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Star Wars: the Mandalorian: Guide to Season One

A book dedicated to the first season of the successful hit live action series *The Mandalorian*, streaming on Disney+, featuring character files, plots, settings, and behind-the-scenes content. With never-before-seen photographs, a complete episode guide, and a detailed behind-the-scenes look at how the show – and its iconic new characters, such as IG-11 and Moff Gideon – came to life.

Star Wars HC \$32.99

Brutal Kunnin

Warhammer 40,000

Brooks, Mike

Ufthak Blackhawk and the green tide descend upon Hephaestus – an Adeptus Mechanicus forge world bristling with loot – only to find it already under siege by the notorious Freebooter Kaptin Badrukk. When his warboss, Da Biggest Big Mek, orders temporary co-operation, Ufthak seeks to make a name for himself by crushing some of the Imperium's most advanced defenders and claiming the greatest prize. But with a sinister new war machine on the horizon, Badrukk's plotting, and a thoroughly annoying grot in his way, Ufthak is going to need the brutal kunnin' of Mork, himself, just to survive.

Black Library PBK \$20.00

Spider-Man:

the Darkest Hours Omnibus

Marvel Classics

Butcher, Jim; DeCandido, Keith R A; Bennett, Christopher L

The darkest hour is just before the dawn... Collecting three fan-favourite *Spider-Man* novels in a brand-new omnibus featuring *The Darkest Hours*, *Down These Mean Streets*, and *Drowned in Thunder*. In *The Darkest Hours*, Rhino's rampage through the city is just a distraction. The real threat comes from a group of Ancients seeking revenge on Spider-Man. Spidey must rely on Black Cat, if there's any hope of stopping them from stealing his life force. *Down These Mean Streets* sees Spider-Man team up with a police force that hates him to find the source behind a lethal new drug that gives users superpowers. *Drowned in Thunder* takes J Jonah Jameson's vendetta against Spider-Man to a whole new level when JJJ exploits several mysterious attacks on Manhattan island, in his propaganda war against the web-slinger.

Marvel PBK \$22.99

Follow This Thread: a Maze Book to Get Lost In

Eliot, Henry

Labyrinths are as old as humanity, the proving grounds of heroes, the paths of pilgrims, symbols of spiritual rebirth and pleasure gardens for pure entertainment. Henry Eliot leads us on a twisting journey through the world of mazes, real and imagined, unravelling our ancient, abiding

relationship with them and exploring why they continue to fascinate us, from Kafka to Kubrick to the myth of the Minotaur and a quest to solve the disappearance of the legendary Maze King. Beautifully designed and gorgeously illustrated, this immersive, puzzle-like exploration of the history and psychology of mazes and labyrinths evokes the spirit of Choose Your Own Adventure, the textual inventiveness of Tom Stoppard, and the philosophical spirit of Jorge Luis Borges.

Puzzles PBK \$22.99

Starship Therapise:

Using Therapeutic Fanfiction to Rewrite Your Life

Garski, Larisa A

& Mastin, Justine

Modern mythologies are everywhere – from the Avengers of the Marvel Cinematic Universe to *The Wicked + The Divine*. Where once geek culture was niche and hidden, fandom characters and stories have blasted their way into our cineplexes, bookstores, and consoles. They help us make sense of our daily lives – and they can also help us heal. Psychotherapists and hosts of the popular *Starship Therapise* podcast Larisa A Garski and Justine Mastin offer a self-help guide to the mental health galaxy for those who have been left out of more traditional therapy spaces: geeks, nerds, gamers, cosplayers, introverts, and everyone in between. *Starship Therapise* explores how narratives and play inform our lives, inviting readers to embrace radical self-care with *Westworld's* Maeve and Dolores, explore anxiety with Miyazaki, and leverage narrative therapy with Arya Stark. Spanning fandoms from *Star Wars* to *The Expanse* and *The Legend of Zelda* to *Outer Wilds*, readers will explore mental health and emotional wellness without conforming to mainstream social constructs. Insights from comics like *Uncanny X-Men*, *Black Panther*, *Akira*, *Bitch Planet*, and *The Wicked + The Divine* offer avenues to growth and self-discovery alongside explorations of the triumphs and trials of heroes, heroines, and beloved characters from *Supernatural*, *Wuthering Heights*, *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Broken Earth* trilogy, *Mass Effect*, *Fortnite*, *Minecraft*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, and *Star Trek*. Each chapter closes with a mindfulness meditation or yoga exercise to inspire reflection, growth, and the mind-body-fandom connection.

