

# Pulp Fiction

## Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

July 2021

### **Catalyst Gate**

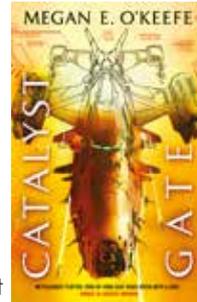
Protectorate 03

**Megan E O'Keefe**

*The universe is under threat and an ancient alien intelligence threatens to bring humanity down, unless Major Sanda Greeve and her crew can stop it in the final book of this explosive Philip K Dick award nominated space opera. The code has been cracked. The secrets of the Casimir gates have been revealed. But humanity still isn't safe. The alien intelligence known as Rainier and her clones are still out there, hell-bent on its destruction. And only Sanda can stop them. With the universe's*

*most powerful ship under her command and some of the most skilled hackers, fighters, and spies on her team, it will still take everything she has to find the key to taking down an immortal enemy with seemingly limitless bodies, resources – and power. The first is *Velocity Weapon* (PBK, \$22.99). Regulars are loving this series – recommended!*

**Space opera | PBK | \$22.99**



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### **Network Effect**

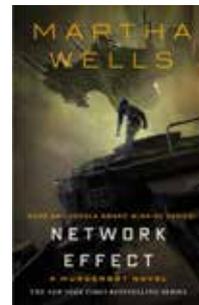
Murderbot Diaries 05

**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 | TP | \$29.99**



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### **The Witness for the Dead**

Goblin Emperor 02

**Katherine Addison**

'At once intimate and literally operatic, it's everything I love about Katherine Addison's writing, in ways I didn't know to expect. I loved it.' – *John Scalzi*. Katherine Addison returns to the glittering world she created for her beloved novel, *The Goblin Emperor*, in this stand-alone sequel. When the young half-goblin emperor Maia sought to learn who had set the bombs that killed his father and half-brothers, he turned to an obscure resident of his father's Court, a Prelate of Ullis and a Witness for the Dead. Thara Celehar found the truth, though it did him no good to discover it. He lost his place as a retainer of his cousin the former Empress, and made far too many enemies among the many factions vying for power in the new Court. The favour of the Emperor is a dangerous coin. Now, Celehar lives in the city of Amalo, far from the Court though not exactly in exile. He has not escaped from politics, but his position gives him the ability to serve the common people of the city, which is his preference. He lives modestly, but his decency and fundamental honesty will not permit him to live quietly. As a Witness for the Dead, he can, sometimes, speak to the recently dead: see the last thing they saw, know the last thought they had, experience the last thing they felt. It is his duty use that ability to resolve disputes, to ascertain the intent of the dead, to find the killers of the murdered. Celehar's skills now lead him out of the quiet and into a morass of treachery, murder, and injustice. No matter his own background with the imperial house, Celehar will stand with the commoners, and possibly find a light in the darkness. Freaking fantastic, and if you haven't already read *The Goblin Emperor* (US PBK, \$24.95; UK TP, \$29.99) – you really ought to. Ron re-read it like five times in 2020. Best protag evah! Highly recommended.

Fantasy | HC | \$55.00



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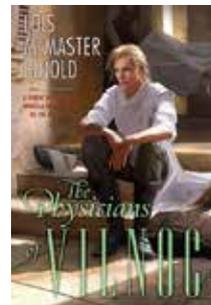
### **The Physicians of Vilnoc**

Penric & Desdemona novella 08

**Lois McMaster Bujold**

When a mysterious plague breaks out in the army fort guarding Vilnoc, the port capital of the duchy of Orbas, Temple sorcerer Penric and his demon Desdemona are called upon by General Arisaydia to resurrect Penric's medical skills and solve its lethal riddle. In the gruelling days that follow, Pen will find that even his magic is not enough to meet the challenges without help from dedicated new colleagues – and the god of mischance. Latest in the Penric and Desdemona novellas – this is a limited edition hardcover through Subterranean Press. It'll be out as part of a paperback omnibus eventually. In the meantime, begin with the first six – collected in *Penric's Progress* and *Penric's Travels* (PBK, \$24.95 each). Recommended!

