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... and many others.

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

Amongst Our Weapons

PC Grant 09

Aaronovitch, Ben

The London Silver Vaults – for well over a century, the largest collection of silver for sale in the world. It has more locks than the Bank of England and more cameras than a paparazzi convention. Not somewhere you can murder someone and vanish without a trace – only that's what happened. The disappearing act, the reports of a blinding flash of light, and memory loss amongst the witnesses all make this a case for Detective Constable Peter Grant and the Special Assessment Unit. Alongside their boss DCI Thomas Nightingale, the SAU find themselves embroiled in a mystery that encompasses London's tangled history, foreign lands and, most terrifying of all, the North! And Peter must solve this case soon... because, back home, his partner Beverley is expecting twins, any day now. But what he doesn't know is that he's about to encounter something – and somebody – that nobody ever expects...

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

Dreams Bigger Than Heartbreak

Unstoppable 02

Anders, Charlie Jane

Rachael Townsend is the first artist ever to leave Earth and journey out into the galaxy – but after an encounter with an alien artefact, she can't make art, at all. Elza Monteiro is determined to be the first human to venture inside the Palace of Scented Tears and compete for the chance to become a princess – except that inside the palace, she finds the last person she ever wanted to see again. Tina Mains is studying at the Royal Space Academy with her friends, but she's not the badass space hero everyone was expecting. Soon, Rachael is journeying into a dark void, Elza is on a deadly spy mission, and Tina is facing an impossible choice that could change all her friends' lives forever. The sequel to *Victories Greater Than Death* (PBK, \$22.99).

YA science fiction PBK \$22.99

Gods and Dragons

Wake the Dragon 03

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.

Fantasy HC \$59.99

Jack Four

Asher, Neal

Created to die – determined to live... Jack Four – one of twenty human clones – has been created to be sold. His purchasers are the alien prador and they only want him for their experimentation program. But there is something different about Jack. No clone should possess the knowledge that's been loaded into his mind. And no normal citizen of humanity's Polity worlds would have this information. The prador's king has been mutated by the Spatterjay virus into a creature even more monstrous than the prador themselves. And his children, the King's Guard, have undergone similar changes. They were infected by the virus during the last humans-versus-prador war, now lapsed into an uneasy truce. But the prador are always looking for new weapons – and their experimentation program might give them the edge they seek. Suzel trades human slaves out of the *Stratogaster* Space Station, re-engineering them to serve the prador. She thinks the rewards are worth the risks, but all that is about to change. The Station was once a zoo, containing monsters from across known space. All the monsters now dwell on the planet below, but they aren't as contained as they seem. And a vengeful clone may be the worst danger of all. This high-octane adventure is set in the same world as Neal Asher's acclaimed Polity universe. It's a thrilling, fast-paced standalone novel, perfect for fans of Alastair Reynolds and Stephen Baxter.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

Atomic Anna

Barenbaum, Rachel

Three brilliant women. Two life-changing mistakes. *One chance to reset the future.* In 1986, renowned nuclear scientist, Anna Berkova, is sleeping in her bed in the Soviet Union when Chernobyl's reactor melts down. It's the exact moment she tears through time – and it's an accident. When she opens her eyes, she's landed in 1992 only to discover Molly, her estranged daughter, shot in the chest. Molly, with her dying breath, begs Anna to go back in time and stop the disaster, to save Molly's daughter Raisa, and put their family's future on a better path. In '60s Philadelphia, Molly is coming of age as an adopted refusenik. Her family is full of secrets and a past they won't share. She finds solace in comic books, drawing her own series, *Atomic Anna*, and she's determined to make it as an artist. When she meets the volatile, charismatic Viktor, their romance sets her life on a very different course. In the '80s, Raisa, is a lonely teen and math prodigy, until a quiet, handsome boy moves in across the street and an odd old woman shows up claiming to be her biological grandmother. As Raisa finds new issues of *Atomic Anna* in unexpected places, she notices each comic

challenges her to solve equations leading to one impossible conclusion: time travel. And she, finally, understands what she has to do. As these remarkable women work together to prevent the greatest nuclear disaster of the 20th century, they grapple with the power their discoveries hold. Just because you can change the past, does it mean you should?
Historical sf HC \$57.95

Dead Silence

Barnes, S A

A ghost ship. A salvage crew. Unspeakable horrors. Claire Kovalik is days away from being unemployed – made obsolete – when her beacon repair crew picks up a strange distress signal. With nothing to lose and no desire to return to Earth, Claire and her team decide to investigate. What they find at the other end of the signal is a shock: the *Aurora*, a famous luxury spaceliner that vanished on its maiden tour of the solar system more than twenty years ago. A salvage claim like this could set Claire and her crew up for life. But a quick trip through the *Aurora* reveals something isn't right. Whispers in the dark. Flickers of movement. Words scrawled in blood. Claire must fight to hold onto her sanity and find out what really happened on the *Aurora*, before she and her crew meet the same ghastly fate.

Ghost ship HC \$49.99

The Councillor

Beaton, E J

When the death of Iron Queen Sarelin Brey fractures the realm of Elira, Lysande Prior, the palace scholar and the queen's closest friend, is appointed Councillor. Publicly, Lysande must choose the next monarch from amongst the city rulers, vying for the throne. Privately, she seeks to discover which ruler murdered the queen, suspecting the use of magic. Resourceful, analytical, and quiet, Lysande appears to embody the motto she was raised with: *everything in its place*. Yet, while she hides her drug addiction from her new associates, she cannot hide her growing interest in power. She becomes locked in a game of strategy with the city rulers – especially the erudite prince Luca Fontaine, who seems to shift between ally and rival. Further from home, an old enemy is stirring: the magic-wielding White Queen is on the move again, and her alliance with a traitor among the royal milieu poses a danger not just to the peace of the realm, but to the survival of everything that Lysande cares about. In a world where the lowborn keep their heads down, Lysande must learn to fight an enemy who wears many guises... even as she wages her own battle between ambition and restraint. We've had some great customer feedback on this debut of a new Australian fantasy voice; it's now in trade paperback!

Fantasy TP \$29.99

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A Desert Torn Asunder

Song of the Shattered Sands 06
Beaulieu, Bradley
The plans of the desert gods are coming to fruition. Meryam, the deposed queen of Qaimir, hopes to raise the buried elder god, Ashael, an event that would bring ruin to the desert. eda and Emre sail for their ancestral home to bring the traitor, Hamid, to justice. To their horror, they discover that the desert tribes have united under Hamid's banner. Their plan? A holy crusade to annihilate Sharakhai, a thing long sought by many in the tribes. In Sharakhai, meanwhile, the blood mage, Davud, examines the strange gateway between worlds, hoping to find a way to close it. And King Ihsan hunts for Meryam, but always finds himself two steps behind. When Meryam raises Ashael, all know the end is near. Ashael means to journey to the land that was denied to him an age ago, no matter the cost to the desert. It now falls to eda and her unlikely assortment of allies to find a way to unite not only the desert tribes and the people of Sharakhai, but the city's invaders as well. Even if they do, stopping Ashael will cost them dearly, perhaps more than all are willing to pay. The sixth and final volume in the acclaimed Song of the Shattered Sands series, which begins with *Twelve Kings* (PBK, \$22.99).
Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Shattered Skies

Cruel Stars 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. This is the UK hardcover edition; the trade paperback (\$32.99) was released in January (we still have stock on hand!).
Space opera HC \$39.99

Small Magic: Short Fiction, 1977–2020

collection
Brooks, Terry
Escape to worlds full of adventure and magic in the first-ever Terry Brooks short-story collection, featuring both new and fan-favourite stories from all three of his major literary worlds: Shannara, Magic Kingdom, and The Word and the Void. Here are heroes fighting new battles and struggling to conquer the ghosts of the past. Here are quests both small and far reaching; heroism both intimate and vast. Here we learn of Garet Jax's childhood, see how Allanon first located Shea Ohmsford, and follow an old wing-rider at the end of his life. Here, we see Knights of the Word fighting demons within and without, and witness Ben Holiday and his daughter each trying to overcome the unique challenges that Landover offers. This collection of eleven tales is a must-have addition to the Terry Brooks canon – a delightful way to spend time with favourite characters, and a wonderful reminder of what makes a Brooks story such a timeless classic.
Speculative fiction TP \$29.99

Prime Directive

Bunn, Davis
Lieutenant Amanda Bostick is ordered to investigate why scientists, on a distant outpost on the planet of Lorian, are being murdered with no alarm raised. In the past 90 days, 16 colonists have been murdered, and nobody thought to report it until now? When a number of scientists are mysteriously killed on an insignificant scientific outpost on the planet of Loria and no alarm is raised, Commander Ricketts of the Galactic Space Arm (GSA) is angered that no one can explain why. Ricketts orders Lieutenant Amanda Bostick along with two armed Guardians, Sergeant Hamoud and Corporal Nasim, to investigate. All three have faced setbacks in their careers and time is against them: the GSA is demanding answers within ten days. But they have no idea what to expect as there are few reports on the planet. Why are the scientists being killed? Is there more to the mission than first appears? Are the sentient Lorians who inhabit the planet more of a threat than the GSA realise?
Military SF TP \$39.95

The Hacienda

Gañas, Isabel
During the overthrow of the Mexican government, Beatriz's father was executed, and her home destroyed. When handsome Don Rodolfo Solórzano proposes, Beatriz ignores the rumours surrounding his first wife's sudden demise, choosing instead to seize the security that his estate in the countryside provides. She will have her own home again, no matter the cost. But Hacienda San Isidro is not the sanctuary she imagined. When Rodolfo returns to work in the capital, visions and voices invade Beatriz's sleep. The weight of invisible eyes follows her every move. Rodolfo's sister, Juana, scoffs at Beatriz's fears – but why does she refuse to enter the house at night? Why does the cook burn copal incense at the edge of the kitchen and mark the doorway with strange symbols? What really happened to the first Doña Solórzano? Beatriz only knows two things for certain: Something is wrong with

the hacienda. And no one there will save her. Desperate for help, she clings to the young priest, Padre Andrés, as an ally. No ordinary priest, Andrés will have to rely on his skills as a witch to fight off the malevolent presence haunting the hacienda and protect the woman for whom he feels a powerful, forbidden attraction. But even he might not be enough to battle the darkness. Far from a refuge, San Isidro may be Beatriz's doom.
Horror HC \$55.00

The Best Science Fiction of the Year: Volume Six

Clarke, Neil (editor)
The best science fiction scrutinises our culture and politics, examines the limits of the human condition, and zooms across galaxies at faster-than-light speeds, moving from the very near future to the far-flung worlds of tomorrow in the space of a single sentence. Clarke, publisher and editor-in-chief of the acclaimed and award-winning magazine *Clarkesworld*, has selected the short science fiction (and only science fiction) best representing the previous year's writing, showcasing the talent, variety, and awesome 'sensawunda' that the genre has to offer.
Year's Best TP/HC \$32.99/\$69.95

