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 Ron and Leanne

The Art of Space Travel and Other Stories

collection

Allan, Nina

A mind-bending short story collection from award-winning science fiction author Nina Allan. This compilation brings together rarely seen tales spanning the vast breadth of Allan's writing career for the first time. It also includes a brand-new introduction and one never-before-published story. *Locus* has described Nina as 'a subversive writer... playing with both the familiar protocols of genre and with the nature of the reading experience itself.' This is a stunning collection from one of the most astute and innovative voices writing today.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

Purgatory's Shore

Artillerymen 01

Anderson, Taylor

United States, 1847. A disparate group of young American soldiers are bound to join General Winfield Scott's campaign against Santa Anna at Veracruz during the Mexican-American War. They never arrive. Or rather... they arrive somewhere else. The untried, idealistic soldiers are mostly replacements, really; a handful of infantry, artillery, dragoons, and a few mounted riflemen with no unified command. And they've been shipwrecked on a terrible, different Earth full of monsters and unimaginable enemies. Major Lewis Cayce, late of the 3rd US Flying Artillery, must unite these men to face their fears and myriad threats, armed with little more than flintlock muskets, a few pieces of artillery, and a worldview that spiritually and culturally rebels against virtually everything they encounter. It will take extraordinary leadership and a cadre of equally extraordinary men and women to mould frightened troops into an effective force, make friends with other peoples the evil Holy Dominion would eradicate, and reshape their manifest destiny into a cause they can all believe in and fight for. For only together will they have any hope of survival. The first in a new series, following on from Anderson's popular Destroyermen series.

Military sf HC \$42.99

Light From Uncommon Stars

Aoki, Ryka

Shizuka Satomi made a deal with the devil: to escape damnation, she must entice seven other violin prodigies to trade their souls for success. She has already delivered six. When Katrina Nguyen, a young transgender runaway, catches Shizuka's ear with her wild talent, Shizuka can almost feel the curse lifting. She's found her final candidate. But in a donut shop off a bustling highway in the San Gabriel Valley, Shizuka meets Lan

Tran, retired starship captain, interstellar refugee, and mother of four. Shizuka doesn't have time for crushes or coffee dates, what with her very soul on the line, but Lan's kind smile and eyes like stars might just redefine a soul's worth. And maybe something as small as a warm donut is powerful enough to break a curse as vast as the California coastline. As the lives of these three women become entangled by chance and fate, a story of magic, identity, curses, and hope begins, and a family – worth crossing the universe for – is found. How's this for comparisons in the blurb: 'Good Omens meets *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet*'? LOL

Science fiction HC \$49.99

Foundation

Foundation 01, TV tie-in edition

Asimov, Isaac

The Galactic Empire has prospered for twelve thousand years. Nobody suspects that the heart of the thriving Empire is rotting, until psychohistorian Hari Seldon uses his new science to foresee its terrible fate. Exiled to the desolate planet Terminus, Seldon establishes a colony of the greatest minds in the Empire, a Foundation which holds the key to changing the fate of the galaxy. However, the death throes of the Empire breed hostile new enemies, and the young Foundation's fate will be threatened first. The Foundation series is Isaac Asimov's iconic masterpiece, testament to an extraordinary imagination that shaped science fiction as we know it today. The greatest science fiction adventure of all time, now an Apple Original series.

Classic sf PBK \$22.99

Reaper of Souls

Kingdom of Souls trilogy 02

Barron, Rena

After years' yearning for the gift of magic, Arrah has what she's always wanted – but it came at too steep a price. Now the last witchdoctor, she's left to pick up the pieces of a family that betrayed her, a kingdom plunged into chaos, and a love that can never be. While Arrah returns to the tribal lands to search for survivors, Rudjek hunts down the remnants of the demon army – and uncovers a plot that would destroy what's left of the world. The Demon King wants Arrah. If he can't be stopped, he will destroy everything, and everyone, standing in his way.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

Dealbreaker

Bounceback 02

Beckett, I X

Rubi Whiting has done the impossible. She has proved that humanity deserves a seat at the galactic table. Well, at least, a shot at a seat. Having convinced the galactic governing

body that mankind deserves a chance at fixing their own problems, Rubi has done her part to launch the planet into a new golden age of scientific discovery and technological revolution. However, there are still those in the galactic community that think that humanity is too poisonous, too greedy, to be allowed in, and they will stop at nothing to sabotage a species determined to pull itself up. The thrilling sequel to *Gamechanger* (TP, \$34.99).

Science fiction TP \$43.95

Absynthe

Bellecourt, Brendan P

Liam Mulcahey, a reclusive, shell-shocked veteran, remembers little of the Great War. Ten years later, when he is caught in a brutal attack on a Chicago speakeasy, Liam is saved by Grace, an alluring heiress who's able to cast illusions. Though the attack appears to have been committed by the hated Uprising, Grace believes it was orchestrated by Leland De Pere – Liam's former commander and the current President of the United States. Meeting Grace unearths long-buried memories. Liam's former squad, the Devil's Henchmen, was given a serum to allow telepathic communication, transforming them into a unified killing machine. With Grace's help, Liam begins to regain his abilities, but when De Pere learns of it, he orders his militia to eliminate Liam at any cost. But Liam's abilities are expanding quickly. When Liam turns the tables and digs deeper into De Pere's plans, he discovers a terrible secret. The same experiment that granted Liam's abilities was bent toward darker purposes. Liam must navigate both his enemies and supposed allies to stop the President's nefarious plans before they're unleashed on the world. And Grace is hiding secrets of her own, secrets that could prove every bit as dangerous as the President's.

Decopunk TP \$32.99

Skin of the Sea

Bowen, Natasha

This is the story of a great love – a love that will threaten worlds and anger Gods. This is a story that will change history. Simidele is one of the Mami Wata – mermaids, duty bound to collect the souls of those who die at sea, and bless their journeys back home to the Supreme Creator. But when a living boy is thrown overboard a slave ship, Simi saves his life, going against an ancient decree and bringing terrible danger to the mami wata. Now Simi must journey to the Supreme Creator to make amends – a journey of vengeful gods, treacherous lands and legendary creatures. If she fails, she risks not just the fate of all Mami Wata, but also the world as she knows it. An epic love story infused with West African mythology.

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

Abbreviations used in this catalogue:

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

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Slewfoot:

A Tale of Witchery

Brom

Connecticut, 1666. An ancient spirit awakens in a dark wood. The wildfolk call him Father, slayer, protector. The colonists call him Slewfoot, demon, devil. To Abitha, a recently widowed outcast, alone and vulnerable in her pious village, he is the only one she can turn to for help. Together, they ignite a battle between pagan and Puritan – one that threatens to destroy the entire village, leaving nothing but ashes and bloodshed in their wake. *'If it is a devil you seek, then it is a devil you shall have!'* Set in Colonial New England, *Slewfoot* is a tale of magic and mystery, of triumph and terror as only dark fantasist Brom can tell it; and features more than two dozen of Brom's haunting paintings, fully immersing readers in this wild and unforgiving world.

Horror HC \$59.99

Fledgling

Butler, Octavia E

Fledgling, Octavia Butler's last novel, is the story of an apparently young, amnesiac girl whose alarmingly un-human needs and abilities lead her to a startling conclusion: she is, in fact, a genetically modified, 53-year-old vampire. Forced to discover what she can about her stolen former life, she must at the same time learn who wanted – and still wants – to destroy her and those she cares for, and how she can save herself. *Fledgling* is a captivating novel that tests the limits of otherness and questions what it means to be truly human. A reissue.

