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Reign of the Devourer

Marvel Untold

Annandale, David

Victor von Doom saw his future for an instant, and now he cannot rest. His obsession with regaining those memories leads him into the arcane science of geomancy. As he delves into the ancient memories that lie beneath his land, Doom discovers a tremendous concentration of power... one that should never be explored. Doom's excavations and necromancy fracture the prison of something awful: the Devourer of Souls. Now, free to roam Latveria, the Devourer spreads a plague of soul-hungry vampires. Doom must choose between seizing this power for himself or destroying it, before his realm is no more.

Marvel TP \$37.95

Existential Dogs

Bandara, Pesala

From the depths of their existential angst, these profound pooches ask some of the most pertinent questions of their time.

'What if I never find out who's a good boy?'

'Is it better to have eaten something and thrown it up, and then eaten it again, than never to have eaten it at all?'

'What if the tail I've been chasing all these years is really chasing me?'

These are just a few of the philosophical questions plaguing these contemplative canines. Join them in their quest for the truth – can a soft toy cushion the harsh blow of reality? Is there a meaning to life, or is it all just about treats? Is the fleeting happiness that comes from playing with a ball worth the crushing disappointment when it's taken away? You'll never see life the same way again.

Humour HC \$19.99

Ronin

Star Wars: Visions

Gandon, Emma Mieko

A mysterious former Sith wanders the galaxy in this stunning *Star Wars* tale. An original novel inspired by the world of 'The Duel' from the *Star Wars: Visions* animated anthology. The Jedi are the most loyal servants of the Empire. Two decades ago, Jedi clans clashed in service to feuding lords. Sickened by this endless cycle, a sect of Jedi rebelled, seeking to control their own destiny and claim power in service of no master. They called themselves Sith. The Sith rebellion failed, succumbing to infighting and betrayal, and the once rival lords unified to create an Empire... but even an Empire at peace is not free from violence. Far on the edge of the Outer Rim, one former Sith wanders, accompanied only by a faithful droid and the ghost of a less civilised age. He carries a lightsabre, but claims lineage to no Jedi clan, and pledges allegiance to no lord. Little is known about him, including his name, for he never speaks of his past, nor his regrets. His history is as guarded as the red blade of destruction he carries sheathed at his side. As the galaxy's perpetual

cycle of violence continues to interrupt his self-imposed exile, and he is forced to duel an enigmatic bandit claiming the title of Sith, it becomes clear that no amount of wandering will ever let him outpace the spectres of his former life.

Star Wars TP/HC \$32.99/\$48.99

Steel Tread

Warhammer 40,000

Clark, Andy

On the war-torn world of Croatoas, the armies of the Astra Militarum do battle with the twisted servants of the Ruinous Powers. Against the backdrop of this increasingly desperate conflict, tanker Hadeya Etsul finds herself consolidated into a Cadian regiment, and placed in command of the Lemman Russ Demolisher Steel Tread. Haunted by nightmares, surrounded by a dysfunctional crew and striving to find her place amidst a proud and insular regiment with a culture so different from her own, Etsul must guide her crew to victory. But, as her regiment rolls out beneath the poisonous light of the Great Rift to join a death-or-glory offensive, the crew of Steel Tread are about to face the fight of their lives. If they cannot learn to work as one, how can they hope to survive?

Black Library PBK \$20.00

The Haven Trials

Minecraft

Davies, Suvi

All of Cecelia Alao's friends call her Cece. All one of them. But she and Therese are so close that one friend is all Cece needs. Both at school and in their shared Minecraft world, Cece and Therese are inseparable. Until the night before the first day of school, when Therese sends Cece a message, three words that change everything: *We are moving*. Therese's new home in the USA is 7,000 miles away from Lagos, where the two best friends grew up. Not only is Cece facing secondary school without her best friend, but she's losing the world she built with Therese. But Cece still has hope. Maybe, she can't cross the world to get to her friend, but in Minecraft she won't need to. Therese has invited her to a new server – with new friends from her new home – a place called Haven. All Cece has to do is join and they'll be reunited. It's that easy, right? When she follows the invite, she realises just how wrong she was. Lost in a chaotic world named Anarchia, Cece learns that the server's owner, a shadowy figure called the Ocury, has sealed off the peaceful land of Haven behind a twisted initiation ceremony called the Haven Trials. Three titanic tasks. Five lives to complete them. A host of dangerous mobs and grieving players. If Cece fails, she'll be banned from the server forever. There's no way she can do this alone. If she wants to play with Therese again, she's going to have to find new people she can rely on – both in-game and IRL. No time to lose... The trials await!

