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

Outcasts of the Wildwood

Wildwood 02

Atwood, Rachel

Nick, an orphan raised at Locksley Abbey has made friends with the Wild folk: the Greenman, Robin Goodfellow, dryads, water sprites, and other paranormal creatures. He often hides in the nearly-forgotten abbey crypt, where he found Elena, the goddess of sorcery, crossroads, and cemeteries. He carries her vessel and tries to learn from her wisdom. Robin Goodfellow lives with a curse. Half of each day he must spend as a hideous gnome with a bit of magic and near immortality. The other half of the day he can live as Robin Hood, archer of legend. At the time of his curse sixty years before, an insane magician trapped Robin's love, Marian in a secret chamber that keeps her in perpetual sleep. The only way Robin can break the curse is to awaken Marian in his gnome form and have her recognise his true face. But the magic is breaking down. Marian will die if Robin doesn't break the curse soon. He needs Nick's help, his affinity for dark underground places, and Elena's whispers to find Marian's secret chamber and decipher the clues to breaking the curse.

Hoodian fantasy TP \$37.95

The Amber Crown

Bedford, Jacey

The king is dead, his queen is missing. On the amber coast, the usurper king is driving Zanon to the brink of war. A dangerous magical power is rising up in Biela Miasto, and the only people who can set things right are a failed bodyguard, a Land strider witch, and the assassin who set off the whole sorry chain of events. Valda's, Captain of the High Guard, has not only failed in his duty to protect the king, but he's been accused of the murder, and he's on the run. He's sworn to seek justice, but his king sets him another task from beyond the grave. Valda's doesn't believe in magic, which is unfortunate as it turns out. Mirza is the healer-witch of a Land strider band, valued and feared in equal measure for her witch mark, her scolding tongue, and her ability to walk the spirit world. When she's given a task by Valda's dead king, she believes that the journey she must take is one she can never return from. Lind is the clever assassin. Yes, someone paid him to kill the king, but who is to blame, the weapon or the power behind it? Lind must face his traumatic past if he's to have a future. Can these three discover the real villain, find the queen, and set the rightful king on the throne before the country is overcome?

Fantasy TP \$43.95

The Shattered Skies

Cruel Stars trilogy 02

Birmingham, John

The Sturm, an empire of 'species purists', have returned from the farthest reaches of Dark Space to wage a war against what they

call mutants and Borgs: any human being with genetic or neural engineering. In a sneak attack, they overwhelmed almost all of humanity's defences, blasting vicious malware across galaxy-spanning networks, dark code that transformed anyone connected to the system into a mindless psychotic killer. The Sturm's victory seemed complete, their final triumph inevitable, until one small band of intrepid, unlikely heroes struck back. Commander Lucinda Hardy and Admiral Frazer McLennan used the Armadalen Navy's final surviving warship to fend off the Sturm, destroying the massed power of an entire Attack Fleet. With brilliant tactics – and support from drunken, grief-ravaged pirate Sephina L'trel and treasonous battle-rig operator Booker – this ragtag crew sent the Sturm running, managing to save Princess Alessia, the sole surviving heir to the gigantic Montanblanc ul Haq Corporation and perhaps Earth's only remaining senator. Now, left with the remains of a fallen civilisation, they must work together to rebuild what was lost and root out the numberless enemies of Earth. The Sturm invaders remain vastly more powerful – and they may not be the only threat lurking in the darkness of space. The sequel to *The Cruel Stars* (PBK, \$19.99), by one of our renowned local authors.

Space opera TP \$32.99

Not Your Average Hot Guy

Bond, Gwenda

All Callie wanted was a quiet weekend with her best friend. She promised her mom she could handle running her family's escape room business while her mom is out of town. Instead, a Satanic cult shows up, claiming that the prop spell book in one of the rooms is the real deal, and they need it to summon the right hand of the devil. Naturally they take Callie and her friend, Mag, along with them. But when the summoning reveals a handsome demon in a leather jacket named Luke who offers to help Callie stop the cult from destroying the world, her night goes from weird to completely strange. As the group tries to stay one step ahead of the cult, Callie finds herself drawn to the annoying (and annoyingly handsome) Luke. But what Callie doesn't know is that Luke is none other than Luke Morningstar, Prince of Hell and son of the Devil himself. Callie never had time for love, and with the apocalypse coming closer, is there room for romance when all hell's about to break loose?

Paranormal romance TP \$34.99

The Garden of Promises and Lies

Found Things 03

Brackston, Paula

As the bustle of the winter holidays in the Little Shop of Found Things gives way to spring, Xanthe is left to reflect on the strange events of the past year. While she's tried to keep her time-travelling talents a secret,

from those close to her, she is forced to take responsibility for having inadvertently transported the dangerous Benedict Fairfax to her own time. Xanthe comes to see that she must use her skills as a spinner if she and Flora are ever to be safe, and turns to the Spinners book for help. It is then that a beautiful antique wedding dress sings to her. Realising the dress and her adversary are connected in some way, she answers the call. She finds herself in Bradford-on-Avon in 1815, as if she has stepped into a Jane Austen story. Now, in Xanthe's time, Fairfax is threatening Xanthe into helping him with his evil doings, and demonstrates all too clearly how much damage he is capable of causing. With Fairfax growing ever more powerful, Xanthe enlists the help of her boyfriend Liam, taking him back in time with her. It is a decision that might just ensure she prevails over her foe, but only by putting her life – and his – on the line.

Historical fantasy TP \$29.99

Child of Light

Brooks, Terry

At nineteen, Auris Afton Grieg has led an... unusual life. Since the age of fifteen, she has been trapped in a sinister prison. Why? She does not know. She has no memories of her past beyond the vaguest of impressions. All she knows is that she is about to age out of the children's prison, and rumours say that the adult version is far, far worse. So, she and some friends stage a desperate escape into the surrounding wastelands. And it is here that Auris' journey of discovery begins, for she is rescued by an unusual stranger who claims to be Fae – a member of a magical race that Auris had thought to be no more than legend. Odder still, he seems to think that she is one as well, although the two look nothing alike. But strangest of all, when he brings her to his wondrous homeland, she begins to suspect that he is right. Yet how could a woman who looks entirely human be a magical being herself? Brooks' first non-Shannara fantasy in quite a long time!

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Actual Star

Byrne, Monica

A journey over two millennia and six continents – telling three powerful tales a thousand years apart, all of them converging in the same cave in the Belizean jungle. Braided together are the stories of a pair of teenage twins who ascend the throne of a Mayan kingdom; a young American woman on a trip of self-discovery in Belize; and two dangerous charismatics vying for the leadership of a new religion and racing toward a confrontation that will determine the fate of the few humans left on Earth after massive climate change. In each era, a reincarnated trinity of souls navigates the entanglements of tradition and progress, sister and stranger, and love and hate – until all of

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their age-old questions about the nature of existence converge deep underground, where only in complete darkness can they truly see. 'A stone-cold masterpiece' – *New Scientist*.
Alternate history HC \$49.99

The King in Yellow

Haunted Library Horror Classics

Chambers, Robert

The King in Yellow is a book of short stories by American writer Robert W Chambers, first published in 1895. The book is named after a play with the same title which recurs as a motif through some of the stories. The first half of the book features highly esteemed weird stories, and the book has been described by critics as a classic in the field of the supernatural. There are 10 stories, the first four of which ('The Repairer of Reputations', 'The Mask', 'In the Court of the Dragon', and 'The Yellow Sign') mention *The King in Yellow*, a forbidden play which induces despair or madness in those who read it. 'The Yellow Sign' inspired a film of the same name released in 2001.