Genetic engineering (reissue) HC \$57.95

The Vanished Queen

Campbell, Lisbeth

Long ago, Queen Mirantha vanished. King Karolje claimed she was assassinated by a neighbouring ruler, but her people knew the truth: the king had Disappeared her himself. Now, the queen's disappearance is hardly a memory – merely one among many horrors the king's reign has wrought. But when Anza, a young student impassioned by her father's unjust execution, finds the missing queen's diary, she is inspired by Mirantha's words – joins the resistance group to overthrow the king. Prince Esvar is the second son to an evil king. Trapped under his thumb and desperate for a way out, a chance meeting with Anza gives him the opportunity to join the resistance. Together, they might have the leverage to move against the king – but if they fail, their deaths could mean a total loss of freedom for generations to follow. In this dangerous game of court politics, one misstep could lead to a fate worse than death.

Fantasy TP \$26.99

The Liar's Knot

Rook & Rose 02

Garrick, M A

In Nadezra, peace is as tenuous as a single thread. The ruthless House Indestor has been destroyed, but darkness still weaves through the city's filthy back alleys and jewel-bright gardens, seen by those who know where to look. Derossi Vargo has always known. He has sacrificed more than anyone imagines to carve himself a position of power among the nobility, hiding a will

of steel behind a velvet smile. He'll be damned if he lets anyone threaten what he's built. Grey Serrado knows all too well. Bent under the yoke of too many burdens, he fights to protect the city's most vulnerable. Sooner or later, that fight will demand more than he can give. And, Ren, daughter of no clan, knows best of all. Caught in a knot of lies, torn between her heritage and her aristocratic masquerade, she relies on her gift for reading pattern to survive. And it shows her the web of corruption that traps her city. But all three have yet to discover just how far that web stretches. And in the end, it will take more than knives to cut themselves free... This fantastic, new, character-driven series begins with *The Mast of Mirrors* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Scapegracers

Scapegracers 01

Clarke, Hannah Abigail

Skulking near the bottom of West High's social pyramid, Sideways Pike lurks under the bleachers doing magic tricks for Coke bottles. As a witch, lesbian, and lifelong outsider, she's had a hard time making friends. But when the three most popular girls pay her \$40 to cast a spell at their Halloween party, Sideways gets swept into a new clique. The unholy trinity are dangerous angels, sugar-coated rattlesnakes, and now – unbelievably – Sideways' best friends. Together, the four bond to form a ferocious and powerful coven. They plan parties, cast curses on dude bros, try to find Sideways a girlfriend, and elude the fundamentalist witch hunters hell bent on stealing their magic. But for Sideways, the hardest part is the whole 'having friends' thing. Who knew that balancing human interaction with supernatural peril could be so complicated?

YA paranormal PBK \$16.99

The Scratch Daughters

Scapegracers 02

Clarke, Hannah Abigail

It's been a wild year for Sideways Pike. After forming a coven with the three most popular girls in school and developing a huge crush on a mysterious stranger named Madeline, Sideways' Halloween was ruined by finding out that Madeline wasn't trying to make out with her, but to steal Sideways' spectre, the force that gives witches the ability to cast magic spells. From Madeline's perspective, it's not her fault: after a doomed relationship with one of the creepy near-identical Chantry Boys turned into a witch hunt, they took her spectre, so, really, she's only borrowing Sideways' until she can recover her own and punish the Chantrys. The spectre-less Sideways is in a horrid, distracted mood, unable to do magic and with part of her consciousness tied to Madeline's, on the lam as she uses Sideways' spectre to hunt Chantrys. The other Scapegracers are much jollier, heading into the winter holidays having set up shop as curse crafters for girls in their school who've been done wrong by guys. When Sideways – through Madeline – gets a flash of how to track down both her foes at once, she asks the Scapegracers to help entrap them, only to be told her plan is unsafe and unwise. So, if she's going to find Madeline, her only ally is Mr Scratch, the inky book demon currently inhabiting

her as life support until she gets her spectre back. Sideways is used to being an outcast loner, and is desperate to do magic again, so she's not going to let little barriers like facing a betraying crush and a family of six demented witch hunters practically alone stop her. But she and her trusty stolen bike are in for a bumpy ride...

YA paranormal HC \$41.95

Ready Player Two

Gline, Ernest

Days after winning OASIS founder James Halliday's contest, Wade Watts makes a discovery that changes everything. Hidden within Halliday's vaults, waiting for his heir to find it, lies a technological advancement that will once again change the world and make the OASIS a thousand times more wondrous – and addictive – than even Wade dreamed possible. With it comes a new riddle, and a new quest: a last Easter egg from Halliday, hinting at a mysterious prize. And an unexpected, impossibly powerful, and dangerous new rival awaits, one who'll kill millions to get what he wants. Wade's life and the future of the OASIS are again at stake, but this time the fate of humanity also hangs in the balance. The eagerly-anticipated sequel to *Ready Player One* (PBK, \$19.99).

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

The Orphan Witch

Crutcher, Paige

Persephone May has been alone her entire life. Abandoned as an infant and dragged through the foster care system, she wants nothing more than to belong somewhere. To someone. However, Persephone is as strange as she is lonely. Unexplainable things happen when she's around – changes in weather, inanimate objects taking flight – and those who seek to bring her into their family quickly cast her out. To cope, she never gets attached, never makes friends. And she certainly never dates. Working odd jobs and always keeping her suitcases half packed, Persephone is used to moving around, leaving one town for another when curiosity over her eccentric behaviour inevitably draws unwanted attention. After an accidental and very public display of power, Persephone knows it's time to move on, once again. It's lucky, then, when she receives an email from the one friend she's managed to keep, inviting her to the elusive Wile Isle. The timing couldn't be more perfect. However, upon arrival, Persephone quickly discovers that Wile is no ordinary island. In fact, it just might hold the very things she's been searching for her entire life. Answers. Family. Home. And some things she did not want. Like 100-year-old curses, and an even older family feud. With the clock running out, love might be the magic that saves them all.

Paranormal HC \$59.99

Hunter's Hope

Vampire Motorcycle Club 02

Day, Alyssa

Hunter Evans risked his life, again and again, as a firefighter until the night he died saving a child... only to be reborn as a vampire. Now, the man who lived his life as the quintessential 'nice guy' must find a way to conquer the deadly urges that threaten to turn him feral. When his own actions

put a beautiful woman in danger, he vows to protect her... even from himself. Alice Darlington has a secret of her own: she sees ghosts. She thought she'd done a good job of keeping it under wraps – until now. A terrible threat from her past is hunting her down in order to use her power for dark purposes. Now, she's on the run and doesn't know who to trust or where to go. When Hunter and Alice team up to battle the dangers coming at them from all sides, they're forced to rely on each other. But Hunter doesn't know how long he can keep the beast, inside him, away from the woman it craves...

Paranormal romance PBK \$24.95

XPD

Deighton, Len

11 June 1940, where is Winston Churchill? A private aircraft takes off from a small town in central France, while Adolf Hitler, the would-be conqueror of Europe, prepares for a clandestine meeting near the Belgian border. For more than forty years the events of this day have been Britain's most closely guarded secret. Anyone who learns of them must die – with their file stamped: XPD – expedient demise. A reissue as a Penguin Modern Classic.

Alternate history (reissue) PBK \$22.99

1637: The Coast of Chaos

Ring of Fire 34

Flint, Eric; Hasseler, Bjorn

Europe, 1632. It is a time of upheaval and great change, but none so great as when an unexplained temporal and spatial phenomenon known as the Ring of Fire transports the blue collar town of Grantville, West Virginia, smack dab in the middle of the Thirty Years War. When the dust settles, it becomes clear that the town of Grantville isn't going anywhere, and the can-do Americans of the 21st century begin altering the course of history forever. It is now five years later, and the effects of the Ring of Fire reach from the Old World to the New. But the course of exploration and colonisation will look much different than it did in our timeline. The French bought the English possessions in North America way back in 1633, but have never done much with the uncivilised backwater. Until the new king of France, Gaston I, decides that it's time to seize the territory and establish French control over it.

