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Our Crooked Hearts **Albert, Melissa**

On the way home from a party, 17-year-old Ivy and her soon-to-be ex nearly run over a nude young woman standing in the middle of a tree-lined road. It's only the first in a string of increasingly eerie events and offerings: a dead rabbit in the driveway, a bizarre concoction buried by her mother in the backyard, a box of childhood keepsakes hidden in her parents' closet safe. Most unsettling of all, corroded recollections of Ivy and her enigmatic mother's past resurface, with the help of the boy next door. What if there's more to Ivy's mother than meets the eye? And what if the supernatural forces she messed with during her own teen years have come back to haunt them both? Ivy must grapple with these questions and more if she's going to escape the darkness closing in. Straddling Ivy's contemporary suburban town and her mother's magic-drenched 1990s' Chicago, this bewitching and propulsive story rockets towards a conclusion guaranteed to keep readers up all night.

YA urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

Cwen **Albinia, Alice**

On an unnamed archipelago off the east coast of Britain, the impossible has come to pass. Women control the civic institutions. Decide how the islands' money is spent. Run the businesses. Tend to their families. Teach the children hope for a better world. They say that this gynotopia is Eva Levi's life's work, and that now she has disappeared, it will be destroyed. But they don't know about Cwen. Cwen has been here longer than the civilisation she has returned to haunt. The clouds are her children, and the waves. Her name has ancient roots, reaching down into the earth and halfway around the world. The islands she inhabits have always belonged to women. And she will do anything she can to protect them.

Dystopia PBK \$19.99

White Hot Kiss

Dark Elements 01

Armentrout, Jennifer L

Layla just wants to fit in at school and go on a date with Zayne, whom she's crushed on since forever. Trouble is, Zayne treats Layla like a sister – and Layla is a half demon, half gargoyle with abilities no one else possesses. And even though Zayne is a Warden, part of the race of gargoyles tasked with keeping humanity safe, Layla's kiss will kill anything with a soul-including him. Then she meets Roth – a demon who claims to know her secrets. Though Layla knows she should stay away, it's tough when that whole no-kissing thing isn't an issue. Trusting Roth could ruin her chances with Zayne, but as Layla discovers she's the reason for a violent demon

uprising, kissing the enemy suddenly pales in comparison to the looming end of the world. The first in a new series.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Stone Gold Touch

Dark Elements 02

Armentrout, Jennifer L

Layla Shaw is trying to pick up the pieces of her shattered life. Her best friend, Zayne, is forever off limits, thanks to her mysterious power of a soul-stealing kiss. Suddenly, the Warden clan that has always protected her is keeping dangerous secrets. And she can barely think about Roth, the forbidden demon prince who understood her in ways no one else ever could. Rock bottom is only the beginning once Layla's powers finally start to evolve. She's offered a tantalising taste of what has always been forbidden, finally getting what she has always wanted, but with hell literally breaking loose and the body count piling up, the price may be higher than Layla is willing or able to pay. The sequel to *White Hot Kiss* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Every Last Breath

Dark Elements 03

Armentrout, Jennifer L

Every choice has consequences and Layla Shaw faces tougher choices than most. Light or darkness? Hardest of all, Layla has to decide which side of herself to trust. What will she do with the new problem at hand? A Lilin, the deadliest of demons, has been unleashed, wreaking havoc on all around her. To keep her best friend from a fate worse than death, Layla must strike a deal with the enemy while saving her city from destruction. Torn between two worlds, Layla has no certainties, especially when an old bargain comes back to haunt them all. But sometimes, when secrets are everywhere and the truth seems unknowable, you have to listen to your heart, pick a side and fight like hell. The conclusion to the Dark Elements trilogy.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Warrior

Quest for Heroes 02

Aryan, Stephen

Kell, two-time saviour of the Five Kingdoms, is now the King of Algany. He has fame, power, respect, and has never been more miserable... Bound, by duty and responsibility, Kell is King only in name. Trapped in a loveless marriage, he leaves affairs of state to his wife, Sigrid. When his old friend, Willow, turns up asking him to go on a journey to her homeland he can't wait to leave. The Malice, a malevolent poison that alters everything it infects, runs rampant across Willow's homeland. Desperate to find

a cure her cousin, Ravvi, is willing to try a dark ritual which could damn her people forever. Journeying to a distant land, Kell and his companions must stop Ravvi before it's too late. While Kell is away, Reverend Mother Britak's plans come to a head. Queen Sigrid must find a way to protect her family and her nation, but against such a ruthless opponent, something has to give... The sequel to the popular *The Coward* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$24.99

Ten Thousand Stitches

Regency Faerie Tales 02

Atwater, Olivia

A captivating historical fantasy set in a magical version of Regency England, full of wit, charm and heart-fluttering romance. Faerie godfathers are supposed to help young ladies find love. Unfortunately, no one told Lord Blackthorn that. Effie has most inconveniently fallen in love with the dashing Mr Benedict Ashbrooke. There's only one problem; Effie is a housemaid, and a housemaid cannot marry a gentleman. It seems that Effie is out of luck until she stumbles into the faerie realm of Lord Blackthorn, who is only too eager to help Effie win Mr Ashbrooke's heart. All he asks in return is that Effie sew ten thousand stitches onto his favourite jacket. Effie has heard rumours about what happens to those who accept help from faeries, but life as a maid at Hartfield is so awful that she is willing to risk even her immortal soul for a chance at something better. Now, she has one hundred days – and ten thousand stitches – to make Mr Ashbrooke fall in love and propose... if Lord Blackthorn doesn't wreck things by accident, that is. These Regency Faerie Tales have been flying off the shelf. Recommended!

