

Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

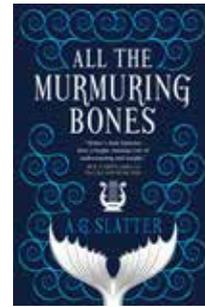
April 2021

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!

Fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



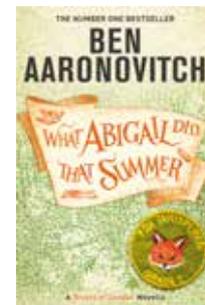
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What Abigail Did that Summer (Rivers of London novella)

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



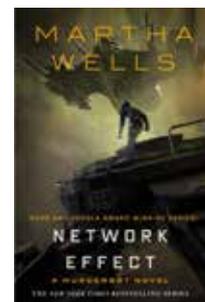
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Network Effect (Murderbot Diaries 05)

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 | HC | \$42.99



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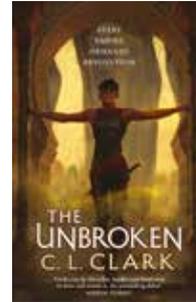
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The Unbroken (Magic of the Lost 01)

C L Clark

Two women clash in a world full of rebellion, espionage, and military might on the far outreaches of a crumbling desert empire. Touraine is a soldier. Stolen as a child and raised to kill and die for the empire, her only loyalty is to her fellow conscripts. But now, her company has been sent back to her homeland to stop a rebellion, and the ties of blood may be stronger than she thought. Luca needs a turncoat. Someone desperate enough to tiptoe the bayonet's edge between treason and orders. Someone who can sway the rebels toward peace, while Luca focuses on what really matters: getting her uncle off her throne. Through assassinations and massacres, in bedrooms and war rooms, Touraine and Luca will haggle over the price of a nation. But some things aren't for sale... First in a new series – good customer feedback!

Fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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Jolene (Elemental Masters 15)

Mercedes Lackey

Anna May Jones is the daughter of a coal miner, but a sickly constitution has kept her confined to the house for most of her life. Hoping to improve her daughter's health – and lessen the burden on their family – Anna's mother sends her to live with her Aunt Jinny, a witchy-woman and an Elemental Master, in a holler outside of Ducktown. As she settles into her new life, Anna learns new skills at Aunt Jinny's side and discovers that she, too, has a gift for Elemental magic that Jinny calls 'the Glory'. She also receives lessons from a mysterious and bewitching woman named Jolene, who assures her that, with time, Anna could become even more powerful than her aunt. But with Anna's increasing power comes increasing notice. Billie McDaran, the foreman of the Ducktown mine, begins to take an interest in Anna and her abilities – and she realises that if she wants to preserve the life she has come to love, Anna must use her newfound powers to oppose the foreman and protect those around her.

Gaslamp fantasy | PBK | \$19.99



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Guards! Guards! (Discworld 08 (illustrated edition))

Terry Pratchett & Paul Kidby (illustrator)

Some night-time prowler is turning the citizens of Ankh-Morpork, greatest city of the fantasy Discworld,* into something resembling small charcoal biscuits. And that's a real problem for Captain Vimes of the City Watch, who must tramp the mean streets of the city searching for a seventy-foot-long fire-breathing dragon which, he believes, can help him with their enquiries. In a city thrown into turmoil by magic, charcoal biscuits, secret societies and mad lady dragon breeders ('Just tell him *sit*, if he's bothering you'), he's just looking for the facts. Fantastic new illustrated hardcover edition of the classic Discworld tale.

* Which is flat and rides through space on the back of four elephants who stand on the shell of an enormous turtle, as every scholar knows.

Fantasy | HC | \$65.00



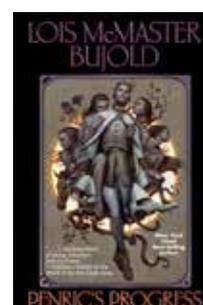
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Penric's Progress (Penric & Desdemona novellas 01–3 omnibus)

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. The second omnibus, collecting novellas 4–6: *Penric's Mission*, *Mira's Last Dance*, and *The Prisoner of Limnos* is also now available in paperback (PBK, \$24.95)!

Fantasy | PBK | \$24.95



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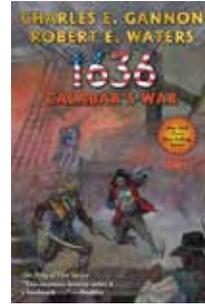
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1636: Calabar's War (Ring of Fire 30)

Charles E Gannon & Robert E Waters

Domingos Fernandes Calabar started out as a military advisor for the Portuguese in Brazil. But to his superiors, he was still nothing more than a *mameluco*, a man of mixed blood. Until, that is, the Dutch arrived and he switched sides. Then the Portuguese had a new label for him: 'traitorous dog'. Calabar must now choose: continue to help the Dutch, or save his wife and children? Tromp and other strong allies want to put an end to slavery, too, but their strategies and timetable are measured in months and years. Calabar doesn't have that kind of time and can't rely on their methods. The struggle to recover his family, and to free the millions more suffering in shackles, is one he must win in his own way and on his own terms. Because ultimately, this is not just Calabar's fight. This is Calabar's war. Latest in the long running alternate history series – long a favourite with regulars. Series starts with 1632 (PBK, \$24.95)

Alternate history | TP | \$35.95



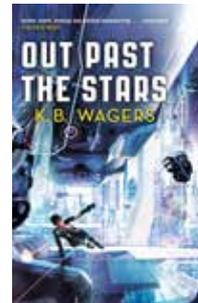
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Out Past the Stars (Farian War 03/Hail Bristol 06)

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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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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