee. He's been recovering from that experience in the company of friends, the Shipmakers of Pluto, experts at crafting top-of-the-line AI spaceships. The Shipmakers have convinced Fergus to finally deal with unfinished business he's been avoiding for half his life: Earth. Fergus hasn't been back to his homeland since he was fifteen, when he stole his cousin's motorcycle and ran away. It was his first theft, and nothing he's stolen since has been anywhere near so easy, or weighed so heavily on his conscience. Many years and many jobs later, Fergus reluctantly agrees that now is the time to return the motorcycle and face his family. Unfortunately, someone has gotten to the motorcycle before him. And before he can figure out where it went and why the storage unit that held it is now filled with priceless, stolen art, the Shipyard is attacked. His friends are missing, presumably kidnapped. Accompanied by an untrustworthy detective who suspects Fergus is the art thief and the sole friend who escaped the attack, Fergus must follow the tenuous clues to locate and save his friends. The trail leads them to Enceladus, where Fergus plans to go undercover to the research stations that lie beneath the moon's thick ice sheet deep in a dark, oppressive ocean. But all movement and personnel are watched, and the limited ways through the thick ice of the moon's surface are dangerous and highly monitored. Even if Fergus can manage to find proof that his friends are there and alive, getting out again is going to be a lot more complicated than he bargained for. This fun series begins with *Finder* (PBK, \$24.95).  
SF caper PBK \$24.95

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### Soulstar

Kingston Cycle 03

#### Polk, C L

For years, Robin Thorpe has kept her head down, staying among her people in the Riverside neighbourhood and hiding the magic that would have her imprisoned by the state. But when Grace Hensley comes knocking on Clan Thorpe's door, Robin's days of hiding are at an end. As freed witches flood the streets of Kingston, scrambling to reintegrate with a kingdom that destroyed their lives, Robin begins to plot a course that will ensure a freer, juster Aeland. At the same time, she has to face her long-bottled feelings for the childhood love that vanished into an asylum twenty years ago. Can Robin find happiness among the rising tides of revolution? Can Kingston survive the blizzards that threaten, the desperate monarchy, and the birth throes of democracy? Find out as the Kingston Cycle comes to an end (it begins with *Witchmark* (TP, \$24.99)). Gaslamp fantasy TP \$32.99

### Every Sky A Grave

Ascendancy 101

#### Posey, Jay

Mankind has spread out and conquered the galaxy by mastering the fundamental language of the universe. With the right training, the right application of words, truth itself can be rearranged. Language is literally power. Peace reigns, now. Order reigns. For if a planet deviates too far from what the authorities plan, an agent is sent out to correct that. To quietly and with great skill, end that world. One such agent is Elyth – a true believer. But on a clandestine mission to stop an uprising before it can truly begin, Elyth comes to realise she hasn't been told the whole truth herself. There's so much she doesn't know. How can there be people whose truth is different to that of the authorities? Elyth's faith in the powers that be is shaken just when she needs it most. While on her mission, a dark and unknown presence makes itself known at the edges of the galaxy – and it cannot be controlled, for nobody knows its name... Perfect for fans of Anne Leckie and N K Jemisin. Space opera PBK \$22.99

### Mamelukes

Janissaries

#### Pournelle, Jerry; Weber, David; Pournelle, Phillip

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 adventure shanghaied by a flying saucer – when his CIA superiors cut him and his men adrift, as the Cubans overran their final position. He didn't expect to end up on the planet Tran, God only knew how many light years from Earth; raising drugs for an alien 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, \$34.95).

Military SF PBK \$24.95

### Doors of Sleep:

#### Journals of Zaxony Delatree Pratt, Tim

Every time Zax Delatree falls asleep, he travels to a new reality. He has no control over his destination and never knows what he will see when he opens his eyes. Sometimes he wakes up in technological utopias, and other times in the bombed-out ruins of collapsed civilisations. All he has to live by are his wits and the small aides he has picked up along the way – technological advantages from techno-utopias, sedatives to escape dangerous worlds, and stimulants to extend his stay in pleasant ones. Thankfully, Zax isn't always alone. He can take people with him, if they're unconscious in his arms when he falls asleep. But someone unwelcome is on his tail, and they are after something that Zax cannot spare – the blood running through his veins, the power to travel through worlds... Time travel TP \$24.99

### The Lost Colony

Long Winter 03

#### Riddle, A G

The last survivors of the human race escaped a ruined Earth. Eos seemed perfect at first. Warm. Hospitable. Safe from the grid. But everything isn't as it seems. The planet's first settlers have disappeared. As Dr James Sinclair digs into the mystery of the lost colony, he discovers a series of spheres buried on Eos. Are they the key to finding the lost colonists? Or are they responsible for their deaths? Or are they a sign of something else altogether? Just as James is unravelling the secrets of the spheres, a storm hits Eos, and in the middle of the chaos, a new danger emerges – a threat no one saw coming... This trilogy begins with *Winter World* (PBK, \$19.99).