Alternate history HC \$55.00

The Scholars of Night

Ford, John M

Nicholas Hansard is a brilliant historian at a small New England college. He specialises in Christopher Marlowe. But Hansard has a second, secret, career with the White Group, a 'consulting agency' with shadowy government connections. There, he is a genius at teasing secrets out of documents old and new – to call him a code-breaker is an understatement. When Hansard's work exposes one of his closest friends as a Russian agent, and the friend then dies mysteriously, the connections seem all too clear. Shaken, Hansard turns away from his secret work to lose himself in an ancient Marlowe manuscript. Surely, a lost 400-year-old play is different enough from modern murder. He is very, very wrong.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

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Good Girls Die First Foxfield, Kathryn

Blackmail lures Ava to the abandoned amusement park on Portgrave Pier. She is one of ten teenagers, all with secrets they intend to protect whatever the cost. When fog and magic swallow the pier, the group find themselves cut off from the real world. As the teenagers turn on each other, Ava will have to face up to the secret that brought her to the pier and decide how far she's willing to go to survive. The teenagers have only their secrets to protect and each other to betray.

YA horror TP \$26.95

This Virtual Night

Outworlds 02

Friedman, C S

When deep-space travel altered the genes of the first interstellar colonists, Earth abandoned them. But some of the colonies survived, and a new civilisation of mental and physical 'Variants' has been established, centred around clusters of space stations known as the outworlds. Now, the unthinkable has happened: a suicide assault has destroyed the life-support system of a major waystation. All that is known about the young men responsible is that in their last living moments they were receiving messages from an uninhabited sector of space, and were playing a virtual reality game. Two unlikely allies have joined forces to investigate the incident: Ru Gaya, a mercenary explorer with a taste for high-risk ventures, and game designer Micah Bello, who must find the parties responsible for the attack in order to clear his name. From the corridors of a derelict station lost to madness to an outlaw stronghold in the depths of uncharted space, the two now follow the trail of an enemy who can twist human minds to his purpose, and whose plans could bring about the collapse of outworld civilisation. A return to the world of *This Alien Shore* (PBK, \$19.99), set in the second age of stellar colonisation.

Space opera PBK \$19.99

The Silver Tracks

Reckless 04

Funke, Cornelia

Jacob and Fox may not have found Jacob's brother Will, but they have found something even more unexpected in the Mirrorworld: happiness. Just as they give up the search to enjoy their new life together, Will appears. But now Jacob isn't sure he can trust his own brother. Travelling with Jacob and Fox's deadly enemies, Will is on his way to Nihon, beautiful land of sea serpents and samurai, talking forests and magnificent foxes, in pursuit of another magical Mirror. The pair can only follow. If they are fortunate, what they find could save them. If they are not, they will find painful truths, terrible risks and a greater danger than they could ever have imagined. This thrilling YA series began with *The Petrified Flesh* (PBK, \$16.99).

YA fantasy HC \$24.99

Art Matters:

Because Your Imagination Can Change the World

Gaiman, Neil & Riddell, Chris

A creative call to arms from the mind of Neil Gaiman, combining his extraordinary words

with striking illustrations by Chris Riddell. *Be bold. Be rebellious. Choose art. It matters.* Neil Gaiman once said that 'the world always seems brighter when you've just made something that wasn't there before'. This little book is the embodiment of that vision. Drawn together from speeches, poems and creative manifestos, *Art Matters* explores how reading, imagining and creating can change the world, and will be inspirational to young and old. This paperback edition includes beautiful new illustrations of 'Going WODWO'.

Essay PBK \$19.99

Out of the Ruins

anthology

Grassman, Preston (editor)

This anthology of post-apocalyptic fiction asks, what would you save from the fire? In the moments when it all comes crashing down, what will we value the most, and how will we save it? Featuring stories from China Miéville, Emily St John Mandel, Clive Barker, Carmen Maria Machado, Charlie Jane Anders, Samuel R Delaney, Ramsey Campbell, Lavie Tidhar, Kaaron Warrern, Anna Tambour, Nina Allan, Jeffrey Thomas, Paul Di Filippo, Ron Drummond, Nikhil Singh, John Skipp, Autumn Christian, Chris Kelso, Rumi Kaneko, Nick Mamatas, and D R G Sugawara.

Post-apocalypse PBK \$19.99

Master of Poisons

Hairston, Andrea

The world is changing. Poison desert eats good farmland. Once-sweet water turns foul. The wind blows sand and sadness across the Empire. To get caught in a storm is death. To live and do nothing is death. There is magic in the world, but good conjure is hard to find. Djola, right-hand man and spymaster of the lord of the Arkhysian Empire, is desperately trying to save his adopted homeland, even in exile. Awa, a young woman training to be a powerful griot, tests the limits of her knowledge and comes into her own in a world of sorcery, floating cities, kindly beasts, and uncertain men. This trade paperback includes an extensive, conversational interview between the author and Daniel José Older!

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Misspent Youth

Hamilton, Peter F

Jeff Baker is granted the gift of eternal youth. However, it's not all it seems... It is 2040 and, after decades of research, we can finally rejuvenate a human being. At 78 years old, Jeff Baker – renowned inventor and philanthropist – has given the world much of his creative genius. He's, therefore, selected as first choice for this gift. At first, rejuvenation feels like a miracle, until the glow begins to fade. Personal relationships start to break down and the world waits for more brilliant new work. Living the dream will come at a cost, but can Jeff pay the price? Set in the near future, over three hundred years before *Pandora's Star* and *Judas Unchained*, this is a gripping introduction to the world of the Commonwealth Saga. 'Hamilton handles massive ideas with enviable ease' – *Guardian*. A reissue with new cover art.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Founder Effect

anthology

Hampson, Robert E & Medlock, Sandra L (editors)

It is 2185 CE. Humans now live throughout the Solar System, but their most ambitious adventure is about to begin. The starship *Victoria* will carry over 10,000 colonists to a new world outside the Solar System. The larger-than-life exploits of those colonists will become legendary. The colonists will build a new civilisation, and the actions of a few individuals will become famous – and infamous – forever marking their new colony with the Founder Effect. These are their true stories. Contributors: Larry Correia, Mark H Wandrey, Les Johnson, Christopher L Smith, David Weber, Daniel M Hoyt, Brad R Torgersen, Monalisa Foster, Sarah A Hoyt, Chris Kennedy, Vivienne Raper, Jody Lynn Nye, Brent M Roeder, Catherine L Smith, Philip Wohlrab, and D J Butler.

Science fiction PBK \$24.95

Cyber Mage

Hossain, Saad Z

Welcome to Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2089. A city notorious for its extreme population density has found an unexpected way to not just survive a global climate apocalypse, but thrive: pump enough biological nanotech into the neighbourhood and all of the bodies together form a self-sustaining, and even temperate, microclimate. Of course, this means that millions of humans have to stay put in order to maintain a liveable temperature, and people are getting restless. All of the nanotech has also led to some surprises: certain people no longer need food or water while others can live without functioning organs. So, the mercenary Djibrel has to carry a machete wherever he goes. Only a swift beheading can ensure the job gets done anymore. Djibrel navigates the crowded streets, humans teeming with genetic mutations, looking for answers about what happened to the Djinn, a magical super race of genies who seem to have disappeared, or merged, with humans for survival. What Djibrel doesn't know is that his every move is being tracked by the infamous Cyber Mage – better known to his parents as Murzak, a privileged snarky teenager who regularly works for a Russian crime syndicate with a band of elite hackers, like his best friend ReGi, who resides in North Africa's FEZ (Free Economic Zone). Respected and feared online, Murzak is about to embark on one of his biggest challenges: attending high school IRL. But when he discovers a brand new type of AI, operating on a dark web from the abandoned Kingdom of Bahrain that he thought was just an urban myth, Murzak and Djibrel will have to face the unimaginable in an already inconceivable world.