Small Horrors

Collection of Fifty Creepy Stories
Coates, Darcy
Push past the curtains of your rational, safe world and explore the un-nameable horrors living in the darkest corners of our conscience. This is the realm of monsters and shifting shadows, where a single wrong step can plunge you into a terrifying fight for your life, where... Something mimics human voices as it lures you into the woods. A corpse had gone missing from its drawer in the morgue. A friend's eyes are unnaturally bright as they approach you in the dark. Whatever your choice, these fifty small bites of horror are sure to leave you haunted.
Horror TP \$35.95

Flint and Mirror

Crowley, John
As ancient Irish clans fought to preserve their lands and their way of life, the Queen and her generals fought to tame the wild land and make it English. Hugh O'Neill, lord of the North, dubbed Earl of Tyrone by the Queen, is a divided man: the Queen gives to Hugh her love, and her commandments, through a little mirror of obsidian which he can never discard; and the ancient peoples of Ireland arise from their underworld to make Hugh their champion, the token of their vow a chip of flint.
Historical fantasy HC \$55.00

Obsidian

Daley, Sarah
Defying those who think her an abomination, Shade wears her tattoos openly and carries obsidian blades at her hips. For years, she has protected the outcast clans who wander the blighted Wastes, but the land is growing more unstable, and her blades are no longer enough. To save her people, Shade vows to raise a Veil of protection – a feat not accomplished in over a hundred years. But the magical Veils are said to belong to the Brotherhood church;

if she succeeds in raising one, it will expose their lies. They swear to see her obliterated first. Treading a dangerous path where allies can be as deceitful as enemies, and where demons lurk in the shadows, Shade chases a vision which could lead to her people's salvation... or her own destruction.
Fantasy TP \$24.99

The Bladed Faith

Vagrant Gods 01
DalGLISH, David
Cyrus was only twelve years old when his gods were slain, his country invaded, and his parents – the king and queen – beheaded in front of him. Held prisoner in the invader's court for years, Cyrus is suddenly given a chance to escape and claim his revenge when a mysterious group of revolutionaries comes looking for a figurehead. They need a hero to strike fear into the hearts of the imperial and to inspire and unite the people. They need someone to take up the skull mask and swords and to become the legendary 'Vagrant' – an unparalleled hero and assassin of otherworldly skill. But all is not as it seems. Creating the illusion of a hero is the work of many, and Cyrus will soon discover the true price of his vengeance. The first in a new series.
Fantasy TP \$39.95

Time Troopers

anthology
Davis, Hank & Ruocchio, Christopher (editors)
Once, military actions were entirely two dimensional, confined to the surface of land and sea, but then submarines and aircraft added a third dimension, vastly extended by spaceflight. Now, consider that if time travel is possible, the fourth dimension of time opens up new possibilities for combat, necessitating new defences, new strategies and tactics. A battle that was once decisively won might be refought, or a narrow victory might be subtly tilted to the other side. Never mind the history books, they're only works in progress. There might be even more than four dimensions involved, if parallel universes and alternate realities exist and can be accessed. Imagine a universe where Rome never fell and its troops want to do something about our universe, where it did fall. Or another where more recent wars turned out very differently. Battle is a recurrent motif in the Earth of this universe, and would alternate realities be different or all too similar, with the tune the same, but different lyrics. Supplying the lyrics for spacetime combat in these pages is an all-star general staff including Robert Silverberg, Poul Anderson, Fritz Leiber, John C Wright, H Beam Piper, and more. It's zero hour, in whatever time stream, so grab your time-appropriate weapon, be it sword or ray blaster, buckle on your general issue timeporter belt, and follow the Time Troopers into action across strange aeons!
Time travel TP \$35.95

Cinder and Glass de la Cruz, Melissa

A lush, swoon-worthy retelling of Cinderella, set in lavish Versailles. 1682. The king sends out an invitation to all the maidens in France: their presence is requested at a number of balls and events that will be held in honour of

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the dashing Prince Louis, who must choose a bride. Cendrillon de Louvois has more grace, beauty, and charm than anyone else in France. While she was once the darling child of the king's favourite adviser, her father's death has turned her into the servant of her stepmother and cruel stepsisters – and at her own chateau, too! Cendrillon – now called Cinder – manages to evade her stepmother and attend the ball, where she catches the eye of the handsome Prince Louis and his younger brother Auguste. Even though Cendrillon has an immediate aversion to Louis, and a connection with Auguste, the only way to escape her stepmother is to compete with the other women at court for the Prince's hand. Soon, as Cendrillon glows closer to Auguste and dislikes the prince more and more, she will have to decide if she can bear losing the boy she loves in order to leave a life she hates. *Fairy tales retold* PBK \$17.99

It Happened One Midnight

Fairy Godmothers Inc

Dewylde, Saranna

Novelist Juniper Blossom has romance down to a science in her bestselling books. But she's not about to settle for just any man – a happy ending looks different for everyone, and she needs to find the guy whose idea of forever matches her own. Try telling that to her adorable, meddling grandmothers, though. If she doesn't find a man soon, they're going to find one for her. Which is why Juniper has prepared for a trip home to Ever After by fibbing that her sexy, smart, sweet best friend Tomas is her fiancé! He doesn't believe in love at all, but that doesn't matter if they're just pretending... Divorce attorney Tomas Rivera is as proud of Juniper's authorial success as she is, but that doesn't mean he buys into her books' premise. His career is proof enough that true love is the real fairy tale – and everyone knows fairy tales aren't real. But he can never say no to gorgeous Juniper, and an 'engagement' might move him one legal brief closer to partner at his old-fashioned firm. Yet, playing the part suddenly starts to mean feeling it, especially when a kiss just for show turns up the heat between them. Is happily ever after possible for two people who aren't on the same page when it comes to love? *Paranormal romance* TP \$27.99

They

Dick, Kay

A dark, dystopian portrait of artists struggling to resist violent suppression – 'queer, English, a masterpiece' (*Hilton Als*). Set amid the rolling hills and the sandy shingle beaches of coastal Sussex, this disquieting novel depicts an England in which bland conformity is the terrifying order of the day. Violent gangs roam the country destroying art and culture and brutalising those who resist the purge. As the menacing 'They' creep ever closer, a loosely connected band of dissidents attempt to evade the chilling mobs, but it's only a matter of time until their luck runs out. Originally published in 1977 and winner of the 1977 South-East Arts Literature Prize, Kay Dick's *They* is an uncanny and prescient vision of a world hostile to beauty, emotion, and the individual. *Dystopia (reissue)* PBK \$19.99

Rise of the Mages

Age of Ire 01

Drakeford, Scott

Emrael Ire wants nothing more than to test to be a weapons master. His final exam will be a bloody insurrection, staged by corrupt nobles and priests, that enslaves his brother. With the aid of his War Master tutor, herself an undercover mage, Emrael discovers his own latent and powerful talents. To rescue his brother, Emrael must embrace not only his abilities as a warrior but also his place as last of the ancient Mage Kings – for the Fallen God has returned. And he is hungry. The first in a trilogy. *Fantasy* HC \$54.99

Candy House

Egan, Jennifer

It's 2010. Staggeringly successful and brilliant tech entrepreneur Bix Bouton is desperate for a new idea. He's forty, with four kids, and restless when he stumbles into a conversation with mostly Columbia professors, one of whom is experimenting with downloading or 'externalising' memory. Within a decade, Bix's new technology, Own Your Unconscious – that allows you access to every memory you've ever had, and to share every memory in exchange for access to the memories of others – has seduced multitudes. But not everyone. In spellbinding linked narratives, Egan spins out the consequences of Own Your Unconscious through the lives of multiple characters whose paths intersect over several decades. Egan introduces these characters in an astonishing array of styles – from omniscient to first person plural to a duet of voices, an epistolary chapter, and a chapter of tweets. In the world of Egan's spectacular imagination, there are 'counters' who track and exploit desires and there are 'eluders', those who understand the price of taking a bite of the Candy House. *Cyberpunk* TP \$32.99

Servant Mage

novella

Elliott, Kate

They choose their laws to secure their power. Fellian is a Lamplighter, able to provide illumination through magic. A group of rebel Monarchists free her from indentured servitude and take her on a journey to rescue trapped compatriots from an underground complex of mines. Along the way they get caught up in a conspiracy to kill the latest royal child and wipe out the Monarchist movement for good. But Fellian has more than just her Lamplighting skills up her sleeve... A 176pp Tor.com novella. 'An absolute gem of a story... I loved it.' – *SA Chakraborty*. *Gaslamp fantasy* HC \$39.99

The Bloody Throne

Hostage of Empire 03

Emmett, S C

The great Zhaon empire is in turmoil. The emperor is dead, and the crown prince has fallen to hidden schemes, leaving his most dangerous brother to assume the throne. The imperial court is seething, and whispers of war grow to shouts. The once-vanquished kingdom of Khir marches again to regain their honour, the savage

Tabrak raid the borders after ravaging the South, and assassins lurk in the shadows seeking imperial favour. Komor Yala, her own position uncertain, finds shelter in marriage to the cunning Third Prince. But there is little safety in Zhaon. Death and destruction mount, as a blood-drenched summer ends. The winner will claim an empire – if it is not turned to smoking ruins first. *The wheel of destiny is turning, and all will be caught under its weight...* The conclusion of the Hostage of Empire trilogy, following *The Throne of the Five Winds* and *The Poison Prince* (PBK, \$22.99 each). We've had great customer feedback for this Asian-influenced series, so far. (S C Emmett is Lilith Saintcrow, *incognito*) *Fantasy* TP \$39.95

Beneath the Stairs

Fawcett, Jennifer

Few in sleepy Sumner's Mills have stumbled across the Octagon House, hidden deep in the woods. Even fewer are brave enough to trespass. A man had killed his wife and two young daughters there, a shocking, gruesome crime that the sleepy upstate New York town tried to bury. One summer night, an emboldened 14-year-old Clare and her best friend, Abby, ventured into the Octagon House. Clare came out, but a piece of Abby never did. Twenty years later, an adult Clare receives word that Abby has attempted suicide at the Octagon House and now lies in a coma. With little to lose and still grieving after a personal tragedy, Clare returns to her roots to uncover the darkness responsible for Abby's accident. *Horror* HC \$45.00