Historical fantasy romance PBK \$22.99

Rule of Wolves

Nikolai duology 02

Bardugo, Leigh

The wolves are circling and a young king will face his greatest challenge... The Demon King. As Fjerda's massive army prepares to invade, Nikolai Lantsov will summon every bit of his ingenuity and charm – and even the monster within – to win this fight. But a dark threat looms that cannot be defeated by a young king's gift for the impossible. The Stormwitch. Zoya Nazyalensky has lost too much to war. She saw her mentor die and her worst enemy resurrected, and she refuses to bury another friend. Now duty demands she embrace her powers to become the weapon her country needs. No matter the cost. The Queen of Mourning. Deep undercover, Nina Zenik risks discovery and death as she wages war on Fjerda from inside its capital. But her desire for revenge may cost her country its chance at freedom and

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

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Nina the chance to heal her grieving heart. King. General. Spy. Together they must find a way to forge a future in the darkness. Or watch a nation fall. The explosive finale of the Nikolai duology, following *King of Scars* (PBK, \$22.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Women of Troy

Barker, Pat

Troy has fallen and the Greek victors are primed to return home, loaded with spoils. All they need is a good wind to lift their sails. But the wind does not come. The gods are offended – the body of Priam lies desecrated, unburied – and so the victors remain in uneasy limbo, camped in the shadow of the city they destroyed. The coalition that held them together begins to fray, as old feuds resurface and new suspicions fester. Largely unnoticed by her squabbling captors, erstwhile queen Briseis remains in the Greek encampment. She forges alliances where she can – with young, rebellious Amina, with defiant, aged Hecuba, with Calchus, the disgraced priest – and she begins to see the path to revenge... Sequel to *The Silence of the Girls* (PBK, \$22.99).

Myth retold PBK \$22.99

A Broken Blade

Halfling Saga 01

Blair, Melissa

Keera is a killer. As the King's Blade, she is the most talented spy in the kingdom. And the king's favoured assassin. When a mysterious figure moves against the Crown, Keera is called upon to hunt down the so-called Shadow. She tracks her target into the magical lands of the Fae, but Faeland is not what it seems... and neither is the Shadow. Keera is shocked by what she learns, and can't help but wonder who her enemy truly is: the King that destroyed her people or the Shadow that threatens the peace? As she searches for answers, Keera is haunted by a promise she made long ago, one that will test her in every way. To keep her word, Keera must not only save herself, but an entire kingdom. The first in a series.

Fantasy romance TP \$29.99

Immunity Index

Burke, Sue

In a US facing growing food shortages, stark inequality, and a fascist government, three perfectly normal young women will discover they share something in common. Something... abnormal. Their creator, the gifted geneticist Peng, made them that way – before such things were outlawed. A seemingly harmless new virus makes its way through an unprotected population on the verge of rebellion, only to turn deadly. As the women fight to stay alive, Peng races to find a cure – and the cover-up behind the virus.

Dystopia TP \$26.99

Into the Mist

Into the Mist duology 01

Cast, P C

As men fall to the mist, the age of womankind begins to rise. The world as we know it ends when an attack on the US unleashes bombs that deliver fire and biological destruction. Along with sonic detonations and devastating

earthquakes, the bombs have also brought the green mist. If breathed in, it is deadly to all men – but alters the body chemistry of many women, imbuing them with superhuman abilities. A group of high school teachers heading home from a conference experiences, first hand, the strength of these new powers. Mercury Rhodes is the Warrior, possessing heightened physical powers. Stella Carver is the Seer, with a sixth sense about the future. Imani Andrews is the Watcher, with a rare connection to the earth. Karen Gay is the Priestess, demonstrating a special connection with Spirits. And Gemma Jenkins is the Healer, a 16-year-old student who joins the group after losing her parents. As they cross the Pacific Northwest, trying to find a safe place to ride out the apocalypse, the women soon learn they can't trust anyone, and with fresh danger around every corner, it will take all their powers to save themselves – and possibly the world. The first in a new duology.

Dystopia TP \$32.9

Every Version of You

Chan, Grace

In late 21st century Australia, Tao-Yi and her partner Navin spend most of their time inside a hyper-immersive, hyper-consumerist virtual reality called Gaia. They log on, go to work, socialise, and even eat in this digital utopia. Meanwhile their aging bodies lie suspended in pods inside cramped apartments. Across the city, in the abandoned 'real' world, Tao-Yi's mother remains stubbornly offline, preferring instead to indulge in memories of her life in Malaysia. When a new technology is developed to permanently upload a human brain to Gaia, Tao-Yi must decide what is most important: a digital future, or an authentic past. *Never Let Me Go* meets *Black Mirror*, with a dash of Murakami surrealism thrown in, this is speculative literary fiction at its best. 'Asks what it is to be human. Visceral, mind-bending, and tender.'

– Inga Simpson.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Chasing the Boogeyman

Chizmar, Richard

Summer 1988: the mutilated bodies of several missing girls are discovered in a small Maryland town. Rumour spreads that the evil stalking local teens is not entirely human. But law enforcement and members of the FBI are sure a serial killer is playing games with them. Now, recent college graduate Richard Chizmar returns to his hometown to write a personal account of the killer's reign. And what he discovers will haunt him for years to come... 'Chasing the Boogeyman does what true crime so often cannot: it offers both chills and a satisfying conclusion' – Stephen King.

Horror PBK \$22.99

Black Water Sister

Gho, Zen

Her grandmother may be dead, but she's not done with life... yet. As Jessamyn packs for Malaysia, it's not a good time to start hearing a bossy voice in her head. Broke, jobless and just graduated, she's abandoning America to return 'home'. But she last saw Malaysia as a toddler – and is completely unprepared for its ghosts, gods and her eccentric family's

shenanigans. Jess soon learns her 'voice' belongs to Ah Ma, her late grandmother. She worshipped the Black Water Sister, a local deity. And when a business magnate dared to offend her goddess, Ah Ma swore revenge. Now, she's decided Jess will help, whether she wants to or not. As Ah Ma blackmails Jess into compliance, Jess fights to retain control. But her irrepressible relative isn't going to let a little thing like death stop her, when she can simply borrow Jess' body to make mischief. As Jess is drawn ever deeper into a world of peril and family secrets, getting a job becomes the least of her worries. This mischievous Malaysian-set novel is an adventure featuring family, ghosts and local gods – from Hugo Award-winning novelist Zen Cho.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Book of Sand

Clare, Theo

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

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

From Below

Coates, Darcy

No light. No air. No escape. Hundreds of feet beneath the ocean's surface, a graveyard waits... Years ago, the SS *Arcadia* vanished without a trace during a routine voyage. Though a strange, garbled emergency message was broadcast, neither the ship nor any of its crew could be found. Sixty years later, its wreck has finally been discovered more than three hundred miles from its intended course... a silent graveyard deep beneath the ocean's surface, eagerly waiting for the first sign of life. Cove and her dive team have been granted permission to explore the *Arcadia's* rusting hull. Their purpose is straightforward: examine the wreck, film everything, and, if possible, uncover how and why the supposedly unsinkable ship vanished. But the *Arcadia* has not yet had its fill of death, and something dark and hungry watches from below. With limited oxygen and the ship slowly closing in around them, Cove and her team will have to fight their way free of the unspeakable horror, now desperate to claim them. Because once they're trapped beneath the ocean's waves, there's no going back.

