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Adrian Tchaikovsky

... and many others.

All the books in this catalogue are new books due for release in **September 2020**.

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Until next time, good reading!
Ron and Leanne

PC GRANT 08: FALSE VALUE
AARONOVITCH, Ben
Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

AGE OF MADNESS 02: THE TROUBLE WITH PEACE
ABERCROMBIE, Joe
Savine dan Glotka, 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. The sequel to *A Little Hatred* (PBK, \$22.99).

Grimdark fantasy TPHC \$32.99/\$55.00

KNIGHT WATCH
AKERS, Tim
John Rast went to the Ren Faire looking for a fight. Well, a simulated fight, with blunt swords and safety equipment. But when his final opponent turns into a living, fire-breathing dragon, John finds himself in the fight of his life. It's John, or nothing, stopping a disaster in its tracks – and the only real weapon at hand is his mom's Volvo. So, John decides to let it roll... And that's when destiny comes to call.

Urban fantasy TP \$35.95

DESTROYERMEN 15: WINDS OF WRATH
ANDERSON, Taylor
Military SF HC \$45.99

HIDDEN LEGACY 05: EMERALD BLAZE
ANDREWS, Ilona
The first in this hugely-popular sequence is *Burn for Me* (PBK, \$24.95).

Paranormal romance HC/PBK \$57.95/\$24.95

THE TESTAMENTS
ATWOOD, Margaret
What happened to Offred? The Republic of Gilead is beginning to rot, from within. At this crucial moment, two girls with radically different experiences of the regime come face to face with the legendary, ruthless Aunt Lydia. But how far will each go, for what she believes? Now, with additional material: book club discussion points and an interview with Margaret Atwood about the real-life events that inspired *The Testaments* and *The Handmaid's Tale*. Winner of the Booker Prize 2019.

Dystopia PBK \$19.99

RED QUEEN: BROKEN THRONE (COLLECTION)
AVEYARD, Victoria
YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

WORLD ENGINES 02: CREATOR
BAXTER, Stephen

Trapped on an alternate Earth, the combined crews of a crashed Russian spaceship, a British expeditionary force and a group of strays from the future must work together to survive, escape, and discover what led them to this point. All are from parallel universes where small changes in history led to different realities, and the tensions between the groups are rising. But some changes were not small. The solar system has been altered, changed, shaped in the various realities, and the World Engineers – unspeakably powerful, completely unknown – are still active. Why have they populated this planet with humanity's ancestors and dinosaurs? What is on the moon of Saturn that gives off such an odd light? And even if they can be found, can they be stopped – and should they be? Malenfant, Deidra, and the rest of their party must find a way off the planet, back into space, and into the many dimensions seeking the answer... The sequel to *Destroyer* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction TP \$32.99

STRAIGHT OUTTA DEADWOOD (ANTHOLOGY)
BOOP, David (editor)
Western-influenced PBK \$24.95

DRIFTWOOD
BRENNAN, Marie
Who is Last? Fame is rare in Driftwood – it's hard to get famous, if you don't stick around long enough for people to know you. But many know the guide, Last, a one-blooded survivor who has seen his world end many lifetimes ago. For Driftwood is a strange place of slow apocalypses, where continents eventually crumble into mere neighbourhoods, pulled inexorably towards the centre in the Crush. Cultures clash, countries fall, and everything eventually disintegrates. Within the Shreds, a rumour goes around that Last has died. Drifters come together to commemorate him. But who really was Last? Lying liar, or heroic saviour? A mercenary, a charlatan, a legend? A man, an immortal – perhaps even a god?

