

Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

June 2021

Fugitive Telemetry

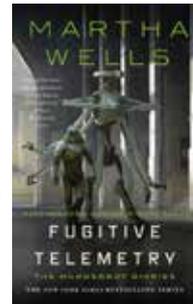
Murderbot Diaries 06

Martha Wells

No, I didn't kill the dead human. If I had, I wouldn't dump the body in the station mall. When Murderbot discovers a dead body on Preservation Station, it knows it is going to have to assist station security to determine who the body is (was), how they were killed (that should be relatively straightforward, at least), and why (because apparently that matters to a lot of people – who knew?). Yes, the unthinkable is about to happen:

*Murderbot must voluntarily speak to humans! Again! This sixth entry into the series is a standalone novella, set before *Artificial Condition* (HC, \$29.99). 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 the preceding books in Wells' fab series – then start with *All Systems Red* (HC, \$29.99).*

Science fiction novella | [HC](#) | [\\$29.99](#)



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Beyond

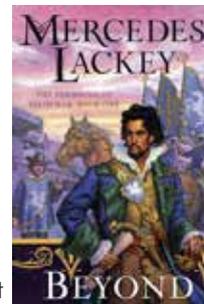
Founding of Valdemar 01

Mercedes Lackey

The long-awaited founding of Valdemar comes to life in this new series... Within the Eastern Empire, Duke Kordas Valdemar rules a tiny, bucolic Duchy that focuses mostly on horse breeding. Anticipating the day when the Empire's exploitative and militant leaders would not be content to leave them alone, Kordas' father set out to gather magicians in the hopes of one day finding a way to escape and protect the people of the Duchy from tyranny. Under the direction of the

Emperor, mages have begun to harness the power of dark magics, including blood magic, the powers of the Abyssal Planes, and the binding and 'milking' of Elemental creatures. But then one of the Duchy's mages has a breakthrough. There is a way to place a Gate at a distance so far from the Empire that it is unlikely the Emperor can find or follow them, as they evacuate everyone that is willing to leave. But time is running out, and Kordas has been summoned to the Emperor's Court. Can his reputation as a country bumpkin and his acting skills buy him and his people the time they need to flee? Or will the Emperor lose patience, invade to strip Valdemar of everything of worth, and send its conscripted people into the front lines of the Imperial wars?

[Valdemar](#) | [HC](#) | [\\$57.95](#)



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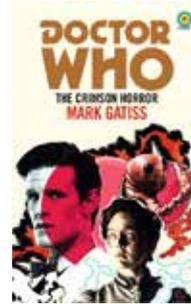
Doctor Who: The Crimson Horror

Doctor Who Target collection

Mark Gatiss

'We must get to the bottom of this dark and queer business, no matter what the cost!' Something ghastly is afoot in Victorian Yorkshire. Something that kills. Bodies are washing up in the canal, their skin a waxy, glowing red... But just what is this crimson horror? Madam Vastra, Jenny, and Strax are despatched to investigate the mystery. Strangely reluctant to assist their enquiries is Mrs Winifred Gillyflower, matriarch of 'Sweetville', a seemingly utopian workers' community. Why do all roads lead to the team's old friends Clara and the Doctor? Who is Mrs Gillyflower's mysterious silent partner Mr Sweet? And will the motley gang be in time to defeat the mysterious power that threatens all the world with its poison? Wholicious.

Doctor Who | PBK | \$19.99



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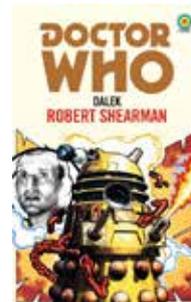
Doctor Who: Dalek

Doctor Who Target collection

Robert Shearman

'The entire Dalek race, wiped out in one second. I watched it happen. I made it happen!' The Doctor and Rose arrive in an underground vault in Utah in the near future. The vault is filled with alien artefacts. Its billionaire owner, Henry van Statten, even has possession of a living alien creature, a mechanical monster in chains that he has named a Metaltron. Seeking to help the Metaltron, the Doctor is appalled to find it is in fact a Dalek – one that has survived the horrors of the Time War just as he has. And as the Dalek breaks loose, the Doctor is brought back to the brutality and desperation of his darkest hours spent fighting the creatures of Skaro... this time with the Earth as their battlefield. Whotastic.