Horror TP 24.99

Rosebud

novella

Cornell, Paul

'The crew of the *Rosebud* are, currently, and by force of law, a balloon, a goth with a swagger stick, some sort of science aristocrat possibly, a ball of hands, and a swarm of insects.' When five sentient digital beings – condemned for over 300 years to crew the small survey ship by the all-powerful Company – encounter a mysterious black sphere, their course of action is clear: obtain the object, inform the Company, earn lots of praise. But the ship malfunctions, and the crew has no choice but to approach the sphere and survey it themselves. They have no idea that this object – and the transcendent truth hidden within – will change the fate of all existence, the Company, and themselves. A 112pp, Tor.com novella.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

Upgrade

Crouch, Blake

'You are the next step in human evolution...' At first, Logan Ramsay isn't sure if anything's different. He just feels a little sharper. Better able to concentrate. Better at multitasking. Reading a bit faster, memorising better, needing less sleep. But before long, he can't deny it: something's happening to his brain. To his body. He's starting to see the world, and those around him, even those he loves most, in whole new ways. The truth is, Logan's genome has been hacked. And there's a reason he's been targeted for this upgrade. A reason that goes back decades to the darkest part of his past, and a horrific family legacy. Worse still, what's happening to him is just the first step in a much larger plan, one to inflict the same changes on humanity at large, and at a terrifying cost. Because of what Logan's becoming, he's the one person in the world capable of stopping what's been set in motion. But to have a chance at winning this war, he'll have to become something other than himself. And even as he's fighting, he can't help wondering: what if humanity's only hope for a future really does lie in engineering our own evolution...

Science fiction TP \$34.99

The Bladed Faith

Vagrant Gods 01

Dalglis, David

Cyrus was only 12 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 \$24.99

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The Blood Trials

Blood Gift duology 01

Davenport, Nia

It's all about blood. Blood spilled long ago between the Republic of Mareen and the armies of the Blood Emperor, ending all blood magic. Now, there is peace in the Republic – but there is also a strict class system, misogyny, and racism. Her world is not perfect, but Ikenna survived in it. Until now. With the murder of her grandfather, Ikenna spirals out of control. Though she is an initiate for the Republic's deadly elite military force, Ikenna has a secret only her grandfather knew: she possesses the blood magic of the Republic's enemies. Ikenna throws herself into the gladiatorial war games at the heart of her martial world: trials that will lead her closer to his killers. Under the spotlight, she subjects herself to abuse from a society that does not value her, that cherishes lineage over talent – all while hiding gifts that, if revealed, would lead to execution or worse. Ikenna is willing to risk it all to find out who killed her grandfather... So, she can end them. Magic, technology, and rebellion meet in this stunning debut – part one of a duology that sees a young Black woman rise through misogyny and racism to become an elite warrior.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Her Majesty's Royal Coven

Her Majesty's Royal Coven 01

Dawson, Juno

A top-secret government department of witches, and the deadly threat to the nation, they must confront. Hidden among us is a secret government department of witches known as Her Majesty's Royal Coven. They protect crown and country from magical forces and otherworldly evil, but their greatest enemy will come from within... There are whisperings of a prophecy that will bring the coven to its knees, and four best friends are about to be caught at the centre. Life as a modern witch was never simple... but, now, it's about to get apocalyptic. This story of ancient prophecies and modern dating, of sacred sisterhood, and demonic frenemies is the first in a series. 'Juno Dawson is at the top of her game in this vibrant and meticulous take on witchcraft. Her characteristic wit and grit shine through' – *Samantha Shannon*. Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

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 masterful conclusion to this sweeping epic fantasy of war, glory, and survival; it begins with *The Poison Prince* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$24.99

Farewell to the Liar

Tales of Fenest 03

Fields, D K

There's power in stories. But power can be deadly. Detective Cora Gorderheim is a detective no longer. Stripped of her badge by the corrupt chief inspector, Cora's job now is to protect her sister, Ruth, the new Wayward storyteller. Ruth must tell her tale of the Tear widening, if people are to know the truth of what's happening in the Union of Realms. But Lowlander Chambers Morton wants the Wayward to change their election story, and will stop at nothing to achieve this – including murder. Keeping Ruth alive in Fenest is hard enough, but when the sisters set sail for West Perlanse the dangers come thick and fast. And, slowly, Cora realises she must make a terrible choice: her sister's life, or the future of the Union. The final instalment of the Tales of Fenest. The first in the trilogy is *Widow's Welcome* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy crime PBK \$19.99

Everything Feels Like the End of the World

collection

Fitzgerald, Else

Everything Feels Like the End of the World is a collection of short speculative fiction exploring possible futures in an Australia not so different from our present day to one, thousands of years into an unrecognisable future. Each story is anchored, at its heart, in what it means to be human: grief, loss, pain and love. A young woman is faced with a difficult choice about her pregnancy in a community ravaged by doubt. An engineer working on a solar shield protecting the Earth shares memories of their lover with an AI companion. Two archivists must decide what is worth saving when the world is flooded by rising sea levels. In a heavily policed state that preferences the human and punishes the different, a mother gives herself up to save her transgenic child. These transformative stories are both epic and granular, and forever astonishing in their imaginative detail, sense of revelation and emotional connection. They herald the arrival of a stunning new voice.

