

Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

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Amongst Our Weapons

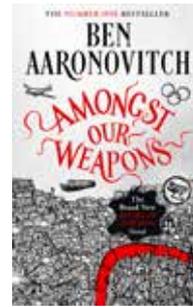
PC Grant 09

Ben Aaronovitch

The ninth novel of the bestselling Rivers of London urban fantasy series returns to the adventures of Peter Grant – detective and apprentice wizard – as he solves magical crimes in the city of London. There is a world hidden underneath this great city. 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. But what he doesn’t know is that he’s about to encounter something – and somebody – that nobody ever expects... (The Spanish Inquisition, perhaps? Nobody ever expects the Spanish Inquisition! Just sayin’!)

Urban fantasy | TP | \$32.99



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All Systems Red

Murderbot Diaries 01

Martha Wells

In a corporate-dominated, spacefaring future, planetary missions must be approved and supplied by the Company. Exploratory teams are accompanied by Company-supplied security androids, for their own safety. But in a society where contracts are awarded to the lowest bidder, safety isn’t a primary concern. On a distant planet, a team of scientists are conducting surface tests, shadowed by their Company-supplied ‘droid – a self-aware SecUnit that has hacked its own governor module, and refers to itself (though, never out loud) as ‘Murderbot’. Scornful of humans, all it really wants is to be left alone, long enough to figure out who it is. But when a neighbouring mission goes dark, it’s up to the scientists and their Murderbot to get to the truth. This first in the series won both the Hugo and Nebula Awards for Best Novella – and rightly so! So, love this – and its three sequels making up the first quartet. Can’t recommend them highly enough! (Best to reserve your copies, though – they tend to sell out as soon as stock arrives!)

Science fiction novella | HC | \$29.99



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The Kaiju Preservation Society

John Scalzi

They’re big, they’re bad and they’re about to become extinct... Jamie’s dream was to hit the big time at a New York tech start-up. Jamie’s reality was a humiliating layoff, then a low-wage job as a takeaway delivery driver. During a pandemic too. Things look beyond grim, until a chance delivery to an old acquaintance. Tom has an urgent vacancy on his team: the pay is great and Jamie has debts – it’s a no-brainer choice. Yet, once again, reality fails to match expectations. Only... this time, it could be fatal. It seems Tom’s

‘animal rights organisation’ is way more than it appears. The animals aren’t even on Earth – or not our Earth, anyway. In an alternate dimension, massive dinosaur-like creatures roam a tropical, human-free world. And although Kaiju are their universe’s largest and most dangerous animal, they need support to survive. Tom’s ‘Kaiju Preservation Society’ wants to help. However, others want to profit. Unless they’re stopped, the walls between our worlds could fall – and the consequences would be devastating. Scalzi. Fabulous.

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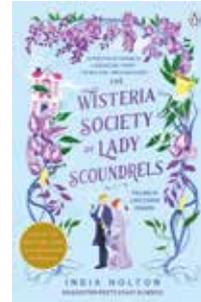
The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels

Dangerous Damsels 01

India Holton

The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels are no ordinary women... Full of pirates, thieves and ne'er-do-wells, they spend their days pickpocketing and blackmailing their way around the country all before their afternoon tea. But when Wisteria lady Cecilia Bassingwaite meets Ned Lightbourne, her world is set to change forever. Because he's a paid assassin and she's his next hit. Yet when he lays eyes on the feisty, beautiful Cecilia he's faced with a conundrum: Does he kill her... or fall in love with her? Fantastical Victorian hijinks – much fun!

Gaslamp fantasy | PBK | \$19.99



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Harbinger

Elfhome 05

Wen Spencer

The Long-Awaited New Entry in Wen Spencer's Tinker Series 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! Spencer has a cult following here. Slightly futuristic urban fantasy. Start with the first – *Tinker* (TP, \$37.95).