Satirical sf TP \$39.95

True Dead

Jane Yellowrock 14

Hunter, Faith

Jane used to hunt vampires, but now she's their queen. She's holed up in the mountains with the Yellowrock Clan, enjoying a little peace, when a surprise attack on her people proves that trouble is brewing. Someone is using very old magic to launch a bid for power, and it's all tied to the place where

Jane was first drawn into the world of Leo Pellissier – the city of New Orleans. Jane is compelled to return to NOLA because someone is trying to destabilise the paranormal world order. And because she now sits near the top of the vampire world, the assault is her problem. She will do what she must to protect what's hers. Her city. Her people. Her power. Her crown.

Urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

Risen

Alex Verus 12, final!

Jacka, Benedict

Mage Alex Verus has gone from a Camden shopkeeper to one of the most powerful mages in Britain. Now, his last and most dangerous battle lies before him. Alex's girlfriend, the life mage Anne, has fallen fully under the control of the deadly djinn she made a bargain with, and it is preparing to create an army of mages subject to its every whim. Alex, the Council, and the Dark mage Richard Drakh agree to call a truce in their war, and plans are made for a joint attack. Alex knows that it's only a matter of time before Drakh and the Council turn on each other... and neither cares about keeping Anne alive. Can Alex figure out a way to stop Anne and to free her from possession before time runs out for the people he loves? This great urban fantasy series begins with *Fated* (PBK, \$22.99).

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

Ghost Stories of an Antiquary

Haunted Library Horror Classics

James, M R

First published in 1904, *Ghost Stories of an Antiquary* contains eight tales of supernatural horror by genre master M R James. Highly regarded as a masterwork of horror, this collection is a must have for fans of the frightful. The stories in this collection include: 'Canon Alberic's Scrap-Book', 'Lost Hearts', 'The Mezzotint', 'The Ash-Tree', 'Number 13', 'Count Magnus', 'Oh, Whistle and I'll Come to You, My Lad', and 'The Treasure of Abbot Thomas'.

Ghost stories TP \$27.99

The Midnight Girls

Jasinska, Alicia

In a snow-cloaked kingdom, two wicked rivals secretly compete for the pure heart of a prince, only to discover they might be falling for each other. Karnaval season is a time for mischief and revelry. For the next few weeks, all will be wintry balls, glittery disguises, and nightly torch-lit sleigh-parties. Unbeknownst to the merry-makers, two uninvented girls join the fun. Zosia and Marynka are drawn to each other the moment they meet, until they discover they're rivals, who both have their sights set on the prince's heart. If one consumes a pure heart, she'll gain immeasurable power. Marynka plans to bring the prince's back to her patron in order to prove herself. While Zosia is determined to take his heart and its power for her own. Their ambition turns into a magical contest with both girls vying to keep the prince out of the other's grasp, even as their attraction to one another grows. But their attempts on his

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life draws the attention of the city that would die for him, and suddenly their escalating rivalry might cost them not just their love for each other, but both their lives.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

White Queen Jones, Gwyneth

In the year 2038, the earth has been ravaged by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Retroviruses run rampant through humanity. Economic disaster has destabilised the world, the US has undergone a socialist revolution, and the balance of power has changed. Then the aliens arrive. With no clear understanding of the visitors' intent, factions form, including the anti-alien group White Queen, working to turn humans against these extraterrestrial tourists. Caught in the middle is Johnny Guglio, an American exile whose only fault was living near the landing site, and Braemar Wilson, a cutthroat reporter who will do whatever she needs to get ahead of the story. And for better or for worse, it seems being caught in the middle is the best place for them to uncover the truth. Winner of the 1991 James Tiptree Jr Award, *White Queen* is the first in Gwyneth Jones' critically-acclaimed Aleutian trilogy.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

The Mammoth Book of Folk Horror:

Evil Lives on in the Land!
Jones, Stephen (editor)
The darkness that endures beneath the earth... the disquiet that lingers in the woodland surrounding a forgotten path... those ancient traditions and practices that still cling to standing stone circles, earthworks, and abandoned buildings; elaborate rituals that invoke elder gods or nature deities; the restless spirits and legendary creatures that remain connected to a place or object, or exist in deep wells and lonely pools of water, waiting to ensnare the unwary traveller... These concepts have been the archetypes of horror fiction for decades, but in recent years they have been given a name: *Folk Horror*. This type of storytelling has existed for more than a century. Authors Arthur Machen, Algernon Blackwood, H P Lovecraft, and M R James all published fiction that had its roots in the notion of the supernatural being linked to objects or places 'left behind'. All four writers are represented in this volume with powerful, and hopefully unfamiliar, examples of their work, along with newer exponents of the craft such as Ramsey Campbell, Storm Constantine, Christopher Fowler, Alison Littlewood, Kim Newman, Reggie Oliver, and many others. Illustrated with the atmospheric photography of Michael Marshall Smith, the stories in *The Mammoth Book of Folk Horror* tap into an aspect of folkloric tradition that has long been dormant, but never quite forgotten, while the depiction of these forces as being in some way 'natural' in no way detracts from the sense of nameless dread and escalating horror that they inspire...

Horror TP \$24.99

The Monsters of Rookhaven

Monsters of Rookhaven 01

Kenny, Pádraig

Sometimes the monsters take us. Sometimes, we become the monsters. Mirabelle has always known she is a monster. When the glamour protecting her unusual family from the human world is torn and an orphaned brother and sister stumble upon Rookhaven, Mirabelle soon discovers that friendship can be found in the outside world. But as something far more sinister comes to threaten them all, it quickly becomes clear that the true monsters aren't necessarily the ones you can see.

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

The Shadows of Rookhaven

Monsters of Rookhaven 02

Kenny, Pádraig

Shadows are gathering over Rookhaven. It is the time of The Great Configuration, a once in a hundred years event. Family and monsters descend on Rookhaven from all over the country to take part. But amid the guests there is an interloper. One who is disguised and has an eye on their destruction. Meanwhile Mirabelle – part human, part monster – discovers that to those from outside Rookhaven she is not considered family at all... and, forced to search further afield for knowledge of her true history, she risks everything – and everyone.

YA fantasy TP \$26.99

Vile Affections

collection

Kiernan, Caitlín R

In *Vile Affections*, Caitlín R Kiernan's seventeenth short fiction collection, the boundaries of desire, fascination, passion, and dread collide. That which is beautiful may easily be profane. Those who love us may devour us alive. A shadow may shine like a supernova. The eye of the beholder is God. In these 22 stories, Kiernan's trademark range is on display, taking us from submerged and monster-haunted dreamscapes to quiet bedroom conversation between lovers, from unexpected and uncanny road kill to an object lesson on the perils of picking up hitchhikers on rainy Appalachian nights. Moving deftly between such disparate genres as cyberpunk, fairy tales, and Southern Gothic, this is Kiernan at their eerie best.

Dark fantasy HC \$89.95

Boundaries

Valdemar anthology

Lackey, Mercedes (editor)

This fifteenth anthology of short stories set in the beloved Valdemar universe features tales by debut and established authors, and a brand-new story from Lackey, herself. The Heralds of Valdemar are the kingdom's ancient order of protectors. They are drawn from all across the land, from all walks of life, and at all ages – and all are Gifted with abilities beyond those of normal men and women. They are Mindspeakers, FarSeers, Empaths, ForeSeers, Firestarters, FarSpeakers, and more. These inborn talents – combined with training as emissaries, spies, judges, diplomats, scouts, counsellors, warriors, and more – make them indispensable to their monarch and realm.

Sought and Chosen by mysterious horse-like Companions, they are bonded for life to these telepathic, enigmatic creatures. The Heralds of Valdemar and their Companions ride circuit throughout the kingdom, protecting the peace and, when necessary, defending their land and monarch.