Classic horror TP \$24.99

The Book of Sand

Book of Sand 01

Clare, Theo

Sand. A hostile world of burning sun. Outlines of several once-busy cities shimmer on the horizon. Now empty of inhabitants, their buildings lie in ruins. In the distance a group of people – a family – walk towards us. Ahead lies shelter: a 'shuck' the family call home and which they know they must reach before the light fails, as to be out after dark is to invite danger and almost certain death. To survive in this alien world of shifting sand, they must find an object hidden in or near water. But other families want it too. And they are willing to fight to the death to make it theirs. It is beginning to rain in Fairfax County, Virginia when McKenzie Strathie wakes up. An ordinary teenage girl living an ordinary life – except that the previous night she found a sand-lizard in her bed, and now she's beginning to question everything around her, especially who she really is... Two very different worlds featuring a group of extraordinary characters driven to the very limit of their endurance in a place where only the strongest will survive. The first in a series.
Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Beholden

Clarke, Cassandra Rose

Orphaned as young women, Celestia and Izara de Malena find themselves land rich but destitute, with only a failing rainforest acreage, Celestia's perfect manners, and Izara's nascent magic to their aristocratic names. With the last of their money running out, they enact a dangerous plan – using a spell she doesn't fully understand, Izara summons the Lady of the Seraphine and demands a favour: a husband for Celestia, one rich enough to enable the de Malena sisters to keep their land. But a favour from the river goddess always comes at a cost... Now, five years later, rumours of war and disease are spreading, Celestia's husband has been called away on a secret mission for the Emperor, and the Lady of the Seraphine is back to collect her due. Izara will be forced to leave the academy where she has been studying to become a mage; Celestia will

be pulled from her now-flourishing farm while newly pregnant with her first child. Together, they must repay their debt to the Lady – embarking on a mission that will put them on a collision course with Celestia's husband, the Emperor, and a god even more powerful than the Lady of the Seraphine.
Fantasy TP \$41.95

Leviathan Wakes

Expanse 01, 10th anniversary edition

Corey, James S A

Humanity has colonised the planets – interstellar travel is still beyond our reach, but the solar system has become a dense network of colonies. But there are tensions – the mineral-rich outer planets resent their dependence on Earth and Mars and the political and military clout they wield over the Belt and beyond. Now, when Captain Jim Holden's ice miner stumbles across a derelict, abandoned ship, he uncovers a secret that threatens to throw the entire system into war. Attacked by a stealth ship belonging to the Mars fleet, Holden must find a way to uncover the motives behind the attack, stop a war and find the truth behind a vast conspiracy that threatens the entire human race. A special hardcover edition celebrating the 10th anniversary of publication of *Leviathan Wakes*.
Space opera HC \$55.00

The Best Horror of the Year Volume Thirteen

Datlow, Ellen (editor)

For more than four decades, Ellen Datlow has been at the centre of horror. Bringing you the most frightening and terrifying stories, Datlow always has her finger on the pulse of what horror readers crave. Now, with the thirteenth volume of the series, Datlow is back again to bring you the stories that will keep you up at night. Encompassed in the pages of *The Best Horror of the Year* have been such illustrious writers as: Neil Gaiman, Stephen King, Stephen Graham Jones, Joyce Carol Oates, Laird Barron, Mira Grant, and many others. With each passing year, science, technology, and the march of time shine light into the craggy corners of the universe, making the fears of an earlier generation seem quaint. But this light creates its own shadows. *The Best Horror of the Year* chronicles these shifting shadows. It is a catalogue of terror, fear, and unpleasantness as articulated by today's most challenging and exciting writers.
Horror TP \$27.99

Way of the Argosi

Argosi 01

de Castell, Sebastien

Ferius Parfax has a simple plan: kill every last inhabitant of the spell-gifted nation that destroyed her people, starting with the man who murdered her parents. Killing mages is a difficult and dangerous business, of course, but when she meets the inimitable and extraordinary Durrall Brown she discovers that physical strength is not the only way to defeat evil of all kinds. So, Ferius undertakes to study the ways of the Argosi: the loosely-knit tribe of tricksters known for getting the better of even the most powerful of spellcasters. But the Argosi have a price for their teachings, and by the time Ferius learns what it is, it may be too late. A brilliant origin story of adventure, wit, and philosophy

to enrapture devotees, as well as newcomers; the first of a new series, spinning off from the Spellslinger series.
YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

Fall of the Argosi

Argosi 02

de Castell, Sebastien

New to the ways of the Argosi, the tribe of wandering philosophers who seek to defeat evil by wit and guile, Ferius Parfax encounters a hideous plague – the Red Scream. Highly contagious, caught by the hearing of a deadly verse, it turns its victims into mindless monsters that destroy all human life they come into contact with. With the help of a deaf boy whom she has saved from two horrifying victims of the plague, she sets out to find the source of the Red Scream and overcome its terrifying power. Along the way she is joined by another Argosi, Rosie, who purports to be so much wiser and more adept than Ferius, but who turns out to have her own dark secrets. Peopled with extraordinary characters and gut-wrenching drama, Ferius' story teaches her hard lessons about the limits of the Argosi's ways. The second instalment of de Castell's new series, following *Way of the Argosi* (PBK, \$17.99).
YA fantasy TP \$19.99

D (a Tale of Two Worlds)

Faber, Michel

It all starts on the morning the letter D disappears from language. First, it vanishes from Dhikilo's parents' conversation at breakfast, then from the road signs outside and from her school dinners. Soon, the local dentist and the neighbour's Dalmatian are missing, and even the Donkey Derby has been called off. Though she doesn't know why, Dhikilo is summoned to the home of her old history teacher Professor Dodderfield and his faithful Labrador, Nelly Robinson. And this is where our story begins. 'A strange delight.' – *The Washington Post*.
Fantasy PBK \$19.99

Annihilation Road

Torpedo Ink 06

Feehan, Christine

Savin 'Savage' Pajari is convinced he's not worth a damn thing. He's not like his brothers. He's a sadistic monster, a killer – a man no woman could truly love. So, it throws him when a stranger risks her life for his, pushing him out of the way and taking the hit that would have sent him six feet under. If he had any kind of sense he'd leave her alone, but Savage can't get the woman with a smart mouth and no sense of self-preservation out of his head. With one kiss, he's lost. Seychelle Dubois has spent her entire life not feeling much of anything, until Savage comes along sets her whole body on fire. Kissing him had been a mistake. Letting him get close would be a catastrophe. He's the most beautiful – and damaged – man she's ever met. He has a way of getting under her skin, and what he's offering is too tempting to resist. Seychelle knows so little about Savage or the dangerous world of Torpedo Ink, but his darkness draws her like a moth to a flame. Loving him could mean losing herself completely to his needs – needs she doesn't understand but is eager to learn. But what Savage teaches her could destroy her.
Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