Cli-fi/First contact PBK \$19.99

### Meant to be Immortal

Argeneau Family Vampires 32

#### Sands, Lynsay

Mac Argeneau knows all too well: immortals can be killed. Not with holy water or silver crosses, but by decapitation or being set on fire. So, when Mac's house bursts into flames – with him inside – he's sure it was no accident. But who would want to kill a scientist specialising in hematology? There is a silver lining: a blonde investigator

appears on the scene and sparks feelings in him that have been dormant for centuries.

C J Cummings is in town on a special investigation, but she's been waylaid by the local police to deal with this arson case. The biggest mystery is how this sexy scientist with silvery blue eyes has emerged from a blazing inferno without a burn mark on him. He's clearly hiding something. Sure, she'd love to see him without his lab coat, but she's got a job to do – despite his insistence that he needs a bodyguard and... he wants *her*. But when a second attempt on their lives puts C J in harm's way, it's Mac who will do anything to safeguard the woman who's destined to be his life mate.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### The Dispatcher:

#### Murder by Other Means Scalzi, John

One day, not long from now, it becomes almost impossible to murder anyone – 999 times out of a thousand, anyone who is intentionally killed comes back. How? We don't know. But it changes everything: war, crime, daily life. Tony Valdez is a Dispatcher – a licensed, bonded professional whose job is to humanely dispatch those whose circumstances put them in death's crosshairs, so they can have a second chance to avoid the reaper. But when a fellow Dispatcher and former friend is apparently kidnapped, Tony learns that there are some things that are worse than death, and that some people are ready to do almost anything to avenge what they see as a wrong. It's a race against time for Valdez to find his friend before it's too late... before not even a Dispatcher can save him. A pricey, limited edition, hardback novella from Subterranean Press, which may go out of print on release. Science fiction HC \$79.95

### Burning Girls and Other Stories

collection

#### Schanoes, Veronica

In *Burning Girls and Other Stories*, Veronica Schanoes crosses borders and genres with stories of fierce women at the margins of society burning their way toward the centre. This debut collection introduces readers to a fantasist in the vein of Karen Russell and Kelly Link, with a voice all her own. Emma Goldman – yes, that Emma Goldman – takes tea with the Baba Yaga and truths unfold inside of exquisitely crafted lies. In 'Among the Thorns', a young woman in seventeenth century Germany is intent on avenging the brutal murder of her peddler father, but discovers that vengeance may consume all that it touches. In the showstopping, awards finalist title story, 'Burning Girls', Schanoes invests the immigrant narrative with a fearsome fairy-tale quality that tells a story about America, we may not want – but need – to hear. Fantasy HC \$44.99

### The Warlord

Rise of the Warlords 01

#### Showalter, Gena

For centuries, Taliyah Skyhawk has prepared to become Harpy General, leader of the deadliest female army in existence. One of the requirements? Remain a virgin. But,

for a chance to save her people, she must wed the fearless leader of the Astra Planeta, Alaroc Phaethon. The time has come for Roc to sacrifice another virgin bride to his god. There has never been a woman alluring enough to tempt him from his path. No warriorso powerful enough to overcome his incredible strength. No enchantress desirable enough to make him burn beyond reason. Until now. With the clock ticking, war between husband and wife ignites. Except Taliyah never expected the merciless king to challenge the future she once envisioned. She certainly never anticipated the thrill of their battles turning into games... the problem is, only one spouse can survive. The first in a new series, spinning off from the Lords of the Underworld. Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

### The Queen of Izmoroz

Goddess War 02

#### Skovron, Jon

The first battle is over, but war yet looms on the horizon. Sonya and her allies – the foreign Uaine and their armies of the undead – have beaten back the imperial soldiers from the capital city. Now, they have the rest of the country to free. Meanwhile, her brother, the famed wizard Sebastian, has retreated with the imperial forces to regroup and lick his wounds. Betrayed by his sister and his wife, the beautiful noblewoman Galina, he will regain control of his life and his country at any cost. The follow-up to *The Ranger of Marzanna* (PBK, \$22.99), in Skovron's new series. Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Sword Falls