Fantasy novella | HC | \$62.95



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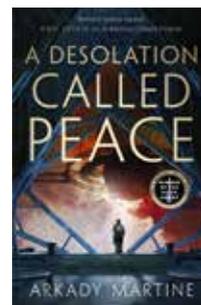
### **A Desolation Called Peace**

Teixcalaan 02

**Arkady Martine**

'[An] all around brilliant space opera, I absolutely love it.' – *Ann Leckie*, on *A Memory Called Empire*. *A Desolation Called Peace* is the spectacular space opera sequel to Arkady Martine's genre-reinventing, Hugo Award-winning debut, *A Memory Called Empire*. An alien armada lurks on the edges of Teixcalaanli space. No one can communicate with it, no one can destroy it, and Fleet Captain Nine Hibiscus is running out of options. In a desperate attempt at diplomacy with the mysterious invaders, the fleet captain has sent for a diplomatic envoy. Now, Mahit Dzmare and Three Seagrass – still reeling from the recent upheaval in the Empire – face the impossible task of trying to communicate with a hostile entity. Their failure will guarantee millions of deaths in an endless war. Their success might prevent Teixcalaan's destruction – and allow the empire to continue its rapacious expansion. Or it might create something far stranger...

Science fiction | TP | \$32.99



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Teixcalaan 01

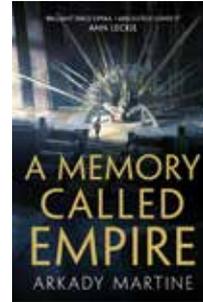
**Arkady Martine**

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



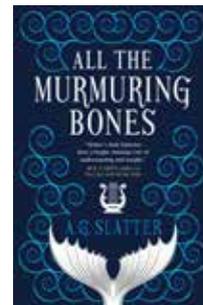
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### **All the Murmuring Bones**

**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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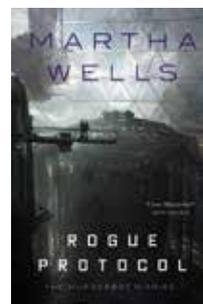
### **Rogue Protocol**

Murderbot Diaries 03

**Martha Wells**

*Rogue Protocol* is the third entry in Martha Wells' Hugo, Nebula, Alex, and Locus Award-winning, *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling series, the Murderbot Diaries. Starring a human-like android who keeps getting sucked back into adventure after adventure, though it just wants to be left alone, away from humanity and small talk. *Who knew being a heartless killing machine would present so many moral dilemmas?* Sci-fi's favourite antisocial AI is back on a mission. The case against the too-big-to-fail GrayCris Corporation is floundering, and more importantly, authorities are beginning to ask more questions about where Dr Mensah's SecUnit is. And Murderbot would rather those questions went away. For good. Please – just read them. Start the addiction with *All Systems Red* (HC, \$29.99). Recommended!

Science fiction novella | HC | \$29.99



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### Artifact Space

Miles Cameron

'Now I've read *Artifact Space* I know what it's really going to be like serving aboard an armed interstellar merchant ship, with a smart lead character as my companion. Can't wait for part two.' – *Peter F Hamilton*. Out in the darkness of space, something is targeting the Greatships. With their vast cargo holds and a crew that could fill a city, the Greatships are the lifeblood of human occupied space, transporting an unimaginable volume – and value – of goods from City, the greatest human orbital, all the way to Tradepoint at the other, to trade for xenoglas with an unknowable alien species. It has always been Marca Nbaro's dream to achieve the near-impossible:

escape her upbringing and venture into space. All it took, to make her way onto the crew of the Greatship *Athens* was thousands of hours in simulators, dedication, and pawning or selling every scrap of her old life in order to forge a new one. But though she's made her way onboard with faked papers, leaving her old life – and scandals – behind isn't so easy. She may have just combined all the dangers of her former life, with all the perils of the new... 'I loved Nbaro. I loved her crew. I loved their ship, the *Athens*, and I loved every page of this book. Miles has done something extraordinary here, fusing space adventure and war-time camaraderie with gritty, day-to-day detail in a way that makes the future feel like history in the best way possible.' – *Nicholas Eames*.

Space opera | TP | \$32.99



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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* (\$22.99).

Urban fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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