The Macedonian Hazard

Queen of the Sea 02

Flint, Eric; Goodlett, Paula; Huff, Gorg

It's been more than a year since the cruise ship *Queen of the Sea* was transported in time and space to the ancient Mediterranean not long after the death of Alexander the Great. Captain Lars Floden and the other 'Ship People' are trying to plant the seeds of modern civilisation. It's not an easy task, to put it mildly, even if they have a tacit alliance with the co-regents of Alexander's empire. For the regents have plenty of enemies, too. Cassander is using every foul means available to turn Macedonia and Greece into his own empire. The brutal general Antigonus One-Eye is doing the same in Mesopotamia. And Ptolemy, the cleverest of them all, is expanding his Egyptian realm to the Red Sea. Things aren't any easier in the colony that passengers from the cruise ship founded on the Caribbean island of Trinidad. President Allen Wiley is trying to build a 21st-century democratic nation. War, religious strife, assassinations, espionage, poisonings, and other murders – and a fair amount of love, too – all mix together with the Ship People's knowledge from the 21st century to form a new weaving of the fates. Hopefully, that will lead to a bright new future. If it doesn't kill everyone, first.
Alternate history PBK \$24.95

I Am Stone:

the Gothic Weird Tales of R Murray Gilchrist, Tales of the Weird

Gilchrist, R Murray; Pietersen, Daniel (editor)

Through vampiric trysts, heady visions of ghostly processions, and metaphorical tales of murdering one's own psyche, the portrait of a truly unique writer of the strange tale emerges. R Murray Gilchrist was lauded for his imagination and florid, illustrative style during the *fin-de-siecle* period, and this new collection showcases the very best of his short fiction. Despite being admired by H G Wells and described by Arnold Bennett as 'almost the peak of perfection in that difficult genre [of short fiction]', Gilchrist and his works are now largely forgotten. Packed with thrilling encounters and unforgettable descriptions from the weirdest ebb of the writer's mind, this anthology aims to introduce a new readership to Gilchrist's entrancing and influential *oeuvre*.
Horror TP \$35.95

Square^s

Grant, Mira

We think we understand the laws of physics. We think reality is an immutable monolith, consistent from one end of the universe to the next. We think the square/cube law has actual relevance. We think a lot of things. It was perhaps inevitable that some of them would turn out to be wrong. When the great incursion occurred, no one was prepared. How could they have been? Of all the things physicists had predicted, 'the fabric of reality might rip open and giant monsters could come pouring through' had not made the list. But somehow, on a fine morning in May, that was precisely what happened. For sisters Susan and Katharine Black, the day of the incursion was the day they lost everything. Their home, their parents, their sense of normalcy... and

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each other, because when the rift opened, Susan was on one side and Katharine was on the other, and each sister was stranded in a separate form of reality. For Susan, it was science and study and the struggle to solve the mystery of the altered physics inside the zones transformed by the incursion. For Katharine, it was monsters and mayhem and the fight to stay alive in a world unlike the world of her birth. The world has changed. The laws of physics have changed. The girls have changed. And the one universal truth of all states of changed matter is that nothing can be completely restored to what it was originally, no matter how much you might wish it could be. Nothing goes back.

Horrar HC \$79.95

The Shadow of the Gods

Bloodsworn Saga 01

Gwynne, John

The greatest sagas are written in blood. A century has passed since the gods fought and drove themselves to extinction. Now, only their bones remain, promising great power to those brave enough to seek them out. As whispers of war echo across the land of Vigrio, fate follows in the footsteps of three warriors: a huntress on a dangerous quest, a noblewoman pursuing battle fame, and a thrall seeking vengeance among the mercenaries known as the Bloodsworn. All three will shape the fate of the world as it once more falls under the shadow of the gods. Set in a brand-new, Norse-inspired world, and packed with myth, magic and bloody vengeance, *The Shadow of the Gods* begins an epic new fantasy saga from John Gwynne.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Anthem

Hawley, Noah

America spins into chaos as the last remnants of political consensus break apart. Against a background of environmental disaster and opioid addiction, debate descends into violence and militias roam the streets – while teenagers across the world seem driven to self-destruction, communicating by memes only they can understand. Yet, the markets still tick up and the super-rich, like Ty Oliver, fly above the flames in private jets. After the death of his daughter, Ty dispatches his son Simon to an Anxiety Abatement Centre. There, he encounters another boy called the Prophet. And the Prophet wants him to join a quest. Before long, Simon is on the road with a crew of new comrades on a rescue mission as urgent as it is enigmatic. Suddenly heroes of their own story, they are crossing the country in search of a young woman held in a billionaire's retreat – and, just possibly, the only hope of escape from the apocalypse bequeathed to them by their parents' generation. Uncannily topical and, yet, as timeless as a Grimm's fairy tale, this is a novel of excoriating power, raw emotion and narrative verve, confirming Hawley as one of the most essential writers of our time.

Near-future thriller TP \$32.99

Liege Killer

Paratwa Saga 01

Hinz, Christopher

Two hundred years after a nuclear apocalypse forced humanity to flee earth, humans still remember the most feared warriors

of that planet – the Paratwa. These are genetically modified killers who occupy two bodies controlled by one vicious mind. The legendary Paratwa named Reemul, known as the Liege-Killer, was the strongest of them all. Now, someone has revived Reemul from stasis and sent him to terrorise the peaceful orbital colonies of Earth. Is this an isolated incident, or has the one who unleashed this terrible power announced a gambit for control over the entire human race? A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) TP \$27.99

Ash Ock

Paratwa Saga 02

Hinz, Christopher

A quarter of a millennium ago, before the nuclear apocalypse forced the inhabitants of earth to flee their home planet, few humans could have imagined the course their path would take. Now, the orbital colonies are the final sanctuary of humanity and life is more dangerous than ever before. The colonists fear the return of their dreaded enemies, the Paratwa – ferocious warriors who are genetically engineered to exist in two bodies which remain telepathically connected. The new generation of Paratwa is far deadlier than the old, forming a powerful caste of fighter known as the Ash Ock. A mysterious virus infecting the humans database signals the return of their most feared enemies... A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) TP \$27.99

The Paratwa

Paratwa Saga 03

Hinz, Christopher

Human colonists defend their planet from terrifyingly advanced assassins in this tale of fast-paced action and political intrigue – the Irryan colonists prepare for the imminent attack of the fierce and vicious Paratwa assassins. Facing the threat of their dark enemies, Gillian must also cope with his inner turmoil, as the madness of his nature threatens to consume his life. He discovers that he is a genetically modified creature whose purpose is to serve the needs of others, and the course of his destiny is not in his own hands. A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) TP \$27.99

The Effort

Holroyde, Claire

When dark comet UD3 was spotted near Jupiter's orbit, its existence was largely ignored. But to individuals who knew better – scientists like Benjamin Schwartz, manager of NASA's Centre for Near-Earth Object Studies – the threat this eight-kilometre comet posed to the survival of the human race was unthinkable. The 150-million-year reign of the dinosaurs ended when an asteroid impact generated more than a billion times the energy of an atomic bomb. What would happen to Earth's seven billion inhabitants if a similar event were allowed to occur? Ben and his indomitable girlfriend Amy Kowalski fly to South America to assemble an international counteraction team, whose notable recruits include Love Mwangi, a UN interpreter and nomad scholar, and Zhen Liu, an extraordinary engineer from China's national space agency. At the same time, on board a polar icebreaker life

continues under the looming shadow of comet UD3. Jack Campbell, a photographer for National Geographic, works to capture the beauty of the Arctic before it is gone forever. Gustavo Wayãpi, a Nobel Laureate poet from Brazil, struggles to accept the recent murder of his beloved twin brother. And Maya Gutiérrez, an impassioned marine biologist is – quite unexpectedly – falling in love for the first time. Together, these men and women must fight to survive in an unknown future with no rules and nothing to be taken for granted. They have two choices: neutralise the greatest threat the world has ever seen (preferably before mass hysteria hits or world leaders declare World War III) or come to terms with the annihilation of humanity itself. Their mission is codenamed *The Effort*.