Valdemar TP \$39.95

Breaking Badger

Honey Badger Chronicles 04

Laurenston, Shelly

It's instinct that drives Finn Malone to rescue a bunch of hard battling honey badgers. The Siberian tiger shifter just can't bear to see his fellow shifters harmed. But no way can Finn have a houseful of honey badgers when he also has two brothers with no patience. Things just go from bad to worse when the badgers rudely ejected from his home turn out to be the only ones who can help him solve a family tragedy. He's just not sure he can even get back into the badgers' good graces. Since badgers lack graces of any kind... Mads knows her team-mates aren't about to forgive the cats that were so rude to them, but moody Finn isn't so bad. And he's cute! The badger part of her understands Finn's burning need to avenge his father's death – after all, vengeance is her favourite pastime. So, Mads sets about helping Finn settle his family's score, which has its perks, since she gets to avoid her own family drama. Besides, fighting side by side with Finn is her kind of fun – especially when she can get in a hot and heavy snuggle with her very own growling, eye-rolling, and utterly irresistible kitty-cat...

Paranormal romance TP \$24.99

Local Custom

Liaden Universe(r) 05, reissue

Lee, Sharon & Miller, Steve

Master trader Er Thom knows the local custom of Liaden is to be matched with a proper bride and provide his prominent clan Korval with an heir. Yet, his heart is immersed in another universe, influenced by another culture, and lost to a woman not of his world. And to take a Terran wife, such as scholar Anne Davis, is to risk his honour and reputation. But when he discovers that their brief encounter years before has resulted in the birth of a child, even more is at stake than anyone imagined. Now, an interstellar scandal has erupted, a bitter war between two families – galaxies apart – has begun, and the only hope for Er Thom and Anne is a sacrifice neither is prepared to make... A reissue.

Space opera (reissue) PBK \$24.95

Lightbringer

Empirium trilogy 03

Legrand, Claire

Queen Rielle, pushed away from everything she loves, turns to Corien and his promises of glory. Meanwhile, whispers from the empirium slowly drive her mad, urging her to open the Gate. Separated from Audric and Ludivine, she embraces the role of Blood Queen and her place by Corien's side, determined to become the monster the world believes her to be. In the future, Eliana arrives in the Empire's capital as a broken shell of herself. Betrayed and abandoned,

she fights to keep her power at bay – and away from Corien, who will stop at nothing to travel back in time to Rielle, even if that means destroying her daughter. But when the mysterious Prophet reveals themselves at last, everything changes, giving Rielle and Eliana a second chance for salvation – or the destruction their world has been dreading.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

Persephone Station Leicht, Stina

Persephone Station, a seemingly backwater planet that has been largely ignored by the United Republic of Worlds, becomes the focus for the Serrao-Orlov Corporation as the planet has a few secrets the corporation tenaciously wants to exploit. Rosie – owner of Monk's Bar, in the corporate town of West Brynner, caters to wannabe criminals and rich Earther tourists, of a sort, at the front bar. However, exactly two types of people drank at Monk's bar: members of a rather exclusive criminal class and those who sought to employ them. Angel – ex-marine and head of a semi-organised band of beneficent criminals, wayward assassins, and washed-up mercenaries with a penchant for doing the honourable thing is asked to perform a job for Rosie. What this job reveals will affect Persephone and put Angel and her squad up against an army. Despite the odds, they are rearing for a fight with the Serrao-Orlov Corporation. For Angel, she knows that once honour is lost, there is no regaining it. That doesn't mean she can't damned well try.

Space opera TP \$27.99

The Truth and Other Stories

collection

Lem, Stanislaw

Twelve stories by science fiction master Stanislaw Lem, nine of them never before published in English. Of these twelve short stories by science fiction master Stanislaw Lem, only three have previously appeared in English, making this the first 'new' book of fiction by Lem since the late 1980s. The stories display the full range of Lem's intense curiosity about scientific ideas as well as his sardonic approach to human nature, presenting as multifarious a collection of mad scientists as any reader could wish for. Many of these stories feature artificial intelligences or artificial life forms, long a Lem preoccupation; some feature quite insane theories of cosmology or evolution. All are thought provoking and scathingly funny. Written from 1956 to 1993, the stories are arranged in chronological order. In the title story, 'The Truth', a scientist in an insane asylum theorises that the sun is alive; 'The Journal' appears to be an account by an omnipotent being describing the creation of infinite universes – until, in a classic Lem twist, it turns out to be no such thing; in 'An Enigma', beings debate whether offspring can be created without advanced degrees and design templates. Other stories feature a computer that can predict the future by 137 seconds, matter-destroying spores, a hunt in which the prey is a robot, and an electronic brain eager to go on the lam. These stories are peak Lem, exploring ideas and themes that resonate throughout his writing.

Classic sf HC \$59.99

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Beyond the Hallowed Sky

Lightspeed trilogy 01

Macleod, Ken

When a brilliant scientist gets a letter from herself about faster-than-light travel, she doesn't know what to believe. The equations work, but her paper is discredited – and soon the criticism is more than scientific. Exiled by the establishment, she gets an offer to build her starship from an unlikely source. But in the heights of Venus and on a planet of another star, a secret is already being uncovered that will shake humanity to its foundations. The first in a new series.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Summer Sons

Mandelo, Lee

Andrew and Eddie did everything together, best friends bonded more deeply than brothers, until Eddie left Andrew behind to start his graduate program at Vanderbilt. Six months later, only days before Andrew was to join him in Nashville, Eddie dies of an apparent suicide. He leaves Andrew a horrible inheritance: a roommate he doesn't know, friends he never asked for, and a gruesome phantom that hungers for him. As Andrew searches for the truth of Eddie's death, he uncovers the lies and secrets left behind by the person he trusted most, discovering a family history soaked in blood and death. Whirling between the backstabbing academic world where Eddie spent his days and the circle of hot boys, fast cars, and hard drugs that ruled Eddie's nights, the walls Andrew has built against the world begin to crumble. And there is something awful lurking, waiting for those walls to fall. Lee Mandelo's debut is a sweltering, queer Southern Gothic that crosses Appalachian street racing with academic intrigue, all haunted by a hungry ghost.

Dark fantasy HC \$49.99

Myrren's Gift

Quickening trilogy 01

McIntosh, Fiona

Life for Myrren should be good – she's a beautiful young woman with bewitching eyes; one grey, the other green. But those entrancing colours are likely to be her downfall, for many believe only a witch could have mismatched eyes. Wyl Thirsk possesses the good habits and wise judgment that have helped the Thirsk family remain leaders for generations. These virtues will serve him well as he finds himself companion to the king's wayward son and though the prince is arrogant and cruel, Wyl is duty bound to protect him. When Myrren crosses paths with Wyl, she is grateful for his compassion and decides to give him an extraordinary gift. It is both powerful and astonishing – but also devastating. A reissue.

Fantasy (reissue) TP \$29.99

The Song of Achilles

10th anniversary special edition

Miller, Madeline

Greece in the age of heroes. Patroclus, an awkward young prince, has been exiled to the court of King Peleus and his perfect son Achilles. Despite their differences, Achilles befriends the shamed prince, and as they grow into young men skilled in the arts of war and medicine, their bond blossoms into

something deeper – despite the displeasure of Achilles' mother Thetis, a cruel sea goddess. But when word comes that Helen of Sparta has been kidnapped, Achilles must go to war in distant Troy and fulfil his destiny. Torn between love and fear for his friend, Patroclus goes with him, little knowing that the years that follow will test everything they hold dear. A 10th anniversary special edition, featuring a new foreword by the author.

