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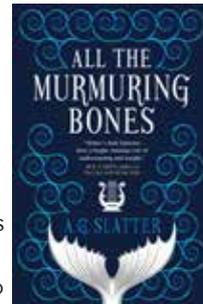
All the Murmuring Bones

A G Slatter

For fans of Naomi Novik and Katherine Arden, a dark gothic fairy tale from multi-award-winning Brisbane author, Angela Slatter. 'Harrowing and beautiful, this is the grim, fairy-tale gothic you've been waiting for' – *Christopher Golden*, author of *Ararat*. Long ago Miren O'Malley's family prospered due to a deal struck with the mer: safety for their ships in return for a child of each generation. But for many years the family have been unable to keep their side of the bargain and have fallen into decline. Miren's grandmother is determined to restore their glory, even at the price of Miren's freedom. A spellbinding tale of dark family secrets, magic and witches, and creatures of myth and the sea; of strong women and the men who seek to control them. This really is fantastic – highly recommended!

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Fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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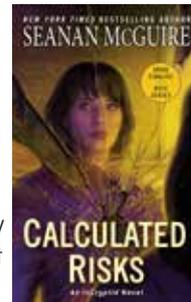
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Seanan McGuire

Just when Sarah Zellaby, adopted Price cousin and telepathic ambush predator, thought that things couldn't get worse, she's had to go and prove herself wrong. After being kidnapped and manipulated by her birth family, she has undergone a transformation called an instar, reaching back to her Apocritic origins to metamorphise. While externally the same, she is internally much more powerful, and much more difficult to control. Even by herself. After years of denial, the fact that she will always be a cuckoo has become impossible to deny. Now, stranded in another dimension with a handful of allies who seem to have no idea who she is – including her cousin Annie and her maybe-boyfriend Artie, both of whom have forgotten their relationship – and a bunch of cuckoos with good reason to want her dead, Sarah must figure out not only how to contend with her situation, but with the new realities of her future. What is she now? Who is she, now? Is that person someone she can live with? And when all is said and done, will she be able to get the people she loves, whether or not they've forgotten her, safely home? Start with *Discount Armageddon* (PBK, \$24.95). Pacey and a ton of fun. Recommended!

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Wild Sign (Alpha & Omega 06)

Patricia Briggs

In the wilds of the Northern California mountains, all the inhabitants of a small town have gone missing. It's as if the people picked up and left their possessions behind. With a mystery on their hands and no jurisdiction on private property, the FBI dumps the whole problem in the lap of the landowner, Aspen Creek, Inc – aka the business organisation of the Marrok's pack. Somehow, the pack of the Wolf Who Rules is connected to a group of vanished people. Werewolves Charles Cornick and Anna Latham are tasked with investigating, and soon find that a deserted town is the least of the challenges they face. Death sings in the forest, and when it calls, Charles and Anna must answer. Something has awakened in the heart of the California mountains, something old and dangerous – and it has met werewolves before...

Briggs is a huge seller for us here at Pulp. This series starts with *Cry Wolf* (PBK, \$24.95).

Paranormal romance | TP | \$32.99



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Out Past the Stars (Farian War 03/Hail Bristol 06)

K B Wagers

Gunrunner empress Hail Bristol must navigate alien politics and deadly plots to prevent an interspecies war, in the explosive finale to the Farian War space opera trilogy. When Hail finally confronts the Farian gods, she makes a stunning discovery. There are no gods – only the Hiervet, an alien race with devastating powers who once spread war throughout the galaxy long before humanity's ancestors crawled out of the sludge of Earth's oceans. But this knowledge carries with it dire news: the Hiervet have returned, eager to take revenge on those of their kind who escaped. And they don't care who gets caught in the middle of the battle – Shen, Farian, or Indranan. Once again, the fate of the galaxy is on the line and Hail will have to make one final gamble to leverage chaos into peace...

We sell buckets of Wagers! Rollicking space opera – most who try the first – cannot stop... The start of it all is *Behind the Throne* (PBK, \$22.99).

Space opera | PBK | \$22.99



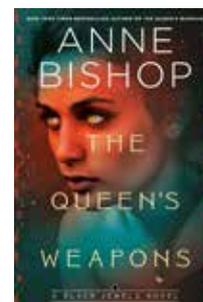
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The Queen's Weapons (Black Jewels 11)

Anne Bishop

After a youthful mistake, Lord Dillon's reputation is in tatters, leaving him vulnerable to aristo girls looking for a bit of fun. To restore his reputation and honour, he needs a handfast – a one-year contract of marriage. He sets his sights on Jillian, a young Eyrien witch from Ebon Rih, who he believes has only a flimsy connection to the noble society that spurned him. Unfortunately for Dillon, he is unaware of Jillian's true connections until he finds himself facing Lucivar Yaslana, the volatile Warlord Prince of Ebon Rih... Return to the dark, sensual, and powerful world of the Black Jewels in this long-awaited new story in the bestselling fantasy saga. Series starts with *Daughter of the Blood* – recommended!

