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

### Valhellions

Knight Watch 02

#### Akers, Tim

When John Rast signed up for Knight Watch, he expected it to be all fighting dragons and rescuing maidens. You know, hero stuff. But, instead, he's stuck patrolling game conventions and cosplayer competitions, looking for dangerous anachronisms and the villains who may be trying to exploit them. Fortunately, all that changes when an honest-to-goodness necromancer shows up wielding a weapon created by Nazi occultists and accompanied by some badass evil Valkyries, hell-bent on kicking off the end of the world. John and the team will go to great lengths – even Minnesota – to find out who's responsible for all this and foil their plans. Also, there's a giant dog who thinks the moon is a ball. It's *epic*. The sequel to *Knight Watch* (PBK, \$24.95).

Urban fantasy TP \$35.95

### A Most Unusual Duke

Shapeshifters of the Beau Monde 02

#### Allen, Susanna

The Prince Regent insists his cousin and fellow bear shifter Arthur Humphries, the Duke of Osborn, take a mate to ensure the continuation of their species. After all, Arthur is an Alpha, so he must set a good example. The duke would very much prefer to continue his comfortable bachelor lifestyle, but the Prince Regent is not a bear to be poked. Beatrice, the widowed Marchioness of Castleton, is in possession of a powerful secret. She knows all about Shifters, her horrible late husband being one of them. At any moment, Beatrice could reveal the secrets of the Prince, and those like him – unless the Prince can make sure she marries another Shifter. A marriage between the Duke of Osborn and Beatrice is far from ideal for either one – but, at least, they won't fall in love... right?

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

### Vengewar

Wake the Dragon 02

#### Anderson, Kevin J

Two continents at war: the Three Kingdoms and Ishara have been in conflict for a thousand years. But when an outside threat arises – the reawakening of a powerful ancient race that wants to remake the world – the two warring nations must somehow set aside generations of hatred to form an alliance against a far more deadly enemy. Book one (*Spine of the Dragon* (TP, \$32.99)) awakened the great dragon and set the kingdoms at each other's throats. In book two, *Vengewar*, bitter rivalry and blood feud will be the downfall of the human kingdoms.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

### Burning Questions:

Essays and Occasional Pieces, 2004 to 2021

#### Atwood, Margaret

In this brilliant selection of essays, the award-winning, bestselling author of *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Testaments* offers her funny, erudite, endlessly curious, and uncannily prescient take on everything from debt and tech to the climate crisis and freedom and the importance of how to define granola – and seeks answers to Burning Questions such as... Why do people everywhere, in all cultures, tell stories? How much of yourself can you give away without evaporating? How can we live on our planet? Is it true? And is it fair? What do zombies have to do with authoritarianism? In more than fifty pieces, Atwood aims her prodigious intellect and impish humour at the world, and reports back to us on what she finds. This rollercoaster period brought the end of history, a financial crash, the rise of Trump, and a pandemic. From debt to tech, the climate crisis to freedom; from when to dispense advice to the young (answer: only when asked) to how to define granola, we have no better guide to the many and varied mysteries of our universe.

Writings HC \$42.99

### When We Were Birds

#### Banwo, Ayanna Lloyd

In the old house on a hill, where the city meets the rainforest, Yejide's mother is dying. She is leaving behind a legacy that now passes to Yejide: one St Bernard woman in every generation has the power to shepherd the city's souls into the afterlife. But after years of suffering her mother's neglect and bitterness, Yejide is looking for a way out. Raised in the countryside by a devout Rastafarian mother, Darwin has always abided by the religious commandment not to interact with death. He has never been to a funeral, much less seen a dead body. But when the only job he can find is grave digging, he must betray the life his mother built for him in order to provide for them both. Newly shorn of his dreadlocks and his past, and determined to prove himself, Darwin finds himself adrift in a city electric with possibility and danger. Yejide and Darwin will meet inside the gates of Fidelis, an ancient and sprawling cemetery, where the dead lie uneasy in their graves and a reckoning with fate beckons them, both.

Paranormal TP \$32.99

### Dealbreaker

Bounceback 02

#### Beckett, L X

Ruby 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, Ruby 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 who think humanity is too poisonous, too greedy, to be allowed in. They will stop at nothing to sabotage a species determined to pull itself up. The sequel to *Gamechanger* (TP, \$34.99).  
Science fiction TP \$34.99

### Crowbones

World of the Others 03

#### Bishop, Anne

Deep in the territory controlled by the Others – shapeshifters, vampires, and even deadlier paranormal beings – Vicki DeVine has made a new life for herself, running The Jumble, a rustic resort. When she decides to host a gathering of friends and guests for Trickster Night, at first everything is going well between the humans and the Others. But then someone arrives dressed as Crowbones, the Crowgard bogeyman. When the impostor is killed along with a shapeshifting Crow, and the deaths are clearly connected, everyone fears that the real Crowbones may have come to The Jumble – and that could mean serious trouble. To 'encourage' humans to help them find some answers, the Elders and Elementals close all the roads, locking in suspects and victims alike. Now Vicki, human police chief Grimshaw, vampire lawyer Ilya Sanguinati, and the rest of their friends have to figure out who is manipulating events designed to pit humans against Others – and who may have put Vicki DeVine in the crosshairs of a powerful hunter.

Urban fantasy HC \$57.95

### Suicide Kings

Eric Carter 07

#### Blackmoore, Stephen

When Eric Carter helps a friend with a deadly ritual that could determine the fate of the most powerful mage family in Los Angeles he steps into the middle of centuries-long feuds with people who make the Borgias look like the Brady Bunch. Eric's just fine with the murder, soul eaters, and death magic. He's just having trouble adjusting to being brought back from the grave. If he's not careful, somebody's going to put him right back. Family is murder.

Urban fantasy TP \$39.95

### The Atlas Six

Atlas 01

#### Blake, Olivie

*The world's best young magicians accept the opportunity of a lifetime. Six are chosen. Only five will walk away.* The Alexandrian Society is a secret society of magical academicians, the best in the world. Their members are caretakers of lost knowledge from the greatest civilisations of antiquity. And those who earn a place among their number will secure a life of wealth, power,

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and prestige beyond their wildest dreams. Each decade, the world's six most uniquely talented magicians are selected for initiation – and here are the chosen few... Libby Rhodes and Nicolás Ferrer de Varona: inseparable enemies, cosmologists who can control matter with their minds. Reina Mori: a naturalist who can speak the language of life itself. Parisa Kamali: a mind reader whose powers of seduction are unmatched. Tristan Caine: the son of a crime kingpin who can see the secrets of the universe. Callum Nova: an insanely rich pretty boy who could bring about the end of the world. He need only ask. When the candidates are recruited by the mysterious Atlas Blakely, they are told they must spend one year together to qualify for initiation. During this time, they will be permitted access to the Society's archives and judged on their contributions to arcane areas of knowledge. Five, they are told, will be initiated. One will be eliminated. If they can prove themselves to be the best, they will survive. Most of them. *The Atlas Six* is the runaway TikTok must-read fantasy novel of the year. If you loved *A Deadly Education* (PBK, \$19.99), you'll love this.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Sam Gunn Jr Bova, Ben

Intergalactic explorer, venture capitalist, and Casanova Sam Gunn may be gone, but his legacy lives on in his son, Sam Gunn Jr. In his first-ever adventure, Sam Gunn Jr sets off to fulfil his father's left-behind mission of interplanetary enterprising. He soon learns his father's shoes are tough to fill, but he is up for the task. Junior takes a journey through the stars, falling in love with beautiful women and leaving his unique mark everywhere he ventures. Soon, however, this trip through the universe takes a dangerous turn when Junior lands on Saturn and learns about a recent scientific discovery that will change everything, possibly forever. Will he be able to save the universe and live up to his father's name? Take an unforgettable ride through space, in master sci-fi author Ben Bova's final completed novel!

