

# Pulp Fiction

2020

## Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

**All Systems Red (Murderbot Diaries 01)**

**Martha Wells**

In a corporate-dominated, spacefaring future, planetary missions must be approved and supplied by the Company. Exploratory teams are accompanied by Company-supplied security androids, for their own safety. But in a society where contracts are awarded to the lowest bidder, safety isn't a primary concern. On a distant planet, a team of scientists are conducting surface tests, shadowed by their Company-supplied 'droid – a self-aware SecUnit that has hacked its own governor module, and refers to itself (though, never out loud) as 'Murderbot'.

Scornful of humans, all it really wants is to be left alone, long enough to figure out who it is. But when a neighbouring mission goes dark, it's up to the scientists and their Murderbot to get to the truth. This first in the series won both the Hugo and Nebula Awards for Best Novella – and rightly so! So, love this – and its three sequels making up the quartet. Can't recommend them highly enough! (Best to reserve your copies, though – they tend to sell out as soon as stock arrives!)

Science fiction novella | HC | \$29.99



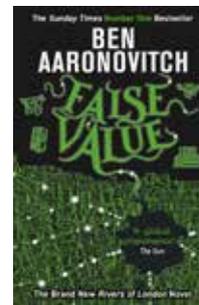
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**False Value (PC Grant 08)**

**Ben Aaronovitch**

Now in paperback, the eighth book of the bestselling Rivers of London series. Peter Grant is facing fatherhood, and an uncertain future, with equal amounts of panic and enthusiasm. Rather than sit around, he takes a job with émigré Silicon Valley tech genius Terrence Skinner's brand-new London start up – the Serious Cybernetics Company. Drawn into the orbit of Old Street's famous 'silicon roundabout', Peter must learn how to blend in with people who are both civilians and geekier than he is. Compared to his last job, Peter thinks it should be a doddle. But magic is not finished with Mama Grant's favourite son. Because Terrence Skinner has a secret hidden in the bowels of the SCC. A technology that stretches back to Ada Lovelace and Charles Babbage, and forward to the future of artificial intelligence. A secret that is just as magical as it technological – and just as dangerous...

Urban fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



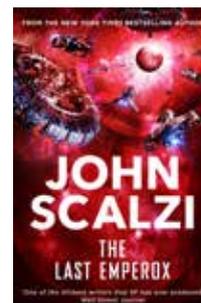
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**The Last Emperox (Interdependency 03)**

**John Scalzi**

Can they escape the end of an empire? Entire star systems, and billions of people, are about to be stranded. The pathways that link the stars are collapsing faster than anyone expected, accelerating the fall of civilisation. But though the evidence is insurmountable, many are in denial. And some even attempt to profit from the final days of this golden age. Emperox Grayland II has wrested control of the empire from her enemies. But even as she works to save her people, others seek power. And they will make a final, desperate push to topple her from her throne. Grayland and her depleted allies must use every tool at their disposal to save themselves and humanity – yet it still may not be enough. Will Grayland become the saviour of her civilisation... or the last emperox to wear the crown? Great series – start with *The Collapsing Empire* (PBK, \$19.99)

Space opera | PBK | \$18.99



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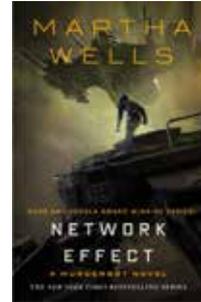
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### **Network Effect (Murderbot Diaries 05)**

**Martha Wells**

*Finally!* The first full-length novel in Martha Wells' bestselling Murderbot Diaries series. 'I caught myself rereading my favourite parts... and I can't recommend it enough.' – *New York Times*. You know that feeling when you're at work, and you've had enough of people, and then the boss walks in with yet another job that needs to be done right this second or the world will end, but all you want to do is go home and binge your favourite shows? And you're a sentient murder machine programmed for destruction... Come for the pew-pew space battles, stay for the most relatable AI you'll read, this century. *I'm usually alone in my head, and that's where 90-plus percent of my problems are*. When Murderbot's human associates (not friends, never friends) are captured and another not-friend from its past requires urgent assistance, Murderbot must choose between inertia and drastic action. Drastic action, it is, then. Love, love, love it! Cannot recommend highly enough! (If you want one, but we don't have any in the shop – please, do order one, to stake your claim on the stock we will receive!) If you haven't read Wells' preceding novellas – then start with *All Systems Red* (HC, \$29.99).

Science fiction novella | HC | \$42.99



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### **Peace Talks (Dresden Files 16)**

**Jim Butcher**

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? Everyone says the wait was worth it – so great to have a new Butcher at last! Series is recommended! (See also #7 on this list!)