Myth retold (reissue) HC \$39.99

Agent of the Imperium

Miller, Marc

Jonathan Bland is a Decider, empowered by the Emperor himself to deal with the inevitable crises of an empire. In the service of the Empire, he has killed more people than anyone in the history of Humanity, to save a hundred times as many. He died centuries ago, but they reactivate his recorded personality whenever a new threat appears. When the crisis is over, they expect he will meekly return to oblivion. He has other ideas. The chronicle of Bland reveals secrets of the history of the star-spanning Third Imperium and spans 400 years from early Imperium (about year 300) through the mid-post Civil War period (about year 700) touching known and unknown events you may have encountered in your own reading of the Imperium: everyday events, political intrigue, deadly dangers, Arbellatra, Capital, Encyclopediopolis, the Karand's Palace, and a Tigriss-class Dreadnought. If you know the Traveller science-fiction role-playing game, then some of this is already familiar; if not, no matter – this story introduces the vast human-dominated interstellar empire of the far future in ways only the designer and chronicler of this particular universe can.

Military sf PBK \$24.95

Harrow the Ninth

Locked Tomb quartet 02

Muir, Tamsyn

She answered the Emperor's call. She arrived with her arts, her wits, and her only friend. In victory, her world has turned to ash. Nothing is as it seems in the halls of the Emperor, and the fate of the galaxy rests on one woman's shoulders. Harrowhark's health is failing, her magic refuses to cooperate, her sword makes her throw up, and even her mind threatens to betray her. What's worse, someone is trying to kill her. And she has to wonder: if they succeeded, would the universe be better off? After rocking the cosmos with her deathly debut, *Gideon the Ninth* (TP, \$29.99), Tamsyn Muir continues the story of the penumbral Ninth House – a mind-twisting puzzle box of mystery, murder, magic, and mayhem.

Space opera TP \$34.99

Dog Park

Oksanen, Sofi

Helsinki, 2016. Olenka sits on a bench, watching a family play in a dog park. A stranger sits down beside her. Olenka startles; she would recognise this other woman, anywhere. After all, Olenka was the one who ruined her life. And this woman may be about to do the same to Olenka. Yet, for a fragile moment, here they are, together – looking at their own children being raised by other people. Moving seamlessly between modern-day Finland and Ukraine in the

early days of its post-Soviet independence, Dog Park is a keenly observed, dark and propulsive novel set at the intersection of East and West, centred in a web of exploitation and the commodification of the female body. Oksanen brings fearless psychological acuity to this captivating story about a woman unable to escape the memory of her lost child, the ruthless powers that still hunt her, and the lies that could well end up saving her.

Horror TP \$29.99

To Sleep in a Sea of Stars

Paolini, Christopher

Kira Navárez dreamed of life on new worlds. Now she's awakened a nightmare. During a routine survey mission on an uncolonised planet, Kira finds an alien relic. At first, she's delighted, but elation turns to terror when the ancient dust around her begins to move. As war erupts among the stars, Kira is launched into a galaxy-spanning odyssey of discovery and transformation. First contact isn't at all what she imagined, and events push her to the very limits of what it means to be human. While Kira faces her own horrors, Earth and its colonies stand upon the brink of annihilation. Now, Kira might be humanity's greatest and final hope...

Space opera PBK \$24.99

The Becoming

Dragon Heart Legacy 02

Roberts, Nora

When Breen Kelly makes a leap into the unknown with a summer trip to Ireland in search of her father, little does she know she will find a portal into another world – Talamh – where she will find magic, family and a destiny beyond her wildest dreams. Breen is welcomed by most of her family and friends but there is one who is far from welcoming. Her grandfather, the outcast god Odran plots to destroy Talamh – and now all must unite to defeat his dark forces. There will be losses and sorrows, betrayal and bloodshed. But through it, Breen Siobhan Kelly will take the next step on the journey to becoming all that she was born to be. The follow-up to *The Awakening* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Living Dead:

A masterpiece of zombie horror

Romero, George A

& Kraus, Daniel

A work of horror genius from the Godfather of zombie filmmaking, George A Romero, and celebrated writer Daniel Kraus... It begins with one body. A pair of medical examiners find themselves facing a dead man who won't stay dead. It spreads quickly. In a Midwestern trailer park, an African American teenage girl and a Muslim immigrant battle newly-risen friends and family. On a US aircraft carrier, living sailors hide from dead ones while a fanatic preaches the gospel of a new religion of death. At a cable news station, a surviving anchor keeps broadcasting, not knowing if anyone is watching, while his undead colleagues try to devour him. In DC, an autistic federal employee charts the outbreak, preserving data for a future that may never come. Everywhere, people are targeted by both the living and the dead. We think we know how this story ends. We. Are. Wrong.

Horror PBK \$19.99

The Queen of the Dead

complete trilogy

Sagara, Michelle

This *Queen of the Dead* omnibus edition collects: *Silence*, *Touch*, and *Grave*. It began in the graveyard... Ever since her boyfriend Nathan had died in a tragic accident, Emma had been coming to the graveyard at night. During the day she went through the motions at her prep school, in class, with her friends, but that's all it was. For Emma, life had stopped with Nathan's death. But, tonight, was different. Tonight, Emma and her dog were not alone in the cemetery. There were two others there – Eric, who had just started at her school, and an ancient woman who looked as though she were made of rags. And when they saw Emma there, the old woman reached out to her with a grip as chilling as death... Emma was not quite like other girls. It was true that other girls had experienced grief. Other girls had also lost their fathers, or had their boyfriends die in senseless accidents. But though she hadn't known it, 'til that night in the graveyard, unlike those other girls, she could see, touch, and speak with the dead. Follow this gripping saga as Emma must learn to navigate her powers and the responsibilities that accompany them.

Urban fantasy TP \$48.95

Dark and Shallow Lies

Sain, Ginny Myers

When 17-year-old Grey makes her annual visit to La Cachette, Louisiana – the tiny bayou town that proclaims to be the 'Psychic Capital of the World' – she knows it will be different from past years: her childhood best friend Elora went missing several months earlier and no one is telling the truth about the night she disappears. Grey can't believe that Elora vanished into thin air any more than she can believe that nobody in a town full of psychics knows what happened. But as she digs into the night that Elora went missing, she begins to realise that everybody in town is hiding something – her grandmother Honey; her childhood crush Hart; and even her late mother, whose secrets continue to call to Grey from beyond the grave. When a mysterious stranger emerges from the bayou – a stormy-eyed boy with links to Elora and the town's bloody history – Grey realises that La Cachette's past is far more present and dangerous than she'd ever understood. She doesn't know who she can trust. In a town where secrets lurk just below the surface, and where a murderer is on the loose, nobody can be presumed innocent – and La Cachette's dark and shallow lies may just rip the town apart.

YA supernatural mystery PBK \$19.99

Cytonic

Skyward 03

Sanderson, Brandon

Spensa's life as a Defiant Defence Force pilot has been far from ordinary. She proved herself one of the best starfighters in the human enclave of Detritus and she saved her people from extermination at the hands of the Krell – the enigmatic alien species that has been holding them captive for decades. What's more, she travelled light years from home as a spy, to infiltrate the Superiority; where she learned of the galaxy beyond her small, desolate planet home. Now, the Superiority – the governing galactic alliance

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bent on dominating all human life – has started a galaxy-wide war. And Spensa has seen the weapons they plan to use to end it: the Delvers. Ancient, mysterious alien forces that can wipe out entire planetary systems in an instant. Spensa knows that no matter how many pilots the DDF has, there is no defeating this predator. Except that Spensa is Cytonic. She faced down a Delver and saw something eerily familiar about it. And, maybe, if she's able to figure out what she is, she could be more than just another pilot in this unfolding war. She could save the galaxy. The only way she can discover what she really is, though, is to leave behind all she knows and enter the Nowhere. A place from which few ever return. To have courage means facing fear. And this mission is terrifying. If you haven't tried these before, start with *Skyward* (PBK, \$22.99).