Science fiction HC \$62.95

### Wild Sign

Alpha & Omega 06

#### Briggs, Patricia

Mated werewolves Charles Cornick and Anna Latham must discover what could make an entire community disappear – before it's too late... In the wilds of the Northern California mountains, all the inhabitants of a small town have gone missing. It's as if the people picked up and left everything they owned behind. Fearing something supernatural might be going on, the FBI taps a source they've consulted in the past: the werewolves Charles Cornick and Anna Latham. But Charles and Anna soon find a deserted town is the least of the mysteries they face. Death sings in the forest, and when it calls, Charles and Anna must answer. Something has awakened in the heart of the California mountains, something old and dangerous – and it has met werewolves before.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### Vicarious

Bruno, Rhett C

The real world is only where you breathe... In High Earth, digital entertainment is everything. Shows. Virtual Worlds. Simulations – there's something for everybody in a city where working for a living has been rendered obsolete by technological advancements. Even a short walk outside to visit with others is no longer necessary. Just load into the network and one can be with anyone, anywhere. For Asher Reinhart, nothing compares to *Ignis: Live*, a reality show that pushes the very limits of what human beings can endure. As a volunteer director, Asher closely monitors the lives of those living on an interstellar ark, believing they're the last of humanity. But when it's determined that the life of the show's brightest star, Mission, must be put in danger to boost declining ratings, Asher is forced to choose: the show he loves, or the woman whose life has been the focus of his life since the day he was born.

Science fiction TP \$37.95

### The Galaxy, and the Ground Within

Wayfarers 04

#### Chambers, Becky

When a freak technological failure halts traffic to and from the planet Gora, three strangers are thrown together unexpectedly, with seemingly nothing to do but wait. Pei is a cargo runner at a personal crossroads, torn between her duty to her people, and her duty to herself. Roveg is an exiled artist, with a deeply urgent, and longed for, family appointment to keep. Speaker has never been far from her twin but now must endure the unendurable: separation. Under the care of Ouloo, an enterprising alien, and Tupo, her occasionally helpful child, the trio are compelled to confront where they've been, where they might go, and what they might be to one another. Together they will discover that even in the vastness of space, they're not alone. The stunning finale to the award-winning Wayfarers series, which begins with *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet* (PBK, \$19.99). Recommended.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

### The Broken Room

Glines, Peter

You can still owe the dead. Hector was the best of the best. A government operative who could bring armies to a halt and nations to their knees. But when his own country betrayed him, he dropped off the grid and picked up the first of many bottles. Natalie can't remember much of her life before her family brought her to the US, but she remembers the cages. And getting taken away to the Project, with dozens of other young children, to become part of their nightmarish experiments. That's how she ended up with the ghost of a dead secret agent stuck in her head. And Hector owes Natalie's ghost a big favour. Now, Hector and Natalie are on the run from an army of killers sent to retrieve her. Because the people behind the Project are willing to risk almost anything to get Natalie back and complete their experiments.

Supernatural thriller TP \$43.95

### The Untold Story

Invisible Library 08

#### Cogman, Genevieve

Return to the world of the Invisible Library for Irene's most perilous mission yet... Librarian Spy Irene is heading into danger. Not for the first time, but could this be her last? She's tasked with a terrifyingly dangerous solo mission to eliminate an old enemy, which must be kept secret at all costs. But even more troubling news emerges. Multiple worlds are disappearing – and the Library may have something to do with it. Determined to uncover the truth behind the vanished worlds, Irene and her friends must descend into the unplumbed depths of the Library. And what they find will change everything they know. This may be Irene's most dangerous assignment of her hazardous career. The next unputdownable book in the Invisible Library series, which begins with *The Invisible Library* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Memory's Legion

complete Expanse story collection

#### Corey, James S A

For the first time, all of the short fiction set in James S A Corey's bestselling Expanse series is available in this collection – including a brand new novella. Now a major television series.

Space opera TP \$32.99

### Servants of War

#### Correia, Larry & Diamond, Steve

The war between Almacía and the Empire of Kolakolvía is in its hundredth year. Casualties heap even higher on both sides as the conflict leaves no corner of the world untouched. Illarion Glaskov's quiet life on the fringes of the empire is thrown into chaos when tragedy strikes his village. When he is conscripted into the Tsarist military, he is sent to serve in The Wall – an elite regiment that pilots suits of armour made from the husks of dead golems. But the great war is not the only – or even the worst – danger facing Illarion, as he is caught in a millennia-old conflict between two goddesses. In order to triumph, he must survive the ravages of trench warfare, horrific monsters from another world, and the treacherous internal politics of the country he serves.

Military fantasy HC \$55.00

### Curfew

#### Cowie, Jayne

Imagine a near-future Britain in which women dominate workplaces, public spaces, and government. Where the gender pay gap no longer exists and motherhood opens doors instead of closing them. Where women are no longer afraid to walk home alone, to cross a dark parking lot, or to catch the last train. Where all men are electronically tagged and not allowed out, after 7 pm. But the curfew hasn't made life easy for all women. Sarah is a single mother who happily rebuilt her life after her husband, Greg, was sent to prison for breaking curfew. Now he's about to be released, and Sarah isn't expecting a happy reunion, given that she's the reason he was sent there. Her teenage daughter, Cass, hates living in a world that restricts

boys like her best friend, Billy. Billy would never hurt anyone, and she's determined to prove it. Somehow. Helen is a teacher at the local school. Secretly desperate for a baby, she's applied for a cohab certificate with her boyfriend, Tom, and is terrified that they won't get it. The last thing she wants is to have a baby on her own. These women don't know it yet, but one of them is about to be violently murdered. Evidence will suggest that she died late at night and that she knew her attacker. It couldn't have been a man because a CURFEW tag is a solid alibi. Isn't it?

Dystopia TP \$37.95

### 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.

Year's Best TP \$27.99

### The House of Cats and Gulls

#### Deas, Stephen

Myla has returned with Orient to her native Deepwater to face her past. Learning she's in trouble, Fingers and Seth head off on a rescue mission. Myla doesn't need rescuing, thanks; but now that they're in Deepwater, Seth delves into the secrets of a dead warlock and Fingers digs into the truth of his missing brother. But as the trio converge towards a conspiracy against the throne, Deepwater is attacked by an incomprehensible enemy. As demons, madness, and the walking dead stalk the plague-ravaged city, Myla discovers that saving her friends and family is more important than a glorious death, and Seth embraces the darkness within.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### Alien Hostiles

Solar Warden 02

#### Douglas, Ian

By exposing the sinister Saurians, Navy SEAL Lieutenant Commander Mark Hunter and his team have more than proven themselves. Yet, the war between humanity and the intergalactic aliens has only begun – now they must save themselves and all of civilisation. The JSST – the Joint Space Strike Team Hunter has put together from all branches of the US military – is again deployed on board the Earth starcraft carrier *Hillenkoetter* on a mission to probe a possible historical connection between the Saurians

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and the Nazi Third Reich. At a planet called Paradies orbiting the red giant star Aldebaran, they discover a long-rumoured colony of expatriate Nazis... and the beginnings of a plan to enslave Earth under Nazi – and Saurian – rule. With Earth at stake, governments deeply compromised, and evil at the door, Solar Warden must fight together to end it all... even if it means sacrificing everything. The follow-up to *Alien Secrets* (PBK, \$19.99).