Apocalyptic TP \$29.99

BONE HARVEST
BROGDEN, James
Struggling with the effects of early-onset Alzheimer's, Dennie Keeling leads a quiet life. Her husband is dead, her children are grown, and her best friend, Sarah, was convicted of murdering her abusive husband. All Dennie wants, now, is to be left to work her allotment in peace. But when three strangers take the allotment next to hers, Dennie starts to notice strange things. Plants are flowering well before their time, shadowy figures prowl at night, and she hears strange noises coming from the newcomers' shed. Dennie soon realises that she is face to face with an ancient evil – but with her Alzheimer's steadily getting worse, who is going to believe her?

Supernatural thriller PBK \$19.99

HOLLOW KINGDOM
BUXTON, Kira Jane

S T is a domesticated crow. He is a bird of simple pleasures: hanging out with his owner Big Jim, trading insults with Seattle's wild crows (those idiots) and enjoying the finest food humankind has to offer: Cheetos. But when Big Jim's eyeball falls out of his head, S T starts to feel like something isn't right. His most tried-and-true remedies – from beak-delivered beer to the slobbering affection of the loyal, but dim-witted, dog Dennis – fail to cure his owner. S T is left with no choice but to venture out into a frightening new world, where he discovers that the neighbours are devouring each other, and the local wildlife is abuzz with rumours of dangerous new predators roaming Seattle... Humanity's extinction has arrived, and the only one determined to save it is a foul-mouthed crow. Has had some pre-publication raves!

Apocalyptic PBK \$22.99

THE VANISHED QUEEN
CAMPBELL, Lisbeth
Fantasy HC \$45.00

LOST AND FOUND
CARD, Orson Scott
YA fantasy TP \$33.95

DRAGON EMPIRE 03: DAWN OF EMPIRE
CHAN, Kylie
The conclusion to the Dragon Empire trilogy, which begins with *Scales of Empire* (PBK, \$19.99).

Science fiction TP \$32.99

FOREIGNER 21: DIVERGENCE
CHERRYH, C J
The previous in the series, *Resurgence*, is also now available in paperback (\$24.95).

Science fiction HC \$55.00

FINNA (NOVELLA)
CIPRI, Nino

Finna is a rambunctious, touching story that blends all the horrors the multiverse has to offer with the everyday awfulness of low-wage work. It explores queer relationships and queer feelings, capitalism and accountability, labour and love, all with a bouncing sense of humour and a commitment to the strange. When an elderly customer at a Swedish big box furniture store – but not that one – slips through a portal to another dimension, it's up to two minimum-wage employees to track her across the multiverse and protect their company's bottom line. Multidimensional washbuckling would be hard enough, but those two unfortunate souls broke up a week ago. To find the missing granny, Ava and Jules will brave carnivorous furniture, swarms of identical furniture spokespeople, and the deep resentment simmering between them. Can friendship blossom from the ashes of their relationship? In infinite dimensions, all things are possible. A 144pp Tor.com novella. 'A magical anti-capitalist adventure.' – *Annalee Newitz*.

Science fiction PBK \$24.99

PIRANESI
CLARKE, Susanna

Piranesi lives in the House. Perhaps, he always has. In his notebooks, day after day, he makes a clear and careful record of its wonders: the labyrinth of halls, the thousands upon thousands of statues, the tides that thunder up staircases, the clouds that move in slow procession through the upper halls. On Tuesdays and Fridays, Piranesi sees his friend, the Other. At other times, he brings tributes of food to the Dead. But mostly, he is alone. Messages begin to appear, scratched out in chalk on the pavements. There is someone new in the House. But who are they and what do they want? Are they a friend or do they bring destruction and madness as the Other claims? Lost texts must be found; secrets must be uncovered. The world that Piranesi thought he knew is becoming strange and dangerous. *The Beauty of the House is immeasurable; its Kindness infinite*. Clarke's first book since *Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell*; we're excited to see a new book from her, after all this time.

Fantasy HC \$27.99

SAGA OF THE FORGOTTEN WARRIOR 03: DESTROYER OF WORLDS
CORREIA, Larry

The Saga of the Forgotten Warrior begins with *Son of the Black Sword* (PBK, \$26.95).