Speculative fiction TP \$29.99

Dead Water Fletcher, C A

A haunting, suspenseful tale of isolation and dread within a small island community gripped by a pandemic. A waterborne blight hits a remote community on a small island on the edge of the Northern Atlantic. The islanders are a strange mix, some island-born, some seeking a slower life away from the modern world. All have their own secrets, some much darker than others. Rumour says the illness may be a waterborne neural infection from the shellfish farm, a case of mass hysteria – or even a long-buried curse – but when ferry service fails,

inconvenience grows into nightmarish ordeal as the outwardly harmonious fabric of the community is unnervingly torn apart. Perfect for fans of *The Loney* and *Station Eleven*.

Folk horror TP \$32.99

Aspects

Ford, John M

A forbidden romance. Magic running rampant. A monarchy coming to an end. The world is changing, and with it a nation begins the process of dismantling the royal family and building a democracy in their place. A delicate and dangerous task, which sparks political intrigue in the halls of Parliament and power struggles that draw in the nobility, Archmages, and idealists alike... even before the Gods choose to meddle, in favour of old hierarchies. Against this backdrop of political turmoil comes the powerful story of two lovers torn apart by the fragile new system... and a lost woman, overlooked in the power struggles, striving to find the help she needs to control her own powers. *Aspects* is the great John M Ford's last novel, unpublished in his lifetime. It is a fantasy novel unlike any other, filled with politics and manners, swords and sorcerous machine guns, ancient empires and the onward march of progress. The master author's lost work is finally here.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Just Like Home

Gailey, Sarah

'Come home.' Vera's mother called and Vera obeyed. In spite of their long estrangement, in spite of the memories – she's come back to the home of a serial killer. Back to face the love she had for her father and the bodies he buried there, beneath the house he'd built for his family. Coming home is hard enough for Vera, and to make things worse, she and her mother aren't alone. A parasitic artist has moved into the guest house out back and is slowly stripping Vera's childhood for spare parts. He insists that he isn't the one leaving notes around the house in her father's handwriting... but who else could it possibly be? There are secrets yet undiscovered in the foundations of the notorious Crowder House. Vera must face them and find out, for herself, just how deep the rot goes.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Last Exit

Gladstone, Max

Ten years ago, Zelda led a band of merry adventurers whose knacks let them travel to alternate realities and battle the black rot that threatened to unmake each world. Zelda was the warrior; Ish could locate people anywhere; Ramon always knew what path to take; Sarah could turn catastrophe aside. Keeping them all connected: Sal, Zelda's lover and the group's heart. Until their final, failed mission, when Sal was lost. When they all fell apart. Ten years on, Ish, Ramon, and Sarah are happy and successful. Zelda is alone, always travelling, destroying rot throughout the US. When it boils through the crack in the Liberty Bell, the rot gives Zelda proof that Sal is alive, trapped somewhere in the alts. Zelda's getting the band back together – plus Sal's young cousin June, who has a knack none of

them have ever seen before. As relationships rekindle, the friends begin to believe they can find Sal and heal all the worlds. It's not going to be easy, but they've faced worse before. But things have changed, out there in the alts. And in everyone's hearts. Fresh from winning the Hugo and Nebula Awards, Max Gladstone weaves elements of American myth – the muscle car, the open road, the white-hatted cowboy – into a deeply emotional tale where his characters must find their own truths if they are to survive.

SF road trip PBK \$19.99

The Hand of the Sun King

Pact and Pattern trilogy 01

Greathouse, J T

My name is Wen Alder. My name is Foolish Cur. All my life, I have been torn between two legacies: that of my father, whose roots trace back to the right hand of the Emperor. That of my mother's family, who reject the oppressive Empire and embrace the resistance. I can choose between them – between protecting my family, or protecting my people – or I can search out a better path... a magical path, filled with secrets, unbound by empire or resistance, which could shake my world to its very foundation. But my search for freedom will entangle me in a war between the gods themselves... The first book in the Pact and Pattern series; perfect for fans of Robin Hobb, Brandon Sanderson, and R F Kuang.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Nature of Witches Griffin, Rachel

For centuries, witches have maintained the climate, but now their control is faltering as the atmosphere becomes more erratic; the storms, more destructive. All hope lies with Clara, a once-in-a-generation Everwitch whose magic is tied to every season. In Autumn, Clara wants nothing to do with her power. It's wild and volatile, and the price of her magic – losing the ones she loves – is too high, despite the need to control the increasingly dangerous weather. In Winter, the world is on the precipice of disaster. Fires burn, storms rage, and Clara accepts that she's the only one who can make a difference. In Spring, she falls for Sang, the witch training her. As her magic grows, so do her feelings, until she's terrified Sang will be the next one she loses. In Summer, Clara must choose between her power and her happiness, her duty and the people she loves... before she loses Sang, her magic, and thrusts the world into chaos.

Climate fantasy PBK \$19.99

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 father 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

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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 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.
Fantasy HC \$34.99

The Apollo Murders Hadfield, Chris

1973: a final, top-secret mission to the Moon. Three astronauts in a tiny module, a quarter of a million miles from home. A quarter of a million miles from help. As Russian and American crews sprint for a secret bounty hidden away on the lunar surface, old rivalries blossom and the political stakes are stretched to breaking point back on Earth. Houston flight controller Kazimieras 'Kaz' Zemeckis must do all he can to keep the NASA crew together, while staying one step ahead of his Soviet rivals. But not everyone on board Apollo 18 is quite who they appear to be. Full of fascinating technical detail, twists and tension, *The Apollo Murders* puts you right there in the moment. Experience the dark majesty of space, the fierce G-forces of launch and the rush of holding on to the outside of a spacecraft travelling at 17,000 mph, as told by a former Commander of the International Space Station who has done all of those things in real life. Strap in and count down for the ride of a lifetime. 'An exciting journey to an alternate past' – *Andy Weir*.
SF mystery PBK \$22.99

Muad'dib

Dune the graphic novel 02
Herbert, Frank; *et al*
In *Muad'Dib*, the second of three volumes adapting Frank Herbert's *Dune*, young Paul Atreides and his mother, the lady Jessica, find themselves stranded in the deep desert of Arrakis. Betrayed by one of their own and destroyed by their greatest enemy, Paul and Jessica must find the mysterious Fremens, or perish. This faithful adaptation of the 1965 novel, *Dune*, by Brian Herbert, son of Frank Herbert, and the *New York Times* bestselling author Kevin J Anderson, continues to explore Paul's journey as he evolves from boy to mysterious messiah. Illustrated by Raúl Allén and Patricia Martín, this spectacular blend of adventure and spirituality, environmentalism, and politics is a ground-breaking look into our universe and transformed by the graphic novel format into a powerful, fantastical tale for a new generation of readers.
Dune HC \$39.99