Psychology TP \$29.99

Blackstone Fortress:

Ascension

Warhammer 40,000

Hinks, Darius

Precipice is dying. For weeks, the space port has been battered by hellish geomagnetic storms, the work of sinister goings on within the nearby Blackstone Fortress – a vast, ineffable creation that looms in the darkness of the void. Fragile alliances between Precipice's xenos and human inhabitants

crumble as the port's docking points are destroyed, eroding any hope of escape. Amid this bedlam, opportunistic rogue trader Janus Draik remains coolly unaffected. As an apocalyptic tempest threatens the life of his crew, Draik bitterly ponders a letter he has received from his father, disowning him and stripping him of his rank, titles and inheritance. In a last-ditch attempt to restore his fortune, Draik unites the disparate adventurers of Precipice to delve even deeper into the mysteries of the Blackstone Fortress. Once there, he learns of a threat that could endanger not just his own future, but the Imperium as a whole. Draik must mend the brittle bonds of trust, loyalty, and respect between the survivors to destroy this abominable intelligence and avert disaster.

Black Library PBK \$20.00

Doctor Who: the Ruby's Curse

Kingston, Alex

She's got ice in her heart and a kiss on her lips... 1939, New York. Private Eye, Melody Malone, is hired to find a stolen ruby, the Eye of Horus. The ruby might hold the secret to the location of Cleopatra's tomb – but everyone who comes into contact with it dies. Can Melody escape the ruby's curse? 1939, New York. River Song, author of the *Melody Malone Mysteries*, is forced to find a reality-altering weapon, the Eye of Horus – but everyone who comes into contact with it dies. River doesn't believe in curses – but is she wrong? From the top-security confines of Stormcage to the barbarism of first-century Egypt, River battles to find the Eye of Horus before its powers are used to transform the universe. To succeed, she must team up with a most unlikely ally – her own fictional alter ego, Melody. And together they must solve another mystery: *Is fiction changing into fact – or is fact changing into fiction?* A stylish *Doctor Who* sci-fi noir adventure by award-winning actress Alex Kingston, featuring her most famous characters: private detective Melody Malone and legendary time-travelling archaeologist River Song.

Doctor Who HC \$35.00

Generations

Firefly 04

Lebbon, Tim

On an Outer Rim moon, Captain Malcolm Reynolds ends a card game the lucky winner of an old map covered in mysterious symbols. The former owner insists it's worthless; back on *Serenity*, River Tam is able to interpret it. River claims the map points the way to one of the Arks: legendary generation ships that brought humans from Earth-That-Was to the 'Verse. The salvage potential alone is staggering. As the crew approach the aged floating ship, they find it isn't quite as dead, as it first seemed. The closer they get, the more agitated River becomes. She claims something is waiting on board, something powerful, and very angry...

Firefly novels HC \$35.00

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Until next time, good reading!
Ron and Leanne

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

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The Ghost Machine

Firefly 03

Lovegrove, James

Mal's crew desperately need another payday, but not desperately enough to transport a Blue Sun flightcase to Badger, no questions asked, when the area is swarming with Alliance spacecraft equally keen to regain the stolen property. Yet, Jayne refuses to miss out, and sneaks the case aboard *Serenity*. Within hours of secreting the case Jayne suddenly finds himself back on the Cobb homestead with his brother Matty miraculously cured of the damplung. Wash is at the controls of the highest-spec cruiser money can buy, the billionaire head of a verse-spanning business empire. All of the crew but River are soon immersed in vivid hallucinations of their deepest desires, while their bodies lie insensible on the ship. Wash's empire begins to crumble; the Cobb ranch is under attack by merciless bandits. As everyone's daydreams turn nightmare, *Serenity* floats on a crash course towards a barren moon, with only River standing between the crew and certain oblivion.