Fantasy HC \$55.00

MIRROR VISITOR 03: THE MEMORY OF BABEL
DABOS, Christelle

Dabos' Mirror Visitor series is a quartet; and begins with *A Winter's Promise* (PBK, \$22.99). Customers have loved this series.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

BLACKWOOD TAPES 01: THE HOLLOW ONES
DEL TORO, Guillermo & HOGAN, Chuck

A horrific crime that defies ordinary explanation. A rookie FBI agent in dangerous, uncharted territory. An extraordinary hero for the ages. Odessa's life is derailed when she's forced to turn her gun on her partner, who turns suddenly, inexplicably violent while apprehending a rampaging murderer. The shooting, justified by self-defence, shakes Odessa to her core and she is placed on desk leave pending a full investigation. But what most troubles her isn't the tragedy itself – it's the shadowy presence she thought she saw fleeing the deceased agent's body after his death. Questioning her future with the FBI and her sanity, Odessa accepts a low-level assignment to clear out the belongings of a retired agent in the New York office. What she finds there will put her on the trail of a mysterious figure named John Blackwood – a man of enormous means, who claims to have been alive for centuries. What he tells

her could mean he's an unhinged lunatic. That, or he's humanity's best and only defence against an unspeakable evil that could corrupt even the best of us...

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

SOLAR WARDEN 01: ALIEN SECRETS
DOUGLAS, Ian

US Navy SEAL Lieutenant Commander Mark Hunter has witnessed the impossible. On a mission in North Korea, an unidentified flying object destroyed a compound developing weapons of mass destruction. Now, he has been recruited to join a government agency that has been harbouring a secret alliance with extraterrestrials, since 1947. Selected to lead an elite force of soldiers, Hunter will travel across the stars to help humanity stake its claim among greater intelligent life in the universe. But the aliens who have infiltrated Earth and guided warmongering nations, since the twentieth century, have their own agendas... The first in a new series.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

THORNE CHRONICLES 01: HOW RORY THORNE DESTROYED THE MULTIVERSE
EASON, K

Rory Thorne is a princess with thirteen fairy blessings, the most important of which is to see through flattery and platitudes. As the eldest daughter, she always imagined she'd inherit her father's throne, and govern the interplanetary Thorne Consortium. Then her father is assassinated, her mother gives birth to a son, and Rory is betrothed to the prince of a distant world. When Rory arrives in her new home, she uncovers a treacherous plot to unseat her newly betrothed and usurp his throne. An unscrupulous minister has conspired to name himself Regent to the minor (and somewhat foolish) prince. With only her wits and a small team of allies, Rory must outmanoeuvre the Regent and rescue the prince. *How Rory Thorne Destroyed the Multiverse* is a feminist re-imagining of familiar fairy-tale tropes and a story of resistance and self-determination – how small acts of rebellion can lead a princess to not just save herself, but change the course of history. The first in a duology.

Space opera TP \$37.95

CORPORATE GUNSLINGER
ENGSTROM, Doug
Science fiction TP \$32.99

D (A TALE OF TWO WORLDS)
FABER, Michel

It all starts, on the morning the letter D disappears from the language. First, it vanishes from her parents' conversation at breakfast, then from the road signs outside. Soon, the local dentist and the neighbour's Dalmatian are missing, and even the Donkey Derby has been called off. Though she doesn't know why, Dhikilo is summoned to the home of her old history teacher Professor Dodderfield and his faithful Labrador, Nelly Robinson. And this is where our story begins. Set between England and the wintry land of Liminus, a world enslaved by the monstrous Gamp and populated by fearsome, enchanting creatures, here is a mesmerising tale of friendship and bravery, in an uncertain world. Told with simple beauty and warmth, its celebration of moral courage and freethinking is a powerful reminder of our human capacity for strength, hope and justice.