Urban fantasy | TP | \$32.99



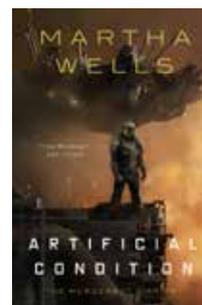
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### **Artificial Condition (Murderbot Diaries 02)**

**Martha Wells**

*Artificial Condition* is the follow-up to Martha Wells' Hugo, Nebula, Alex, and Locus Award-winning, *New York Times*-bestselling *All Systems Red*. It has a dark past – one in which a number of humans were killed. A past that caused it to christen itself 'Murderbot'. But it has only vague memories of the massacre that spawned that title, and it wants to know more. Teaming up with a Research Transport vessel, named ART (you don't want to know what the 'A' stands for), Murderbot heads to the mining facility where it went rogue. What it discovers will forever change the way it thinks... This won the Nebula Award for Best Novella – and if it's possible – I think I love this even more than the first one (it's the interaction between AIs – just great!) Really – you just have to read these! – Ron. Note that *Artificial Condition* won both the Nebula, Hugo, Locus Awards for Best Novella (just as the first one did!) in 2019. Congratulations, Martha!

Science fiction novella | HC | \$29.99



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### **Battle Ground (Dresden Files 17)**

**Jim Butcher**

Finally!! Harry has faced terrible odds before. He has a long history of fighting enemies above his weight class. The Red Court of vampires. The fallen angels of the Order of the Blackened Denarius. The Outsiders. But this time it's different. A being more powerful and dangerous on an order of magnitude beyond what the world has seen in a millennium is coming. And she's bringing an army. The Last Titan has declared war on the city of Chicago, and has come to subjugate humanity, obliterating any who stand in her way. Harry's mission is simple but impossible: Save the city by killing a Titan. And the attempt will change Harry's life, Chicago, and the mortal world forever. Harry has faced terrible odds before. He has a long history of fighting enemies above his weight class. The Red Court of vampires. The fallen angels of the Order of the Blackened Denarius. The Outsiders. But this time it's different. A being more powerful and dangerous on an order of magnitude beyond what the world has seen in a millennium is coming. And she's bringing an army. The Last Titan has declared war on the city of Chicago, and has come to subjugate humanity, obliterating any who stand in her way. Harry's mission is simple but impossible: Save the city by killing a Titan. And the attempt will change Harry's life, Chicago, and the mortal world forever. Dresden fans are going ballistic! They hated having to wait so long – but it appears the wait was worth it. First in the series is *Storm Front* (PBK, \$22.99). See also #5, above.

Urban fantasy | HC | \$45.00



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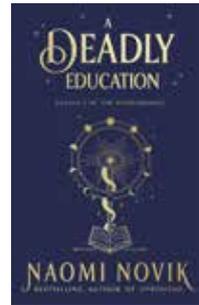
### **A Deadly Education (Scholomance 01)**

**Naomi Novik**

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.' – N K Jemisin, three-time Hugo Award winner, and author of *The Fifth Season*. Highly Recommended!

Fantasy | TP | \$32.99



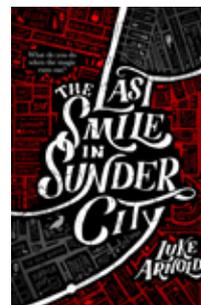
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### **The Last Smile in Sunder City (Fetch Phillips 01)**

**Luke Arnold**

Welcome to Sunder City. The magic is gone but the monsters remain. I'm Fetch Phillips, just like it says on the window. There are a few things you should know before you hire me: One, sobriety costs extra. Two, my services are confidential. Three, I don't work for humans. It's nothing personal – I'm human, myself. But after what happened, to the magic, it's not the humans who need my help. Walk the streets of Sunder City and meet Fetch, his magical clients, and a darkly-imagined world, perfect for readers of Ben Aaronovitch and Jim Butcher. The debut novel of Australian actor Luke Arnold – known for his lead role in *Black Sails*! A really charming and polished debut; and something we haven't seen before... I don't think! ;) – Leanne. Recommended! The sequel, *Dead Man in a Ditch* (PBK, \$22.99) is also available now.

Fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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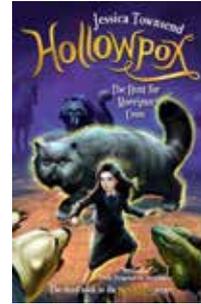
*Hollowpox: The Hunt for Morrigan Crow* (Nevermoor 03)

Jessica Townsend

Morrigan Crow and her friends have survived their first year as proud scholars of the elite Wondrous Society, helped bring down the nefarious Ghastly Market, and proven themselves loyal to Unit 919. Now, Morrigan faces a new, exciting challenge: to master the mysterious Wretched Arts, and control the power that threatens to consume her. But a strange and frightening illness has taken hold of Nevermoor, turning infected Wunimals into mindless, vicious Unnimals on the hunt. As victims of the Hollowpox multiply, panic spreads. And with the city she loves in a state of fear, Morrigan quickly realises it's up to her to find a cure for the Hollowpox, even if it will

put her – and everyone in Nevermoor – in more danger than she ever imagined. Imagine a Roald Dahl mashed up with Diana Wynne Jones – fabulous! The first two are *Nevermoor* and *Wundersmith* (PBK, \$17.99 each). Recommended!

Children's fantasy | PBK | \$17.99



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