Apocalypse TP \$39.95

The Movement

Hulova, Petra

In this utopia, the feminist Movement has been successful and women rule the world. Men are trained at re-education facilities to accept the new normal in this futuristic satire challenging our sexual norms. The Movement's founding ideology emphasises that women should be valued for their inner qualities, and not for their physical attributes. Men have been forbidden to be attracted to women on the basis of their bodies. While some continue unreformed, many submit – or are sent by wives and daughters – to the Institute for internment and re-education. Our narrator, an unapologetic guard at one of these re-education facilities, describes how the Movement started, her own personal journey, and what happens when a program fails. She is convinced the Movement is nearing its final victory – a time when everybody will fall in line with its ideals. Outspoken, ambiguous, and terrifying, this socio-critical satire of our sexual norms sets the reader firmly outside of their comfort zone.

Dystopia TP \$29.99

The World of Robert Jordan's

The Wheel of Time

Wheel of Time

Jordan, Robert

& Patterson, Teresa

With never-before-told legends and fascinating histories of its peoples and lands, this engrossing book, written by Robert Jordan himself in collaboration with Teresa Patterson, takes you on an unforgettable journey through the extraordinary world of the Wheel of Time. The Wheel of Time turns, and Ages come and pass, leaving memories that become legend. Legend fades to myth, and even myth is long forgotten when the Age that gave it birth comes again. The essential companion to the internationally bestselling Wheel of Time series now published in B-format, tying in with our stunning new reissue look for the complete series.

Fantasy companion PBK \$22.99

Beyond the End of the World

North & Nimh 01

Kaufman, Amie

& Spooner, Meagan

Both Nimh and her enemy, Inshara, have been sent to the cloudlands. Above, Nimh has no memory of her past, only an aching,

undying certainty that she has left something – someone – behind. But while she struggles to recall her identity, an impostor wields her name with deadly purpose. Below, North looks to the sky, desperate to join the ones he loves and return to his world. But with only a traitor willing to help him, and others clamouring for him to take Nimh's place, the journey seems more impossible than ever. Enemies lurk in each world, and tragedy looms as the cloudland engines falter and mist rains terror on the surface. In their desperation to reunite and save their people, Nimh and North face one ultimate question: Can they defy their love and their destiny to save their homes? Or will the spark between them ignite their worlds and consume them altogether? The sequel to *The Other Side of the Sky* (TP, \$19.99).

YA fantasy TP \$19.99

The Frozen Crown

Warrior Witch duology 01

Kelly, Greta

Askia became heir to the Frozen Crown of Seravesh because of her devotion to her people. But her realm is facing a threat she cannot defeat by sheer will alone. The mad emperor of the Roven Empire has unleashed a horde of invading soldiers to enslave her lands. For months, her warriors have waged a valiant, stealth battle, yet they cannot stop the enemy's advancement. Running out of time, she sets sail for sun-drenched Vishir, the neighbouring land to the south, to seek help from its ruler, Emperor Armaan. A young woman raised in army camps, Askia is ill equipped to navigate Vishir's labyrinthine political games. Her every move sinks her deeper into court intrigues which bewilder and repel her, leaving her vulnerable not only to enemies gathering at Vishir's gates, but to those behind the palace walls. And in this glittering court, where secrets are worth more than gold, Askia fears that one false step will expose her true nature. For Askia is a witch gifted with magical abilities – knowledge that could destroy not only her life but her people. As her adversaries draw closer, Askia is forced to make an impossible choice – and no matter what she decides, it may not be enough to prevent Seravesh's fall. A princess with a powerful and dangerous secret must find a way to save her country from ruthless invaders in this exciting debut fantasy, the first novel in a thrilling duology packed with heroism, treachery, magic, and war.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Dare to Know

Kennedy, James

Our narrator is the most talented salesperson at Dare to Know, an enigmatic company that has developed the technology to predict anyone's death down to the second. Divorced, estranged from his sons, and broke, he's driven to violate the cardinal rule of the business by forecasting his own death day. The problem: his prediction says he died, 23 minutes ago. The only person who can confirm its accuracy is Julia, the woman he loved and lost during his rise up the ranks of Dare to Know. As he travels across the country to see her, he's forced to confront his past, the choices he's made, and the terrifying truth about the company he works for.

Dystopian mystery PBK \$22.99

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Domesticating Dragons

Build-A-Dragon Sequence 01

Koboldt, Dan

Noah Parker, a newly-minted PhD, is thrilled to land a dream job at Reptilian Corporation, the hottest tech company in the American Southwest. He's eager to put his genetic engineering expertise to use designing new lines of Reptilian's feature product: living, breathing dragons. Although highly specialised dragons have been used for industrial purposes for years, Reptilian is desperate to crack the general retail market. By creating a dragon that can be the perfect family pet, Reptilian hopes to put a dragon into every home. While Noah's research may help Reptilian create truly domesticated dragons, Noah has a secret goal. With his access to the company's equipment and resources, Noah plans to slip changes into the dragons' genetic code, bending the company's products to another purpose entirely... The first in a series, now in paperback.

Science fiction PBK \$24.95

The Silver Bullets of Annie Oakley

Elemental Masters 16

Lackey, Mercedes

Annie Oakley has always suspected there is something uncanny about herself, but has never been able to put a name to it. But when Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show goes on tour through Germany, Bill temporarily hires a new sharpshooter to be part of his World Wide Congress of Rough Riders: a woman named Giselle, who also happens to be an Elemental Master of Air. Alongside this new performer, Annie discovers that she and her husband, Frank, are not simply master marksman, but also magicians of rare ability. As they travel and perform, Annie must use her newfound knowledge and rare skill to combat creatures of the night scattered across the countryside, who threaten both the performers and the locals. Annie's got her gun, and it's filled with silver bullets.

Gaslamp fantasy HC \$57.95

Reality, and Other Stories

collection

Lanchester, John

Very modern ghost stories from the Booker-nominated author of *The Wall*. Household gizmos with a mind of their own. Constant cold calls from unknown numbers. And the creeping suspicion that none of this is real. *Reality, and Other Stories* is a gathering of deliciously chilling entertainments – stories to be read as the evenings draw in and the days are haunted by all the ghostly schlock, uncanny technologies, and absurd horrors of modern life.