Dickensian fable TP \$32.99

CARPATHIAN 30: DARK SONG
FEEHAN, Christine
Paranormal romance TP \$29.99

THE DARKEST TIME OF NIGHT 02: THE DARK ABOVE
FINLEY, Jeremy

For most of his life, William Chance has been the living proof that his grandmother and her fellow researchers' investigations into missing people were right all along about the terror from the stars. Now, he's avoiding the limelight and hiding out from everyone, including his own family. He knows he can avoid everything, except for the nightmares – about fires, storms, disease, and violence...

When he's suddenly exposed, William finds that the media, government operatives, and renegade true believers are desperate to find him, but he has another mission. Joined by a girl with unique abilities, he begins a desperate journey across the United States, to find the others who share his dreams to stop what could be the final days of the world. The sequel to *The Darkest Time of Night* (PBK, \$26.95).

SF thriller PBK \$26.95

MAGIC FOR LIARS
GAILEY, Sarah

Ivy Gamble was born without magic and never wanted it. Ivy Gamble is perfectly happy with her life – or, at least, she's perfectly fine. She doesn't in any way wish she was like Tabitha, her estranged, gifted, twin sister. Ivy Gamble is a liar. When a gruesome murder is discovered at Osthorpe Academy of Young Mages, where her estranged twin sister teaches Theoretical Magic, reluctant detective Ivy Gamble is pulled into the world of untold power and dangerous secrets. She will have to find a murderer and reclaim her sister – without losing herself. The acclaimed author of *American Hippo* (TP, \$32.99) combines sharp fantasy with the compelling thrills of investigative noir. Recommended!

Urban fantasy TP \$29.99

FORTUNATELY, THE MILK...
GAIMAN, Neil & RIDDELL, Chris (illustrator)
Children's fantasy (reissue) PBK \$15.99

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

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

HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

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EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES OF THE ATHENA CLUB 03: THE SINISTER MYSTERY OF THE MESMERISING GIRL

GOSS, Theodora
The Athena Club's charming adventures begin with the wonderful *The Strange Case of the Alchemist's Daughter* (TP, \$26.99).
Gaslamp fantasy TP \$26.99

THE SILVER ARROW

GROSSMAN, Lev
Kate wasn't expecting much, when she wrote to her wealthy, estranged uncle to ask for a birthday present. Certainly, she wasn't expecting a colossal steam train called the *Silver Arrow* to arrive on her doorstep. Despite parental misgivings, curiosity overwhelms Kate and her brother Tom and they climb aboard, only for the train's engine to roar into life. Soon, they reach a train station where an assortment of strange and beautiful creatures are waiting with tickets in their mouths, and Kate and Tom begin to understand that their job will be to see them safely home – if they can. A children's adventure by the author of *The Magicians* (PBK, \$19.99).
Children's fantasy PBK \$14.99

THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY

HAIG, Matt
Between life and death there is a library. When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. Up until now, her life has been full of misery and regret. She feels she has let everyone down, including herself. But things are about to change. The books in the Midnight Library enable Nora to live as if she had done things differently. With the help of an old friend, she can now undo every one of her regrets, as she tries to work out her perfect life. But things aren't always what she imagined they'd be, and soon her choices place the library and herself in extreme danger. Before time runs out, she must answer the ultimate question: what is the best way to live? Recommended... we loved Haig's *How to Stop Time* (PBK, \$19.99).
Fantasy TP \$29.99

SUNSURGE QUARTET 04: MOTHER OF DAEMONS

HAIR, David
Concluding the Sunsurge Quartet, which begins with *Empress of the Fall* (PBK, \$22.99).
Fantasy PBK \$22.99