Military sf PBK \$19.99

### Phantom Game

Ghostwalker 18

#### Feehan, Christine

Jonas 'Smoke' Harper has watched his brothers find their perfect mates, never imagining he'd actually meet someone who complements every part of him – even the monster that lurks within. But his instant connection with Camellia goes far beyond wanting the intelligent, beautiful, and lethal woman in his bed. They are two parts of a whole, linked to each other and to a larger network that exists everywhere around them. Camellia has lived on her own for a long time, relying on her unique psychic abilities to keep her safe. She knows that Jonas was literally made for her, and that makes their addictive connection more dangerous than a thousand enhanced super soldiers. Once the larger threat looming over them is dealt with, she's going to get far away as fast as she can. Life has taught her that the only one she can truly trust is herself. Jonas can sense Camellia is going to run – and the hunter inside doesn't want to let go. Not when he knows how good they'll be together. So, he'll just have to use all of his considerable skills to convince her to stay...

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

### Mammoth

#### Flynn, Chris

Narrated by a 13,000-year-old extinct mammoth, this is the (mostly) true story of how a collection of prehistoric creatures came to be on sale at a natural history auction in New York in 2007. By tracing how and when these fossils were unearthed, *Mammoth* leads us on a funny and fascinating journey from the Pleistocene epoch to 19th-century America and beyond, revealing how ideas about science and religion have shaped our world. With our planet on the brink of calamitous climate change, *Mammoth* scrutinises humanity's role in the destruction of the natural world while also offering a message of hope.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### The Future is Yours

#### Frey, Dan

If you had the chance to look one year into the future, would you? For Ben Boyce and Adhi Chaudry, the answer is unequivocally yes. And they're betting everything that you'll say yes, too. Welcome to The Future: a computer that connects to the internet one year from now, so you can see who you'll be dating, where you'll be working, even whether or not you'll be alive in the year to come. By forming a start up to deliver this revolutionary technology to the world, Ben and Adhi have made their wildest, most impossible dream a reality.

Once Silicon Valley outsiders, they're now its hottest commodity. The device can predict everything perfectly – from stock market spikes and sports scores to political scandals and corporate takeovers – allowing them to chase down success and fame while staying one step ahead of the competition. But the future their device foretells is not the bright one they imagined. Ambition. Greed. Jealousy. And, perhaps, an apocalypse. The question is... can they stop it? Told through emails, texts, transcripts, and blog posts.

SF thriller TP \$37.95

### Exposure

#### Greenberg, Louis

In an alternate Britain, an immersive theatre like no other unravels a mystery from beyond the grave. In a Britain akin to this one, Vincent Rice falls off a ladder, literally at Petra Orff's feet. They introduce themselves, and immigrant Petra senses a kindred spirit in Vincent's complex sense of home. He offers to take her to Metamuse, an alternative theatre experience like no other that he won tickets to in a competition he doesn't remember entering. The first show leaves them besotted with each other; the second is far more disturbing. Inexplicable occurrences pile on top of one another, all connected to the mysterious Metamuse. Only Petra can see the web of sinister coincidences surrounding them both and, with injustices both past and present weighing on her mind, she begins to wonder if Metamuse is more than just a show... Perfect for fans of *Black Mirror*.

Horror PBK \$19.99

### Pandora's Jar

Women in the Greek Myths

#### Haynes, Natalie

The tellers of Greek myths – historically men – have routinely sidelined the female characters. When they do take a larger role, women are often portrayed as monstrous, vengeful or just plain evil – like Pandora, the woman of eternal scorn and damnation whose curiosity is tasked with causing all the world's suffering and wickedness when she opened that forbidden box. But, as Natalie Haynes reveals, in ancient Greek myths there was no box. It was a jar... which is far more likely to tip over. In *Pandora's Jar*, the broadcaster, writer, stand-up comedian, and passionate classicist turns the tables, putting the women of the Greek myths on an equal footing with the men. With wit, humour, and savvy, Haynes revolutionises our understanding of epic poems, stories, and plays, resurrecting them from a woman's perspective and tracing the origins of their mythic female characters. She looks at women such as Jocasta, Oedipus' mother-turned-lover-and-wife (turned Freudian sticking point), at once the cleverest person in the story and yet often unnoticed. She considers Helen of Troy, whose marriage to Paris 'caused' the Trojan war – a somewhat uneven response to her decision to leave her husband for another man. She demonstrates how the vilified Medea was like an ancient Beyonce – getting her revenge on the man who hurt and betrayed her, if by extreme measures. And she turns her eye to Medusa, the original monstered woman, whose stare turned men to stone, but who wasn't always a monster, and had her hair turned to snakes as punishment for being raped. *Pandora's Jar*

brings nuance and care to the millennia-old myths and legends and asks the question: Why are we so quick to villainise these women in the first place – and so eager to accept the stories we've been told?

Mythology reference PBK \$19.99

### Weird World War IV

anthology

#### Hazlett, Sean Patrick (editor)

What if there were a war after Armageddon? How would the survivors emerging from World War III's radioactive slag heaps fight in this conflict? Would they wage it with sticks and stones... and sorcery? Or would they use more refined weapons, elevating lawfare to an art and unleashing bureaucratic nightmares worse than death? Would they struggle against themselves or inter-dimensional invaders? What horrors from the desolate darkness might slither into the light? Wipe away the ashes of civilisation and peer into a pit of atomic glass to witness the haunting visions of World War IV from today's greatest minds in science fiction, fantasy, and horror.

Military sf TP \$35.95

### The Embroidered Book

#### Heartfield, Kate

*'Power is not something you are given. Power is something you take. When you are a woman, it is a little more difficult, that's all.'* 1768. Charlotte, daughter of the Habsburg Empress, arrives in Naples to marry a man she has never met. Her sister Antoine is sent to France; and, in the mirrored corridors of Versailles, they rename her Marie Antoinette. The sisters are alone, but they are not powerless. When they were only children, they discovered a book of spells – spells that work, with dark and unpredictable consequences. In a time of vicious court politics, of discovery and dizzying change, they use the book to take control of their lives. But every spell requires a sacrifice. And as love between the sisters turns to rivalry, they will send Europe spiralling into revolution.