Fantasy | HC | \$57.95



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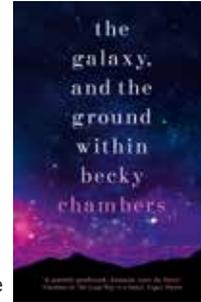
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The Galaxy, and the Ground Within (Wayfarers 04)

Becky Chambers

The finale to the award-winning Wayfarers series by Becky Chambers, author of the beloved *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet* (PBK, \$22.99). When a freak technological failure halts traffic to and from the planet Gora, three strangers are thrown together unexpectedly, with seemingly nothing to do but wait. Pei is a cargo runner at a personal crossroads, torn between her duty to her people, and her duty to herself. Roveg is an exiled artist, with a deeply urgent, and longed for, family appointment to keep. Speaker has never been far from her twin but now must endure the unendurable: separation. Under the care of Ouloo, an enterprising alien, and Tupo, her occasionally helpful child, the trio are compelled to confront where they've been, where they might go, and what they might be to one another. Together, they will discover that even in the vastness of space, they're not alone. 'A quietly profound, humane *tour de force*' – *Guardian*.

Space opera | TP | \$32.99



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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



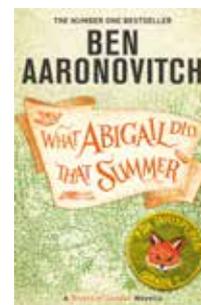
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What Abigail Did that Summer (Rivers of London novella)

Ben Aaronovitch

The brand-new novella in the much-loved and bestselling Rivers of London series! *Ghost hunter, fox whisperer, troublemaker*. It is the summer of 2013 and Abigail Kamara has been left to her own devices. This might, by those who know her, be considered a mistake. While her cousin, police constable and apprentice wizard Peter Grant, is off in the sticks chasing unicorns, Abigail is chasing her own mystery. Teenagers around Hampstead Heath have been going missing but before the police can get fully engaged, the teens return home – unharmed but vague about where they've been. Aided only by her new friend Simon, her knowledge that magic is real, and a posse of talking foxes that think they're spies, Abigail must venture into the wilds of Hampstead to discover who is luring the teenagers... and more importantly – why? Start this urban fantasy series with *Rivers of London* (PBK, \$19.99). Great fun!

Urban fantasy | HC | \$26.99



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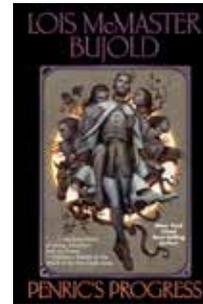
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Penric's Progress (Penric & Desdemona novellas 01–3 omnibus)

Lois McMaster Bujold

Set in Bujold's World of Five Gods, footloose nobleman Penric journeys from young lord to sorcerer and scholar in the Bastard's Order – and solves mysteries along the way. An omnibus edition collecting the first three Penric and Desdemona novellas – *Penric's Demon*, *Penric and the Shaman*, and *Penric's Fox* – which have, previously, only been available as eBooks, or pricey Subterranean Press editions. Recommended.

Fantasy | PBK | \$24.95



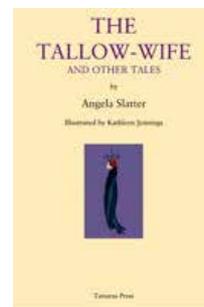
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The Tallow-Wife and Other Tales (collection)

Angela Slatter

Return to the dreaming streets of the cathedral-city of Lodellan, where a new generation of characters face fairy tales and nightmares. Cordelia Parsifal has an enviable life, hard won, but the ghosts of the past are soon to remind her that no sin or omission goes unnoticed. Slumbering saints awake, hind-girls dance, boys become bears, and the fate of the upper- and under-earths rests on the whim of a single, volatile creature. This is brilliant! But another beautiful, Tartarus Press limited edition we sold out of, on the night of the *All the Murmuring Bones* launch. We have more on order – and are not sure if they'll arrive. But, in the meantime, we highly recommend the earlier books in the Sourdough tapestry: *Sourdough and Other Stories* and *The Bitterwood Bible* – which won the World Fantasy Award for best short story collection. Both are \$49.95 and are brilliant. Highly Recommended!

Fantasy | HC | \$100.00



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