Ghost stories PBK \$19.99

Sisters of Shadow

Sisters of Shadow 01

Livesey, Katherine

Alice has lived in the forest on the fringes of Alder Vale ever since her parents abandoned her. Alone, exiled, and feared by all. All, except Lily. Nature has always been Lily's tonic, and she never feels more alive than when she's amidst the trees. It was Alice who first called them the sisters of shadow, Lily the sunshine to her moonlight, for neither

can exist without the other. But something is stirring beyond the mountains. Whispers of spectres stalking the moors, women of unfathomable power luring children into a cult that has haunted local lore for a generation. When Alice disappears, Lily knows she must rescue her or risk losing her forever. Because the rumours were true all along... Exile. Monster. Witch.

YA fantasy PBK \$22.99

Goblin:

a Novel in Six Novellas

Malerman, Josh

Goblin seems like any other ordinary small town. But with the master storyteller Josh Malerman as your tour guide, you'll discover the secrets that hide behind its closed doors. These six novellas tell the story of a place where the rain is always falling, night-time is always near, and your darkest fears and desires await. Welcome to Goblin...

A Man in Slices: A man proves his 'legendary love' to his girlfriend with a sacrifice even more daring than Vincent van Gogh's – and sends her more than his heart. *Kamp:* Walter Kamp is afraid of everything, but most afraid of being scared to death. As he sets traps around his home to catch the ghosts that haunt him, he learns that nothing is more terrifying than fear itself.

Happy Birthday, Hunter!: A famed big-game hunter is determined to capture – and kill – the ultimate prey: the mythic Great Owl who lives in Goblin's dark forests. But this mysterious creature is not the only secret the woods are keeping.

Presto: All Peter wants is to be like his hero, Roman Emperor, the greatest magician in the world. When the famous magician comes to Goblin, Peter discovers that not all magic is just an illusion.

A Mix-Up at the Zoo: The new zookeeper feels a mysterious kinship with the animals in his care... and finds that his work is freeing dark forces inside him.

The Hedges: When his wife dies, a man builds a hedge maze, so elaborate no one ever solves it – until a little girl resolves to be the first to find the mysteries that wait at its heart. Horror TP \$37.95

Generation Warriors

Planet Pirates 03, reissue

McGaffrey, Anne

& Moon, Elizabeth

The fate of the galaxy is placed in the hands of Lunzie, who discovers the true nature of three friends: Fordeliton, who is dying of a mysterious poison; Dupaynil, who is exiled; and Aygar, who tries to prove himself. A reissue.

Space opera (reissue) TP \$35.95

The Wellstone

Queenom of Sol 02

McCarthy, Wil

Humanity has conquered the Solar System. What's more, death itself has been vanquished. Wellstone – programmable matter – ensures that no one need every die, or indeed, age past adulthood. But for the children of immortal parents, life remains a constant state of arrested development. And a prince shall remain a prince forever, never inheriting the throne. So, what is a royal

minor to do? Bascal Edward de Towaji Lutui is tired of his parents – the Queen of Sol and her consort – treating his complaints as so much teenage whining. Exiled to a 'summer camp' on a planet where he will be out of his royal mother's hair, he decides to do something about his lot in life. Along with his fellow malcontents, he manages to make an improbable spaceship and set out for the far reaches of the colonised space. With hijacked weapons and programmable matter at their disposal, Bascal Edward de Towaji Lutui and his companions are set to prove themselves a force to be reckoned with. A reissue.

Space opera (reissue) PBK \$24.95

The Stranger Times

Stranger Times 01

McDonnell, C K

There are Dark Forces at work in our world (and in Manchester, in particular) – and, so, thank God, *The Stranger Times* is on hand to report them. A weekly newspaper dedicated to the weird and the wonderful (but more often the weird) of modern life, it is the go-to publication for the unexplained and inexplicable... At least, that's their pitch. The reality is rather less auspicious. Their editor is a drunken, foul-tempered and -mouthed husk of a man who thinks little (and believes less) of the publication he edits, while his staff are a ragtag group of wastrels and misfits, each with their own secrets to hide and axes to grind. And as for the assistant editor... well, that job is a revolving door – and it has just revolved to reveal Hannah Willis, who's got her own set of problems. It's when tragedy strikes in Hannah's first week on the job that *The Stranger Times* is forced to do some serious, proper, actual investigative journalism. What they discover leads them to a shocking realisation: that some of the stories they'd previously dismissed as nonsense are in fact terrifyingly, gruesomely real. Soon, they come face to face with darker foes than they could ever have imagined. It's one thing reporting on the unexplained and paranormal but it's quite another being dragged into the battle between the forces of Good and Evil... Perfect for fans of Terry Pratchett and Ben Aaronovitch.

Urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

Blood and Memory

Quickening trilogy 02

McIntosh, Fiona

Wyl Thirsk has seen his best friend murdered and his sister imprisoned by King Celimus of Morgavia. Now the king has turned his attention to the neighbouring realm of Briavel – and the woman Wyl loves. Wyl is desperate to return to Valentyna and prevent her marriage to Celimus, but fate has other plans. Trapped by a magical enchantment, Wyl must first track down the elusive Manwitch – the only person who can help him break the Quickening. A reissue.

Fantasy (reissue) TP \$29.99

The Deep Man

Mersault, Michael

A relic of humanity's violent past, this old weapon stands ready for the Emperor to wield. The Galactic Imperium of the Myriad Worlds slumps into centuries

of decadent peace enabled by a flood of advanced technology from the mysterious nonhuman 'Shapers'. Among the great Families, only the once-mighty clan of Sinclair-Maru remembers the maxims of the warrior Emperor, Yung I, ready to defend the Imperium from any threat. Stubbornly clinging to the Honour Code, Family prodigy Saef Sinclair-Maru finds himself in command of an outmoded, under-equipped frigate of the Imperial Fleet. With spies and assassins on every side, trusting only in his considerable skill and the bizarre competence of his companion, Inga, Saef must complete his mission, restore the greatness of his Family, and uncover the chilling plot meant to extinguish humanity's light from the galaxy. Military sf TP \$35.95

The Blade Between Miller, Sam J

Ronan Szepessy promised himself he'd never return to Hudson. The sleepy upstate town was no place for a restless gay photographer. But his father is ill and New York City's distractions have become too much for him. He hopes that a quick visit will help him recharge. Ronan reconnects with two friends from high school: Dom, his first love, and Dom's wife, Attalah. The three former misfits mourn what their town has become – overrun by gentrifiers and corporate interests. With friends and neighbours getting evicted en masse and a mayoral election coming up, Ronan and Attalah craft a plan to rattle the newcomers and expose their true motives. But in doing so, they unleash something far more mysterious and uncontrollable. Hudson has a rich, proud history and, it turns out, the real-estate developers aren't the only forces threatening its wellbeing: the spirits undergirding this once-thriving industrial town are enraged. Ronan's hijinks have overlapped with a bubbling up of hate and violence among friends and neighbours, and everything is spiralling out of control. Ronan must summon the very best of himself to shed his own demons and save the city he once loathed.