Minecraft TP \$24.99

To Chart the Clouds

Legend of the Five Rings

Dicken, Evan

When diligent yet unappreciated clerk, Miya Isami, develops a new triangulation technique for mapmaking, her traditionalist superiors at the Imperial Cartographic Bureau heap scorn upon her. But when her novel approach exposes a swathe of missing land on the border between Scorpion and Lion Clan territories, Isami stumbles onto something far more significant than a mere mapping error. Her discovery offers the prospect of resolution to the seemingly endless territorial squabbling between the proud, warlike Lion and the secretive Scorpion. In a bid to contain the conflict, an Imperial Treasurer dispatches Isami with her fresh insights to the Spine of the World. Yet, she is far from welcome in the mountains. She must negotiate between the clans, uncover the truth, and discover the location of a hidden valley before the fragile peace is shattered by war.

Legend of the Five Rings TP \$37.95

20th Century-Fox:

Darryl F Zanuck and the Creation of the Modern Film Studio

Eyman, Scott

This is the story of one of the most influential studios in film history, from its glory days, under the leadership of legendary movie mogul Darryl F Zanuck, up to its 2019 buyout by Disney. March 20, 2019 marked the end of an era – Disney took ownership of the movie empire that was Fox. For almost a century before that historic date, Twentieth Century-Fox was one of the pre-eminent producers of films, stars, and filmmakers. Its unique identity in the industry and place in movie history is unparalleled – and one of the greatest stories to come out of Hollywood. One man, a legendary producer named Darryl F Zanuck, is the heart of the story. This narrative tells the complete tale of Zanuck and the films, stars, intrigue, and innovations of the iconic studio that was.

Film history HC \$39.99

Audience-Ology:

How Moviegoers Shape the Films We Love

Goetz, Kevin

with Hayman, Darlene

Audience-ology takes you to one of the most unknown places in Hollywood – a place where famous directors are reduced to tears and multimillionaire actors to fits of rage. A place where dreams are made and fortunes are lost. This book is the chronicle of how real people have written and rewritten America's cinematic masterpieces by showing up, watching a rough cut of a new film, and giving their unfettered opinions so that directors and studios can salvage their blunders, or better yet, turn their movies into all-time classics. Each chapter informs an aspect or two of the test-screening process and then, through behind-the-scenes stories, illustrates how that particular aspect was carried out. Nicknamed 'the doctor of

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Until next time, good reading!
Ron and Leanne

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audience-ology', Kevin Goetz shares how he helped filmmakers and movie execs confront the misses and how he recommended ways to fix the blockbusters, as well as first-hand accounts from Ron Howard, Cameron Crowe, Ed Zwick, Renny Harlin, Jason Blum, and other Hollywood luminaries who brought you such films as *La La Land*, *Chicago*, *Titanic*, *Wedding Crashers*, *Jaws*, and *Forrest Gump*. *Audience-ology* explores one of the most important (and most underrated) steps in the filmmaking process with enough humour, drama, and surprise to entertain those with only a spectator's interest in film, offering us a new look at movie history.

Film-related HC \$45.00

Grimdark: A Very British Hell Linward, Tim

On Warhammer 40,000, Britain's most excessive sci-fi franchise, and its vision of a hellish post-industrial future. In the grim darkness of the British imagination, there is only Warhammer 40,000... Featuring demons, chain swords, and supermen in power armour, Warhammer 40,000 is Britain's most excessive sci-fi franchise. For thirty years this cult war game and its tie-in media have enticed thousands of fans to build, paint, and play with armies of toy soldiers taken from the battlefields of the worst possible future. Why has this fantasy proven so irresistible? Part collection of essays, part ravings of a cult prophet, *Grimdark* examines Warhammer 40,000's place and impact in pop culture, and how this unique vision of a hellish future arose from the subconscious of post-industrial Britain.

Media-related TP \$37.99

Oblivion's Gate

Star Trek: Coda 03

Mack, David

The crews of Jean-Luc Picard, Benjamin Sisko, Ezri Dax, and William Riker unite to prevent a cosmic-level apocalypse – only to find that some fates really are inevitable. Captain Benjamin Sisko takes the *Defiant* back in time and into a parallel universe – so, that he and Data can undo the vile sabotage that triggered the Temporal Apocalypse. Meanwhile, Admiral William T Riker's grasp of reality becomes more tenuous by the minute. Can Deanna Troi free him from madness, before it is too late? Starfleet's heroes risk everything, to set time right. But will Captain Jean-Luc Picard let Beverley Crusher and their son die? Or will he destroy the multiverse to save them?