Hydra Howell, Adriane

Anja is a young, ambitious antiquarian, passionate for the clean and balanced lines of mid-century furniture. She is intent on classifying objects based on emotional response and when her career goes awry, Anja finds herself adrift. Like a close friend, she confesses her intimacies and rage to us with candour, tenderness, and humour. Cast out

from the world of antiques, she stumbles upon a beachside cottage that the neighbouring naval base is offering for a 100-year lease. The property is derelict, isolated, and surrounded by scrub. Despite of, or because of, its wildness and solitude, Anja uses the last of the inheritance from her mother to lease the property. Yet, a presence – human, ghost, other – seemingly inhabits the grounds.
Ghost story TP \$29.99

The Devil Takes You Home Iglesias, Gabino

'Sometimes God is your co-pilot, but it's the Devil who takes you home.' It was never just a job. Becoming a hitman was the only way Mario could cover his young daughter's medical expenses. But before long his family is left in pieces, and he's barely even put a dent in the stack of bills. Then he's presented with an offer: one last score that will either pull him out of poverty forever or put a bullet in the back of his skull. A man named Juanca needs help stealing \$2 million dollars from a drug cartel. Together, they begin a journey to an underworld where unspeakable horrors happen, every day. He's a man with nothing to lose, but the Devil is waiting for him. Wrestling with demons of our world and beyond, this blistering thriller charts the unforgettable quest of a husband and father in search of his lost soul.
Supernatural thriller TP \$32.99

Day Boy

reissue
Jamieson, Trent
They worship the Sun: the only god as cruel as they are. The Masters, dreadful and severe, rule the Red City and the lands far beyond it. By night, they politic and feast, drinking from townfolk resigned to their fates. By day, the Masters must rely on their human servants, their Day Boys, to fulfill their every need and carry out their will. Mark is a Day Boy, practically raised by his Master, Dain. It's gruelling, often dangerous work, but Mark neither knows nor wants any other life. And, if a Day Boy proves himself worthy, the nightmarish, all-seeing Council of Teeth may choose to offer him a rare gift: the opportunity to forsake his humanity for monstrous power and near-immortality, like the Masters transformed before him. But in the crackling heat of the Red City, widespread discontent among his fellow humans threatens to fracture Mark's allegiances. As manhood draws near, so too does the end of Mark's tenure as a Day Boy, and he cannot stay suspended between the worlds of man and Master for much longer. A reissue.
Fantasy (reissue) HC \$55.00

Storyland:

A New Mythology of Britain
Jeffs, Amy
A vivid and beautifully illustrated mythology of the British Isles – reframing ancient stories that deal with human themes of extinction, connection to landscape, parenthood, defiance, love, and loss. Soaked in mist and old magic, *Storyland* is a new illustrated mythology of Britain, set in its wildest landscapes. It begins between the Creation and Noah's Flood, follows the footsteps of the earliest generation of giants from an age when the children of Cain and the progeny of fallen

angels walked the earth, to the founding of Britain, England, Wales and Scotland, the birth of Christ, the wars between Britons, Saxons and Vikings, and closes with the arrival of the Normans. These are retellings of medieval tales of legend, landscape, and the yearning to belong, inhabited with characters now half-remembered: Brutus, Albina, Scota, Arthur and Bladud among them. Told with narrative flair, embellished in stunning artworks, and glossed with a rich and erudite commentary. We visit beautiful, sacred places that include prehistoric monuments like Stonehenge and Wayland's Smithy, spanning the length of Britain from the archipelago of Orkney to as far south as Cornwall; mountains and lakes such as Snowdon and Loch Etive and rivers including the Ness, the Soar, and the story-silted Thames in a vivid, beautiful tale of our land steeped in myth. It illuminates a collective memory that still informs the identity and political ambition of these places. In *Storyland*, Jeffs reimagines these myths of homeland, exile and migration, kinship, loyalty, betrayal, love and loss in a landscape brimming with wonder.
Mythology PBK \$24.99

Gaul Baby

Jenkins, Morgan
Laila desperately wants to become a mother, but each of her previous pregnancies has ended in heartbreak. This time has to be different, so she turns to the Melancons, an old and powerful Harlem family known for their caul, a precious layer of skin that is the secret source of their healing power. When a deal for Laila to acquire a piece of caul falls through, she is heartbroken, but when the child is stillborn, she is overcome with grief and rage. What she doesn't know is that a baby will soon be delivered in her family – by her niece, Amara, an ambitious college student – and delivered to the Melancons to raise as one of their own. Hallow is special: she's born with a caul, and their matriarch, Maman, predicts the girl will restore the family's prosperity. Growing up, Hallow feels that something in her life is not right. Did Josephine, the woman she calls mother, really bring her into the world? Why does her cousin Helena get to go to school and roam the streets of New York freely while she's confined to the family's decrepit brownstone? As the Melancons' thirst to maintain their status grows, Amara, now a successful lawyer running for district attorney, looks for a way to avenge her longstanding grudge against the family. When mother and daughter cross paths, Hallow will be forced to decide where she truly belongs.
Fantasy TP \$29.99

The Shadows of London

Joseph Bridgeman 02
Jones, Nick
A time traveller's work is never done. Likeable antiques dealer Joseph Bridgeman is back in the present and dreaming of a quiet life. But when a mysterious and enigmatic time traveller arrives in his shop, Joe learns that his first trip was just the beginning and this time, the rules of the game have changed. Blackmailed into accepting a new mission, Joe is flung back to 1960s London... where he comes face to face, with a ruthless gangster and witnesses the brutal murder of an innocent woman. Joe knows better than

most that death can be reversed and the final chapter is sometimes where the story actually begins. Emotionally involved, he has no choice but to act, and quickly. With the help of Vinny, his vinyl-loving sidekick, Joe once again sets out to change the course of history. Sounds simple enough... but when it comes to time travel, nothing is ever as it seems. Who is the old time traveller working for – And who decides what can and can't be changed? In a thrilling twist, Joe discovers that the victim is critically important to the future, and what starts out as a straightforward mission soon becomes a race to unravel a mystery – one that threatens the very timeline he fought so hard to protect. Joe must dig deeper than ever, master his newfound skills, and save the woman before the past catches up with him for good. Turns out time doesn't heal, after all. It just adds salt.
Time travel TP \$37.95