Horror TP \$37.95

Isolate

Grand Illusion 01

Modesitt, L E

Industrialisation. Social unrest. Underground movements. Government corruption and surveillance. Something is about to give. Steffan Dekkard is an isolate, one of the small percentage of people who are immune to the projections of empaths. As an isolate, he has been trained as a security specialist and he and his security partner Avraal Ysella, a highly-trained empath, are employed by Axel Obreduur, a senior Craft Minister and the de facto political strategist of his party. When a respected Landor Councillor dies of 'heart failure' at a social event, because of his political friendship with Obreduur, Dekkard, and Ysella find that not only is their employer a target, but so are they, in a covert and deadly struggle for control of the government and economy. Steffan is about to understand that everything he believed is an illusion. The first in a new series.

Gaslamp fantasy HC \$59.99

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Kingdom of Shadow and Light

Fever 11

Monig, Karen Marie

From the moment MacKayla Lane arrived in Dublin to hunt her sister's murderer, she's had to fight one dangerous battle after the next: to survive, to secure power, to keep her city safe, to protect the people she loves. *The matter of who's good and who's evil can be decided by the answer to a single question: Whose side are you on?* Now, as High Queen of the Fae, Mac faces her greatest challenge yet: ruling the very race she was born to hunt and kill – a race that wants her dead yesterday, so they can put a pure-blooded Fae queen on the throne. But challenges with her subjects are the least of her concerns when an ancient, deadly foe resurfaces, changing not only the rules of the game but the very game itself, initiating a catastrophic sequence of events that have devastating consequences and leave Mac questioning everything she's ever learned and everyone she's ever loved. Now, begins an epic battle between Mortal and Fae, Seelie and Unseelie, would-be kings and would-be queens, with possession of the Unseelie King's virtually unlimited power and the fate of humanity at stake.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

How High We Go in the Dark Nagamatsu, Sequoia

Dr Cliff Miyashiro arrives in the Arctic Circle to continue his recently deceased daughter's research, only to discover a virus, newly unearthed from melting permafrost. The plague unleashed reshapes life on earth for generations. Yet, even while struggling to counter this destructive force, humanity stubbornly persists in myriad moving and ever inventive ways. Among those adjusting to this new normal are an aspiring comedian, employed by a theme park designed for terminally ill children, who falls in love with a mother trying desperately to keep her son alive; a scientist who, having failed to save his own son from the plague, gets a second chance at fatherhood when one of his test subjects – a pig – develops human speech; a man who, after recovering from his own coma, plans a block party for his neighbours who have also woken up to find that they alone have survived their families; and a widowed painter and her teenaged granddaughter who must set off on cosmic quest to locate a new home planet. From funerary skyscrapers to hotels for the dead, *How High We Go in the Dark* follows a cast of intricately linked characters spanning hundreds of years as humanity endeavours to restore the delicate balance of the world. This is a story of unshakable hope that crosses literary lines to give us a world rebuilding itself through an endless capacity for love, resilience and reinvention.

Apocalypse TP \$29.99

No One Gets Out Alive Nevill, Adam

Darkness lives within... Cash-strapped, working for agencies and living in shared accommodation, Stephanie Booth feels she can fall no further. So, when she takes a new room at the right price, she believes her luck has finally turned. But 82 Edgware Road is not what it appears to be. It's not only the

eerie atmosphere of the vast, neglected house, or the disturbing attitude of her new landlord, Knacker McGuire, that makes her uneasy – it's the whispers behind the fireplace, the scratching beneath floors, the footsteps in the dark, and the young women weeping in neighbouring rooms. And when Knacker's cousin Fergal arrives, the danger goes vertical. But this is merely a beginning, a gateway to horrors beyond Stephanie's worst nightmares. And in a house where no one listens to the screams, will she ever get out alive?

Horror PBK \$19.99

Cosmogramma collection

Newland, Courttia

In his sharply-crafted, unnerving, first collection of speculative fiction shorts, Courttia Newland envisages an alternate future, as lived by the African diaspora. Robots used as human proxies in a war become driven by all-too-human desires; Kill Parties roam the streets of a post-apocalyptic world; a matriarchal race of mer creatures depends on interbreeding with mortals to survive; mysterious seeds appear in cities across the world, growing into the likeness of people in their vicinity. Through transfigured bodies and impossible encounters, Newland brings a sharp, fresh eye to age-old themes of the human capacity for greed, ambition and self-destruction, but ultimately of our strength and resilience.

Science fiction TP \$27.99

The Monarchs

Ravens duology 02

Paige, Danielle & Morgan, Kass

The ultra-exclusive Kappa Rho Nu – the Ravens – are determined to restore balance to the world. After destroying an ancient talisman and barely saving their sorority in the process, they'll go to any lengths to keep their secret as Westerly's most powerful coven of witches. Scarlett Winter, a legacy Raven, has finally gotten what she's always wanted: Scarlett is Kappa Rho Nu's newest president. Unlike her mother or older sister before her, Scarlett has a vision for a more unified Kappa, one where no sister falls to the forces of wicked magic. But the powers of the presidency have their own pitfalls. And with the pressures of alumni bureaucracy and past failures weighing on her, Scarlett finds herself at risk of losing the very thing that defined her: her magic. As a new member of Kappa Rho Nu, Vivi Devereaux finally knows what it's like to belong. She has her Kappa Rho Nu sisters behind her and, with Scarlett's blessing, Vivi's happily dating her first college crush (who also just happens to be Scarlett's ex). When Scarlett assigns Vivi the coveted role of social chair, Vivi is determined to live up to her Big's expectations. But Vivi's studies in witchcraft take a deadly turn when she uncovers a new form of magic, one that has mysterious ties to Kappa Rho Nu's past and the vengeful demon once tied to their talisman. With the weight of their newfound roles and the terrible price of destroying the talisman haunting them, Scarlett and Vivi must save their sisterhood when the forces of hell itself and a rival sorority threaten to unleash havoc on the Ravens. The sequel to *The Ravens* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

A Practical Guide to Conquering the World

Siege 03

Parker, K J

This is the true story of Aemilius Felix Boioannes the younger, the intended and unintended consequence of his life, the bad stuff he did on purpose, and the good stuff that happened in spite of him. It is, in other words, the tale of a war to end all wars and the man responsible. *A Practical Guide to Conquering the World* can be read by itself; but for those who like endings, it can also be considered the refreshingly pragmatic conclusion to K J Parker's acclaimed sequence of novels that began with *Sixteen Ways to Defend a Walled City* and continued in *How to Rule an Empire and Get Away With It* (PBK, \$22.99 each).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Unfamiliar Garden

Comet Cycle 02

Percy, Benjamin

It began with a comet. They called it Cain, a wandering star that passed by Earth, illuminating the night with a swampy green light and twinning the sky by day with two suns. A year later, Earth spun through the debris field the comet left behind. Suddenly, hundreds of thousands of meteors plummeted into the atmosphere, destroying swaths of electrical grids, leaving shores of beaches filled with deceased sea life, and setting acres of land ablaze. It was then, they say, that the sky fell. It was then that Jack lost Mia. Five years after the disappearance of his daughter, Jack has fallen. Once an accomplished professor of botany, he's now a shell of a man who has all but withdrawn from life. Nora, his ex-wife, has thrown herself into her investigative work. Separately, they have each bandaged over the hole Mia left behind. Just as Jack is uncovering a new form of deadly parasitic fungus in his lab, Nora is assigned to investigate the cases of ritualistic murders dotting Seattle. The rituals consist of etchings – crosshatches are carved into bodies and eyes are scooped out of their sockets. The attackers appear to be possessed. It only takes a moment – for a sickness to infect, for a person to be killed, for a child to be lost. When Nora enlists Jack to identify the cause of this string of vicious deaths, Jack is quick to help. Together, they fight to keep their moments – the unexpected laughter, the extraordinary discoveries, the chance that Mia could come back home – but they find that what they're up against defies all logic, and what they have to do, to save the world, will change every life forever. The sequel to *The Ninth Metal* (TP, \$32.99).