Form & Void 02

#### Smith, A J

Prince Oliver Dawn Claw, heir to the Kingdom of the Four Claws, is thrust into a world he doesn't understand as he waits for his father to die. Away from home, with few allies – and too many enemies – he faces a new and otherworldly threat from beneath the sea. Alliances break and masks fall, as the Dark Brethren reveal their true master. Meanwhile, Adeline Brand – called the Alpha Wolf – refuses to wait, and becomes the edge of the sword that swings back at the Dreaming God. Assembling allies and crushing resistance, she enters a fight she doesn't know if she can win, as the sea begins to rise. The sequel to *The Glass Breaks* (PBK, \$19.99). Fantasy TP \$32.99

### The Lost Village

Sten, Camilla

Documentary filmmaker Alice Lindstedt has been obsessed with the vanishing residents of the old mining town, dubbed 'The Lost Village', since she was a little girl. In 1959, her grandmother's entire family disappeared in this mysterious tragedy, and ever since, the unanswered questions surrounding the only two people who were left – a woman stoned to death in the town centre and an abandoned newborn – have plagued her. She's gathered a small crew of friends in the remote village to make a film about what really happened. But there will be no turning back. Not long after they've set up camp, mysterious things begin to happen. Equipment is destroyed. People go missing. As doubt breeds fear and their

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very minds begin to crack, one thing becomes startlingly clear to Alice: They are not alone. They're looking for the truth... But what if it finds them, first?

Horror HC \$49.99

### We Shall Sing A Song Into the Deep

Tor.com novella

**Stewart, Andrew Kelly**

Remy is a Chorister, rescued from the surface world and raised to sing in a choir of young boys. Remy is part of a strange crew who control the *Leviathan*, an aging nuclear submarine, that bears a sacred mission: to trigger the Second Coming when the time is right. But Remy has a secret too – she's the submarine's only girl. Gifted with the missile's launch key by the *Leviathan's* dying captain, she swears to keep it safe. Safety, however, is not the priority of the new captain, who has his own ideas about the mission. When a surface-dweller is captured during a raid, Remy's faith becomes completely overturned. Now, her last judgement may transform the fate of everything. *A Canticle for Leibowitz* meets *The Hunt for Red October* in a lyrical and page-turning coming-of-age exploration of duty, belief, and the post-apocalypse. A 176pp, Tor.com novella. Military SF PBK \$24.99

### The End of Men

**Sweeney-Baird, Christina**

*Only men carry the virus. Only women can save us all.* The year is 2025, and a mysterious virus has broken out in Scotland – a lethal illness that seems to affect only men. When Dr Amanda MacLean reports this phenomenon, she is dismissed as hysterical. By the time her warning is heeded, it is too late. The virus becomes a global pandemic – and a political one. The victims are all men. The world becomes alien – a women's world. What follows is the immersive account of the women who have been left to deal with the virus' consequences, told through first-person narratives.

Dr MacLean; Catherine, a social historian determined to document the human stories behind the male plague; intelligence analyst Dawn, tasked with helping the government forge a new society; and Elizabeth, one of many scientists desperately working to develop a vaccine. Through these women and others, we see the uncountable ways the absence of men has changed society, from the personal – the loss of husbands and sons – to the political – the changes in the workforce, fertility, and the meaning of family. Pandemic TP \$29.99

### Docile

**Szpara, K M**

*There is no consent under capitalism.* To be a Docile is to be kept, body and soul, for the uses of the owner of your contract. To be a Docile is to forget, to disappear, to hide inside your body from the horrors of your service. To be a Docile is to sell yourself to pay your parents' debts and buy your children's future. Elisha Wilder's family has been ruined by debt, handed down to them from previous generations. His mother never recovered from the Dociline she took during her term as a Docile, so when Elisha decides to try and erase the family's debt

himself, he swears he will never take the drug that took his mother from him. Too bad his contract has been purchased by Alexander Bishop III, whose ultra-rich family is the brains (and money) behind Dociline and the entire Office of Debt Resolution. When Elisha refuses Dociline, Alex refuses to believe that his family's crowning achievement could have any negative side effects – and is determined to turn Elisha into the perfect Docile without it. *Content warning: This novel contains forthright depictions and discussions of rape and sexual abuse.* Science fiction TP \$34.99