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

### Our Lady of

#### Mysterious Ailments

Edinburgh Nights 02

#### Huchu, T L

Some secrets are meant to stay buried... When Ropa Moyo discovered an occult underground library, she expected great things. She's really into Edinburgh's secret societies – but turns out they are less into her. So instead of getting paid to work magic, she's had to accept a crummy unpaid internship. And her with bills to pay and a pet fox to feed. Then her friend Priya offers her a job on the side. Priya works at Our Lady of Mysterious Maladies, a very specialised hospital, where a new illness is resisting magical and medical remedies alike. The first patient was a teenage boy, Max Wu, and his healers are baffled. If Ropa can solve the case, she might earn as she learns – and impress her mentor, Sir Callander. Her sleuthing will lead her to a lost fortune, an avenging spirit and a secret buried deep in Scotland's past. But how are they connected? Lives are at stake and Ropa is running out of time. The second spellbinding book in the Edinburgh Nights series, following *The Library of the Dead* (PBK, \$19.99).

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

### The Library of the Dead

Edinburgh Nights 01

#### Huchu, T L

When ghosts talk, she will listen... Ropa dropped out of school to become a ghostalker – and she now speaks to Edinburgh's dead, carrying messages to the living. A girl's gotta earn a living, and it seems harmless enough. Until, that is, the dead whisper that someone's bewitching children – leaving them husks, empty of joy and life. It's on Ropa's patch, so she feels honour bound to investigate. But what she learns will change her world. She'll dice with death (not part of her life plan...) as she calls on Zimbabwean magic and Scottish pragmatism to hunt down clues. For Edinburgh hides a wealth of secrets. And in the process, she discovers an occult library and some unexpected allies. Yet, as shadows lengthen, will the hunter become the hunted? 'A fast-moving and entertaining tale, beautifully written' – *Ben Aaronovitch*.

Urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Klara and the Sun

#### Ishiguro, Kazuo

From her place in the store, Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, watches carefully the behaviour of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass in the street outside. She remains hopeful a customer will soon choose her, but when the possibility emerges that her circumstances may change for ever, Klara is warned not to invest too much in the promises of humans. Ishiguro looks at our rapidly changing world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator to explore a fundamental question: what does it mean to love?

Artificial intelligence PBK \$19.99

### Moon Witch, Spider King

Dark Star trilogy 02

#### James, Marlon

Sogolon the Moon Witch proved a worthy adversary to Tracker as they clashed across a mythical African landscape in search of a mysterious boy who disappeared. Sogolon now takes centre stage and gives her own account of what happened to the boy, and how she plotted and fought, triumphed and failed as she looked for him. It's also the story of a century-long feud – seen through the eyes of a 177-year-old witch – that Sogolon had with the Aesi, chancellor to the king. It is said that Aesi works so closely with the king that together they are like the eight limbs of one spider. Aesi's power is considerable – and deadly. It takes brains and courage to challenge him, which Sogolon does for reasons of her own. Both a brilliant narrative device, as well as a fascinating battle between different versions of empire, *Moon Witch, Spider King* delves into Sogolon's world, as she fights to tell her own story. Part adventure tale, part chronicle of an indomitable woman who bows to no man, it is a fascinating novel that explores power, personality, and the places where they overlap. The sequel to the spectacular *Black Leopard, Red Wolf* (PBK, \$22.99) from the Man Booker Prize-winning author.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

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Joseph Bridgeman 03

#### Jones, Nick

Unwitting time traveller Joseph Bridgeman is adjusting to life in the present and wondering if his travelling days are behind him. But when he's contacted by the Continuum, an organised group of time travellers based in the future, he learns his career is just getting started. The Continuum needs Joe's help. One of their operatives is missing, last seen in 19th-century Paris, and they believe Joe's ability to see the past might be the only way to find him. Teamed up with Gabrielle Green, an acerbic, wisecracking traveller, Joe heads back to 1873 on his most dangerous mission yet, one that will take him deep inside a burning opera house. But how will Joe succeed when his new companion clearly hates his guts, the missing traveller disappears the second anyone sets eyes on him, and a familiar foe threatens to trap them in the past for good? With help on hand from his best friend, Vinny, and mysterious clues hidden in his sister Amy's paintings, Joe must hone his gift, develop new skills, and figure out a way to complete his mission before the blazing inferno comes crashing down around them all.

Science fiction HC \$62.95

### The Seventh Queen

Warrior Witch duology 02

#### Kelly, Greta

The Empire of Vishir has lost its ruler, and the fight to save Seravesh from the Roven Empire is looking bleak. Moreover, Askia has been captured by power-hungry Emperor Radovan, who plans on making her his wife simply so he can take her magic as his own, killing her in the process. Aware of his ex-wives' fates, Askia must find a means of avoiding this doom, not only for the sake of Seravesh, but now for Vishir as well. She must put both nations first and remember Ozura's advice: you must play the game in order to survive. Askia was born a soldier, but now it's time to become a spy. But it's hard to play a game where the only person who knows the rules wants to kill her. And time is a factor. The jewel Radovan has put around her neck will pull her power from her in thirty days. Worse, Vishir might not even have that long, as the two heirs to the throne are on the verge of civil war. Without any hope for help from the south, without any access to her magic, alone in a hostile land, Askia is no closer to freeing her people than she was when she fled to Vishir. In the clutches of a madman, the only thing she's close to is death. Yet, she'd trade her life for a chance to save Seravesh. The problem: she may not have that choice. The sequel to *The Frozen Crown* (TP, \$29.99).

Military fantasy HC \$49.99

### I'm Waiting For You

collection

#### Kim, Bo-Young

A stunning collection of short fiction by one of South Korea's most treasured writers, available in English for the first time. In the title story, an engaged couple working in distant corners of the galaxy plan to arrive on Earth simultaneously and walk down the aisle together. But small incidents wreak havoc on their vast journeys, pushing the date of their wedding far into the future. As centuries pass on Earth and the land and

climate change, one thing is constant: the desire of the lovers to be together. Through two pairs of interlinked stories, Kim explores the driving forces of humanity – love, hope, creation, destruction, and the very meaning of existence. 'Her fiction is a breathtaking piece of a cinematic art... powerful and graceful' – *Bong Joon-ho*, Oscar-winning director of *Parasite*.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### Legends of the Dragonrealm omnibus

#### Knaak, Richard A

An omnibus of the first three novels in the Dragonrealm series – collecting *Firedrake*, *Icedragon*, and *Wolfhelm*.

*Firedrake*: In the ultimate war between humans and fiery shapeshifting beings, Duke Toma has unleashed every conceivable evil upon the world of the Dragon Kings.

Only one dares to challenge him: Cabe Bedlam, a youth with a magical sword that promises its bearer total mastery over man and beast, alike.

*Icedragon*: Pitting his magic sword against the Dragon Kings' glittering scaled armour, young Cabe Bedlam drove the shapeshifters back to their origins. But from the Northern Wastes, the merciless Ice Dragon implements a lethal scheme to sweep mankind into oblivion. Now, Cabe must embark on a perilous journey toward epic confrontation.

*Wolfhelm*: The Death of the Dragon emperor leaves both the Dragonrealms and human kingdom in ruins. Tomorrow's hope – the Emperor's hatchlings – live, protected by the human warrior Cabe Bedlam. But the future teeters on the brink of disaster, and only Cabe and his good friend, the Gryohon, can save the dragons from losing their magic forever.