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Grimrose Girls

Grimrose Girls 01

Pohl, Laura

After the mysterious death of their best friend, Ella, Yuki, and Rory are the talk of their elite school, Grimrose Académie. The police ruled Ariane's death as a suicide, but the trio are determined to find out what really happened. When Nani Eszes arrives as their newest roommate, it sets into motion a series of events that no one could have predicted. As the girls retrace their friend's final days, they discover a dark secret about Grimrose –

Ariane wasn't the first dead girl. They soon learn that all the past murders are connected to ancient fairy-tale curses... and that their own fates are tied to the stories, dooming the girls to brutal and gruesome endings, unless they can break the cycle for good.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Stolen Skies

Vickery & Castine 03

Powers, Tim

Sebastian Vickery has learned something about UFOs that he shouldn't have – and Naval Intelligence, desperate to silence him, orders his old partner, Agent Ingrid Castine, to trap him. But Castine risks career, liberty, and maybe even life, to warn Vickery – and now they're both fugitives, on the run from both the US government and agents of the Russian GRU Directorate, which has its own uses for the UFO intelligence. With the unlikely aid of a renegade Russian agent, a homeless Hispanic boy, and an eccentric old Flat-Earther, Vickery and Castine must find an ancient relic that spells banishment to the alien species, and then summon the things and use it against them – in a Samson-like confrontation that looks likely to kill them as well.

Urban fantasy HC \$55.00

Holy Terror, Stories by Cherie Priest

collection

Priest, Cherie

Since Cherie Priest burst onto the speculative fiction scene, she's built a huge following through novels that have earned her accolades and the titles 'The Queen of Horror' and 'The High Priestess of Steampunk' at various times. A nominee for the Nebula, Hugo, and Goodreads Choice Awards and a winner of the Locus Award, Priest is also a master of the short form. In her first collection of short fiction, *Holy Terror: Stories by Cherie Priest*, readers will be taken on haunting journeys that showcase Priest's unparalleled range. In an early story, 'The October Devotion', William Miller's predicted mid-19th-century apocalypse ends up with a girl discovering what might or might not be Lovecraftian salvation in the forest. A soldier brings a dragon home from World War II to east Tennessee in 'The Immigrant'. Two stories here take place in Priest's beloved Clockwork Century universe: 'Reluctance', in which a teen veteran with a war injury lands his dirigible in a town that seems empty, only to end up in a race against time and zombies, and the novella *Clementine*, following the adventures of Maria Isabella Boyd and Captain Croggon Beauregard Hainey. Another novella, *The Wreck of the Mary Byrd*, weaves the story of a disappearing boat in 1870 in the words of the captain and some of the passengers... as well as an unforgettable villain. And there's so much more. *Holy Terror* also features an introduction from *New York Times*' bestselling author Kevin Hearne, extensive notes on each story from Priest, and an exclusive new novelette, 'Talking in Circles' that is sure to become a fan favourite. Get ready to hide under the covers, crack this volume open, and take a delicious trip to the dark side.

Horror HC \$89.95

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The Reign of Osiris

Ramses the Damned 03. reissue

Rice, Anne & Christopher

A pharaoh made immortal by a mysterious and powerful elixir, Ramses the Great became counsellor and lover to some of Egypt's greatest and most powerful rulers before he was awakened from centuries of slumber to the mystifying and dazzling world of Edwardian England. Having vanquished foes both human and supernatural, he's found love with the beautiful heiress Julie Stratford, daughter of Lawrence Stratford, the slain archaeologist who discovered his tomb. Now, with the outbreak of a world war looming, Ramses and those immortals brought forth from the mists of history by his resurrection will face their greatest test yet. Russian assassins bearing weapons of immense power have assembled under one command: all those who loved Lawrence Stratford must die. From the glowing jewels at their necks comes an incredible supernatural force: the power to bring statues to life. As Ramses and his allies, including the immortal queens Cleopatra and Bektaten, gather together to battle these threats, Ramses reveals that the great weapon may have roots in an ancient Egyptian ritual designed to render pharaohs humble before Osiris, the god of the underworld. The resulting journey will take them across storm-tossed seas and into the forests of northern Russia, where they will confront a terrifying collision of tortured political ambitions and religious fervour held in thrall to a Godlike power. But the true answers they seek will lie beyond the border between life and death, within realms that defy the imagination of even an immortal such as Ramses the Great.

Horror TP \$29.99

The Extinction Trials Riddle, A G

After a mysterious global event known only as 'The Change', six strangers wake up in an underground research facility where they learn that they're part of the Extinction Trials – a scientific experiment to restart the human race. But the Extinction Trials harbour a very big secret. And so does the world outside.

SF thriller TP \$29.99

Purgatory Mount Roberts, Adam

An interstellar craft is decelerating after its century-long voyage. Its destination is V538 Aurigae – a now-empty planet dominated by one gigantic megastructure, a conical mountain of such height that its summit is high above the atmosphere. The ship's crew of five hope to discover how the long-departed builders made such a colossal thing, and why: a space elevator? a temple? a work of art? Its resemblance to the mountain of purgatory lead the crew to call this world Dante. In our near future, the United States is falling apart. A neurotoxin has interfered with the memory function of many of the population, leaving them reliant on their phones as makeshift memory prostheses. But life goes on. For Ottoline Barragão, a regular kid juggling school and her friends and her beehives in the back garden, things are about to get very dangerous, chased across the north-east

by competing groups, each willing to do whatever it takes to get inside Ottoline's private network and recover the secret inside.

Space opera PBK \$24.99

Aleister Crowley's Four Books of Magick Skinner, Stephen (editor)

This is the masterpiece of occultist, magician and philosopher Aleister Crowley, introduced for the first time by one of the world's leading experts on Western esoteric traditions, Stephen Skinner. 'Do what thou wilt.' Written in the early twentieth century, the four books contained within this collection make up one of the most complete and groundbreaking works on the practice of magick ever written. They are considered to be the masterpiece of occultist, magician and philosopher Aleister Crowley and the core texts for the religion of Thelema. Their influence on alternative western thought and philosophy cannot be exaggerated. Also known as *Book Four*, or *Liber Aba*, the four parts bring together many rituals, received texts, theorems and unequalled insights into the practice of magick, culminating in *The Book of the Law*, the central, sacred text dictated to Crowley by a preternatural entity. Anyone interested in yoga, ceremonial magic, esoteric thought, invocation, divination and beyond, or those looking to delve into the fascinating, playful and illuminating writings of a unique man, will find inspiration. For the first time, one of the world's leading experts on Western esoteric traditions and magic, Dr Stephen Skinner, introduces the text, sharing his insights into Crowley's take on yoga, ceremonial magick and Thelema. His long involvement with magick, both as an academic and as a practitioner, enabled Dr Skinner to highlight the differences between the psychological and the spirit-orientated approaches to magick, and to show how that dilemma shaped Crowley's practice and his founding of Thelema, enlightening the reader to many previously unknown connections.