Beyond the Ruby Veil

Fitzgerald, Mara

Emanuela Ragno always gets what she wants. With her daring mind and socialite schemes, she refuses to be the demure young lady everyone wants her to be. In her most ambitious move yet, she's about to marry Alessandro Morandi, her childhood best friend and the heir to the wealthiest house in Occhia. Emanuela doesn't care that she and her groom are both gay, because she doesn't want a love match. She wants power, and through Ale, she'll have it all. But Emanuela has a secret that could shatter her plans. In the city of Occhia, the only source of water is the *watercrea*, a mysterious being who uses magic to make water from blood. When their first bruise-like omen appears on their skin, all Occhians must surrender themselves to the *watercrea* to be drained of life. Everyone throughout history has given themselves up for the greater good. Everyone except Emanuela. She's kept the tiny omen on her hip out of sight for years. When the *watercrea* exposes Emanuela during her wedding ceremony and takes her to be sacrificed, Emanuela fights back... and kills her. Now, Occhia has no one to make their water and no idea how to get more. In a race against time, Emanuela and Ale must travel through the mysterious, blood-red veil that surrounds their city to uncover the secrets of the *watercrea*'s magic and find a way to save their people – no matter what it takes. *YA dark fantasy* PBK \$16.99

1636: Calabar's War

Ring of Fire 30

Gannon, Charles E & Waters, Robert E

Domingos Fernandes Calabar started out as a military advisor for the Portuguese in Brazil. But to his superiors, he was still nothing more than a *mameluco*, a man of mixed blood. Until, that is, the Dutch arrived; and he switched sides. Then the Portuguese had a new label for him: 'traitorous dog'. But when Dutch admiral Maarten Tromp arrives, having barely survived the disastrous Battle of Dunkirk, Calabar's job changes again. Now, he has to help engineer a swift Dutch exodus to a safer place before word of Tromp's defeat reaches Spanish ears. Partnered with the Sephardic pirate Moses Cohen Henriques Eanes, the two aid the battered Dutch fleet by striking at the Portuguese and Spanish, both on land and sea. Until, that is, Calabar learns that bitter personal enemies have grabbed his family, put them in chains, and sold them to a slavership bound for the Spanish Main. Calabar must now choose: continue to help the Dutch, or save his wife and children? Tromp and other strong allies want to put an end to slavery, too, but their strategies and timetable are measured in months and years. Calabar doesn't have that kind of time and can't rely on their methods. The struggle to recover his family, and to free the millions more suffering in shackles, is one he must win in his own way and on his own terms. Because ultimately, this is not just Calabar's fight. This is Calabar's war. *Alternate history* PBK \$24.95

The Ice Lion

Rewilding Reports 01

Gear, Kathleen O'Neal

One thousand years in the future, the zyme, a thick blanket of luminous green slime, covers the oceans. Glaciers three-miles-high rise over the continents. The old stories say that when the Jemen, godlike beings from the past, realised their efforts to halt global warming had gone terribly wrong, they made a desperate gamble to save life on earth and recreated species that had survived the worst of the earth's Ice Ages. Sixteen-summer-old Lynx and his best friend Quiller are members of the Sealion People – archaic humans known as Denisovans. They live in a world growing colder, a world filled with monstrous predators that hunt them for food. When they flee to a new land, they meet a strange old man who impossibly seems to be the last of the Jemen. He tells Lynx the only way he can save his world is by sacrificing himself to the last true god, a quantum computer named Quancee. The first in a new series. *Cli-fi* TP \$39.95

Matter of Death and Life

Gideon Sable 02

Green, Simon R

Judi Rifkin is one of the world's most successful collectors of the weird and unnatural. In a London underworld filled with criminals with very special talents, Judi is a force to be reckoned with. And Gideon Sable – thief, rogue and chancer – owes her a very large favour. Judi makes him an offer he can't refuse: steal her the legendary Masque of Ra, tucked up safe in a Las Vegas casino, and

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she'll wipe the slate clean. This isn't Gideon's first heist by a long shot. But with old grudges threatening to cloud his judgment, an unpredictable crew who don't entirely trust each other and a formidable supernatural security team guarding his target, this job might be a gamble too far... The sequel to *The Best Thing You Can Steal* (TP, \$39.95).
Urban fantasy HC \$62.95

Spear
novella

Griffith, Nicola

She left all she knew to find who she could be... She grows up in the wild wood, in a cave with her mother, but visions of a faraway lake drift to her on the spring breeze, scented with promise. And when she hears a traveller speak of Artos, king of Caer Leon, she decides her future lies at his court. So, brimming with magic and eager to test her strength, she breaks her covenant with her mother and sets out on her bony gelding for Caer Leon. With her stolen hunting spear and mended armour, she is an unlikely hero, not a chosen one, but one who forges her own bright path. Aflame with determination, she begins a journey of magic and mystery, love, lust and fights to death. On her adventures, she will steal the hearts of beautiful women, fight warriors and sorcerers, and make a place to call home. The legendary author of *Hild* returns with an unforgettable hero and a queer Arthurian masterpiece for the modern era. Nicola Griffith's *Spear* is a spellbinding vision of the Camelot we've longed for, a Camelot that belongs to us all. A 192pp Tor.com novella. 'Spectacular – I've been waiting years for this book to exist.' – *Maria Dahvana Headley*.
Arthurian fantasy HC \$43.95

The Hunger of the Gods

Bloodsworn 02

Gwynne, John

Lik-Rifa, the dragon god of legend, has been freed from her eternal prison. Now she plots a new age of blood and conquest. As Orka continues the hunt for her missing son, the Bloodsworn sweep south in a desperate race to save one of their own – and Varg takes the first steps on the path of vengeance. Elvar has sworn to fulfil her blood oath and rescue a prisoner from the clutches of Lik-Rifa and her dragonborn followers, but first she must persuade the Battle-Grim to follow her. Yet, even the might of the Bloodsworn and Battle-Grim cannot stand alone against a dragon god. Their hope lies within the mad writings of a chained god. A book of forbidden magic with the power to raise the wolf god Ulfrir from the dead... and bring about a battle that will shake the foundations of the earth. The sequel to *The Shadow of the Gods* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

A Spindle Splintered

Fractured Fables

Harrow, Alix E

It's Zinnia Gray's 21st birthday, which is extra special – because it's the last birthday she'll ever have. When she was young, an industrial accident left Zinnia with a rare condition. Not much is known about her illness, just that no one has lived past 21. Her best friend Charm is intent on making Zinnia's last birthday special with a full sleeping beauty

experience, complete with a tower and a spinning wheel. But when Zinnia pricks her finger, something strange and unexpected happens, and she finds herself falling through worlds, with another sleeping beauty, just as desperate to escape her fate. Alix E Harrow brings her patented charm to a new version of a classic story. Featuring Arthur Rackham's original illustrations for *The Sleeping Beauty*, fractured and re-imagined. 'A vivid, subversive and feminist re-imagining of *Sleeping Beauty*, where implacable destiny is no match for courage, sisterhood, stubbornness and a good working knowledge of fairy tales.' – *Katherine Arden*.

Fairy tales retold PBK \$19.99

The Library at Mount Char
Hawkins, Scott

Carolyn's not so different from the other people around her. After all, she was a normal American, herself, once. That was a long time ago, of course. Before her parents died. Before she and the others were taken in by the man they called Father. In the years since then, Carolyn hasn't had a chance to get out much. Instead, she and her adopted siblings have been raised according to Father's ancient customs. They've studied the books in his Library and learned some of the secrets of his power. And sometimes, they've wondered if their cruel tutor might secretly be God. Now, Father is missing, perhaps even dead, and the Library that holds his secrets stands unguarded. And with it, control over all of creation. As Carolyn gathers the tools she needs for the battle to come, fierce competitors for this prize align against her, all of them with powers that far exceed her own... This is an extraordinary novel, recommended.

Dark fantasy PBK \$24.99

The Quarter Storm

Mambo Reina 01

Henry, Veronica G

Haitian-American Vodou priestess Mambo Reina Dumond runs a healing practice from her New Orleans home. Gifted with water magic since she was a child, Reina is devoted to the benevolent traditions of her ancestors. After a ritual slaying in the French Quarter, police arrest a fellow vodouisant. Detective Roman Frost, Reina's ex-boyfriend – a fierce nonbeliever – is eager to tie the crime, and half a dozen others, to the Vodou practitioners of New Orleans. Reina resolves to find the real killer and defend the Vodou practice and customs, but the motives behind the murder are deeper and darker than she imagines. As Reina delves into the city's shadows, she untangles more than just the truth behind a devious crime. It's a conspiracy. As a killer wields dangerous magic to thwart Reina's investigation, she must tap into the strength of her own power and faith to solve a mystery that threatens to destroy her entire way of life.

Urban fantasy TP \$24.99

Dune

Herbert, Frank

Dune is the bestselling science fiction novel of all time, with nearly ten million copies in print. This all-new edition of *Dune* features wholly reset text and an incredible new cover. Before *The Matrix*, before *Star Wars*, before *Ender's Game* and *Neuromancer*, there was

Dune, one of the greatest science fiction novels ever written. *Melange*, or 'spice', is the most valuable – and rarest – element in the universe. And it can only be found on a single planet: the inhospitable desert world Arrakis. Whoever controls Arrakis controls the spice. And whoever controls the spice controls the universe. When stewardship of Arrakis is transferred to his house, Paul Atreides must travel to the planet's dangerous surface to ensure the future of his family and his people. But as malevolent forces explode into conflict around him, Paul is thrust into a great destiny beyond his understanding. And in this game of power, only those who can conquer their fear will survive.

Science fiction HC \$55.00

Star Father

Star Mother 02

Holmberg, Charlie N

In a heavenly war, the moon is prevailing... It happens in an instant, filling Aija with dread: the Sun is suddenly cast from the sky, throwing the Earth into midday darkness. On the fourth day of endless night, Aija finds an unconscious man by the river. His skin is as hot as her lantern's glass and just as golden. To Aija, a farmhand with the soul of an artist, this beautiful stranger is an inspiration – and a mystery. He calls himself Saiyon. He bleeds light. His friends are celestial. His enemies, godlings of the moon. Between Aija and Saiyon, attraction grows warmer. For Aija, an unfathomable revelation: she's falling in love with the earthbound Sun God. When Saiyon's faltering powers are restored to full glory, what then? There's a way Aija can become immortal, too. Saiyon can't support such a risk. Aija chooses to follow her heart to places darker and more dangerous than she realises. Whatever sacrifices lie ahead, they're the only way to make an impossible true love last forever. The sequel to *Star Mother* (TP, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$24.99

The League of
Gentlewomen Witches

Dangerous Damsels 02

Holton, India

Miss Charlotte Pettifer belongs to a secret league of women skilled in the subtle arts. That is to say – although it must never be said – witchcraft. The League of Gentlewomen Witches strives to improve the world in small ways. Using magic, they tidy, correct, and manipulate according to their notions of what is proper, entirely unlike those reprobates in the Wisteria Society. When the long-lost amulet of Black Beryl is discovered, it is up to Charlotte, as the future leader of the League, to make sure the powerful talisman does not fall into the wrong hands. Therefore, it is most unfortunate when she crosses paths with Alex O'Riley, a pirate who is no Mr Darcy. With all the world scrambling after the amulet, Alex and Charlotte join forces to steal it together. If only they could keep their pickpocketing hands to themselves! If Alex's not careful, he might just steal something else – such as Charlotte's heart. The sequel to *The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels* (PBK, \$19.99).

