

Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

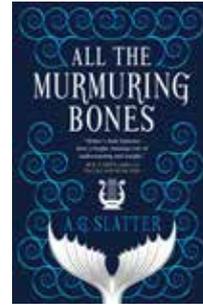
2021

All the Murmuring Bones

Angela 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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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 first 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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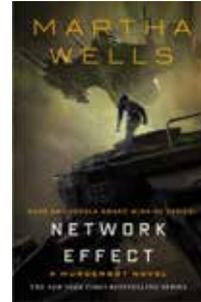
Network Effect

Murderbot Diaries 05

Martha Wells

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 per cent 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 | \$32.99



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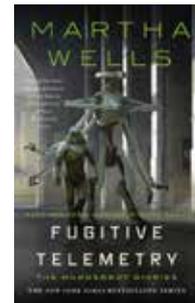
Fugitive Telemetry

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*. 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 | \$39.99



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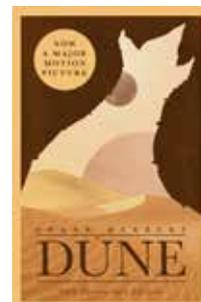
Dune

Great Dune trilogy 01

Frank Herbert

A sand-based entertainment. The science fiction classic (winner of the 1965 Hugo Award and the 1966 inaugural Nebula Award) – and spawner of many sequels and an old film, and a TV series – and a new film – which is why this is among this year's bestsellers. The original is the best – but we have the various sequels in stock as well. Go on – spice up your life (see what we did there?). A paperback, film tie-in edition (\$22.99) and a hardcover, SF Masterworks edition (\$26.99) are also available.

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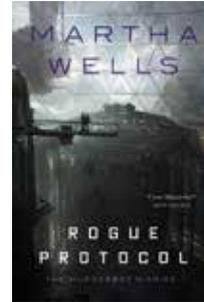
Rogue Protocol

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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A Memory Called Empire

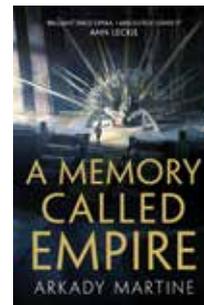
Teixcalaan 01

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. The sequel, *A Desolation Called Peace* (TP, \$32.99), is also available.

Science fiction | PBK | \$18.99



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A Deadly Education

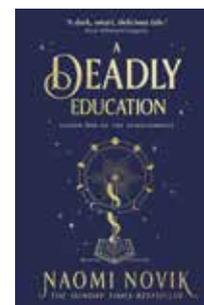
Scholomance 01

Naomi Novik

Enter a school of magic unlike any you have ever encountered. There are no teachers, no holidays, friendships are purely strategic, and the odds of survival are never equal. Once you're inside, there are only two ways out: you graduate, or you die. El Higgins is uniquely prepared for the school's many dangers. She may be without allies, but she possesses a dark power strong enough to level mountains and wipe out untold millions – never mind, easily destroy the countless monsters that prowl the school. Except, she might accidentally kill all the other students, too.

So, El is trying her hardest not to use it... that is, unless she has no other choice. 'Hilarious and wild! Take any fictional magic school, make it as over-the-top dangerous as possible, and populate it with a bunch of snarky teenagers; the result is pure batshit fun.' – N K Jemisin, three-time Hugo Award winner, and author of *The Fifth Season*. Highly Recommended! Now in paperback; with the sequel, *The Last Graduate*, now available in trade paperback (\$32.99).

Fantasy | PBK | \$19.99



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Artificial Condition

Murderbot Diaries 02

Martha Wells

Artificial Condition is the follow-up to Martha Wells' Hugo, Nebula, Alex, and Locus Award-winning, New York Times-bestselling *All Systems Red* (see #2). It has a dark past – one in which a number of humans were killed. A past that caused it to christen itself 'Murderbot'. But it has only vague memories of the massacre that spawned that title, and it wants to know more. Teaming up with a Research Transport vessel, named ART (you don't want to know what the 'A' stands for), Murderbot heads to the mining facility where it went rogue. What it discovers will forever change the way it thinks... This won the Nebula Award for best novella – and if it's possible – I think I love this even more than the first one (it's the interaction between AIs – just great!) Really – you just have to read these! – Ron. Note that *Artificial Condition* won both the Nebula and Hugo Awards for Best Novella (just as the first one did!) in 2019.

Science fiction novella | HC | \$29.99



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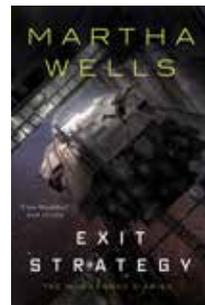
Exit Strategy

Murderbot Diaries 04

Martha Wells

This is the fourth Murderbot book. (The publishers' Oz distributor brings them in for us at a much better price than we could get them as an import – but they tend to sell out and takes a little while to get more. We always have extra copies on back order, tho – so reserve 'em!)

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