Star Trek TP \$24.99

The Autobiography of Kathryn Janeway

Star Trek: Voyager

McCormack, Una

& Walks, Russell (illustrator)
Kathryn Janeway reveals her career in Starfleet, from her first command to her epic journey through the Delta Quadrant leading to her rise to the top as vice-admiral in Starfleet Command. Discover the story of the woman who travelled further than any human ever had before, stranded decades from home, encountering new worlds and species. Explore how she brought together Starfleet and the Maquis as part of her crew, forged

new alliances with species across the galaxy and overcame one of Starfleet's greatest threats – the Borg – on their own remote and hostile territory. Get Janeway's personal take on key characters such as Seven of Nine, her trusted friend Tuvok, new arrivals like Neelix and her second-in-command, Chakotay. Now in paperback.

Star Trek PBK \$19.99

Guillermo del Toro's Nightmare Alley:

the Rise and Fall of Stanton Carlisle
McIntyre, Gina

Join Oscar-winning filmmaker Guillermo del Toro for an intimate exploration of his darkly electrifying psychological thriller *Nightmare Alley*. Comprehensive and insightful, *Guillermo del Toro's Nightmare Alley: The Rise and Fall of Stanton Carlisle*, is the ultimate companion to the master director's latest work. *Discover a riveting story:* Inspired by William Lindsay Gresham's cult 1947 novel, *Nightmare Alley* stars Bradley Cooper as Stanton 'Stan' Carlisle, a talented but troubled drifter who takes up with a travelling carnival. Ingratiating himself with its troupe of misfits, Stan swindles his way to fortune and fame, but when he meets psychiatrist Lilit Rutter (Cate Blanchett), his greed and duplicity will put him on the path to self-destruction. Also starring Toni Collette, Willem Dafoe, Richard Jenkins, and Rooney Mara, *Nightmare Alley* is del Toro's most ambitious film to date, an engrossing yet disturbing journey into the psyche of a tragic swindler whose own nature seals his fate. *Exclusive interviews:* This deluxe volume delves into the creation of all aspects of the film through extensive interviews with del Toro and his cast and crew, including writer Kim Morgan, with whom he collaborated closely on the script. *Never-before-seen concept art and photos:* This incisive commentary is illustrated with a broad range of striking visuals from the production – including concept art and unit photography – that illuminate the film's two distinct worlds: the ramshackle life of the travelling carnival and the sophisticated art deco trappings of 1940s Buffalo, New York. *Insights from del Toro, himself:* Tracing the arc of a production that faced multiple challenges, not least of all the onset of a pandemic that threatened to derail shooting, del Toro and his team give deep insights into the complex psychology of the film's protagonists and the process of bringing them to life on set.

Film-related HC \$84.99

David Fincher: Mind Games **Nayman, Adam**

David Fincher: Mind Games is the definitive critical and visual survey of the Academy Award- and Golden Globe-nominated works of director David Fincher. From feature films *Alien 3*, *Se7en*, *The Game*, *Fight Club*, *Panic Room*, *Zodiac*, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, *The Social Network*, *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*, *Gone Girl*, and *Mank*, through his MTV clips for Madonna and the Rolling Stones and the Netflix series *House of Cards* and *Mindhunter*, each chapter weaves production history with original critical analysis, as well as with behind the scenes photography,

still frames, and original illustrations from *Little White Lies'* international team of artists and graphic designers. *Mind Games* also features interviews with Fincher's frequent collaborators, including Jeff Cronenweth, Angus Wall, Laray Mayfield, Holt McCallany, Howard Shore, and Erik Messerschmidt. Grouping Fincher's work around themes of procedure, imprisonment, paranoia, prestige and relationship dynamics, *Mind Games* is styled as an investigation into a filmmaker obsessed with investigation, and the design will shift to echo case files within a larger psychological profile.