Gaslamp fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Wisteria Society
of Lady Scoundrels

Dangerous Damsels 01

Holton, India

Cecilia Bassingwaite is the ideal Victorian lady. She's also a thief. Like the other members of the Wisteria Society crime sorority, she flies around England drinking tea, blackmailing friends, and acquiring treasure by interesting means. Sure, she has a dark and traumatic past and an overbearing aunt, but all things considered, it's a pleasant existence. Until the men show up. Ned Lightbourne is a sometimes assassin who is smitten with Cecilia from the moment they meet. Unfortunately, that happens to be while he's under direct orders to kill her. His employer, Captain Morvath, who possesses a gothic abbey bristling with cannons and an unbridled hate for the world, intends to rid England of all its presumptuous women, starting with the Wisteria Society. Ned has plans of his own. But both men have made one grave mistake. Never underestimate a woman. When Morvath imperils the Wisteria Society, Cecilia is forced to team up with her handsome would-be assassin to save the women who raised her – hopefully proving, once and for all, that she's as much of a scoundrel as the rest of them. 'The kind of book for which the word *rollicking* was invented.' – *New York Times Book Review*.

Gaslamp fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Stone Road
Jamieson, Trent

Furnace woke the day Jean was born, and the dead howled loud enough that almost everyone in Casement Rise heard them. Afterwards, a thin scratch of black smoke rose from behind the hills west of town. Furnace had been lit, and soon it began to call the people of the town to it. Twelve-year-old Jean must learn to control an ancient power in order to protect her village, but her overprotective grandmother has always kept the town safe from monsters. In protecting Jean, she may have left it too late to teach her how to face the demons on her own. *The Stone Road* combines fantasy, horror and dystopian future into a lyrical story of community, belief, and life after death. The latest from local, multi-award-winning writer, Trent Jamieson.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

The Space Between Worlds
Johnson, Micaiah

Born in the dirt of the wasteland, Cara has fought her entire life just to survive. Now, she has done the impossible, and landed herself a comfortable life on the lower levels of the wealthy and walled-off Wiley City. So long as she can keep her head down and avoid trouble, she's on a sure path to citizenship and security – on this world, at least. Of the 380 realities that have been unlocked, Cara is dead in all but eight. Cara's parallel selves are exceptionally good at dying – from disease, turf wars, or vendettas they couldn't outrun – which makes Cara wary, and valuable. Because while multiverse travel is possible, no one can visit a world in which their counterpart is still alive. And no one has

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fewer counterparts than Cara. But then one of her eight doppelgangers dies under mysterious circumstances, and Cara is plunged into a new world with an old secret. What she discovers will connect her past and future in ways she never could have imagined – and reveal her own role in a plot that endangers not just her earth, but the entire multiverse. A stunning science fiction debut, *The Space Between Worlds* is both a cross-dimensional adventure and a powerful examination of identity, privilege, and belonging.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Shadow Fallen

Dream-Hunter 05

Kenyon, Sherrilyn

For centuries, Ariel has fought the forces of evil. Her task was to protect the souls of innocent mortals when they die. Captured by a powerful sorceress, she is transformed into a human who has no memory of her real life or calling. And is plunked into the middle of the Norman invasion of England. Cursed the moment he was born with a demonic deformity, Valteri wants nothing of this earth except to depart it and will do his duty by his king until then. When a strange noblewoman is brought before him, Valteri realises he has met her before... in his dreams. When others come for her, bringing with them preternatural predators, he is faced with a destiny he had no idea was waiting. One he wants no part of. The truth is that Valteri isn't just a knight of William the Conqueror. He is the son of one of the deadliest powers in existence, and if he doesn't restore Ariel to her place, she is not the only one who will be in peril. The world itself hangs in the balance, and he is the necessary key to hold back the powers of evil. But only if he can find a way to work with the woman who stands for everything in the universe he hates.

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

Nettle and Bone Kingfisher, T

This isn't the kind of fairy tale where the princess marries a prince. It's the one where she kills him. Marra never wanted to be a hero. As the shy, convent-raised, third-born daughter, she escaped the traditional fate of princesses, to be married away for the sake of an uncaring throne. But her sister wasn't so fortunate – and after years of silence, Marra is done watching her suffer at the hands of a powerful and abusive prince. Seeking help for her rescue mission, Marra is offered the tools she needs, but only if she can complete three seemingly impossible tasks: build a dog of bones; sew a cloak of nettles; and capture moonlight in a jar. But, as is the way in tales of princes and witches, doing the impossible is only the beginning. Hero, or not – now, joined by a disgraced ex-knight, a reluctant fairy godmother, an enigmatic gravewitch and her fowl familiar – Marra might finally have the courage to save her sister, and topple a throne. From award-winning author T Kingfisher, comes an original and subversive fantasy adventure. This is a special US hardcover edition, featuring gold foil stamp on the casing, and custom endpapers illustrated by the author. We expect to have a British hardcover edition (\$34.99) in August.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

Plutoshine Kissick, Lucy

Terraforming – the megascale-engineering of a planet's surface to one more Earth-like – is now commonplace across the Solar System, and Pluto's is set to be the most ambitious transformation yet. Four billion miles from the Sun and two hundred degrees below zero, what this worldlet needs is light and heat. Through captured asteroids and solar mirrors, humanity's finest scientists and engineers are set to deliver them. What nobody factored in was a saboteur – but who, and why? From the start, terraformer Lucian is intrigued by nine-year-old Nou, silent since a horrifying incident that shook the base and upended her family into chaos. If he could reach her, perhaps he could understand what happened that day – and what she knows about the secrets of Pluto. Nou possesses unspoken knowledge that could put a stop to the terraforming. Gripped by her fears, unable to trust her family, there is no one she can talk to. Only through Lucian's gentle friendship will she start to rediscover her voice – and what she has to say could transform our understanding of the Universe.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Woman, Eating Kohda, Claire

Lydia is hungry. She's always wanted to try Japanese food. Sashimi, ramen, onigiri with sour plum stuffed inside – the food her Japanese father liked to eat. And then there is bubble tea and iced coffee, ice cream and cake, and foraged herbs and plants, and the vegetables grown by the other young artists at the London studio space she is secretly squatting in. But, Lydia can't eat any of these things. Her body doesn't work like those of other people. The only thing she can digest is blood, and it turns out that sourcing fresh pigs' blood in London – where she is living away from her vampire mother for the first time – is much more difficult than she'd anticipated. Then there are the humans – the other artists at the studio space, the people at the gallery she interns at, the strange men that follow her after dark, and Ben, a boyish, goofy-grinned artist she is developing feelings for. Lydia knows that they are her natural prey, but she can't bring herself to feed on them. In her windowless studio, where she paints and studies the work of other artists, binge-watches *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and videos of people eating food on YouTube and Instagram, Lydia considers her place in the world. She has many of the things, humans wish for – perpetual youth, near invulnerability, immortality – but she is miserable; she is lonely; and she is hungry – always hungry. As Lydia develops as a woman and an artist, she will learn that she must reconcile the conflicts within her – between her demon and human sides, her mixed ethnic heritage, and her relationship with food, and, in turn, humans – if she is to find a way to exist in the world. Before any of this, however, she must eat.

Vampires TP \$29.99

The Devil's Dictionary Kotler, Steven

Hard to say, exactly, when the human species fractured. Harder to say when this new talent arrived. But Lion Zorn is the first of his kind

– an empathy tracker, an emotional forecaster, with a felt sense for how culture evolves, and the future arrives. It's also a useful skill in today's competitive business market. When a routine em-tracking job goes sideways and em-trackers themselves start disappearing, Lion finds himself not knowing who to trust in a life and death race to uncover the truth. And when the trail leads to the world's first mega-linkage, a continent-wide national park advertised as the best way to stave off environmental collapse, and exotic animals unlike any on Earth start showing up – Lion's quest for truth becomes a fight for the survival of the species.

Cyberpunk HC \$57.95

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 marksmen, 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 PBK \$19.99

Until the End

Skulduggery Pleasant 15

Landy, Derek

The Faceless Ones have returned to our universe. The bad guys have won. With the end of everything just days away – and no longer able to rely on Valkyrie Cain – Skulduggery must make allies of enemies if he's going to stand any chance of saving what's left of the world. And just when things are looking their bleakest, they manage to get even worse, with Omen Darkly suddenly having to step up when his brother, the Chosen One, falls. There's a lot going on. Most of it is bad. Sorry about that.

YA fantasy TP \$19.99

The Girl and the Mountain

Book of the Ice 02

Lawrence, David

On the planet Abeth, there is only the ice. And the Black Rock. For generations the priests of the Black Rock have reached out from their mountain to steer the fate of the ice tribes. With their Hidden God, their magic and their iron, the priests' rule has never been questioned. But when ice triber Yaz challenged their authority, she was torn away from the only life she had ever known, and forced to find a new path for herself. Yaz has lost her friends and found her enemies. She has a mountain to climb, and even if she can break the Hidden God's power, her dream of a green world lies impossibly far to the south, across a vast emptiness of ice. Before the journey can even start, she has to find

out what happened to the ones she loves and save those that can be saved. Abeth holds its secrets close, but the stars shine brighter for Yaz and she means to unlock the truth. The sequel to *The Girl and the Stars* (PBK, \$19.99).

Grimdark fantasy PBK \$19.99

Aurora Borealis Bridge

Over Where 02

Lindskold, Jane

Can it get any stranger? Absolutely! When Peg, Meg, and Teg were first summoned Over Where, vast and varied life experience (along with wide reading choices) helped them adjust to a world where they were the only humans, magic was real, ships could fly, and reincarnation was a confirmed fact. In the company of the 'inquisitors', Xerak, Grunwold, and Vereez, the three newly appointed mentors rediscovered the Library of the Sapphire Wind, and, within it, revelations that transformed the young people's pasts into a vast tangle of lies and half truths. But there are still questions to be answered. Before they are done, Meg the retired librarian, Teg the archaeologist-turned-mage, and the multi-talented, ever surprising Peg will deal with kidnappings, betrayal, arcane artifacts, romantic intrigues, and the inescapable reality that past lives cast long shadows. Together, the three mentors and their young allies will uncover the startling truth about what lies on the other side of the Aurora Borealis Bridge – a truth that holds the secret of Over Where, and that will change all their lives forever. The sequel to *Library of the Sapphire Wind* (TP, \$35.95).