Space opera TP \$32.99

The Other Merlin

Emry Merlin 01

Schneider, Robyn

Welcome to the great kingdom of Camelot! Prince Arthur's a depressed botanist who would rather marry a library than a princess, Lancelot's been demoted to castle guard after a terrible lie, and Emry Merlin has arrived at the castle – disguised as her twin brother, since girls can't practice magic. Life at court is full of scandals, lies, and backstabbing courtiers, so what's a casually bisexual teen wizard masquerading as a boy to do? Other than fall for the handsome prince, stir up trouble with the foppish Lord Gawain, and offend the prissy Princess Guinevere. When the truth comes out with disastrous consequences, Emry has to decide whether she'll risk everything for the boy she loves, or give up her potential to become the greatest wizard Camelot has ever known.

YA Arthurian fantasy PBK \$16.99

ExtraOrdinary

Villains series, graphic novel

Schwab, V E

& Balám, Enid (illustrator)

Set in the years between *Vicious* and *Vengeful*, *ExtraOrdinary* follows a teenage girl named Charlotte Tills who survives a bus crash and becomes EO – ExtraOrdinary, gaining the ability to see people's deaths in reflective surfaces. But when she looks into her own future, she sees a murder. The man responsible? None other than self-proclaimed hero and notorious EO killer Eli Ever, currently in prison for the murder of Victor Vale. Refusing to accept her fate, Charlotte pieces together what little she can glean from the reflections and sets off to find – and change – her future – before it comes for her.

Urban fantasy HC \$39.99

The Best of Lucius Shepard, volume two

Shepard, Lucius

When Lucius Shepard passed away in 2014, he left behind a body of work unparalleled in its richness, power, and sheer originality. In 2008, Subterranean Press published *The Best of Lucius Shepard*, which served as a massive monument to an extraordinary career. Over time, this monument has

proved insufficient, so we now have this even more massive second volume. It is a gift that Shepard's many devoted readers will take to their hearts. Weighing in at more than 300,000 words, spread across nearly 850 pages, this magisterial book brings together 14 stories and novellas, three of which have never been previously collected. Each of them, without exception, is worth returning to over and over again. Lucius Shepard's life and work took him, quite literally, to the ends of the earth, and this masterful collection reflects his restless, peripatetic nature. Like its predecessor, *The Best of Lucius Shepard, Volume Two* is, quite simply, an essential book.

Fantasy HC \$99.95

Oaths of Legacy

Bloodright trilogy 02

Skrutskie, Emily

Gal's destiny has always been clear: Complete his training at the military academy, prove his worth as a royal successor, and ascend to the galactic throne. When a failed assassination plot against Gal sends him and Ettian – his infuriatingly enticing roommate – on a mad dash through the stars, Gal's plans are momentarily disrupted. But he was born to rule the Umber Empire, and with Ettian by his side, nothing will stop him from returning home and crushing the growing insurgency threatening his family's power. Yet, nothing is ever that simple in war – or in love. Gal is captured by the rebellion during a skirmish and faces public execution, his grand fate cut short. To save Gal's life, Ettian does the unthinkable: He reveals himself as the secret heir to the fallen Archon Empire and rightful leader of the rebellion... and, therefore, Gal's sworn enemy. Now, a political hostage in this newly reignited conflict, Gal must use his limited resources to sabotage the rebellion from within, concoct an escape plan, and return to the empire he's destined to lead. And if that means taking down the man he thought he loved? All the better.

Space opera HC \$42.99

The King of Koraha

Archives of the Invisible Sword 03

Snyder, Maria V

Hard on the heels of trouble in Zirdai city, Shyla Sun-Kissed and Rendor are ordered to report to the King of Koraha – a summons that is deadly to ignore. The King holds the key to Koraha's existence, but a formidable new enemy threatens Koraha's very survival and the King desperately needs Shyla and Rendor's help. Wielding a terrifying and unknown magical power that can convert opponents into devoted soldiers, the mysterious army is hell bent on usurping the crown. Shyla and Rendor are tasked with discovering who in the seven hells these insurgents are. And what their real endgame is. Trekking through the punishing conditions across the searing surface of Koraha, and facing numerous unseen foes and untold danger, they must follow the clues to uncover the truth before it's too late. The fate of the King and all the citizens of Koraha rests in their hands... This popular YA series begins with *The Eyes of Tamburah* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

King of Battle and Blood

Adrian X Isolde 01

St Clair, Scarlett

Their union is his revenge. Isolde de Lara considers her wedding day to be her death day. To end a years' long war, she is to marry vampire king Adrian Aleksandr Vasiliev, and kill him. But her assassination attempt is thwarted, and Adrian threatens that if Isolde tries kill him again, he will raise her as the undead. Faced with the possibility of becoming the thing she hates most, Isolde seeks other ways to defy him and survive the brutal vampire court. Except it isn't the court she fears most – it's Adrian. Despite their undeniable chemistry, she wonders why the king – fierce, savage, merciless – chose her as consort. The answer will shatter her world. The first in a series.

Fantasy romance TP \$24.99

The Labyrinth

illustrated novel

Stålenhag, Simon

A world covered by ruins and ash, the remnants of an otherworldly phenomenon that has ravaged the earth's atmosphere and forced the few survivors deep underground. Matt, Sigrid and Charlie leave the safe harbour of the enclave for an expedition onto the wastelands of the surface world. During their journey they are forced to confront dark secrets from the time before civilisation's fall. *The Labyrinth* is a unique vision of a dystopian future from one of the most sought-after visual storytellers in the world. (Now, sadly, delayed until February 2022.)

Dystopia HC \$49.99

The Bone Shard Emperor

Drowning Empire 02

Stewart, Andrea

The Emperor is Dead. Long live the Emperor. Lin Sukai finally sits on the throne she won at so much cost, but her struggles are only just beginning. Her people don't trust her. Her political alliances are weak. And in the north-east of the Empire, a rebel army of constructs is gathering, its leader determined to take the throne by force. Yet, an even greater threat is on the horizon, for the Alanga – the powerful magicians of legend – have returned to the Empire. They claim they come in peace, and Lin will need their help in order to defeat the rebels and restore peace. But can she trust them? The sequel to *The Bone Shard Daughter* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Offset

Szewczak, Galder

It is your eighteenth birthday and one of your parents must die. You are the one who decides. Who do you pick? In a dying world, the Offset ceremony has been introduced to counteract and discourage procreation. It is a rule that is simultaneously accepted, celebrated and abhorred. But in this world, survival demands sacrifice so for every birth, there must be a death. Professor Jac Boltanski is leading Project Salix, a ground-breaking new mission to save the world by replanting radioactive Greenland with genetically-

modified willow trees. But things aren't working out and there are discrepancies in the data. Has someone intervened to sabotage her life's work? In the meantime, her daughter Miri, an anti-natalist, has run away from home. Days before their Offset ceremony where one of her mothers must be sentenced to death, she is brought back against her will following a run in with the law. Which parent will Miri pick to die: the one she loves, or the one she hates who is working to save the world?

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Osama

10th anniversary edition

Tidhar, Lavie

It's a rainy day when the woman approaches Joe. He is a private detective and she is looking for someone, as these things often go. Her quarry is the obscure author of a series of pulp novels featuring one Osama bin Laden: Vigilante. Joe's quest will take him across the world in search of the writer. And every step of the way – from the backwaters of Laos to Paris and London – he is plagued, by assailants he cannot name, by questions he cannot hope to answer and by ghostly entities he cannot seem to shake. Joe knows how the story should end, but even he is not ready for the truths he will find in New York and atop a quiet hill above Kabul, nor for the choice he will have to make there... Lavie Tidhar's World Fantasy Award-winning metafictional novel, with a new introduction and three extra stories...

Urban fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Fellowship Of The Ring

Lord of the Rings 01, unabridged edition

Tolkien, J R R

This brand-new unabridged audio book of *The Fellowship of the Ring*, the first part of J R R Tolkien's epic adventure, the Lord of the Rings, is read by the BAFTA award-winning actor, director and author, Andy Serkis. In a sleepy village in the Shire, a young hobbit is entrusted with an immense task. He must make a perilous journey across Middle-earth to the Cracks of Doom, there to destroy the Ruling Ring of Power – the only thing that prevents the Dark Lord Sauron's evil dominion. Thus begins J R R Tolkien's classic tale of adventure, which continues in *The Two Towers* and *The Return of the King*.