Firefly novels PBK \$19.99

Realm-Lords

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar

Lucas, Dale

A single, harrowing trial stands between Ferendir and a life of loyal service to his Alarith temple. But on the day of the young aelf's final initiation, a Slaaneshi warhost descends upon his mountain home, leaving slaughter and destruction in their wake and stealing a long-hidden Lumineth treasure of terrible power. His world now torn asunder, Ferendir and his stalwart masters Serath and Desriel are forced to navigate a realm at war to stop the depraved warriors of the Dark Prince. The three Alarith Stoneguard must gather a band of Lumineth champions and embark upon a perilous quest. Failure is inconceivable, for the Hedonites seek to awaken an ancient and cataclysmic weapon, one with the power to bring Hysh to its knees.

Black Library PBK \$20.00

Galaxy Quest: the Inside Story

McAllister, Matt

By Grabthar's hammer! A witty, inventive, and heartfelt tribute to science fiction fans, *Galaxy Quest* has been making audiences laugh, cry, and cheer for over two decades. This authorised book examines the entire process of making the movie, from the initial spec script through to development, filming, and postproduction. Along the way, it takes an in-depth look into the film's visual effects. Artists at ILM and Stan Winston Studio reveal how they used a mixture of lovingly designed miniatures, puppets, prosthetics, and CGI to bring to life the Protector, the pig lizard, and the movie's other incredible monsters and starships. Featuring over 60 new interviews with *Galaxy Quest's* cast and crew, including Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver, Sam Rockwell, and Dean Parisot, and unseen photos and concept art, this is the ultimate guide to the funniest movie in the Galaxy. Charting the story from concept to script, filming and release, with chapters looking at the casting, the sets, the costumes and makeup and the ship design and the visual effects, this guide is packed with

hundreds of fascinating production photos, concept art and rare behind-the-scenes images. *Galaxy Quest* is a 1999 cult classic science fiction comedy film. A parody of, and homage to, science-fiction films and series, especially *Star Trek* and its fandom, the film stars Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman, Tony Shalhoub, Sam Rockwell, and Daryl Mitchell. It depicts the cast of a fictional defunct cult television series, *Galaxy Quest*, who are visited by actual aliens who think the series is an accurate documentary, and become involved in a very real intergalactic conflict. The film was positively received by critics: it won the Hugo Award for Best Dramatic Presentation (an award won by the original *Star Trek* series, in the 1960s) and the Nebula Award for Best Script. It was also nominated for ten Saturn Awards, including Best Science Fiction Film and Best Director for Parisot, Best Actress for Weaver, and Best Supporting Actor for Rickman, with Allen winning Best Actor.

Galaxy Quest HC \$59.99

Wonderlands

Star Trek: Discovery

McGormack, Una

In a desperate attempt to prevent the artificial intelligence known as Control from seizing crucial information that could destroy all sentient life, Commander Michael Burnham donned the 'Red Angel' time-travel suit and guided the USS *Discovery* into the future and out of harm's way. But something has gone terribly wrong, and Burnham has somehow arrived in a place far different from anything she could have imagined – more than nine hundred years out of her time, with *Discovery* nowhere to be found, and where the mysterious and cataclysmic event known as 'the Burn' has utterly decimated Starfleet and, with it, the United Federation of Planets. How then can she possibly exist – from day to day – in this strange place? What worlds are out there waiting to be discovered? Do any remnants of Starfleet and the Federation possibly endure? With more questions than answers, Burnham must nevertheless forge new friendships and new alliances if she hopes to survive this future, long enough for the *Discovery* crew to find her...