Fantasy TP \$35.95

The Helm of Midnight

Five Penalties 01

Lostetter, Marina

In a daring and deadly heist, thieves have made away with an artifact of terrible power – the death mask of Louis Charbon. Made by a master craftsman, it is imbued with the spirit of a monster from history, a serial murderer who terrorised the city. Now, Charbon is loose once more, killing from beyond the grave. But these murders are different from before, not simply random but the work of a deliberate mind probing for answers to a sinister question. It is up to Krona Hirvath and her fellow Regulators to enter the mind of madness to stop this insatiable killer while facing the terrible truths left in his wake. The first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$43.95

Rich Man's Sky McCarthy, Will

When billionaires control the space program, where does that leave the rest of us? Space: a tycoon's playground. From a space station full of women to a monastery on the Moon, from a Martian reality-TV contest to a solar shade large enough to cool the Earth, the dreams of a handful of trillionaires dictate the future of humanity. Outside the reach of Earthly law and with the vast resources of the inner solar system at their disposal, the 'Four Horsemen' do exactly as they please. The governments of Earth are not amused; an international team of elite military women, masquerading as space colonists, are set to infiltrate and neutralise the largest and most dangerous

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project in human history. But nothing is that simple when rich men control the sky, as everyone involved is about to discover.

Science fiction PBK \$24.95

The Atmospherians

McElroy, Alex

Sasha Marcus was once the epitome of contemporary success: an internet sensation, social media darling, and a creator of a high-profile wellness brand for women. But a confrontation with an abusive troll has taken a horrifying turn, and now she's at rock bottom: cancelled and doxxed online, isolated in her apartment while men's rights protestors rage outside. Sasha confides in her oldest childhood friend, Dyson – a failed actor with a history of body issues – who hatches a plan for her to restore her reputation by becoming the face of his new business venture, *The Atmosphere*: a rehabilitation community for men. Based in an abandoned summer camp and billed as a workshop for job training, it is actually a rigorous program designed to rid men of their toxic masculinity. Sasha has little choice but to accept. But what horrors await her as the resident female leader of a crew of washed up, desperate men? And what exactly does Dyson want?

Dystopia TP \$29.99

Where the Drowned Girls Go

Wayward Children 07) (novella

McGuire, Seanan

Welcome to the Whitethorn Institute.

The first step is always admitting you need help, and you've already taken that step by requesting a transfer into our company.'

There is another school for children, who fall through doors and fall back out again. It isn't as friendly as Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children. And it isn't as safe. When Eleanor West decided to open her school, her sanctuary, her 'Home for Wayward Children', she knew from the beginning that there would be children she couldn't save; when Cora decides she needs a different direction, a different fate, a different prophecy, Miss West reluctantly agrees to transfer her to the other school, where things are run very differently by Whitethorn, the Headmaster. She will soon discover that not all doors are welcoming... A 160pp Tor.com novella. The first in the Wayward Children series is *Every Heart A Doorway* (HC, \$29.99). Seanan McGuire is always recommended.

Portal fantasy HC \$39.99

The Animals in that Country

McKay, Laura Jean

Out on the road, no one speaks, everything talks. Hard drinking, foul mouthed, and allergic to bullshit, Jean is not your usual grandma. She's never been good at getting on with other humans, apart from her beloved granddaughter, Kimberly. Instead, she surrounds herself with animals, working as a guide in an outback wildlife park. And although Jean talks to all her charges, she has a particular soft spot for a young dingo called Sue. As disturbing news arrives of a pandemic sweeping the country, Jean realises this is no ordinary flu: its chief symptom is that its victims begin to understand the language of animals – first mammals, then birds and insects, too. As the flu progresses, the unstoppable voices become overwhelming, and many people begin to lose their minds,

including Jean's infected son, Lee. When he takes off with Kimberly, heading south, Jean feels the pull to follow her kin. Setting off on their trail, with Sue the dingo riding shotgun, they find themselves in a stark, strange world in which the animal apocalypse has only further isolated people from other species.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Sea of Tranquillity

Mandel, Emily St John

Edwin St Andrew is eighteen years old, when he crosses the Atlantic by steamship, exiled from English polite society following an ill-conceived diatribe at a dinner party. He enters the forest, spellbound by the beauty of the Canadian wilderness, and suddenly hears the notes of a violin echoing in an airship terminal – an experience that shocks him to his core. Two centuries later, a famous writer named Olive Llewellyn is on a book tour. She's travelling all over Earth, but her home is the second moon colony, a place of white stone, spired towers and artificial beauty. Within the text of Olive's bestselling pandemic novel lies a strange passage: a man plays his violin for change in the echoing corridors of an airship terminal as the trees of a forest rise around him. When Gaspary-Jacques Roberts, a detective in the black-skied Night City, is hired to investigate an anomaly in the North American wilderness, he uncovers a series of lives upended: the exiled son of an aristocrat driven to madness, a writer trapped far from home as a pandemic ravages Earth, and a childhood friend from the Night City who, like Gaspary himself, has glimpsed the chance to do something extraordinary that will disrupt the timeline of the universe. The award-winning author of *Station Eleven* and *The Glass Hotel*, Emily St John Mandel returns with a novel of time travel and metaphysics that precisely captures the reality of our current moment. *Sea of Tranquillity* is virtuoso performance that is as human and tender as it is intellectually playful.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Ice Dragon

illustrated edition

Martin, George R R

& Royo, Luis (illustrator)

From ancient times the ice dragon was a creature of legend and fear, for no man had ever tamed one. When it flew overhead, it left in its wake desolate cold and frozen land. But Adara was not afraid. For Adara was a winter child, born during the worst freeze that anyone, even the Old Ones, could remember. Adara could not remember the first time she had seen the ice dragon. It seemed that it had always been in her life, glimpsed from afar as she played in the frigid snow, long after the other children had fled the cold. In her fourth year she touched it, and in her fifth year she rode upon its broad, chilled back for the first time. Then, in her seventh year, on a calm summer day, fiery dragons from the North swooped down upon the peaceful farm that was Adara's home. And only a winter child – and the ice dragon who loved her – could save her world from utter destruction. Lavish illustrations by acclaimed artist Luis Royo enrich this captivating and heart-warming story of a young girl and her dragon. A reissue.

Children's fantasy (reissue) PBK \$18.99

Wild and Wicked Things

May, Francesca

In the aftermath of World War I, a naive woman is swept into a glittering world filled with dark magic, romance, and murder in this lush and decadent debut. On Crow Island, people whisper, real magic lurks just below the surface. Neither real magic nor faux magic interests Annie Mason. Not after it stole her future. She's only on the island to settle her late father's estate and, hopefully, reconnect with her long-absent best friend, Beatrice, who fled their dreary lives for a more glamorous one. Yet, Crow Island is brimming with temptation, and the biggest one may be her enigmatic new neighbour. Mysterious and alluring, Emmeline Delacroix is a figure shadowed by rumours of witchcraft. And when Annie witnesses a confrontation between Bea and Emmeline at one of the island's extravagant parties, she is drawn into a glittering, haunted world. A world where the boundaries of wickedness are tested, and the cost of illicit magic might be death

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

Discordia

Nova Vita Protocol 03

Merbeth, Kristyn

Scorpi is finally back among the stars, far away from the memories of the war she and her family started – and ended – on Nibiru. Her first order as captain of the *Memoria* is to keep her crew safe, and she is all too happy *not* to get involved in dangerous political games for once. Corvus is haunted by what he experienced at the hands of the Titan attack, and he's just as eager for a new beginning. He knows that not all Titans are built for war, and that the system can find peace, even as Deva and Pax begin to rattle their sabres. Though the Kaisers may be responsible for diverting a multi-planet war, the planetary leaders are wary of the knowledge they hold. Better to lock them up and keep their dark secrets hidden. But the Kaisers are the only ones who know the truth about the threat of the ancient world-ending alien weapons rooted in each planet – and they may be the only ones who can save the system from total annihilation. 'Merbeth is a voice to watch in space opera!' – *K B Wagers*. The conclusion of the Nova Vita Protocol, following *Fortuna* and *Memoria* (PBK, \$22.99 each).

Space opera TP \$24.99

The Memory Librarian

and Other Stories of

Dirty Computer

collection

Monae, Janelle

Whoever controls our memories controls the future. Janelle Monáe and an incredible array of talented collaborating creators have written a collection of tales comprising the bold vision and powerful themes that have made Monáe such a compelling and celebrated storyteller. *Dirty Computer* introduced a world in which thoughts – as a means of self-conception – could be controlled or erased by a select few. And whether human, AI, or other, your life and sentience was dictated by those who'd convinced themselves they had the right to decide your fate. That was... until Jane 57821 decided to remember and break free. Expanding from that mythos, these stories fully explore what it's like to

live in such a totalitarian existence... and what it takes to get out of it. Building off the traditions of speculative writers such as Octavia Butler, Ted Chiang, Becky Chambers, and Nnedi Okorafor – and filled with the artistic genius and powerful themes that have made Monáe a worldwide icon in the first place – *The Memory Librarian* serves readers tales grounded in the human trials of identity expression, technology, and love, but also reaching through to the worlds of memory and time within, and the stakes and power that exists there.

Afrofuturism TP \$32.99

Battle of the Linguist Mages

Moore, Scotto

Isobel is the Queen of the medieval rave-themed VR game Sparkle Dungeon. Her prowess in the game makes her an ideal candidate to learn the secrets of 'power morphemes' – unnaturally dense units of meaning that warp perception when skillfully pronounced. But Isobel's reputation makes her the target of a strange resistance movement led by spellcasting anarchists, who may be the only thing stopping the cabal from toppling California over the edge of a terrible transformation, with forty million lives at stake. Time is short for Isobel to level up and choose a side – because the cabal has attracted much bigger and weirder enemies than the anarchist resistance, emerging from dark and vicious dimensions of reality and heading straight for planet Earth! 'It reads like *Snow Crash* had a dance off, with *Gideon the Ninth*, in a world where language isn't a virus from outer space, it's a goddamn alien invasion.' – *Charles Stross*.

Science fiction HC \$54.99

Flight of the Aphrodite

Morden, S J

Strange radio signals are coming from Jupiter's largest moons. A natural phenomenon, or something else? Commander Mariucci and his hand-picked research team know they will have to muster all of their expertise, creativity, and teamwork to survive the very harshest of conditions in orbit around the king of planets. But when they intercept a peculiar radio transmission, they have to investigate. Nothing should work in these impossible conditions, so what is sending the signal... and why? With a degrading ship and crew at breaking point, there's every chance they will tear themselves apart before they ever find the answer to the ultimate question – are we alone in the universe? And, more importantly – what do we do if we aren't?