### Empire in Black and Gold

Shadows of the Apt 01

**Tchaikovsky, Adrian**

Seventeen years ago, Stenwold witnessed the Wasp Empire storming the city of Myna in a brutal war of conquest. Since then, he has preached vainly against this threat in his home city of Collegium, but now the Empire is on the march, with its spies and its armies everywhere, and the Lowlands lie directly in its path. All the while, Stenwold has been training youthful agents to fight the Wasp advance, and the latest recruits include his niece, Che, and his mysterious ward, Tynisa. When his home is violently attacked, he is forced to send them ahead of him and, hotly pursued, they fly by airship to Heleron, the first city in line for the latest Wasp invasion. Stenwold and Che are Beetle-kindeen, one of many human races that take their powers and inspiration each from a totem insect, but he also has allies of many breeds: Mantis, Spider, Ant, with their own particular skills. Foremost is the deadly Mantis-kindeen warrior, Tisamon, but other very unlikely allies also join the cause. As things go from bad to worse amid escalating dangers, Stenwold learns that the Wasps intend to use the newly completed railroad between Heleron and Collegium to launch a lightning strike into the heart of the Lowlands. Then he gathers all of his agents to force a final showdown in the engine yard... A reissue of the first in Tchaikovsky's debut series, featuring new cover art. The following books in the series will also be reissued over the coming months. Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### The Best of

**Harry Turtledove**

collection

**Turtledove, Harry**

This imaginative collection from Hugo Award-winner Turtledove brings together 24 'what if' stories, set in surprisingly altered Earths... Readers willing to entertain such diverse speculations – or relax with a wacky, pun-saturated yarn about 'a puppetoid heroine in chainmail and her clunky sidekicks' ('The Mammyth') – are sure to be entertained by this massive (584pp) collection. A pricey, limited edition, hardback collection from Subterranean Press, which may go out of print on release. Alternate history/speculative fiction HC \$89.95

### Night of Demons and Saints

Sisters Grimm 02

**van Praag, Menna**

Three years ago, the sisters confronted their demon father in that strange other-world

called Everwhere. It was a battle that ended in a devastating loss, and the scars they carry seem to have slowly pushed the sisters apart... One sister, still raw with grief, is now a near recluse but determined to use her powers to resurrect what she has lost. Another has made the journey to learn more of her family, her culture and her roots. And another seems to have turned her back on what she is and opted to lead a more normal life. But, now, the sisters are about to be brought together, once more. Because when the clock strikes midnight, when October ticks into November, when autumn wilts into winter, when All Hallow's Eve becomes All Saints' Day, the sisters Grimm will turn twenty-one and reach the zenith of their powers. And on this night, at this time, in this place called Everwhere, anything is possible... The follow-up to *The Sisters Grimm* (PBK, \$19.99). Fantasy TP \$32.99

### The Dragon of Jin-Sayeng

Chronicles of the Wolf Queen 03

**Villoso, K S**

Queen Talyien is finally home, but dangers she never imagined await her in the shadowed halls of her father's castle. War is on the horizon. Her son has been stolen from her, her warlords despise her and, across the sea, a cursed prince threatens her nation with invasion in order to win her hand. Worse yet, her father's ancient secrets are dangerous enough to bring Jin-Sayeng to ruin. Dark magic tears rifts in the sky, preparing to rain down madness, chaos, and the possibility of setting her nation aflame. Bearing the brunt of the past and uncertain about her future, Talyien will need to decide between fleeing her shadows or embracing them before the whole world becomes an inferno. The thrilling conclusion to the series which began with *The Wolf of Oren-Yaro* (PBK, \$22.99). Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### A Pale Light in the Black

NeoG 01

**Wagers, K B**

For the past year, their close loss in the annual Boarding Games has haunted Interceptor Team: Zuma's Ghost. With this year's competition looming, they're looking forward to some payback – until an unexpected personnel change leaves them reeling. Their best swordsman has been transferred, and a new lieutenant has been assigned in his place. Maxine Carmichael is trying to carve a place in the world on her own – away from the pressure and influence of her powerful family. The last thing she wants is to cause trouble at her command on Jupiter Station. With her new team in turmoil, Max must overcome her self-doubt and win their trust, if she's going to succeed. Failing is not an option – and would only prove her parents right. But Max and the team must learn to work together quickly. A routine mission to retrieve a missing ship has suddenly turned dangerous, and now their lives are on the line. Someone is targeting members of Zuma's Ghost, a mysterious opponent willing to kill to safeguard a secret that could shake society to its core... a secret that could lead to their deaths and kill thousands more unless Max and her new team stop them. Rescue those in danger, find the bad guys, win the Games. It's all in a day's work at the NeoG. Recommended! Space opera TP \$32.99