Star Trek TP \$27.99

V for Vendetta

Book & Mask Set Moore, Alan

In a world without political freedom, personal freedom and precious little faith in anything comes a mysterious man in a white porcelain mask who fights political oppressors through terrorism and seemingly absurd acts. It's a gripping tale of the blurred lines between ideological good and evil. This amazing graphic novel was the inspiration for the hit 2005 movie starring Natalie Portman and Hugo Weaving. It is packaged with a collectable reproduction of the iconic V mask.

V for Vendetta SET \$54.99

Chonk Cats Nesting Dolls

Moore, Jessie Oleson

The viral chonk cat trend gets a fun twist with this unique kit featuring mini chonk cats nesting dolls. The nesting dolls make the cutest desktop companions and the *purr-fect* gift for cat lovers, everywhere. Chonk cats are an adorable animal trend as seen on

the internet. Now, with *Chonk Cat Nesting Dolls*, cat lovers everywhere can express their love for pudgy cats with these super cute companions. This kit includes: three chonk cat nesting dolls; and a mini book celebrating chonk cats, and the iconic chonk cats chart.

Humour KIT \$14.99

Infiltrator

Aliens

Ochse, Weston

Dr Timothy Hoenikker arrives on Pala Station, a Weyland-Yutani facility. Lured there by the promise of alien artefacts, instead he finds a warped bureaucracy and staff of misfits testing the effects of Xenomorph bio-materials on living creatures. Unbeknownst to the personnel, however, there is an infiltrator among them whose actions could spell disaster. Also on staff is Victor Rawlings, a former marine who gathers together other veterans to prepare for the worst. As Pala Station receives a delivery of alien eggs, the experiments spin out of control, and only the former Colonial Marines stand between the humans and certain death. The official prequel to the new *Alien* video game, from Cold Iron Studios.

Aliens PBK \$19.99

The Shadow

Patterson, James & Sitts, Brian

Only two people know that 1930s' society man Lamont Cranston has a secret identity as the Shadow, a crusader for justice. One is his greatest love, Margo Lane, and the other is fiercest enemy, Shiwan Khan. When Khan ambushes the couple, they must risk everything for the slimmest chance of survival... in the future. A century and a half later, Lamont awakens in a world both unknown and disturbingly familiar. The first person he meets is Maddy Gomes, a teenager with her own mysterious secrets, including a knowledge of the legend of the Shadow. Most disturbing, Khan's power continues to be felt over the city and its people. No one in this new world understands the dangers of stopping him better than Lamont Cranston. And only the Shadow knows that he's the one person who might succeed before more innocent lives are lost.

Superhero thriller TP \$32.99

The Rising Storm

Star Wars: High Republic

Scott, Cavan

In the wake of the Great Hyperspace Disaster and the heroism of the Jedi, the Republic continues to grow, bringing more worlds together under a single unified banner. Under the leadership of Chancellor Lina Soh, the spirit of unity extends throughout the galaxy, with the Jedi and the newly established Starlight Beacon station at the vanguard. In celebration, the chancellor plans The Republic Fair, a showcase of the possibilities and the peace of the expanding Republic – a peace the Jedi hope to foster. Stellan Gios, Bell Zettifar, Elzar Mann, and others join the event as ambassadors of harmony. But as the eyes of the galaxy turn toward the Fair, so too does the fury of the Nihil. Their leader, Marchion Ro, is intent on destroying this unity. His storm descends on the pageantry and celebration, sowing chaos and exacting revenge. As the Jedi struggle to curb the carnage of the rampaging

Nihil, they come face to face with the true fear their enemy plans to unleash across the galaxy – the kind of fear from which even the Force cannot shield them.