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Flamefall

Aurelian Cycle 02

Munda, Rosaria

After fleeing the revolution and settling into the craggy cliffs of New Pythos, the dragonlords are eager to punish their usurpers and reclaim their city. Their first order of business was destroying the Callipolan food supply. Now they're coming for the dragonriders. Annie is Callipolis' new Firstrider, charged with leading the war against New Pythos. But with unrest at home, enforcing the government's rationing program risks turning her into public enemy number one. Lee struggles to find his place

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after killing kin for a leader who betrayed him. He can support Annie and the other Guardians... or join the rebels who look to topple the new regime. Griff, a lowborn dragonrider who serves New Pythos, knows he has no future. And now that Julia Stormscourge is no longer there to protect him, he is called on to sacrifice everything for the lords that oppress his people – or to forge a new path with the Callipolan Firststrider seeking his help. With famine tearing Callipolis apart and the Pythians determined to take back what they lost, it will be up to Annie, Lee, and Griff to decide who – and what – to fight for. The sequel to *Fireborne* (TP, \$28.95).

YA fantasy TP \$28.95

First Person Singular: Stories

collection

Murakami, Haruki

The eight stories in this new book are all told in the first person by a classic Murakami narrator. From memories of youth, meditations on music, and an ardent love of baseball, to dreamlike scenarios and invented jazz albums, together these stories challenge the boundaries between our minds and the exterior world. Occasionally, a narrator may or may not be Murakami, himself. Is it memoir or fiction? The reader decides. Philosophical and mysterious, the stories in *First Person Singular* all touch beautifully on love and solitude, childhood and memory... all with a signature Murakami twist.

Speculative fiction PBK \$19.99

The Woman Beyond the Attic: the V C Andrews Story Neiderman, Andrew

This celebration of the woman who took us to the heights of a secluded attic and the depths of our own dark psyches reveals an intimate portrait of the famously private V C Andrews – featuring family photos, personal letters, a partial manuscript for an unpublished novel, and more. Best known for her internationally, multimillion-copy bestselling novel *Flowers in the Attic*, Cleo Virginia Andrews lived a fascinating life. Born to modest means, she came of age in the American South during the Great Depression and faced a series of increasingly challenging health issues. Yet, once she rose to international literary fame, she prided herself on her intense privacy. Now, *The Woman Beyond the Attic* aims to connect her personal life with the public novels for which she was famous. Based on Virginia's own letters, and interviews with her dearest family members, her long-term ghost-writer Andrew Neiderman tells Virginia's full story for the first time. *The Woman Beyond the Attic* is perfect for V C Andrews fans, who pick up every new novel or for fans hoping to return to the favourite novelist of their adolescence. Eye-opening and intimate, *The Woman Beyond the Attic* is for anyone hoping to learn more about the enigmatic woman behind one of the most important novels of the 20th century.

Biography HC \$45.00

A River Called Time Newland, Courttia

The Ark was built to save the lives of the many, but rapidly became a refuge for the elite, the entrance closed without warning. Years after the Ark was cut off from the world – a world much like our own, but in which slavery has never existed – a chance of survival within the Ark's confines is granted to a select few who can prove their worth. Among their number is Markriss Denny, whose path to future excellence is marred only by a closely guarded secret: without warning, his spirit leaves his body, allowing him to see and experience a world far beyond his physical limitations. Once inside the Ark, Denny learns of another with the same power, whose existence could spell catastrophe for humanity. He is forced into a desperate race to understand his abilities, and in doing so uncovers the truth about the Ark, himself, and the people he thought he once knew.

Post-apocalypse PBK \$22.99

Goliath Onyebuchi, Tochi

In the 2050s, Earth has begun to empty. Those with the means and the privilege have left the great cities of the United States for the more comfortable confines of space colonies. Those left behind salvage what they can from the collapsing infrastructure. Their neighbourhoods are being cannibalised, brick by brick, with materials being sent up to the colonies as a quaint reminder of the world that they wrecked. A primal biblical epic flung into the future, Goliath weaves together disparate narratives – a space-dweller looking at New Haven as a chance to reconnect with his spiralling lover; a group of civil servants attempting to renew the promises of Earth's crumbling cities; a journalist attempting to capture the violence of the streets; a marshal questioning what form justice could even take – into a richly urgent mosaic about race, class, gentrification, and who is allowed to be the hero of any history.

Science fiction HC \$49.99

All Creatures Weird and Dangerous Otterson, Timm

All Creatures Weird and Dangerous describes the author's experiences as a veterinarian drawn by chance to care for a variety of cryptozoological creatures. As a practicing veterinarian, the author is called upon, as if by strange forces, to care for a Chupacabra, Sasquatch, Lake Erie's monster Bessie, mermaids, and fairies in Newfoundland, and eventually a unicorn in the Highlands of Scotland. Drawing on his experiences as a wildlife rehabilitator and exotic-animal veterinarian, the author cares for these odd creatures, describing his work in accurate medical detail and touching on the importance of compassion and the need to respect all creatures on our planet. An homage to James Herriot's *All Creatures Great and Small*, while touching on stories equally appropriate for an episode of the *X-Files*.

Cryptozoology TP \$39.95

Braking Day Oyebanji, Adam

It's been over a century, since three generation ships escaped an Earth, dominated by artificial intelligence, in pursuit of a life on a distant planet orbiting Tau Ceti. Now, it's nearly Braking Day, when the ships will begin their long-awaited descent to their new home. Born on the lower decks of the *Archimedes*, Ravi Macleod is an engineer-in-training, set to be the first of his family to become an officer in the stratified hierarchy aboard the ship. While on a routine inspection, Ravi sees the impossible: a young woman floating, helmetless, out in space. And he's the only one who can see her. As his visions of the girl grow more frequent, Ravi is faced with a choice: secure his family's place among the elite members of *Archimedes*' crew or risk it all by pursuing the mystery of the floating girl. With the help of his cousin, Boz, and her illegally-constructed AI, Ravi must investigate the source of these strange visions and uncovers the truth of the *Archimedes*' departure from Earth before Braking Day arrives and changes everything about life as they know it.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Ninth Metal

Comet Cycle 01

Percy, Benjamin

It began with a comet... At first, people gazed in wonder at the radiant tear in the sky. A year later, the celestial marvel became a planetary crisis when Earth spun through the comet's debris field and the sky rained fire. The town of Northfall, Minnesota will never be the same. Meteors cratered hardwood forests and annihilated homes, and among the wreckage a new metal was discovered. This 'omnimetal' has properties that make it world changing, as an energy source... and a weapon. John Frontier – the troubled scion of an iron-ore dynasty in Northfall – returns for his sister's wedding to find his family embroiled in a cutthroat war to control mineral rights and mining operations. His father rightly suspects foreign leaders and competing corporations of sabotage, but the greatest threat to his legacy might be the US government. Physicist Victoria Lennon was recruited by the Department of Defence to research omnimetal, but she finds herself trapped in a laboratory of nightmares. And across town, a rookie cop is investigating a murder that puts her own life in the crosshairs. She will have to compromise her moral code to bring justice to this now-lawless community. '[In *The Ninth Metal*] debris from a comet drops a fabulously valuable new metal on Northfall, MN, turning it into a bloody, brawling boomtown. Great characters, fine writing, totally engrossing.'

– Stephen King.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

The Desolations of Devil's Acre

Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children 06

Riggs, Ransom

The last thing Jacob Portman saw before the world went dark was a terrible, familiar face. Suddenly, he and Noor are back in the place where everything began – his grandfather's house. Jacob doesn't know how they escaped from V's loop to find themselves in Florida.

But he does know one thing for certain: Caul has returned. After a narrow getaway from a bloodthirsty hollow, Jacob and Noor reunite with Miss Peregrine and the peculiar children in Devil's Acre. The Acre is being plagued by desolations – weather fronts of ash and blood and bone – a terrible portent of Caul's amassing army. Risen from the Library of Souls and more powerful than ever, Caul and his apocalyptic agenda seem unstoppable. Only one hope remains – deliver Noor to the meeting place of the seven prophesied ones. If they can decipher its secret location.

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

Into the Real

Transdimensional Hunter 01

Ringo, John & Sherrer, Lydia

Lynn Raven may be the boss master of WarMonger 2050 with her online persona of 'Larry the Snake', but when the CEO of Tsunami Entertainment personally asks her, as a favour, to beta test a new augmented reality game, she has to face her greatest fear: going outside and dealing with, ugh, people. As she becomes more immersed in the game, the stakes rise and so do the obstacles. Strife between teammates, a ruthless rival team, and these strange glitches that make it seem like the game algorithm (or maybe 'game AI'?) has it in for her. Now, she has to face a new fear: is she willing to step into the real to win the future she's always wanted? What do you do when a game and real life merge? *Ender's Game* meets *Mean Girls* meets *Pokemon Go*.

Military SF HC \$55.00

Fevered Star

Between Earth & Sky 02

Roanhorse, Rebecca

'There are no tides more treacherous than those of the heart.' – Teek saying. The great city of Tova is shattered. The sun is held within the smothering grip of the Crow God's eclipse, but a comet that marks the death of a ruler and heralds the rise of a new order is imminent. The Meridian: a land where magic has been codified and the worship of gods suppressed. How do you live when legends come to life, and the faith you had is rewarded? As sea captain Xiala is swept up in the chaos and currents of change, she finds an unexpected ally in the former Priest of Knives. For the Clan Matriarchs of Tova, tense alliances form as far-flung enemies gather and the war in the heavens is reflected upon the earth. And for Serapio and Naranpa, both now living avatars, the struggle for free will and personhood in the face of destiny rages. How will Serapio stay human when he is steeped in prophecy and surrounded by those who desire only his power? Is there a future for Naranpa in a transformed Tova, without her total destruction? The sequel to *Black Sun* (TP, \$37.95).

Fantasy HC \$57.95

The Starless Crown

Moon Fall 01

Rollins, James

A gifted student foretells an apocalypse. Her reward is a sentence of death. Fleeing into the unknown she is drawn into a team of outcasts: A broken soldier, who once again takes up the weapons he's forbidden to wield and carves a trail back home. A drunken prince, who steps out from his beloved brother's shadow and

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Fantasy HC \$54.99

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Fantasy HC \$54.99

Annie and the Wolves

Romano-Lax, Andromeda

Ruth McClintock is obsessed with Annie Oakley. For nearly a decade, she has been studying the legendary sharpshooter, convinced that a scarring childhood event was the impetus for her crusade to arm every woman in America. This search has cost Ruth her doctorate, a book deal, and her fiancé – but finally it has borne fruit. She has managed to hunt down what may be a journal of Oakley's midlife struggles, including secret visits to a psychoanalyst and the desire for vengeance against the 'Wolves', or those who have wronged her. With the help of Reece, a tech-savvy senior at the local high school, Ruth attempts to establish the journal's provenance, but she's begun to have jarring out-of-body episodes parallel to Annie's own lived experiences. As she solves Annie's mysteries, Ruth confronts her own truths, including the link between her teenage sister's suicide and an impending tragedy in her Minnesota town that Ruth can still prevent.