Fantasy (reissue) TP \$32.99

### The Damage Done

#### Landweber, Michael

Imagine a world devoid of violence – a world where fists can't hit, guns don't kill, and bombs can't destroy. In this tantalising novel of possibility, this has – suddenly and inexplicably – become our new reality. The US president must find a new way to wage war. The Pope ponders whether the Commandment 'Thou Shalt Not Kill' is still relevant. A dictator takes his own life after realising that the violence he used to control his people is no longer an option. In the first days after the change, seven people who have experienced violence struggle to adapt to this radical new paradigm: Dab, a bullied middle schooler; Marcus, a high school student whose brother is the last victim of gun violence in America; Ann, a social worker stuck in an abusive marriage; Richard, a professor whose past makes him expect the worst in the present; Gabriela, who is making a dangerous border crossing into the US; the Empty Shell, a dissident writer waiting to be tortured in a notorious prison; and Julian, a white supremacist plotting a horrific massacre. As their fates intertwine, the promise and perils of this new world begin to take shape. Although violence is no longer possible, that doesn't mean that some among us won't keep trying. Mindless cruelty is still alive and well – and those bent on destruction will seek the most deviating means to achieve it.

SF thriller HC \$46.99

### The Thousand Eyes

Serpent Gates 02

#### Larkwood, A K

Could you sacrifice your dreams to escape a nightmare? Csorwe, Shuthmili, and Tal survey abandoned Echentyr worlds to make a living. The empire's ruins seem harmless but fascinating. Yet disaster strikes when they stumble upon ancient magic during a routine expedition. This revives a warrior who'd slept for an age, reigniting a conflict thousands of years old. And the soldier binds Csorwe to her cause. Shuthmili is desperate to protect the woman she loves. However, as events escalate, she's torn. Can she help Csorwe by clinging to her own humanity or by embracing her eldritch powers? Tal heads home, but his peace is shattered when a magical catastrophe hits his city. The wizard Sethennai is missing and Tal can't face seeking his former lover to ask for help. So, he flees – but there's no escaping the future. For throughout the Echo Maze's linked worlds, fragments of an undead goddess are waking. Soon, all must choose a side. The epic fantasy sequel to *The Unspoken Name* (PBK, \$18.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Jade Legacy

Green Bone Saga 03

#### Lee, Fonda

Jade, the mysterious and magical substance once exclusive to the Green Bone warriors of Kekon, is now coveted throughout the world. Everyone wants access to the supernatural abilities it provides, from traditional forces such as governments, mercenaries, and criminal kingpins, to modern players, including doctors, athletes, and movie studios. As the struggle over the control of jade grows ever larger and more deadly, the Kaul family, and the ancient ways of the Kekonese Green Bones, will never be the same. Battered by war and tragedy, the Kauls are plagued by resentments and old wounds as their adversaries are on the ascent and their country is riven by dangerous factions and foreign interference. The clan must discern allies from enemies, set aside bloody rivalries, and make terrible sacrifices... but even the unbreakable bonds of blood and loyalty may not be enough to ensure the survival of the Green Bone clans and the nation they are sworn to protect. The page-turning conclusion to the Green Bone Saga – which begins with *Jade City* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Her Fierce Creatures

#### Lewis, Maria

Four women. One world changed forever. *It has all come down to this.* Werewolf Tommi Grayson always knew she was a weapon, she just needed the right target. Never in a million years did she expect that target to be the current leaders of the supernatural world. Sprite Dreckly Jones has spent the entirety of her 140 years hiding, in one form or another. Until now. Having seen enough wars, she should be fleeing from the action. Yet some battles are unavoidable. Some are destined. Corvossier 'Casper' von Klitzing knew this day was coming. Or, rather, the ghost of her dead brother Creeper kept telling her so. Repeatedly. The supernatural world is in outright revolt

against their government, the Treize, and Casper's gift to rally the living and the dead is more vital than ever. Banshee Sadie Burke's bravery was the catalyst for this chaos – and for the unique chance the supernatural world now has to change the balance of power forever. Witches and werewolves working together. Sprites teaming up with shifters. Demons and goblins in cahoots. The human world on the precipice of learning they're not alone. Yet, Sadie's power came at a cost, three of them in fact, with the future hinging on the birth of her unborn triplets. The four women and their collective of monsters, misanthropes, and misfits have no choice but to risk everything to save everything, with their personal prejudices piling in comparison to a possibility... the possibility of a better world for themselves and every being that comes after.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### The Impossible Us

#### Lotz, Sarah

Bee thinks she has everything: a successful business repurposing wedding dresses, and friends who love and support her. She's given up on finding love, but that's fine. There's always Tinder. Nick thinks he has nothing: his writing career has stalled after early promise and his marriage is on the rocks, but that's fine. There's always gin. So, when one of Nick's emails, a viciously funny screed intended for a non-paying client, accidentally pings into Bee's inbox, they decide to keep the conversation going. After all, they never have to meet. But the more they get to know each other, the more Bee and Nick realise they want to. They both notice strange pop culture or political references that crop up in their correspondence, but nothing odd enough to stop Bee and Nick for falling hard for each other. But when their efforts to meet in real life fail spectacularly, Bee and Nick discover that they're actually living in near-identical but parallel worlds. With a universe between them, Bee and Nick will discover how far they'll go to beat impossible odds.

Fantasy TP \$37.95

### Spelunking Through Hell:

#### a Visitor's Guide to the Underworld

Incryptid 11

#### McGuire, Seanan

It's been 50 years since the crossroads caused the disappearance of Thomas Price, and his wife, Alice, has been trying to find him and bring him home ever since, despite the increasing probability that he's no longer alive for her to find. Now that the crossroads have been destroyed, she's redoubling her efforts. It's time to bring him home, dead or alive. Preferably alive, of course, but she's tired, and at this point, she's not that picky. It's a pan-dimensional crash course in chaos, as Alice tries to find the rabbit hole, she's been missing for all these decades – the one that will take her to the man she loves. Who are her allies? Who are her enemies? And if she manages to find him, will he even remember her, at this point? It's a lot for one cryptozoologist to handle. The next in the fabulous Incryptid series. McGuire is always recommended!

Urban fantasy TP \$37.95

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### Two-Faced Queen

Mercenary Kings 02

#### Martell, Nick

Michael Kingman thought he was going to die by the executioner's axe, forever labelled as a traitor. Still alive, and under the protection of the Orbis Mercenary company, Michael and his family and friends are deeply involved in the seemingly rival conspiracies that are tearing The Hollows apart. With the death of the King, both the Corrupt Prince and his sister Serena are vying for the throne, while the Rebel Emperor is spreading lies amongst the people, and all of them want Michael dead. This is a story of betrayal, murder, and rebellion, and in this direct sequel to the debut novel *The Kingdom of Liars* (PBK, \$22.99), also some hope for justice. Perfect for fans of Brandon Sanderson and Brent Weeks.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Tripping Arcadia:

#### a Gothic Novel

#### Mayquist, Kit

Med school dropout Lena is desperate for a job, any job, to help her parents, who are approaching bankruptcy after her father was injured and laid off nearly simultaneously. So, when she is offered a position, against all odds, working for one of Boston's most elite families, the illustrious and secretive Verdeaus, she knows she must accept it – no matter how bizarre the interview or how vague the job description. By day, she is assistant to the family doctor and his charge, Jonathan, the sickly, poetic, drunken heir to the family empire, who is as difficult as his illness is mysterious. By night, Lena discovers the more sinister side of the family, as she works overtime at their lavish parties, helping to hide their self-destructive tendencies... and trying not to fall for Jonathan's alluring sister, Audrey. But when she stumbles upon the knowledge that the Verdeau patriarch is the one responsible for the ruin of her own family, Lena vows to get revenge – a poison-filled quest that leads her further into this hedonistic world than she ever bargained for, forcing her to decide how much – and who – she's willing to sacrifice for payback.