Dark Harvest Jordan, Will

Russia, 1959. Nine members of a Soviet mountaineering team on an ambitious expedition into the Ural Mountains are found dead, victims of massive and bizarre injuries. The Dyatlov Pass incident, as this grisly event came to be known, remains unexplained to this day. *Iraq, 2019*. Ex-soldier-turned-mercenary Cameron Becker is escorting a Russian businessman named Luka Belikov through Baghdad. It seems like a routine job, until Belikov is abducted on Becker's watch. After forming an uneasy alliance with WHO medic Lori Dalton, Becker sets out to uncover the truth behind the attack, and quickly realises he's caught in the middle of something far bigger and more dangerous. As bio-terrorists prepare to unleash a virus that causes humans to descend into ravenous madness, the pair are thrust into a desperate race against time to prevent a global plague that could wipe out human civilisation. Who is behind the attack? What do they want? And how can humanity hope to survive? Becker and Dalton's answers may just lie deep within the icy wastes of the Ural Mountains...
Military SF HC \$55.00

The Fervor Katsu, Alma

1944: As World War II rages on, the threat has come to the home front. In a remote corner of Idaho, Meiko Briggs and her daughter, Aiko, are desperate to return home. Following Meiko's husband's enlistment as an air force pilot in the Pacific months prior, Meiko and Aiko were taken from their home in Seattle and sent to one of the internment camps in the Midwest. It didn't matter that Aiko was American-born: They were Japanese, and therefore considered a threat by the American government. Mother and daughter attempt to hold on to elements of their old life in the camp when a mysterious disease begins to spread among those interned. What starts as a minor cold quickly becomes spontaneous fits of violence and aggression, even death. And when a disconcerting team of doctors arrive, nearly more threatening than the illness itself, Meiko and her daughter team up with a newspaper reporter and widowed missionary to investigate, and it becomes clear to them that something more sinister is afoot: a demon from the stories of Meiko's childhood,

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hell-bent on infiltrating their already strange world. Inspired by the Japanese *yokai* and the *jojogumo* spider demon, *The Fervor* explores a supernatural threat beyond what anyone saw coming: the danger of demonisation, a mysterious contagion, and the search to stop its spread before it's too late.

Supernatural thriller PBK \$19.99

'Salem's Lot

movie tie-in

King, Stephen

Writer Ben Mears has returned to his hometown of Jerusalem's Lot with the hope that moving into a dilapidated mansion, long the subject of town lore, might help him get a handle on his life and provide inspiration for a new book. But when two young boys venture into the woods and only one comes out alive, Mears begins to realise that there may be something sinister at work. In time, he comes to understand that his hometown is under siege from forces of darkness far beyond his wildest imagination. And only he, with a small group of allies, can hope to contain the evil that is tearing the town apart. Soon to be a new major motion picture. A reissue.

Horror (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Nettle and Bone

Kingfisher, T

After years of seeing her sisters suffer at the hands of an abusive prince, Marra – the shy, convent-raised, third-born daughter – has finally realised that no one is coming to their rescue. No one, except for Marra herself. Seeking help from a powerful gravewitch, Marra is offered the tools to kill a prince – if she can complete three impossible tasks. But, as is the way in tales of princesses, witches, and daughters, the impossible is only the beginning. On her quest, Marra is joined by the gravewitch, a reluctant fairy godmother, a strapping former knight, and a chicken possessed by a demon. Together, the five of them intend to be the hand that closes around the throat of the prince and frees Marra's family and their kingdom from its tyrannous ruler at last. A dark and compelling fantasy about sisterhood, impossible tasks, and the price of power.

Dark fantasy HC \$34.99

Reluctant Immortals

Kiste, Gwendolyn

Reluctant Immortals is a historical horror novel that looks at two men of classic literature, Dracula and Mr Rochester, and the two women who survived them, Bertha and Lucy – who are now undead immortals, residing in Los Angeles in 1967, when Dracula and Rochester make a shocking return in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco. Combining elements of historical and gothic fiction with a modern perspective, in a tale of love and betrayal and coercion, *Reluctant Immortals* is the lyrical and harrowing journey of two women from classic literature, as they bravely claim their own destiny in a man's world. A novel inspired by the untold stories of forgotten women in classic literature – from Lucy Westner, a victim of Stoker's *Dracula*, and Bertha Mason, Mr Rochester's attic-bound wife in Charlotte Brontë's *Jane*

Eyre – as they band together to combat the toxic men bent on destroying their lives, set against the backdrop of the Summer of Love, Haight-Ashbury, 1967.

Horror TP \$39.95

The Devil's Dictionary

Kotler, Steven

Hard to say when the human species fractured exactly. Harder to say when this new talent arrived. But Lion Zorn is the first of his kind – an empathy tracker, an emotional soothsayer, with a felt sense for the future of the *we*. In simpler terms, he can spot cultural shifts and trends before they happen. Lion Zorn is enmeshed with a strange subculture: polyamorous crypto-currency fiends with a tendency toward eco-terrorism. These crypto-eco-punks have executed the largest land grab in US history, buying up huge swathes of the American west to establish the world's first mega-linkage. This unbroken tract of wild lands stretching from Yellowstone to Yukon is meant to protect biodiversity and stave off the Sixth Great Extinction, but something's rotten in Eden. Instead of saving existing species, exotic creatures unlike anything seen on Earth keep turning up. Called in to track down the origin of these exotics, Lion quickly finds himself entangled in a battle for the survival of our species.