A COSMOLOGY OF MONSTERS

HAMILL, Shaun
Horror PBK \$19.99

HOLLOWS 14: AMERICAN DEMON

HARRISON, Kim
Paranormal HC \$47.99

THE WAREHOUSE

HART, Rob
In a world ravaged by bankruptcy and unemployment, Cloud is the only company left, worth working for. But what will it cost you? Amidst the wreckage of America, Cloud reigns supreme. Cloud brands itself not just as an online storefront, but as a global saviour. Yet, beneath the sunny exterior, lurks something far more sinister. Paxton never thought he'd be working Security for the company that ruined his life, much less that he'd be moving into one of their sprawling live-work facilities. But compared to what's left outside, perhaps Cloud isn't so bad. Better still, through his work he meets Zinnia, who fills him with hope for their shared future. Except that Zinnia is not what she seems. And Paxton, with his all-access security credentials, might just be her meal ticket. As Paxton and Zinnia's agendas place them on a collision course, they're about to learn just how far the Cloud will go to make the world a better place. To beat the system, you have to be inside it.
Dystopia PBK \$19.99

INK & SIGIL 01: INK AND SIGIL

HEARNE, Kevin
Al MacBharras is both blessed and cursed. He is blessed with an extraordinary white moustache, an appreciation for craft cocktails – and a most unique magical talent. He can cast spells with magically-enchanted ink, and he uses his gifts to protect our world from rogue minions of various pantheons, especially the Fae. But he is also cursed. Anyone who hears his voice will begin to feel an inexplicable hatred for Al, so he can only communicate through the written word or speech apps. And his apprentices keep dying in peculiar freak accidents. As his personal life crumbles around him, he devotes his life to his work, all the while trying to crack the secret of his curse. But when his latest apprentice, Gordie, turns up dead in his Glasgow flat, Al discovers evidence that Gordie was living a secret life of crime. Now, Al is forced to play detective – while avoiding actual detectives who are wondering why death seems to always follow Al. Investigating his apprentice's death will take him through Scotland's magical underworld, and he'll need the help of a mischievous hobgoblin if he's to survive. The first in a new series, spun off from the Iron Druid Chronicles.
Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

THE GHOST TREE

HENRY, Christina
When the bodies of two girls are found torn apart in the town of Smiths Hollow, Lauren is surprised, but she also expects that the police won't find the killer. After all, the year before her father's body was found with his heart missing, and since then everyone has moved on. Even her best friend, Miranda, has become more interested in boys than in spending time at the old ghost tree, the way they used to when they were kids. So, when Lauren has a vision of a monster dragging the remains of the girls through the woods, she knows she can't just do nothing. Not like the rest of her town. But as she draws closer to answers, she realises that the foundation of her seemingly normal town might be rotten at the centre. And that if nobody else stands for the missing, she will.
Dark fantasy PBK \$19.99

LOVE BITES

HERMAN, Ry
Two years after a painful divorce, Chloe is still struggling to leave the house, paralysed by anxiety and memory. So, when she's bullied into a night of dancing by her busybody aunt and finds herself in a goth club, on her own, in a strange part of town, she isn't looking for anything more than to pass the time until she can leave. Then she meets Angela, a smart, beautiful astronomy PhD student, whose smile makes her heart pound. In Angela's eyes, Chloe can see a future. Suddenly, home alone is the last place Chloe wants to be.

Trouble is, Angela can only come out at night. Angela doesn't feel the cold. Angela doesn't eat. Angela doesn't have a pulse. Angela has sharp and deadly teeth. Angela and Chloe might just be perfect for each other. But how do you build a life together when one of you is already dead? A laugh-out-loud, feel-good, queer romance with a paranormal twist...
Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

CAS RUSSELL 01: ZERO SUM GAME

HUANG, S L
A blockbuster, near-future thriller, introducing a math-genius mercenary, who finds herself being manipulated by someone possessing unimaginable power... Cas Russell is good at math. Scary good. The vector calculus blazing through her head lets her smash through armed men, twice her size, and dodge every bullet in a gunfight, and she'll take any job for the right price. As far as Cas knows, she's the only person around with a superpower... until she discovers someone with a power even more dangerous than her own. Someone who can reach directly into people's minds and twist their brains into Moebius strips. Someone intent on becoming the world's puppet master. Cas should run, like she usually does, but for once she's involved. There's only one problem... She doesn't know which of her thoughts are her own, anymore. The first in a trilogy.
SF thriller PBK \$24.95