Gothic thriller HC \$44.99

### Drowning Practice

#### Meginnis, Mike

One night, everyone on Earth has the same dream – a dream of being guided to a watery death by a loved one on 1 November. When they wake up, most people agree: after Halloween, the world will end. In the wake of this haunting dream, and saddled with its uncertainty, Lyd and her daughter, Mott, navigate a changed world, wrestling with how to make choices when you really don't know what comes next. Embarking on a quixotic road trip filled with a collection of unexpected and memorable characters, Lyd and Mott are determined to live out what could be their final months as fully as possible. But how can Lyd protect Mott and help her achieve her ambitions in a world where inhibitions, desires, and motivations have become unpredictable, and where Mott's dangerous and conniving father has his own ideas about how his estranged family should spend their last days?

Dystopia HC \$57.95

### Radio Life

#### Miller, Derek B

When Lilly was first Chief Engineer at The Commonwealth, nearly 50 years ago, the Central Archive wasn't yet the greatest repository of knowledge in the known world, protected by scribes copying every piece of found material – books, maps, even scraps of paper – and disseminating them by Archive Runners to hidden offsite locations for safe keeping. Back then, there was no Order of Silence to create and maintain secret routes deep into the sand-covered towers of the Old World or into the northern forests beyond Sea Glass Lake. Back then, the world was still quiet, because Lilly hadn't yet found the Harrington Box. But times change. Recently, the Keepers have started gathering to the east of Yellow Ridge – thousands upon thousands of them – and every one of them determined to burn the Central Archives to the ground, no matter the cost, possessed by an irrational fear that bringing back the ancient knowledge will destroy the world all over again. To prevent that, they will do anything. Fourteen days ago, the Keepers chased 16-year-old Archive Runner Elimisha into a forbidden Old World Tower and brought the entire thing down on her. Instead of being killed, though, she slipped into an ancient unmapped bomb shelter where she has discovered a cache of food and fresh water, a two-way radio like the one Lilly's been working on for years... and something else. Something that calls itself 'the internet'...

SF thriller PBK \$22.99

### Great Witch of Brittany

#### Morgan, Louisa

*Brittany, 1741*: There hasn't been a witch born in the Orchiere clan for generations. According to the elders, that line is dead, leaving the clan vulnerable to persecution. Ursule Orchiere has been raised on stories of the great witches of the past. But the only magic she knows are the false spells her mother weaves over the women who visit their fortune-telling tent. All of that changes, when Ursule comes of age and a spark of power flares to life. Thrilled to be chosen, she has no idea how magic will twist and shape her future. Guided by the whispers of her ancestors and an ancient grimoire, Ursule is destined to walk the same path as the great witches of old. But danger hovers over her. Will she be able to escape the bloodlust of the mob or the flames of the pyre? A captivating prequel to *A Secret History of Witches* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

### A Swift and Savage Tide

Captain Kit Brightling 02

#### Neill, Chloe

Captain Kit Brightling is Aligned to the magic of the sea, which makes her an invaluable asset to the Saxon Isles and its monarch, Queen Charlotte. The Isles and its allies will need every advantage they can get: Gerard Rousseau, the former Gallic emperor and scourge of the Continent, has escaped his island prison to renew his quest for control of the Continent. Gerard has no qualms about using dangerous magic to support his ambitions, so Kit and the crew of her ship, the *Diana*, are the natural choice to find him – and help stop him. But then Kit's

path unexpectedly crosses with that of the dashing and handsome Rian Grant, Viscount Queenscliffe, who's working undercover on the Continent in his own efforts to stop Gerard. And he's not the only person Kit is surprised to see. An old enemy has arisen, and the power he'll wield on Gerard's behalf is beautiful and terrible. Sparks will fly and sails will flutter as Kit and crew are cast into the seas of adventure to fight for queen and country. A follow-up to *The Bright and Breaking Sea* (TP, \$29.99).

Historical fantasy TP \$29.99

### Five Tribes

Course of Empire series

#### Nelson, Brian A

The year is 2026. The US military has a new weapon in its arsenal: an intelligent life-form so versatile that it can, not only create a new generation of weapons, but can become a weapon itself – entering a host's body to manipulate (or kill) them. Admiral James Curtiss is tasked with deploying the new weapons, first in Cuba, then Venezuela, then China. But the news of the military's breakthrough has gotten out and there are menacing forces trying to steal it. What's more, a single man has somehow harnessed the new power and has become something more than human – godlike and seemingly indestructible. He is known only as the Inventor, and he has a warning for humanity: abandon the new technology or the human race will face extinction. It's a countdown to doomsday. But humanity's final fate may be decided in the most unlikely of places: among the primitive tribes of the Kalahari Desert where a top-secret military mission has just taken an unexpected turn.

Military sf TP \$43.95

### A History of What Comes Next

Take Them to the Stars 01

#### Neuvel, Sylvain

*1945*. Mia, a 19-year-old girl, is sent to Germany by the OSS. Her mission: stop the Russians getting hold of Germany's – and the world's – foremost rocket scientist, Wernher von Braun. But Mia is no ordinary girl. She only looks human. And there's an even darker conflict on Earth. A secret struggle, thousands of years old. It has engulfed and taken generations of Mia's people. Can the firing of rockets finally bring about its end? Can Mia, as the last of her kind, bring the stars down to earth? And if she succeeds, what will happen to us? We've had great customer feedback on this new series. Recommended.

Alternate history PBK \$19.99

### Until the Last of Me

Take Them to the Stars 02

#### Neuvel, Sylvain

*The First Rule is the most important: 'Always run, never fight.'* Over 100 generations, Mia's family has shaped Earth's history to push humanity to the stars, making brutal, wrenching choices along the way. And, now, Mia finds herself about to help launch the first people into space. She can't take them to the stars, not quite yet. But with her adversary almost upon her, and with the future of the planet at stake, it's becoming clearer that obeying the First Rule is no longer an

option. For the first time since her line's first generation, Mia will have to choose to stand her ground, knowing that the overwhelming odds mean that she risks not only her bloodline, but also the future of the human race. The sequel to the wonderful *A History of What Comes Next* (PBK, \$19.99).

Alternate history TP \$32.99

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#### O'Leary, Patrick

Adam Pagnucco is just trying to help out a stranger who's down and out. He has no idea that man is Winston Koop, his exceptionally talented, ex-best friend from college. Koop and Nuke had been inseparable, but then life happened. Nuke finally quit drinking, and Koop – well, Koop disappeared into such a massive conspiracy that the government faked UFOs just to cover it up. After removing the memories of hundreds of people, Koop is still hiding something crucial from Nuke. Time is running out for the real inhabitants of Area 51. Can Nuke find a way to forgive, but not forget? Sure to please fans of smart paranormal nostalgia, such as the *X-Files*, *Old Man's War*, and *Stranger Things*.