Film-related HC \$60.00

Crimson Fists: the Omnibus Warhammer 40,000

Parker, Steve; Lee, Mike

Defiant, courageous and unyielding in the face of impossible odds – these are the Crimson Fists, Dorn's glorious vanguard. Tested in battle like few others, these Space Marines are ever on the frontlines of an endless war against the barbaric orks. When the hordes of the warlord Snagrod come to lay waste to the Crimson Fists' fortress-monastery on Rynn's World, Chapter Master Kantor must lead the battered survivors in a desperate defence of their home if they are to have any hope of finding triumph in sacrifice. This omnibus edition collects together the novels *Rynn's World* and *Legacy of Dorn*, the novella *Traitor's Gorge*, and four short stories.

Black Library TP \$27.00

Live Like a Vulcan, Love Like a Wookiee, Laugh Like a Hobbit:

Life Lessons from Pop Culture

Pearlman, Robb

Much like a dragon-guarded mountain filled with stolen dwarf gold, pop culture is far more than just a side quest, or afternoon's entertainment: it contains a veritable treasure trove overflowing with life lessons. If there's one takeaway from more than 40 years of *Scooby-Doo* mysteries, it's that the vast majority of life's villains are old white men using literal scare tactics to hold on to whatever privilege they have; *Stranger Things* taught us that any group of bike-riding kids are either running from, or toward, a vast governmental conspiracy; *The Wizard of Oz* proved that fashion can only take you so far; *The Lord of the Rings* showed us not only about the power of statement jewellery but that gifts come with strings attached; and *Jaws* was evidence that no matter how prepared you think you are, you should always expect the unexpected. This modern-day fable takes the best elements of *My Dinner With Andre*, *The Big Bang Theory*, and *How to Make Friends and Influence People*, to tell the story of three cosplaying friends sharing what they have learned from their favourite (and hated) movies, series, and games in a cafe after a day of walking the halls of a convention centre. *Live Like a Vulcan, Love Like a Wookiee, Laugh Like a Hobbit* invites readers to a never-before-seen and slightly-skewed look at the most memorable moments in films, shows, books, comic books, graphic novels, and video games. By the end of this pop-culture tour, fans of all ages will be given

more inside knowledge than could ever be gotten at a comic convention, more self-help tools than can fit into any utility belt, more treasures than can be found in a cave of wonders, and more smiles than can be seen on any joker's face.

Pop culture HC \$27.99

Jurassic World:

the Ultimate Pop-Up Book

Reinhart, Matthew & Davies, Rich (artist)

The hit Jurassic World series re-captivated audiences globally when it unleashed an island of new and terrifyingly realistic dinosaurs on the world. Inspired by director Steven Spielberg's 1993 classic *Jurassic Park*, the iconic saga has ushered in a whole new generation of film fans. Featuring explosive, pop-off-the-page depictions of the *Tyrannosaurus rex*, *Velociraptor*, and other prehistoric favourites, this deluxe pop-up book traces the evolution of the *Jurassic Park* and *Jurassic World* sagas across three decades of major motion pictures. Presented in a dynamic 360-degree format that allows fans to view and participate in the action from all sides, *Jurassic World: The Ultimate Pop-Up Book* also includes interactive pull-tabs and hidden surprises. Bigger than a T. rex and smarter than a Raptor, *Jurassic World: The Ultimate Pop-Up Book* is the definitive interactive exploration of the most gargantuan saga in movie history.

Jurassic World HC \$110.00

The Wintertime Paradox

Festive stories from the world of Doctor Who

Rudden, Dave

Twelve incredible *Doctor Who* stories for the long winter nights, now featuring an extra story in the Time Lord Victorious arc! *Christmas can mean anything...* For Missy, it's solving murders in 1909. For a little girl in Dublin, it's Plasmavores knocking at the door. For Davros, it's a summons from the Doctor, who needs the mad inventor's help. The perfect collection for the bleakest – and sometimes brightest – time of the year, these are the tales for when you're halfway out of the dark...

Doctor Who TP \$19.99

The Accursed

Warhammer Horror
various authors

Sentient darkness presses against the inhabitants of the Mortal Realms and the Imperium of Man. In dystopian streets, anarchic desires surface, and the impressionable and malcontent find distraction in the wrong places. Lone families in heathen wastes risk their sanity to survive. These hardened souls, inured by long wars, face their greatest trials yet as evil seeks to weaken their resolve. What will these people do when horror is upon them? What violence will they incite? What anguish shall they endure? And will they shoulder their fate like heroes or drag others down in their storm? Either way, this darkness cares not. For all cries of the accursed lend it strength, and this is precisely what it wants most... This collection features tales of terror and woe by Peter Fehervari, David Annandale, Ray Cluley, Richard Strachan, and more.

Black Library PBK \$20.00