Science fiction TP \$27.99

The Tales of Beedle the Bard:

a magical companion to the Harry Potter stories, illustrated edition

Rowling, J K

& Riddell, Chris (illustrator)

An essential companion to the Harry Potter books, *The Tales of Beedle the Bard* is a collection of fairy tales from the wizarding world, via the enchanted pen of J K Rowling. Rich with allusions and symbols from the Harry Potter stories, and enhanced with fascinating commentary from beloved

sage Professor Albus Dumbledore, this is a Hogwarts' Library book to treasure and enjoy for years to come. All of the gorgeous, grim and gothic detail of the Bard's five bewitching tales has been brought to life by Chris Riddell, thrice winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal. Much loved by generations of witches and wizards, and translated from the original runes by Hermione Granger, this beautiful edition is the perfect gift for Harry Potter fans. Mischievous and witty, Beedle the Bard's stories are a deeply satisfying read in the tradition of all great fables and fairy tales. Kindnesses are rewarded and selfishness shown to be the ruin of many a wizard. Burping cauldrons, hairy hearts and cackling stumps are met along the way. Each tale is brought vividly to life with Riddell's trademark wry humour and elegance, including 'The Tale of the Three Brothers', familiar to readers of Harry Potter from the crucial role it plays in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Now, available in a paperback format featuring a brand new cover by Chris Riddell, this edition contains all of the mesmerising illustrations from the original hardback plus an exclusive additional art print of Harry, Ron and Hermione for readers to take out and keep. Prepare to be spellbound!

Harry Potter PBK \$29.99

Contact

Sagan, Carl

In December 1999, a multinational team journeys out to the stars, to the most awesome encounter in human history. Who – or what – is out there? At first, it seemed impossible – a radio signal that came not from Earth but from far beyond the nearest stars. But then the signal was translated, and what had been impossible became terrifying. For the signal contains the information to build a Machine that can travel to the stars. A Machine that can take a human to meet those that sent the message. They are eager to meet us: they have been watching and waiting for a long time. And, now, they will judge. The bestselling sf novel, by the Pulitzer Prize-winning Carl Sagan, first published in 1986.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$24.99

Dawnshard

Stormlight Archive 3.5, novella

Sanderson, Brandon

When a ghost ship is discovered, its crew presumed dead after trying to reach the storm-shrouded island Akinah, Navani Kholin must send an expedition to make sure the island hasn't fallen into enemy hands. Knights Radiant who fly too near find their Stormlight suddenly drained, so the voyage must be by sea. Shipowner Rysn Ftori lost the use of her legs but gained the companionship of Chiri-Chiri, a Stormlight-ingesting winged larkin, a species once thought extinct. Now, Rysn's pet is ill, and any hope for Chiri-Chiri's recovery can be found only at the ancestral home of the larkin: Akinah. With the help of Lopen, the formerly one-armed Windrunner, Rysn must accept Navani's quest and sail into the perilous storm from which no one has returned alive. If the crew cannot uncover the secrets of the hidden island city before the wrath of its ancient guardians falls upon them, the fate of Roshar and the entire Cosmere hangs in the balance.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

Skyward Flight

novella collection

Sanderson, Brandon

Collecting *Sunreach*, *ReDawn*, and *Evershore*. Journey with Skyward Flight to Detritus – humanity's final refuge from the hostile Galactic Superiority government. In *Skyward*, Spensa Nightshade became a starfighter pilot in the Defiant Defence Force's Skyward Flight to battle Superiority forces. In *Starsight* she impersonated the alien Alanik to infiltrate a Superiority space station and steal their hyperdrives. And, in *Cytonic*, she travelled the strange dimension of the Nowhere to discover the secrets of the planet-destroying Delters and unlock her own Cytonic powers. As she is stuck in the Nowhere, Spensa's companions FM and Jorgen in Skyward Flight are left on Detritus with a new mandate: figure out how to use the hyperdrives so that humanity can escape the planet and find allies among other species oppressed by the Superiority. First, comes a distress call from Minister Cuna and other diones on the abandoned outpost of Sunreach. Alanik's people on the planet ReDawn and the Kitsen from the planet Evershore also need Skyward Flight's aid in their desperate battles. The tales of FM, Alanik, and Jorgen combine to expand the universe of the bestselling Skyward series to new action-packed heights. Once you've claimed the stars, can you keep them free?

Space opera TP \$32.99

The Kaiju

Preservation Society

Scalzi, John

In New York City, Jamie Gray is a driver for food delivery apps. That is, until Jamie makes a delivery to an old acquaintance, Tom, who works at what he calls 'an animal rights organisation'. Tom's team needs a last-minute grunt to handle things on their next field visit. Jamie, eager to do anything, immediately signs on. What Tom doesn't tell Jamie is that the animals his team cares for are not here on Earth. Not our Earth, at least. In an alternate dimension, massive dinosaur-like creatures named Kaiju roam a warm and human-free world. They're the universe's largest and most dangerous animal and they're in trouble. It's not just the Kaiju Preservation Society whose found their way to the alternate world. Others have, too. And their carelessness could cause millions back on our Earth to die. A thrilling, fast-paced adventure set on an alternate Earth – perfect for fans of Adrian Tchaikovsky, Charles Stross and, of course, John Scalzi. ;)

Science fiction TP \$32.99

House Between Earth and the Moon

Scherm, Rebecca

For twenty years, Alex has believed that his gene-edited super-algae will slow and even reverse the effects of climate change. His obsession with his research has jeopardised his marriage, his relationships with his kids, and his own professional future. When the Son sisters, founders of the colossal tech company Sensus, offer him a chance to complete his research, he seizes the opportunity. The catch? His lab will be in outer space on Parallaxis, the first-ever luxury residential space station built for billionaires. Alex and six other scientists leave Earth and

their loved ones to become Pioneers, the beta tenants of Parallaxis. But Parallaxis is not the space palace they were sold. Day and night, the embittered crew builds the facility under pressure from Sensus, motivated by the promise that their families will join them. At home on Earth, much of the country is ablaze in wildfires and battered by storms. In Michigan, Alex's teenage daughter, Mary Agnes, struggles through high school with the help of the ubiquitous Sensus phones implanted in everyone's ears, archiving each humiliation, and wishing she could go to Parallaxis with her father – but her mother will never allow it. The Pioneers are the beta testers of another program, too: Sensus is designing an algorithm that will predict human behaviour. Katherine Son hires Tess, a young social psychologist, to watch the experiment's subjects through their phones – including not only the Pioneers, but Katherine's sister, Rachel. Tess begins to develop an intimate, obsessive relationship with her subjects. When Tess and Rachel travel to Parallaxis, the controlled experiment begins to unravel.

Science fiction HC \$55.00

The Cartographers

Shepherd, Peng

Nell Young's whole life and greatest passion is cartography. Her father, Dr Daniel Young, is a legend in the field and Nell's personal hero. But she hasn't seen or spoken to him ever since he cruelly fired her and destroyed her reputation after an argument over an old, cheap gas station highway map. But when Dr Young is found dead in his office at the New York Public Library, with the very same seemingly worthless map hidden in his desk, Nell can't resist investigating. To her surprise, she soon discovers that the map is incredibly valuable and exceedingly rare. In fact, she may now have the only copy left in existence... because a mysterious collector has been hunting down, and destroying, every last one – along with anyone who gets in the way. But why? To answer that question, Nell embarks on a dangerous journey to reveal a dark family secret and discovers the true power that lies in maps...

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

Stormland

Shirley, John

They call it Stormland: a sprawling, largely abandoned region of the south-eastern coast of the USA, where climate change's extreme weather conditions have brought about a perfect storm of perpetual tempests; where hurricane-strength storms return day after day, 365 days a year. The heart of Stormland is Charleston, South Carolina, a flooded ruin where hundreds of people remain for their own peculiar reasons; where thugs prey on the weak, and a strangely benevolent cult tries to keep everyone insanely sane. Here, plutocratic evil takes advantage of Stormland's lawlessness to cultivate a weirdly-puppeted theatre of cruelty. Swept into the turbulent vortex of Stormland is an unlikely duo – a former serial killer and a former US Marshal – who must work together to bring light to America's late 21st century heart of darkness.

Dystopian di-fi TP \$41.95

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The Immortal

Rise of the Warlords 02

Showalter, Gena

Halo Phaninon, assassin of gods, is as cold and merciless as a machine. For victory, he crosses any line. When tasked to kill twelve of mythology's fiercest monsters in 24 hours, Halo eagerly accepts. Except, each morning he awakens to the same day, forced to relive new horrors. Only one other person retains their memory – the beauty who threatens his iron control. Ophelia the Flunk Out hates her disaster of a life. She's the family disappointment, a harpy warrior without a kill and powerless – or is she? Nearly every night she's doomed to repeat her own murder, but each morning she arises to spar with Halo, the ruthless warlord increasingly determined to save her... and lure her to his bed. Halo's insatiable desire for the stubborn Ophelia drives him wild... and he only craves more. If he remains in the time loop, they stay together. But if he escapes, they lose each other forever.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

The City of Dusk

Dark Gods 01

Sim, Tara

The Four Realms – Life, Death, Light, and Darkness – all converge on the City of Dusk. For each realm there is a god, and for each god there is an heir. But the gods have withdrawn their favour from the once vibrant and thriving metropolis. And without it, all the realms are dying. Unwilling to stand by and watch the destruction, the four heirs – Angelica, an elemental with her eyes set on the throne; Risha, a necromancer fighting to keep the peace; Nikolas, a soldier who struggles to see the light; and Taesia, a shadow-wielding rogue with a reckless heart – will become reluctant allies in the quest to save their city. But their rebellion will cost them dearly. The first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Helios Incident

Magnus Nights 01

Smith, Bryn

Outgunned, outnumbered, and the clock's ticking. Police are being gunned down in the streets, incinerated by advanced weapons that no criminal should have. Detective Constable Craddock and Detective Sergeant Augustine of Taskforce Bloodhound must find the source of the weapons at any cost. But there are powerful forces who benefit from the chaos. A soldier without an enemy. An executive with everything to lose. A gangster who smells opportunity. A shadowy figure after more than money. And it may be too late to stop them. Is it too late? A debut novel by a Brisbane writer.

SF noir TP \$26.95

The Best of Both Wolves

Red Wolf 02

Spear, Terry

Where there's a wolf, there's a way... Sierra Redding is on her way to her new job as an art teacher for a red wolf pack in Portland, when she thwarts a break-in. She's just in time to see the would-be thief and sketch him for detective Adam Holmes, earning her a job with the police department as a

sketch artist, and bringing her closer to the handsome investigator...