Paranormal TP \$29.99

### Forget Me Not

#### Oliva, Alexandra

As a child, Linda Russell was left to raise herself in a 20-acre walled-off property in rural Washington. The woods were her home, and for twelve years she lived oblivious to a stark and terrible truth: Her mother had birthed her only to replace another daughter who died in a tragic accident years before. Then one day Linda witnesses something she wasn't meant to see. Terrified and alone, she climbs the wall and abandons her home, but her escape becomes a different kind of trap when she is thrust into the modern world – a world for which she is not only entirely unprepared, but which is unprepared to accept her. Years later, Linda is living in bustling Seattle, but she has never felt more alone. With social media more ubiquitous than ever before, she is hounded by the society she is now forced to inhabit. When Linda meets a fascinating new neighbour who might just be a potential friend, and who shows her the possibility of a new escape through virtual reality, she begins to allow herself to hope for more by being sucked into a world that feels safe, but isn't real. Then an unexplained fire at her infamous childhood home jolts Linda back to reality. She must return to the property for the first time since she was a girl, unleashing a chain of events that will not only endanger her life but challenge her understanding of family, memory, and the world, itself.

SF thriller TP \$37.95

### Bluebird

#### Pierlot, Ciel

Three factions vie for control of the galaxy. Rig, a gunslinging, thieving rebel with a cause, doesn't give a damn about them and she hasn't looked back since abandoning her faction three years ago. That is, until her former faction sends her a message: return what she stole from them, or they'll kill her twin sister. Rig embarks on a journey across the galaxy to save her sister – but for once

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she's not alone. She has help from her network of resistance contacts, her taser-wielding librarian girlfriend, and a mysterious bounty hunter. If Rig fails and her former faction finds what she stole from them, trillions of lives will be lost – including her sister's. But if she succeeds, she might just pull the whole damn faction system down around their ears. Either way, she's going to do it with panache and pizzazz.

Science fiction TP \$27.99

### **The Wolf and the Woodsman** **Reid, Ava**

In her forest-veiled pagan village, Évike is the only woman without power, making her an outcast clearly abandoned by the gods. The villagers blame her corrupted bloodline – her father was a Yehuli man, one of the much-loathed servants of the fanatical king. When soldiers arrive from the Holy Order of Woodsmen to claim a pagan girl for the king's blood sacrifice, Évike is betrayed by her fellow villagers and surrendered. But when monsters attack the Woodsmen and their captive en route, slaughtering everyone but Évike and the cold, one-eyed captain, they have no choice but to rely on each other. Except he's no ordinary Woodsman – he's the disgraced prince, Gáspár Bárány, whose father needs pagan magic to consolidate his power. Gáspár fears that his cruelly zealous brother plans to seize the throne and instigate a violent reign that would damn the pagans and the Yehuli alike. As the son of a reviled foreign queen, Gáspár understands what it's like to be an outcast, and he and Évike make a tenuous pact to stop his brother. As their mission takes them from the bitter northern tundra to the smog-choked capital, their mutual loathing slowly turns to affection, bound by a shared history of alienation and oppression. However, trust can easily turn to betrayal, and as Évike reconnects with her estranged father and discovers her own hidden magic, she and Gáspár need to decide whose side they're on, and what they're willing to give up for a nation that never cared for them at all.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### **The Last Wish**

Witcher series, illustrated edition  
**Sapkowski, Andrzej**  
Introducing Geraht the Witcher – revered and hated – who holds the line against the monsters plaguing humanity in the bestselling series that inspired the Witcher video games and a major Netflix show. Geraht of Rivia is a Witcher, a man whose magic powers and lifelong training have made him a brilliant fighter and a merciless assassin. Yet, he is no ordinary killer: he hunts the vile fiends that ravage the land and attack the innocent. But not everything, monstrous looking, is evil; not everything, fair, is good... and, in every fairy tale, there is a grain of truth.

Fantasy HC \$49.99

### **League of Liars** **Schoite, Astrid**

Four teenagers charged with the illegal use of magic get together to devise the ultimate jailbreak. *Shadows are dangerous. Edem is illegal. And liars are cowards.* Ever since

his mother was killed in a freak edem-based crime, 17-year-old Cayder Broduck has had one goal: to have illegal users of extra-dimensional magic brought to justice. Cayder dreams of becoming a prosecutor and, when he secretly accepts an apprenticeship under the city's best public defender, he plans to learn every legal trick he can to one day dismantle defence arguments. Then he'll finally be able to make sure justice is served. But when he meets all three criminals he is to defend, he finds they are teenagers, like him, and their stories are... complicated, like his. As their cases unfold, Cayder must race to separate the truth from the lies and uncover what really happened, the night his mother died.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### **Gallant** **Schwab, V E**

Olivia Prior has grown up in Merilance School for Girls, and all she has of her past is her mother's journal – which seems to unravel into madness. Then, a letter invites Olivia to come home – to Gallant. Yet when Olivia arrives, no one is expecting her. But Olivia is not about to leave the first place that feels like home, it doesn't matter if her cousin Matthew is hostile or if she sees half-formed ghouls haunting the hallways. Olivia knows that Gallant is hiding secrets, and she is determined to uncover them. When she crosses a ruined wall at just the right moment, Olivia finds herself in a place that is Gallant – but not. The manor is crumbling, the ghouls are solid, and a mysterious figure rules over all. Now, Olivia sees what has unraveled generations of her family, and where her father may have come from. Olivia has always wanted to belong somewhere, but will she take her place as a Prior, protecting our world against the Master of the House? Or will she take her place beside him? *The Secret Garden* meets *Crimson Peak* in this novel perfect for readers of Holly Black and Neil Gaiman.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### **Last Guard**

Psy-Changeling Trinity 05

**Singh, Nalini**  
Termed merciless by some, and a robotic sociopath by others, Payal Rao is the perfect Psy: cardinal telekinetic, CEO of a major conglomerate, beautiful – and emotionless. For Canto Mercant, family and loyalty are everything. A cardinal telepath deemed 'imperfect' by his race due to a spinal injury, Canto cares for the opinions of very few – and ruthlessly protects those he claims as his own. Head of intel of the influential Mercant family, he prefers to remain a shadow in the Net, unknown and unseen. But Canto is also an Anchor, part of a secretive designation whose task it is to stabilise the PsyNet.

Now that critical psychic network is dying, threatening to collapse and kill the entire Psy race with it. To save those he loves, Canto needs the help of a woman bound to him by a dark past neither has been able to forget. A woman who is the most powerful Anchor of them all: Payal Rao. Neither is ready for the violent inferno about to ignite in the PsyNet... or the passionate madness that threatens to destroy them both.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### **The Raven Spell** **Smith, Luanne G**

After a nearly fatal blow to the skull, traumatised private detective Ian Cameron is found dazed and confused on a muddy riverbank in Victorian London. Among his effects: a bloodstained business card bearing the name of a master wizard and a curious pocket watch that doesn't seem to tell time. To retrieve his lost memories, Ian demands answers from Edwina and Mary Blackwood, sister witches with a murky past. But as their secret is slowly unveiled, a dangerous mystery emerges on the darkened streets of London. To help piece together Ian's lost time, he and Edwina embark on a journey that will take them from the river foreshore to an East End music hall, and on to a safe house for witches in need of sanctuary from angry mortals. The clues they find suggest a link between a series of gruesome murders, a missing person's case, and a dreadful suspicion that threatens to tear apart the bonds of sisterhood. As the investigation deepens, could Ian and Edwina be the next to die?