Doctor Who | PBK | \$19.99



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Dead Lies Dreaming

New Management 01

Charles Stross

*When magic and superpowers emerge in the masses, Wendy Deere is contracted by the government to bag and snag supervillains... As Wendy hunts down Imp – the cyberpunk head of a band calling themselves 'The Lost Boys' – she is dragged into the schemes of louche billionaire Rupert de Montfort Bigge. Rupert has discovered that the sole surviving copy of the long-lost concordance to the one true Necronomicon is up for underground auction in London. He hires Imp's sister, Eve, to procure it by any means necessary, and in the process, he encounters Wendy Deere. In a tale of corruption, assassination, thievery, and magic, Wendy Deere must navigate rotting mansions that lead to distant pasts, evil tycoons, corrupt government officials, lethal curses, and her own moral qualms in order to make it out of this chase alive. If you like urban fantasy like Ben Aaronovitch, Jim Butcher, Richard Kadrey – you really need to read this! Start with *The Atrocity Archives* (PBK, \$22.99).*

Urban fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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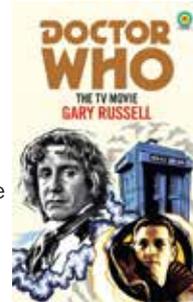
Doctor Who: The TV Movie

Doctor Who Target collection

Gary Russell

It's December 1999, and strange things are happening as the new millennium nears. A British police box appears from nowhere in San Francisco's Chinatown and the mysterious man inside it is shot down in the street. Despite the best efforts of Dr Grace Holloway, the man dies and another stranger appears, claiming to be the same person in a different body: a wanderer in time and space known only as the Doctor. But the Doctor is not the only alien in San Francisco. His deadly adversary the Master is murdering his way through the city and has taken control of the TARDIS. The Master is desperate to take the Doctor's newly regenerated body for himself, and if the Doctor does not capitulate, it will literally cost him the Earth... and every last life on it. Whovintage.

Doctor Who | PBK | \$19.99



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Doctor Who: The Witchfinders

Doctor Who Target collection

Joy Wilkinson

'I am an expert on witchcraft, Doctor, but I wish to learn more. Before you die, I want answers.' The TARDIS lands in the Lancashire village of Bilehurst Cragg in the 17th century, and the Doctor, Ryan, Graham and Yaz soon become embroiled in a witch trial run by the local landowner. Fear stalks the land, and the arrival of King James I only serves to intensify the witch hunt. But the Doctor soon realises there is something more sinister than paranoia and superstition at work. Tendrils of living mud stir in the ground and the dead lurch back to horrifying life as an evil alien presence begins to revive. The Doctor and her friends must save not only the people of Bilehurst Cragg from the waking forces, but the entire world. Whocraft.

Doctor Who | PBK | \$19.99



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A Memory Called Empire

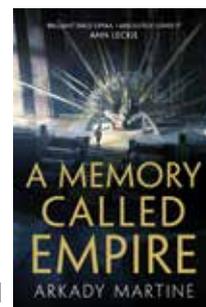
Teixcalaan 01

Arkady Martine

Winner of the 2020 Hugo Award for Best Novel; a Locus, and Nebula Award nominee for 2019; a Best Book of 2019: *Library Journal*, *Polygon*, *Den of Geek*; an NPR Favourite Book of 2019; a *Guardian* Best Science Fiction and Fantasy Book of 2019; a 'Not the Booker Prize' Nominee; a Goodreads Biggest SFF Book of 2019; and Goodreads Choice Awards Nominee. 'A *Memory Called Empire* perfectly balances action and intrigue with matters of empire and identity. All around brilliant space opera, I absolutely love it.' – *Ann Leckie*, author of *Ancillary Justice*.

Ambassador Mahit Dzmare arrives in the centre of the multi-system Teixcalaanli Empire, only to discover that her predecessor, the previous ambassador from their small but fiercely independent mining Station, has died. But no one will admit that his death wasn't an accident – or that Mahit might be next to die, during a time of political instability in the highest echelons of the imperial court. Now, Mahit must discover who is behind the murder, rescue herself, and save her Station from Teixcalaan's unceasing expansion – all while navigating an alien culture that is all too seductive, engaging in intrigues of her own, and hiding a deadly technological secret – one that might spell the end of her Station and her way of life – or rescue it from annihilation. A fascinating space opera debut novel, Arkady Martine's *A Memory Called Empire* is an interstellar mystery adventure.

Science fiction | PBK | \$18.99



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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!

Fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



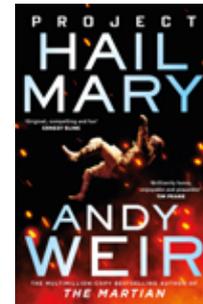
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Project Hail Mary

Andy Weir

A lone astronaut. An impossible mission. An ally he never imagined. Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission – and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish. Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it. All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company. His crew-mates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, Ryland realises that an impossible task now confronts him. Hurling through space on this tiny ship, it's up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery-and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species. And with the clock ticking down and the nearest human being light-years away, he's got to do it all alone. Or does he? Latest from the bestselling author of *The Martian* and *Artemis* – lots of good customer feedback, thus far!

Space opera | TP | \$32.99



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