Science fiction HC \$39.99

Glitterati

Langmead, Oliver K

Simone is one of the Glitterati, the elite living lives of luxury and leisure. Slave to the ever-changing tides – and brutal judgements – of fashion, he is immaculate. To be anything else is to be unfashionable and no one wants to be unfashionable, or even worse, ugly... When Simone accidentally starts a new fashion with a nosebleed at a party, another Glitterati takes the credit. Soon, their rivalry threatens to raze their opulent utopia to the ground, as no one knows how to be vicious like the beautiful ones. Enter a world of the most fantastic costumes, grand palaces in the sky, the grandest parties known to mankind and the unbreakable rules of how to eat ice cream. *Clockwork Orange* and *RuPaul's Drag Race* meet *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* in this fabulous dystopian fable about fashion, family, and feckless billionaires.

Dystopia PBK \$19.99

Six Crimson Cranes

Lim, Elizabeth

A princess in exile. Six enchanted cranes. An unspeakable curse. Shiori'anma, the only princess of Kiata, has a secret. Forbidden magic runs in her veins. And on the morning of her betrothal ceremony, Shiori loses control. At first, her mistake seems like a stroke of luck, forestalling the wedding she never wanted, but it also catches the attention of Raikama, her stepmother. A sorceress in her own right, Raikama banishes the young princess, turning her brothers into cranes, and warning Shiori that she must speak of it to no one: for with every word that escapes her lips, one of her brothers will die. Penniless, voiceless, and alone, Shiori searches for her brothers, and uncovers a dark conspiracy to seize the throne. Only Shiori

can set the kingdom to rights, but to do so she must place her trust in a paper bird, a mercurial dragon, and the very boy she fought so hard not to marry. And she must embrace the magic she's been taught all her life to contain – no matter what it costs. A beautiful and immersive YA fantasy retelling of the Grimm brothers' 'The Six Swans' fairy tale, set in an East-Asian inspired world, by the author of *Spin the Dawn* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Book of Cthulhu

tales inspired by H P Lovecraft, reissue

Lockhart, Ross E (editor)

First described by visionary author H P Lovecraft, the Cthulhu mythos encompass a pantheon of truly existential cosmic horror: Eldritch, uncaring, alien god-things, beyond mankind's deepest imaginings, drawing ever nearer, insatiably hungry, until one day, when the stars are right... As that dread day, hinted at within the mouldering pages of the fabled *Necronomicon*, draws nigh, tales of the Great Old Ones – Cthulhu, Yog-Sothoth, Hastur, Azathoth, Nyarlathotep, and the weird cults that worship them – have cross-pollinated, drawing authors and other dreamers to imagine the strange dark aeons ahead, when the dead-but-dreaming gods return. Now, intrepid anthologist Ross E Lockhart has delved deep into the Cthulhu canon, selecting from myriad mind-wracking tomes 27 sanity-shattering stories of cosmic terror. Featuring fiction by many of today's masters of the menacing, macabre, and monstrous, including Laird Barron, Caitlín R Kiernan, and Thomas Ligotti. *The Book of Cthulhu* goes where no collection of Cthulhu mythos tales has gone before: to the very edge of madness... and beyond! Do you dare open *The Book of Cthulhu*? Do you dare heed the call?

Cthulhuiana TP \$27.99

Kagen the Damned

Maberry, Jonathan

Kagen Vale is the trusted and feared captain of the palace guard, specifically charged with protecting the royal children of Gessleyn, 89th queen of the unbroken line of the Silver Lands. But one night, while Kagen is drugged by a woman in a tavern, the Silver Lands are overrun, and the entire royal family is killed and burned as a sacrifice to the dark gods of the immortal Witch-King. The once-thriving kingdom is in ruins, and the people are enslaved. Haunted and broken, Kagen becomes a wanderer, working odd jobs and trying to take down as many of his enemies as possible, when he hears a rumour that the royal twins are still alive, and possibly being raised for dark sacrificial purposes. Kagen makes it his mission to hunt for the royal children and fulfill his oath to protect them, and train them to begin a campaign to reclaim the throne. As he hunts for the children, Kagen's quest takes him to strange lands where he encounters the supernatural in all its many bizarre and terrifying aspects. *The Witcher* meets *Game of Thrones* in Jonathan Maberry's brilliant new fantasy series.

Fantasy TP \$36.99

The Book of Gothel

McMyne, Mary

Everyone knows the story of Rapunzel in the tower, but do you know the tale of the witch who put her there? Enter a world of dark magic, mysterious woods, and evil princes. This is the truth they never wanted you to know, as only a witch might tell it. With her strange black eyes and even stranger fainting spells, Haelewise is shunned by her village, and her only solace lies in the stories her mother tells of child-stealing witches, of princes in wolf-skins, of an ancient tower cloaked in mist where women will find shelter if they are brave enough to seek it. But when her mother dies, Haelewise is left unmoored. With nothing left for her in her village, she sets out to find the tower of legend – a place called Gothel, where Haelewise meets a wise woman willing to take her under her wing. But Haelewise is not the only woman to seek refuge at Gothel. It's also a haven for a girl named Rika, who carries with her a secret the Church strives to keep hidden. A secret that reveals a dark world of ancient spells and murderous nobles behind the world Haelewise has always known. A lush, enchanting retelling of the tale of Rapunzel, from the witch's perspective, perfect for fans of Madeleine Miller and Katherine Arden.

Fairy tales retold PBK \$22.99

The Sleepless

Manibo, Victor

Journalist Jamie Vega is Sleepless: he can't sleep, nor does he need to. When his boss dies on the eve of a controversial corporate takeover, Jamie doesn't buy the too-convenient explanation of suicide, and launches an investigation of his own. But everything goes awry when Jamie discovers that he was the last person who saw Simon alive. Not only do the police suspect him, Jamie himself has no memory of that night. Alarming, his memory loss may have to do with how he became Sleepless: not naturally, like other Sleepless people, but through a risky and illegal biohacking process. As Jamie delves deeper into Simon's final days, he tangles with extremist organisations and powerful corporate interests, all while confronting past traumas and unforeseen consequences of his medical experimentation. But Jamie soon faces the most dangerous decision of all as he uncovers a terrifying truth about Sleeplessness that imperils him – and all of humanity.