Gaslamp fantasy PBK \$22.99

### **Silence of the Wolf**

Silver Town Wolf 04

#### **Spear, Terry**

Elizabeth Wildwood has been a loner all her life, ostracised because of her half-wolf, half-coyote blood. When she ventures into grey wolf territory on a dangerous quest, she runs right into the sexiest shifter she's ever met. And for the first time, Elizabeth begins to wish that she could be part of a family. When this unusual shifter female comes into his pack's territory, it's Tom Silver's job to protect her and show her the way of the wolf pack – if only she would let him. A reissue.

Paranormal romance (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### **Escape from Yokai Land**

Laundry Files novella

#### **Stross, Charles**

Bob's been assigned to work with the Miyamoto Group, checking the wards that lock down Japan's warded sites – a task previously handled by his predecessor Dr Angleton, the Eater of Souls. This mostly involves policing yokai: traditional magical beings, increasingly grown more annoying and energetic. But then Bob's simple trip turns into a deadly confrontation with the ultimate yokai. It's massively powerful. It's pink. And it says, *Hello*. Regular readers might have noticed Bob Howard's absence from *The Nightmare Stacks* (PBK, \$24.99). This 96pp novella explains what he was doing. *We expect to be able to offer you this same edition (\$39.99) from the publisher's Australian supplier in June.*

Urban fantasy HC \$43.95

### **Justice of Kings**

Empire of Wolf 01

#### **Swan, Richard**

The Empire of the Wolf simmers with unrest. Rebels, heretics, and powerful patricians all challenge the power of the imperial throne. Only the Order of Justices stands in the way of chaos. Sir Konrad Vonvalt is the most feared Justice of all, upholding the law by way of his sharp mind, arcane powers, and skill as a swordsman. In this he is aided by Helena Sedanka, his clerk and protegee, orphaned by

the wars that forged the empire. When the pair investigate the murder of a provincial aristocrat, they unearth a conspiracy that stretches to the very top of imperial society. As the stakes rise and become ever more personal, Vonvalt must make a choice: will he abandon the laws he's sworn to uphold in order to protect the empire? *The Justice of Kings* is equal parts heroic fantasy and murder mystery... Richard Swan's sophisticated take on the fantasy genre will leave readers hungry for more' – *Sebastien de Castell*. The first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### **A Sky Beyond the Storm**

Ember Quartet 04

#### **Tahir, Sabaa**

The long-imprisoned jinn are on the attack, wreaking bloody havoc in villages and cities alike. But for the Nightbringer, vengeance on his human foes is just the beginning. At his side, Commandant Keris Veturia declares herself Empress, and calls for the heads of any, and all, who defy her rule. At the top of the list? The Blood Shrike and her remaining family. Laia of Serra, now allied with the Blood Shrike, struggles to recover from the loss of the two people most important to her. Determined to stop the approaching apocalypse, she throws herself into the destruction of the Nightbringer. In the process, she awakens an ancient power that could lead her to victory – or to an unimaginable doom. And deep in the Waiting Place, the Soul Catcher seeks only to forget the life – and love – he left behind. Yet doing so means ignoring the trail of murder left by the Nightbringer and his jinn. To uphold his oath and protect the human world from the supernatural, the Soul Catcher must look beyond the borders of his own land. He must take on a mission that could save – or destroy – all that he knows. The Ember Quartet begins with *An Ember in the Ashes* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### **Spidertouch**

Thomson, Alex

When he was a boy, Razvan trained as a translator for the hated Keda, the mute enslavers of his city, Val Kedic. They are a cruel race who are quick to anger. They keep a tight hold on the citizens of Val Kedic by forcing their children to be sent to work in the dangerous mines of the city from the age of eleven until eighteen. By learning fingerspeak – the Keda's touch language – Razvan was able to avoid such a punishment for himself and live a life outside the harsh climate of the slums. But the same could not be said for his son... Now a man, Razvan has etched out a quiet life for himself as an interpreter for the Keda court. He does not enjoy his work, but keeps his head down to protect his son, held hostage in the Keda's mines. The Keda reward any parental misdemeanours with extra lashings for their children. Now, the city is under siege by a new army who are perhaps even more cruel than their current enslavers. At the same time, a mysterious rebellion force has reached out to Razvan with a plan to utilise the incoming attack to defeat the Keda once and for all. Razvan must decide which side to fight on, who can be trusted, and what truly deserves to be saved.

Fantasy TP \$24.99

# Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy March 2022 (continued)

## Youngbloods

Impostors 04

### Westerfeld, Scott

Frey has spent her life in a family of deceivers, a stand-in for her sister, manipulated at her father's command. Free from them at last, she is finding her own voice – and using it to question everything her family stood for. Tally Youngblood was once the most famous rebel in the world. But for over a decade, she's kept to the shadows, allowing her myth to grow. Now she sees that while the revolution she led destroyed the Pretty regime, it created dangerous new societies. Freedom, she observes, has a way of destroying things. As the world is propelled further into conflict and conspiracy, Frey and Tally join forces – but how will they know who else to trust?

Science fiction

TP

\$26.99

## The Doloriad

### Williams, Missouri

In the wake of a mysterious environmental cataclysm that has wiped out the rest of humankind, the Matriarch, her brother, and the family descended from their incest cling to existence on the edges of a deserted city. The Matriarch, ruling with fear and force, dreams of starting humanity over again, though her children are not so certain. Together the family scavenges supplies and attempts to cultivate the poisoned earth. For entertainment, they watch old VHS tapes of a TV show in which a problem-solving medieval saint faces down a sequence of logical and ethical dilemmas. But one day the Matriarch dreams of another group of survivors and sends away one of her daughters, the legless Dolores, as a marriage

offering. When Dolores returns the next day, her reappearance triggers the breakdown of the Matriarch's fragile order, and the control she wields over their sprawling family begins to weaken.

Dystopia

TP

\$37.95

## Crimson Reign

Blood Heir trilogy 03

### Zhao, Amélie Wen

The Red Tigress, Ana Mikhailov, has returned to Cyrilia, but the country she once called home has fallen under a dark rule. Across the land, the Empress Morganya is tightening her grip on Affinites and non-Affinites alike. Ana dealt a blow to the Empress when she and her allies turned back Morganya's troops, but she couldn't

stop Morganya from gaining possession of a dangerous new weapon with the power to steal Affinities. Ana's forces are scattered, and her alliance with the rebel group, the Red Cloaks, is becoming more frayed by the day. What's worse, she's lost her Affinity to blood and without it, Ana barely knows who she is anymore – or if she has the strength to defeat Morganya. Morganya's reign of terror is close to crushing the nation Ana was born to rule. And now Ana will finally face the sinister empress, but will she survive? Will anyone? And will her Empire welcome her back to the throne, or turn her out to survive on her own. The Affinites and Non-Affinites of Cyrilia will determine Ana's future, if Morganya doesn't kill her first. The Blood Heir trilogy begins with *Blood Heir* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy

TP

\$29.99