Urban fantasy | HC | \$55.00



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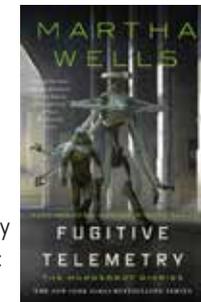
Fugitive Telemetry

Murderbot Diaries 06

Martha Wells

No, I didn't kill the dead human. If I had, I wouldn't dump the body in the station mall. When Murderbot discovers a dead body on Preservation Station, it knows it is going to have to assist station security to determine who the body is (was), how they were killed (that should be relatively straightforward, at least), and why (because apparently that matters to a lot of people – who knew?) Yes, the unthinkable is about to happen: Murderbot must voluntarily speak to humans! *Again!* This sixth entry into the series is a standalone novella, set before *Artificial Condition*. Love, love, love it! Cannot recommend highly enough! (If you want one, but we don't have any in the shop – please, do order one, to stake your claim on the stock we will receive!) If you haven't read the preceding books in Wells' fab series – then start with *All Systems Red* (HC, \$29.99).

Science fiction novella | HC | \$39.99



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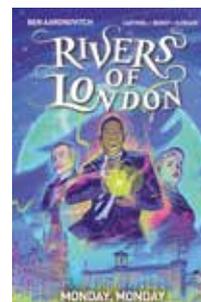
Monday, Monday

Rivers of London graphic novel 09

Ben Aaronovitch, et al

CSI meets Harry Potter in this graphic novel from Ben Aaronovitch, writer of the bestselling Rivers of London supernatural police procedural crime novel series, and Andrew Cartmel author of *The Vinyl Detective*. It's the case of a Swedish Werewolf in London, the unmissable next chapter in the life of full-time cop and part time wizard Peter Grant. Grant works as part of a very special London police unit investigating unusual crimes involving magic and the general weirdness that permeates London's dark underbelly. What starts as a routine undercover operation to break up an organised teenage pickpocket gang turns into something far more dangerous when the Metropolitan police are confronted by a Swedish werewolf who'll stop at nothing to avoid capture. Now, it's up to Peter and his cohort of chums to hunt the deadly lycanthrope and bring him to justice...! Supernatural fun and games – we do really well with this series of graphic novels based on the books!

Urban fantasy | TP | \$27.99



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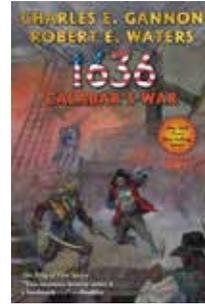
1636: Calabar's War

Ring of Fire 30

Charles E Gannon & Robert E Waters

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. Until, that is, Calabar learns that bitter personal enemies have grabbed his family, put them in chains, and sold them to a slaveship, bound for the Spanish Main. Calabar must now choose: continue to help the Dutch, or save his wife and children. 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. Latest in the alternate history, shared-world series – that just keeps on going – and selling. Start with Eric Flint's original in the series, *1632* (PBK, \$24.95).

[Alternate history](#) | [PBK](#) | [\\$24.95](#)



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The Galaxy and the Ground Within

Wayfarers 04

Becky Chambers

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

[Space opera](#) | [PBK](#) | [\\$22.99](#)



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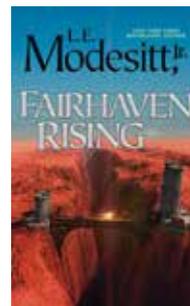
Fairhaven Rising

Saga of Recluce 22

L E Modesitt

Modesitt continues his bestselling Saga of Recluce with his twenty-second book in the long-running series. *Fairhaven Rising* follows *The Mage-Fire War*. Sixteen years have passed since the mage Beltur helped to found the town of Fairhaven, and Taelya, Beltur's adopted niece, is now a white mage undercaptain in the Road Guards of Fairhaven. Fairhaven's success under the Council has become an impediment to the ambition of several rulers, and the mages protecting the town are seen as a threat. Taelya, a young and untried mage, will find herself at the heart of a conspiracy to destroy her home and the people she loves, and she may not be powerful enough to stop it in time. Start at the beginning with *The Magic of Recluce* (TP, \$29.99).

[Fantasy](#) | [PBK](#) | [\\$26.95](#)



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