STELLARIS: PEOPLE OF THE STARS (ANTHOLOGY)

JOHNSON, Les & HAMPSON, Robert E (editors)
Science fiction PBK \$24.95

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SKY

KAUFMAN, Amie & SPOONER, Meagan
Prince North's home is in the sky, in a gleaming city held aloft by intricate unknown technology. But North believes his sky island is sinking. Its engines are failing, and the key to saving his home is to venture to the place the engines were first created. Nimh is the living goddess of her people on the surface, responsible for providing answers, direction – hope. But in the midst of the surface's worst crisis yet, a mist that spreads madness and poison, doubts have arisen among the people about Nimh's divinity. She must find a way to manifest her power – before she is overthrown, and all is lost. North's and Nimh's lives are entwined – though their hearts can never be. Linked by a terrifying prophecy and caught between duty and fate, they must choose to either save their people, or succumb to the bond that is forbidden to them.
YA fantasy TP \$19.99

BEDLAM BARDS 10:

THE WATERS AND THE WILD
LACKEY, Mercedes & EDGHILL, Rosemary
Urban fantasy PBK \$24.95

HAUNTED HOUSES: CLASSIC TALES OF DOORS THAT SHOULD NEVER BE OPENED (ANTHOLOGY)

LANDIS, John (editor)
Horror TP \$29.99

SIDEWISE IN TIME

LEINSTER, Murray
Golden Age Masterworks PBK \$22.99

NOUMENON 03: NOUMENON ULTRA

LOSTETTER, Marina J
This mind-expanding journey concludes one of the most remarkable science-fiction series of the twenty-first century, that began with *Noumenon* (PBK, \$19.99) and *Noumenon Infinity* (TP, \$35.00) – a wondrous exploration of space and of humanity's future.
Science fiction PBK \$19.99

OCTOBER DAYE 14: A KILLING FROST

MCGUIRE, Seanan
The previous in the Toby Daye series, *The Unkindest Tide*, is also now available in paperback (\$24.95). Always recommended.
Urban fantasy HC \$55.00

THE KINDER POISON

MAE, Natalie
In the magical kingdom of Orkena, Zahru has long dreamed of a life beyond the desert, even though she knows her lowly position as a stable girl who can commune with animals will never afford her such a luxury. All that changes when the ailing ruler invokes an ancient tradition known as the Crossing. It's a death-defying race across the desert, in which the first of his heirs to finish – and take the life of a human sacrifice at the journey's end – will ascend to the throne and be granted unparalleled abilities. As preparations and celebrations commence, Zahru jumps at the chance to experience a small taste of glamour by sneaking into the palace. But the minor indiscretion quickly turns into the worst mistake of her life as she gets caught up in a feud between the heirs and is ultimately forced to become the Crossing's human sacrifice. Zahru is left with only one hope for survival: somehow figuring out how to overcome the most powerful people in the world.
YA fantasy TP \$32.99

SERPENT & DOVE 02: BLOOD AND HONEY

MAHURIN, Shelby
Lou, Reid, Coco, and Ansel are on the run from coven, kingdom, and church – fugitives with nowhere to hide. To survive, they need allies. Strong ones. But as Lou becomes increasingly desperate to save those she loves, she turns to a darker side of magic that may cost Reid the one thing he can't bear to lose. Bound to her always, his vows were clear: where Lou goes, he will go; and where she stays, he will stay. Until death do they part. The sequel to *Serpent and Dove* (PBK, \$16.99) is perfect for fans of Sarah J Maas.
YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