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

Harbinger

Elfhome 05

Spencer, Wen

Elfhome continues! The war against the oni heats to a flashpoint even as Tinker learns that the enemy has a dangerous new weapon, the nactka. What's more, the Stone Clan has sent its most famous warlords, the Harbingers, to take control of the allied war effort. Are these elves friends or foes? Tinker's newfound baby siblings are up for grabs. The babies, though, are wood sprites and aren't going to take things lying down. Team Mischief, go!

Urban fantasy HC \$55.00

Quantum of Nightmares

New Management 02

Stross, Charles

It's a brave new Britain under the New Management. The avuncular prime minister is an ancient eldritch god of unimaginable power. Crime is plummeting as almost every offense is punishable by death. And everywhere you look, there are people with strange powers, some of which they can control, and some, not so much. Hyper-organised and formidable, Eve Starkey defeated her boss, the louche magical adept and billionaire Rupert de Montfort Bigge, in a supernatural duel to the death. Now, she's in charge of the Bigge Corporation – just in time to discover the lethal trap Rupert set for her long ago. Wendy Deere's transhuman abilities have gotten her through many a scrape. Now she's gainfully employed investigating unauthorised supernatural shenanigans. She swore to herself she wouldn't again get entangled with Eve Starkey's bohemian brother Imp and his crew of transhuman misfits. Yeah, right. Mary Macandless has powers of her own. Right now, she's pretending to be a nanny in order to kidnap the children of a pair of famous, Government-authorized superheroes. These children have powers of their own, and Mary Macandless is in way over her head. Amanda Sullivan is the HR manager of a minor grocery chain, much oppressed by her glossy blonde boss – who is cooking up an appalling, extra-legal scheme literally involving human flesh. All of these stories will come together, with world-bending results... Stross is always recommended!

Urban fantasy HC \$45.00

Comfort Me with Apples

novella

Valente, Catherynne M

Sophia was made for him. Her perfect husband. She can feel it in her bones. He is perfect. Their home together in Arcadia Gardens is perfect. Everything is perfect. It's just that he's away so much. So often. He works so hard. She misses him. And he misses her. He says he does, so it must be true. He is the perfect husband, and everything is perfect. But sometimes Sophia wonders about things. Strange things. Dark things. The look on her husband's face when he comes back from a long business trip. The questions he will not answer. The locked basement she is never allowed to enter. And whenever she

asks the neighbours, they can't quite meet her gaze... But everything is perfect. Isn't it? A 112pp Tor.com novella.

Fairy tales retold HC \$36.99

The Chosen and the Beautiful

Vo, Nghi
Immigrant. Socialite. Magician. Jordan Baker grows up in the most rarefied circles of 1920s American society – she has money, education, a killer golf handicap, and invitations to some of the most exclusive parties of the Jazz Age. She's also queer and Asian, a Vietnamese adoptee treated as an exotic attraction by her peers, while the most important doors remain closed to her. But the world is full of wonders: infernal pacts and dazzling illusions, lost ghosts and elemental mysteries. In all paper is fire, and Jordan can burn the cut paper heart out of a man. She just has to learn how. 'A sumptuous, decadent read.' – *The New York Times.*

Historical fantasy TP \$39.95

Gothic Classics:

the Castle of Otranto and the Old English Baron

Haunted Library Horror Classics

Walpole, Horace

Manfred, the lord of the castle of Otranto, has long lived in dread of an ancient prophecy: it's foretold that when his family line ends, the true owner of the castle will appear and claim it. In a desperate bid to keep the castle, Manfred plans to coerce a young woman named Isabella into marrying him. Isabella refuses to yield to Manfred's reprehensible plan. But once she escapes into the depths of the castle, it becomes clear that Manfred isn't the only threat. As Isabelle loses herself in the seemingly endless hallways below, voices reverberate from the walls and spectres wander through the dungeons. Otranto appears to be alive, and it's seeking revenge for the sins of the past.

Gothic thriller PBK \$24.99

Deep Dive

Walters, Ron

Still reeling from the failure of his last project, videogame developer Peter Banuk is working hard to ensure his next game doesn't meet the same fate. He desperately needs a win, not only to save his struggling company, but to justify the time he's spent away from his wife and daughters. So, when Peter's tech-genius partner offers him the chance to beta-test a new state-of-the-art virtual reality headset, he jumps at it. But something goes wrong during the trial, and Peter wakes to find himself trapped in an eerily familiar world where his children no longer exist. As the lines between the real and virtual worlds begin to blur, Peter is forced to reckon with what truly matters to him. But can he escape his virtual prison before he loses his family forever?

Cyberpunk TP \$26.99

Sundial

Ward, Catriona

You can't escape what's in your blood... All Rob wanted was a normal life. She almost got it, too: a husband, two kids, a nice house

in the suburbs. But Rob fears for her oldest daughter, Callie, who collects tiny bones and whispers to imaginary friends. Rob sees a darkness in Callie, one that reminds her too much of the family she left behind. She decides to take Callie back to her childhood home, to Sundial, deep in the Mojave Desert. And there she will have to make a terrible choice. Callie is worried about her mother. Rob has begun to look at her strangely, and speaks of past secrets. And Callie fears that only one of them will leave Sundial alive... The mother and daughter embark on a dark, desert journey to the past in the hopes of redeeming their future.

Horror TP \$32.99

Lover Arisen

Black Dagger Brotherhood 20

Ward, J R

Possessed by the demon Devina, Balthazar is once again on the hunt for the Book of Spells – and fighting an undeniable attraction to a woman. As a thief, he has stolen a lot of things... but he never thought his heart would be taken by another. Especially not a human. As a homicide detective, Erika Saunders knows there is something otherworldly going on in Caldwell, New York. Mutilated bodies that cannot be explained are all over her case list – and then there are her nightmares in which she's hunted by shadows and captivated by a mysterious man who is both a suspect and a saviour. When Devina's wish for true love is finally granted, Balthazar and Erika unwittingly become the gateway for the rebirth of an old enemy of the Brothers. Will the very thing that brings them together lead to the ultimate destruction of the Brotherhood? Or will they have to lose everything in order to save the race's most sacred defenders?

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

The Wolf

Black Dagger Brotherhood

Prison Camp 02

Ward, J R

Things get steamy when Lucan, a wolveren forced into bartering drug deals for the infamous Prison Colony, meets Rio, the second in command for the shadowy Caldwell supplier, Mozart. After a deal goes awry, a wolf with piercing golden eyes swoops in to save her from certain death. As shocking truths unfurl, Rio is uncertain of who to trust and what to believe – but with her life on the line, true love rears its head and growls in the face of danger.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

Legacy of Light

Legacy 03

Ward, Matthew

For the first time in many years, the Tressian Republic and the Hadari Empire are at peace. But darkness never sleeps. In Tregard, Empress Melanna Saranal struggles to protect a throne won at great cost. In Tressia, Lord Protector Viktor Droshna seeks to restore all he's lost through forbidden means. And as the sins of the past are once more laid bare, every road will lead to war. The conclusion to Matthew Ward's acclaimed Legacy trilogy – an epic fantasy series of war and intrigue, perfect for fans of George R R Martin, Brent

Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy April 2022 (continued)

Weeks, and Brandon Sanderson. *Legacy of Ash and Legacy of Steel* (PBK, \$22.99) are the first two volumes in the trilogy.
Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Metronome Watson, Tom

For twelve years, Aina and Whitney have been in exile on an island for a crime they committed together, tethered to a croft by pills they must take for survival every eight hours. They've kept busy – Aina, with her garden, her jigsaw, her music; Whitney, with his sculptures and maps – but something is not right. Shipwrecks have begun washing up, and their supply drops have stopped. And, on the day they're meant to be collected for parole, the Warden does not come. Instead, there's a sheep. But sheep can't swim. . . As days pass, Aina begins to suspect that their prison is part of a peninsula, and that Whitney has been keeping secrets. And if he's been keeping secrets, maybe she should too. Convinced they've been abandoned, she starts investigating ways she might escape. As she comes to grips with the decisions that haunt her past, she realises her biggest choice is yet to come.

Dystopia TP \$29.99

Siege of Rage and Ruin

Wells of Sorcery 03

Wexler, Django

Isoka has done the impossible – she's captured the ghost ship Soliton. With her crew of mage-bloods, including the love of her life Princess Meroe, Isoka returns to the empire that sent her on her deadly mission. She's ready to hand over the ghost ship as ransom for her sister Tori's life, but arrives to find her home city under siege. And Tori at the helm of a rebellion. Neither Isoka's mastery of combat magic, nor Tori's proficiency with mind control, could have prepared them for the feelings their reunion surfaces. But they're soon drawn back into the rebels' fight to free the city that almost killed them. The explosive final adventure in Wexler's YA trilogy – which begins with *Ship of Smoke and Steel* (PBK, \$18.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Marion Lane and the

Midnight Murder

Inquirers mysteries 02

Willberg, T A

They were a band of mysterious private detectives who lived beneath the streets of

London in a labyrinth of twisted tunnels and ancient hallways, the entrance to which no one had ever found. . . *London, 1958*:

Elaborately disguised and hidden deep beneath the city's streets lies the world of Miss Brickett's, a secret detective agency. From traversing deceptive escape rooms full of baited traps and hidden dangers, to engineering almost magical mechanical gadgets, apprentice detectives at Miss Brickett's undergo rigorous training to equip them with the skills and knowledge they will need to solve the mysteries that confound London's police force. But nothing can prepare 23-year-old apprentice Marion Lane for what happens, after the arrest of her friend and mentor, Frank, on suspicion of murder: he tasks Marion with clearing his name and saving his life. Her investigation will place Marion and her friends in great peril as they venture into the forbidden maze of uncharted tunnels that surround Miss Brickett's. Being discovered out of bounds means immediate dismissal, but that is the least of Marion's problems – when she discovered that the tunnels contain more than just secrets. . . A wonderful debut, recommended. The sequel is *Marion Lane and the Deadly Rose* (TP, \$32.99).

Fantasy crime PBK \$22.99

The Circus Infinite Wong, Khan

Hunted by those who want to study his gravity powers, Jes makes his way to the best place for a mixed-species fugitive to blend in: the pleasure moon where everyone just wants to be lost in the party. It doesn't take long for him to catch the attention of the crime boss who owns the resort-casino where he lands a circus job, and when the boss gets wind of the bounty on Jes' head, he makes an offer: do anything and everything asked of him or face vivisection. With no other options, Jes fulfills the requests: espionage, torture, demolition. But when the boss sets the circus up to take the fall for his about-to-get-busted narcotics operation, Jes and his friends decide to bring the mobster down. And if Jes can also avoid going back to being the prize subject of a scientist who can't wait to dissect him? Even better.

Space opera TP \$29.99