Tolkien CD \$69.99

The Two Towers

Lord of the Rings 02, unabridged edition

Tolkien, J R R

This brand-new unabridged audio book of *The Two Towers*, the second part of J R R Tolkien's epic adventure, the Lord of the Rings, is read by the BAFTA award-winning actor, director and author, Andy Serkis. The company of the Ring is torn asunder. Frodo and Sam continue their journey alone down the great River Anduin – alone, that is, save for the mysterious creeping figure that follows wherever they go. This continues the classic tale begun in *The Fellowship of the Ring*, which reaches its awesome climax in *The Return of the King*.

Tolkien CD \$69.99

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The Return of the King

Lord of the Rings 03, unabridged edition

Tolkien, J R R

This brand-new unabridged audio book of *The Return of the King*, the third and final part of J R R Tolkien's epic adventure, the Lord of the Rings, is read by the BAFTA award-winning actor, director and author, Andy Serkis. The armies of the Dark Lord are massing as his evil shadow spreads even wider. Men, Dwarves, Elves and Ents unite forces to battle against the Dark. Meanwhile, Frodo and Sam struggle further into Mordor in their heroic quest to destroy the One Ring. The devastating conclusion of J R R Tolkien's classic tale of adventure, begun in *The Fellowship of the Ring* and *The Two Towers*.

Tolkien CD \$69.99

Bane of All Things

Valiquette, Leo

In the Four Kingdoms, the Holy Clerisy preaches that the gods are dead, and prayer is the path to Hell. Anyone who defies doctrine is punished for heresy. But blind faith can damn a soul as surely as betrayal. Ryn Ruscroft, once sworn to serve as the Clerisy's loyal soldier, finds himself torn between conscience and duty one bitter winter's night. Those slain include his best friend, felled by his own hand. Josalind Aumbrae has been tormented all her life by the Voices and their visions – an affliction that could have her facing a witch's pyre. If only she could understand what they want. Banished to Dragon's Claw Abbey at the edge of the world, Ryn and Josalind discover a place built on more than penance and forgetting. What they find at the Claw will turn them into fugitives hunted by hell spawn, heretics, and Ryn's former commander. But more sinister forces have awoken – ancient things eager to settle old scores and find pawns among the outcast. When they cry for vengeance, the Living Sword must have a hand to wield it. A mortal it can reshape into the Earth Breaker, the Soul Taker, the Bane of All Things.

Fantasy TP \$43.95

Bell, Book, and Key

Chronos Origins 03

Walker, Rysa

CHRONOS historians Madi, Tyson, and Katherine and their cohorts are on the enemy's trail, fixing the mess that sociopath Saul Rand has made of history – and of the Temporal Dilemma rules. Another time shift is on the horizon, and this time, it's one that reflects Saul's twisted vision. When the shift hits, it plunges the United States into a modern dark age where superstition trumps science and 17th-century witch hunts are no longer a thing of the past. But Saul has added a new hurdle to this insane reality: he's hunting the Sisters of Prudence. Clones of Katherine's daughter, the Sisters are pawns to be sacrificed on Saul's time chessboard – unless the team can track him down at the 1967 Monterey Pop Festival and erase him first. Saul is calling the shots, so he's ahead of them every step of the way. With the clock ticking, this could be the endgame for CHRONOS and, if they fail, for reality, itself.

Time travel TP \$24.99

From the Neck Up and Other Stories

collection

Whiteley, Aliya

The new collection of beautiful, strange and disarming short stories. In 16 stories, Whiteley deftly unpeels the strangeness of everyday life through beguiling gardens, rebellious bodies and journeys across familiar worlds, with her trademark wit and compassion. Witness the future of farming in a new Ice Age, or the artist bringing life to glass; the many-eyed monsters we carry and the secret cities inside our bodies; the alien invasion through our language to the Chantress and her twists on the fairy tale. Fascinating and always unexpected, Whiteley is unlike any other writer working today.

Speculative fiction PBK \$19.99

That Was Now, This Is Then

Temporal Displacement 02

Williamson, Michael Z

Soldiers out of time...

Then: First Lieutenant Sean Elliott and nine other mixed-service US soldiers on a convoy in Afghanistan suddenly found themselves

and their MRAP vehicle thrown back to Earth's Palaeolithic Age. And they were not alone. Displaced Romans, Neolithic Europeans, and more, showed up as well. Some would be allies. Some became deadly foes. *Now:* Scientists from an almost unimaginably far future need the survivors' advice and support to reconnoitre and ultimately recover other groups displaced in time. The problem is not all of those other groups want to be recovered or even understand where they are. Prehistory is an ugly place, fascinating to visit, but no place for a civilised person to live. But the future, gorgeous as it is, has a darker side that dampens the appeal. In the end, only inventiveness, grit, and a thirst for freedom from the fickle tides of time can keep Sean and the displaced Americans alive and on a path to finally find a place – and a time – to call home. A follow-up to *A Long Time Until Now* (PBK, \$25.95).

Military sf HC \$55.00

Anticipation

Winawer, Melodie

After the death of her beloved husband and becoming a single parent to her nine-year-old son Alexander, overworked scientist Helen desperately needs an escape. So, when Alexander proposes a trip to Greece – somewhere he's always dreamed of visiting – Helen quickly agrees. After spending several days exploring the tourist-filled streets, they stumble upon the ancient city of Mystras and are instantly drawn to it. Its only resident is Elias, a mysterious tour guide living on the city's edges... both physically and temporally. In 1237, Elias' mother promised his eternal service to the Profitis Ilias in Mystras in exchange for surviving a terrible illness. But during his 800 years of labour, he's had one common enemy: the noble Lusignan family. The Lusignan line is cursed by a deadly disease that worsens with each generation, and a prophecy hints that Elias' blood is their only hope for a cure. He has managed to survive throughout the centuries, but the line has dwindled down to the last Lusignan and he is desperate to avert his family's destiny. When Elias runs into Helen, he meets his match for the first time – but he unwittingly puts both her and her young son in danger as a result. With time running out

and an enemy after them, Elias and Helen are forced to choose between the city they love, and each other.

Timeslip TP \$26.99

The Tensorate Series

omnibus

Yang, Neon

The Tensorate Series omnibus contains *The Black Tides of Heaven*, *The Red Threads of Fortune*, *The Descent of Monsters*, and *To Ascend to Godhood*. In it, you will find: rebellious non-binary scions of empire, sky-spanning nagas with experimental souls, revolutionary engineers bent on bringing power to the people, pugilist monks, packs of loyal raptors, and much, much more. *The Tensorate Series*, which has been nominated for the Hugo, Nebula, World Fantasy, Locus, and Lambda Literary Awards, is an incomparable treasure of modern epic fantasy. Across four novellas, Neon Yang established himself as a fantasist in bold defiance of the limitations of their genre. Available now in a single volume, these four novellas trace the generational decline of an empire and unfurl a world that is rich and strange beyond anything you've dreamed.

Fantasy TP \$39.99

We

Zamyatin, Yevgeny

A brilliant new translation of the dystopian classic that influenced George Orwell and Aldous Huxley, introduced by Margaret Atwood. The One State is the perfect society, ruled over by the enlightened Benefactor. It is a city made almost entirely of glass, where surveillance is universal, and life runs according to algorithmic rules to ensure perfect happiness. And D-503, the Builder, is the ideal citizen, at least, until he meets I-330, who opens his eyes to new ideas of love, sex and freedom. A foundational work of dystopian fiction, inspiration for both Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* and Huxley's *Brave New World*, *We* is a book of radical imaginings – of control and rebellion, surveillance and power, machine intelligence and human inventiveness, sexuality and desire. In this brilliant new translation, it is both a warning and a hope for a better world.

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