### The Last House on Needless Street

**Ward, Catriona**

In a boarded-up house on a dead-end street at the edge of the wild Washington woods lives a family of three. A teenage girl, who isn't allowed outside, not after last time. A man, who drinks alone in front of his TV, trying to ignore the gaps in his memory. And a house cat, who loves napping and reading the Bible. An unspeakable secret binds them together, but when a new neighbour moves in next door, what is buried out among the birch trees may come back to haunt them, all. Gothic mystery TP \$29.99

### A Warm Heart in Winter

Black Dagger Brotherhood

**Ward, J R**

Blay and Quinn find themselves looking forward to their official mating ceremony. When tragedy strikes just before the happy event, all hope seems lost – and everyone in the Black Dagger Brotherhood rallies around the two of them. Will a freak winter storm bring the unthinkable, or will a warm heart in winter ensure that true love is not lost? Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

### Project Hail Mary

**Weir, Andy**

A lone astronaut. An impossible mission. An ally he never imagined. Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission – and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish. Except that, right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it. All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company. His crewmates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, Ryland realises that an impossible task now confronts him. Hurling through space on this tiny ship, it's up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery – and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species. And with the clock ticking down and the nearest human being, light years away... he's got to do it, all alone. Or does he? SF thriller TP \$32.99

### Fugitive Telemetry

Murderbot Diaries 06) (novella

**Wells, Martha**

*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! The security droid with a heart (though, it wouldn't admit it!) is back! A 176pp, Tor.com novella. We can't recommend these highly enough! (Best to reserve your copies, though – they tend to sell out as soon as stock arrives!) Science fiction HC \$43.95

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## **The Underground Railroad**

TV tie-in edition

### **Whitehead, Colson**

Cora is a young slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. An outcast, even among her fellow Africans, she is on the cusp of womanhood – where even greater pain awaits. And, so, when Caesar, a slave who has recently arrived from Virginia, urges her to join him on the Underground Railroad, she seizes the opportunity and escapes with him. The Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor: engineers and conductors operate a secret network of actual tracks and tunnels, beneath the Southern soil. Cora embarks on a harrowing flight from one state to the next, encountering strange yet familiar iterations of her own world at each stop.

Historical fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

## **Freehold: Defiance**

Freehold 11 (anthology)

### **Williamson, Michael Z (editor)**

*No battle plan survives contact with the enemy...* Everyone has a different war. For some in the UN Peacekeeping mission to Grainne, the struggle is just to survive. For others, it's to remain sane, or keep one's friends and comrades physically and mentally intact. When the rules of engagement are in constant flux, and orders are unclear or based on false information, just getting back inside the fence can be an accomplishment. For the rebels of the Freehold of Grainne, they must form an organised force from the shattered remnants of their military, and from grimly determined, but underequipped and outnumbered insurgents. Their war is for their very way of life. They'll do everything and

anything to stop this invasion, using whatever means are available. They mean to make the enemy suffer. *Quod vulnere curare potes.* 'Because physical wounds heal.' Contributors: Jamie Ibson, Jonathan D Green, Kevin J Anderson and Kevin Ikenberry, Michael Z Williamson, Jessica Schlenker, Jaime DiNote, Will McCaskey, Justin Watson, J F Holmes & Jason Cordova, and Christopher DiNote & Philip Wohlrab.

Military SF TP \$35.95

## **Madam**

### **Wynne, Phoebe**

For 150 years, Caldonbrae Hall has loomed high above the Scottish cliffs as a beacon of excellence in the ancestral castle of Lord William Hope. A boarding school for girls, it promises that its pupils will emerge 'resilient

and ready to serve society'. Into its illustrious midst steps Rose Christie, a 26-year-old Classics teacher and new head of department. Rose is overwhelmed by the institution: its arcane traditions, unrivalled prestige, and terrifyingly cool, vindictive students. Her classroom becomes her haven, where the stories of fearless women from ancient Greek and Roman history ignite the curiosity of the girls she teaches and, unknowingly, the suspicions of the powers that be. But as Rose uncovers the darkness that beats at the very heart of Caldonbrae, the lines between myth and reality grow ever more blurred. It will be up to Rose – and the fierce young women she has come to love – to find a way to escape the fate the school has in store for them, before it is too late.

Gothic fantasy TP \$32.99