Star Wars TP \$32.99

Gotrek and Felix: the Sixth Omnibus

Warhammer Chronicles

Various

For many long years, Felix Jaeger has followed the dwarf Slayer Gotrek Gurnisson across the world. Their adventures have been extraordinary; their heroic partnership the stuff of legends. Now, it ends. With their friendship in tatters after a series of betrayals, the pair march south at the head of a ragtag army, intent on driving the forces of Chaos out of the Empire and returning Felix to his wife. But Gotrek's doom is at hand, and great powers are at work to ensure that he meets it. With enemies on all sides and destiny calling, Felix must make a choice – to follow Gotrek into the darkness that awaits him, or to abandon his oldest friend once and for all. Collecting *City of the Damned*, *Kinslayer*, and *Slayer*, plus the short story, 'Rememberers'.

Black Library PBK \$27.00

The Big Goodbye: Chinatown and the Last Years of Hollywood Wasson, Sam

Here, for the first time, is the incredible true story of the making of *Chinatown* – the Holy Grail of 1970s cinema. In Sam Wasson's *The Big Goodbye*, the story of *Chinatown* becomes the defining story of the most colourful characters in the most colourful period of Hollywood history. Here is Jack Nicholson at the height of his powers, as compelling a movie star as there has ever been, embarking on his great, doomed love affair with Anjelica Huston. Here is director Roman Polanski, both predator and prey, haunted by the savage death of his wife, returning to Los Angeles, the scene of the crime, where the seeds of his own self-destruction are quickly planted. Here is the fevered deal making of 'The Kid' Robert Evans, the most consummate of producers. Here too is Robert Towne's fabled script, widely considered the greatest original screenplay ever written. Wasson, for the first time, peels off layers of myth to provide the unvarnished account of its creation.

Film history TP \$41.95

Schadenfreude: the joy of another's misfortune Watt Smith, Tiffany

A hilarious quest to understand life's ultimate guilty pleasure... 'Nothing makes the world gleam like bad people getting the fate they deserve. For one glorious moment, the stars align, the universe delivers, and the commuter who barged past us all down the station stairs misses the train.' *Schadenfreude* – enjoying the pain and failures of others – is an all-too-familiar feeling. It has perplexed philosophers and psychologists for centuries but, in a time of polarised politics, twitter trolls and 'sidebars of shame', has never been more relevant. Recent studies have shown that we smile more at a rival's loss than at our own success. No wonder, we're said to be living in the 'Age of Schadenfreude'. But why can it

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be so much fun to witness another's distress? And what, if anything, should we do about it? In *Schadenfreude*, historian of emotions Tiffany Watt Smith offers expert insight and advice. Ranging across thinkers from Nietzsche to Homer Simpson, investigating the latest scientific research, and collecting some outrageous confessions on the way – she reveals how everyone, babies, nuns, your most trusted friends, are enjoying your misfortunes. But rather than an emotional glitch, she argues, *Schadenfreude* can reveal

profound truths about our relationships with others and our sense of who we are. Frank, warm and laugh-out-loud funny, *Schadenfreude* makes the case for thinking afresh about this much-maligned emotion – and perhaps, even, embracing it.

Humour PBK \$24.99

Chaos Rising

Star Wars: Thrawn Ascendancy 01

Zahn, Timothy

Beyond the edge of the galaxy lies the

Unknown Regions: chaotic, uncharted, and near impassable, with hidden secrets and dangers in equal measure. And nestled within its swirling chaos is the Ascendancy, home to the enigmatic Chiss and the Nine Ruling Families that lead them. The peace of the Ascendancy, a beacon of calm and stability, is shattered after a daring attack on the Chiss capital that leaves no trace of the enemy. Baffled, the Ascendancy dispatches one of its brightest young military officers to root out the unseen assailants. A recruit,

born of no title, but adopted into the powerful family of the Mitth and given the name Thrawn. With the might of the Expansionary Fleet at his back, and the aid of his comrade Admiral Ar'alani, answers begin to fall into place. But as Thrawn's first command probes deeper into the vast stretch of space his people call the Chaos, he realises that the mission he has been given is not what it seems. And the threat to the Ascendancy is only just beginning.

Star Wars TP \$32.99