SUNSHIELD

MARTIN, Emily B
Fantasy TP \$32.99

DIVINE HERETIC

MOYER, Jaime Lee
Everyone knows the story of Joan of Arc, a peasant girl who put Charles VII on the throne – before being burned by the English as a heretic and witch. But things are not always as they appear. Jeanne d'Arc was only five, when three angels and saints first came to her. Shrouded by a halo of heavenly light, she believed their claim to be holy. The Archangel Michael and Saint Margaret told her she was the foretold Warrior Maid of Lorraine, fated to free France and put

a king upon his throne. Saint Catherine made her promise to obey their commands and embrace her destiny; the three saints would guide her every step. Jeanne bound herself to these creatures without knowing what she'd done. As she got older, Jeanne grew to mistrust and fear the voices, and they didn't hesitate to punish her cruelly for disobedience. She quickly learned that their cherished prophecy was more important than the girl expected to make it come true. Jeanne is only a shepherd's daughter, not the Warrior Maid of the prophecy, but she is stubborn and rebellious, and finds ways to avoid doing – and being – what these creatures want. Resistance has a terrifying price, but Jeanne is determined to fight for the life she wants. But when the cost grows too high, Jeanne will risk everything to save her brother, her one true friend, and the man she loves. Not everyone is destined to be a hero. Sometimes you have no choice.
Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

LOCKED TOMB TRILOGY 01: GIDEON THE NINTH

MUIR, Tamsyn
The Emperor needs necromancers. The Ninth Necromancer needs a swordswoman. Gideon has a sword, some dirty magazines, and no more time for ideoad bullshit. Brought up by unfriendly, ossifying nuns, ancient retainers, and countless skeletons, Gideon is ready to abandon a life of servitude and an afterlife as a reanimated corpse. She packs up her sword, her shoes, and her dirty magazines, and prepares to launch her daring escape. But her childhood nemesis won't set her free without a service. The emperor has called his necromancers to action; and Harrowhark is set on Gideon attending her, as bodyguard... 'Lesbian necromancers explore a haunted gothic palace in space!' – *Charles Stross*. The first in a trilogy; highly recommended and much loved by our regulars in hardcover!
Space fantasy TP \$29.99

PROTECTORATE 02: CHAOS VECTOR

O'KEEFE, Megan E
Sanda and Tomas are fleeing for their lives after letting the most dangerous smartship in the universe run free. Now, unsure of who to trust, Sanda knows only one thing for certain – to be able to save herself from becoming a pawn of greater powers, she needs to discover the secret of the coordinates hidden in her skull. But getting to those coordinates is a problem she can't solve alone. They exist beyond a dead gate – a Casimir gate that opened up into a dead-end system without resources worth colonising, and was sealed off. To get through the dead gate, she needs the help of the enemy Nazca. But some Nazca are only interested in the chip in her head – and they'll crack her open to get to it. The sequel to O'Keefe's acclaimed sf debut, *Velocity Weapon* (PBK, \$22.99).
Space opera PBK \$22.99

SECOND SPECIES 03: BLUE PLANET

O'REILLY, Jane
The concluding volume of the trilogy following *Blue Shift* (PBK, \$19.99) and *Deep Blue* (PBK, \$22.99).
Science fiction TP \$22.99

THE INVENTION OF SOUND

PALAHNIUK, Chuck
Supernatural thriller TP \$29.99

TO SLEEP IN A SEA OF STARS

PAOLINI, Christopher
During a routine survey mission on an uncolonised planet, xenobiologist Kira Navárez finds an alien relic that thrusts her into the wonders and nightmares of first contact. Epic space battles for the fate of humanity take her to the farthest reaches of the galaxy and, in the process, transform not only her – but the entire course of history. An sf debut from the author of the Inheritance Cycle.
Science fiction TP \$32.99

HOW TO RULE AN EMPIRE

AND GET AWAY WITH IT
PARKER, K J

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