Magick HC \$95.00

Pretty Little Lion

Third Shift 02

Snyder, Suleikha

Lion shifter and Third Shift co-founder Elijah Richter is on a mission: seduce arms dealer Mirko Aston's gorgeous girlfriend, use her as an entry point to the organisation, and discover what the global terrorist is planning. It should be simple. Then, he meets Meghna Saxena-Saunders – influencer, celebrante, ex-wife to a handsome Hollywood hotshot, and a highly trained apsara assassin – and all his plans are blown out of the water. Meghna immediately clocks the mysterious stranger watching her at a VIP party and decides she's curious enough to play along. She and Elijah fall headfirst into their lusty bed of lies, but when their steamy morning-after is interrupted by one of Aston's goons, both of their missions are thrown into jeopardy. Now, Meghna must team up with Third Shift to cover her tracks, discover the truth, and resist falling for a man who thrills her to her core... before it's too late.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

Jingle Bell Wolf

Wolff Brothers 02

Spear, Terry

It's almost Christmas, and Florida grey wolf shifter and veterinarian Gabrielle Lowe has grudgingly agreed to go with her friends to a ski resort in Silver Town, Colorado. But when her two jaguar shifter girlfriends are held up on a mission, it not only leaves Gabrielle alone for the holidays, but also out of her element at the snowy resort. Determined to make the best of it, Gabrielle takes a dip in the lodge's heated pool after it's closed, causing all kinds of trouble... Gray wolf shifter Landon Wolff, co-owner of the ski lodge, has enough on his plate getting ready for the annual influx of Christmas visitors. The last thing he needs is someone indulging in a midnight swim long after the pool is closed. Just as he's about to throw the rule breaker out of the pool he realises that she is also a wolf. Suddenly, all the rules change... Maybe, Landon will finally find the she-wolf he's always wanted to share the holidays with.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

The Ex Hex Sterling, Erin

Never mix witchcraft and vodka... Vivienne Jones handled the biggest break-up of her life the way that any witch would: vodka, bubble baths, and a curse on her ex. That was nine years ago. Now, Rhys Penhallow, descendant of the town's founders, breaker of hearts and still irritatingly gorgeous, is back. Rhys has returned to the quaint town of Graves Glen to recharge the ley lines and make an appearance at the annual fall festival. But when his every move results in calamity, Vivi realises that hexing her ex might not have been so harmless after all... As the curse starts to affect the magic of the town, resulting in murderous wind-up toys, an outraged ghost, and a surprisingly talkative cat, Vivi and Rhys must put their personal feelings aside and work together to break the curse and save not just the town, but also Rhys' life.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Daughter of the Moon Goddess

Daughter of the Moon Goddess duology 01

Tan, Sue Lynn

A young woman's quest to free her mother pits her against the most powerful immortal in the realm, setting her on a dangerous path where those she loves are not the only ones at risk... Growing up on the moon, Xingyin is accustomed to solitude, unaware that she is being hidden from the powerful Celestial Emperor who exiled her mother for stealing his elixir of immortality. But when her magic flares and her existence is discovered, Xingyin is forced to flee her home, leaving her mother behind. Alone, powerless, and afraid, she makes her way to the Celestial Kingdom, a land of wonder and secrets. Disguising her identity, she seizes an opportunity to train in the Crown Prince's service, learning to master archery and magic, despite the passion that flames between her and the emperor's son. To save her mother, Xingyin embarks on a perilous quest, confronting legendary

creatures and vicious enemies, across the earth and skies. But when treachery looms and forbidden magic threatens the kingdom, she must challenge the ruthless Celestial Emperor for her dream – striking a dangerous bargain, where she is torn between losing all she loves or plunging the realm into chaos. A captivating debut fantasy inspired by the legend of the Chinese moon goddess.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Hard Time

Time Police 02

Taylor, Jodi

There have always been idiots, who want to change history. But, now, temporal tourism is on the rise. Highly illegal, highly risky – and highly lucrative. The Time Police dispatch their toughest undercover agents to take out the perpetrators. Then the unthinkable happens. Replacements are needed fast and who better than three young officers who barely look the part? Step forward Team Weird – Luke, Jane and Matthew. They might still be in training. Their methods might be unorthodox. But, as the Time Police face their greatest ever threat, Team Weird might be their only shot at survival. This series is spun off from the Chronicles of St Mary's. Great fun.

Time travel PBK \$22.99

The Bone Spindle

Bone Spindle 01

Vedder, Leslie

Filore, a treasure hunter with a knack for riddles, is busy running from her own deadly curse, when she pricks her finger on a spindle. Bound to the sleeping prince Briar Rose with the spindle's magic – and chosen as the only person who can wake him – Fi is stuck with the prince's ghost until she can break his ancient curse and save his kingdom. She's going to need a partner. A warrior huntswoman with an axe to grind (literally), Shane couldn't care less about curses and ancient texts. But instead of riches, the two girls find trouble. Dark magic, witch hunters, nightmarish beasts – and of course, curses – all stand in their way as Fi and Shane undertake the dangerous journey into a forgotten kingdom where the sleeping prince's body waits.

Fairy tales retold PBK \$17.99

Hench

Walschots, Natalie Zina

Anna does boring things for terrible people because even criminals need office help, and she needs a job. Working for a monster lurking beneath the surface of the world isn't glamorous. But it is really worse than working for an oil conglomerate or an insurance company? In this economy? As a temp, she's just a cog in the machine. But when she finally gets a promising assignment, everything goes very wrong, and an encounter with the so-called 'hero' leaves her badly injured. And, to her horror, compared to the other bodies strewn about, she's the lucky one. So, of course, then she gets laid off. With no money and no mobility, with only her anger and internet research acumen, she discovers her suffering at the hands of a hero is far from unique. When people start listening to the story that

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her data tells, she realises she might not be as powerless as she thinks. Because the key to everything is data: knowing how to collate it, how to manipulate it, and how to weaponise it. By tallying up the human cost these caped forces of nature wreak upon the world, she discovers that the line between good and evil is mostly marketing. And with social media and viral videos, she can control that appearance. It's not too long before she's employed once more, this time by one of the worst villains on earth. As she becomes an increasingly valuable lieutenant, she might just save the world.

Superheroes TP \$24.99

Into the Light

Out of the Dark 02

Weber, David; Kennedy, Chris

The Shongairi conquered Earth. In mere minutes, half the human race died, and our cities lay in shattered ruins. But the Shongairi didn't expect the survivors' tenacity. And, crucially, they didn't know that Earth harboured two species of intelligent, tool-using bipeds. One of them was us. The other, long-lived and lethal, was hiding in the mountains of eastern Europe, the subject of fantasy and legend. When they emerged and

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