Cyberpunk HC \$79.95

God of Neverland

Defenders of Lore 01

Martinez, Gama Ray

Peter Pan is missing; Neverland is in trouble. For adults, that might not matter all that much, but for children – whose dreams and imagination draw strength from the wild god's power – the magic we take for granted in the real world is in danger of being lost forever. Such is the life of a now grownup Michael Darling. Michael returned from Neverland with the dream of continuing his adventuring ways by joining the Knights of the Round, an organisation built to keep humanity safe from magical and mythological threats. But after a mission gone terribly

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wrong, he vowed to leave the Knights behind and finally live as a 'civilian', finding order and simplicity as a train engineer, the tracks and schedule tables a far cry from the chaos of his youth. He hasn't entered the narrative in years. So, what could the Knights need from him, now? Maponos – or how he's better known, Peter Pan – has gone missing, and Neverland is now on the edge of oblivion. Michael realises he has no choice and agrees to one last mission. Alongside the young Knight Vanessa and some old friends, Michael embarks on the ultimate adventure: a journey to a fantasy world to save a god. Determined to stop evil, fight for Neverland, and find Maponos, will Michael be able to save the magical and physical world? Or will his biggest fear come true? The clock is ticking... and, in Neverland, that's never a good sign.

Peter Pan HC \$49.99

Councilor

Grand Illusion 02

Modesitt, L E

Continued poor harvests and steam-powered industrialisation displace and impoverish thousands. Protests grow and gather followers. Against this rising tide of social unrest, Steffan Dekkard, newly appointed to the Council of Sixty-Six, is the first Councilor who is an Isolate, a man invulnerable to the emotional manipulations and emotional surveillance of empaths. This makes him dangerous. As unknown entities seek to assassinate him, Dekkard struggles to master political intrigue and infighting, while introducing radical reforms that threaten entrenched political and corporate interests. The sequel to *Isolate* (TP, \$28.95), continuing Modesitt's newest series. *We expect the local trade paperback (\$32.99) edition in October.*

Gaslamp fantasy HC \$62.95

The Daughter of Doctor Moreau

Moreno-Garcia, Silvia

Carlota Moreau: A young woman, growing up in a distant and luxuriant estate, safe from the conflict and strife of the Yucatan peninsula, the only daughter of a genius – or a madman. Montgomery Laughton: A melancholic overseer with a tragic past and a propensity for alcohol, an outcast who assists Dr Moreau with his scientific experiments, which are financed by the Lizaldes, owners of magnificent haciendas with plentiful coffers. The hybrids: The fruits of the Doctor's labour, destined to blindly obey their creator while they remain in the shadows, are a motley group of part-human, part-animal monstrosities. All of them are living in a perfectly balanced and static world which is jolted by the abrupt arrival of Eduardo Lizalde, the charming and careless son of Doctor Moreau's patron – who will, unwittingly, begin a dangerous chain reaction. For Moreau keeps secrets, Carlota has questions, and in the sweltering heat of the jungle passions may ignite.

A dreamy reimagining of *The Island of Doctor Moreau* set against the background of 19th century Mexico.

Historical sf TP \$32.99

Bronze Drum

Nguyen, Phong

Gather around, children of Chu Dien, and be brave. For even to listen to the story of the Trung Sisters is, in these troubled times, a dangerous act. In 40 CE, in the Au Lac region of ancient Vietnam, two daughters of a Vietnamese Lord fill their days training, studying, and trying to stay true to Vietnamese traditions. While Trung Trac is disciplined and wise, always excelling in her duty, Trung Nhi is fierce and free spirited, more concerned with spending time in the gardens and with lovers. But these sister's lives – and the lives of their people – are shadowed by the oppressive rule of the Han Chinese. They are forced to adopt Confucian teachings, secure marriages, and pay ever-increasing taxes. As the peoples' frustration boils over, the country comes ever closer to the edge of war. When Trung Trac and Trung Nhi's father is executed, their world comes crashing down around them. With no men to save them against the Han's encroaching regime, they must rise and unite the women of Vietnam into an army. Solidifying their status as champions of women and Vietnam, they usher in a period of freedom and independence for their people.

Historical fantasy TP \$39.95

The Left-Handed Booksellers of London

Nix, Garth

This fantasy adventure set in 1980s' London follows one girl's quest to find her father, leading her to a secret society of magical fighting booksellers who police the mythical Old World, when it disastrously intrudes into the modern world. Eighteen-year-old art student Susan Arkshaw arrives in London in search of her father. But before she can question crime boss Frank Thringley he's turned to dust by the prick of a silver hatpin in the hands of the outrageously attractive Merlin. Merlin is one of the youngest members of a secret society of booksellers with magical powers who police the mythical Old World wherever it impinges on the New World – in addition to running several bookshops, of course! Merlin also has a quest of his own: to find the Old World entity who arranged the murder of his mother. Their investigations attract attention from enemies of the Old and New Worlds. Soon they become involved in an even more urgent task to recover the grail that is the source of the left-handed booksellers' power, before it is used to destroy the booksellers and rouse the hordes of the mythic past. As the search for the grail becomes strangely intertwined with both their quests, they start to wonder... Is Susan's long-lost father a bookseller, or something altogether more mysterious?

Winner: 2021 ABIA Book of the Year for Older Children.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Small Angels

Owen, Lauren

When Chloe turns the key to Small Angels, the church nestled at the edge of Mockbeggar Woods where she is to be married, she is braced for cobwebs and dust. What she doesn't expect are the villagers' concerned

faces, her fiancé's remoteness, or the nagging voice in her head that whispers to her of fears she didn't even know she had. Something in the woods is beginning to stir, to creep closer to the sleeping houses. Something that should have been banished long ago. Whatever it is, it's getting stronger, and pretending it's not there won't keep the wedding, or the village – or Chloe – safe. *Small Angels* updates the classic ghost story for the 21st century: a wedding in a Suffolk village sees the woods begin to stir with an unsettling magic, and forces a troubled family's secrets out into the open.

Ghost story TP \$32.99

Stringers

Panatier, Chris

A genius is abducted by an alien bounty-hunter for the location of a powerful inter-dimensional object. Trouble is, he can't remember a thing. Ben isn't exactly a genius, but he has an immense breadth of knowledge. Whether it's natural science (specifically, the intricacies of bug sex), or vintage timepieces, he can spout facts and information with the best of experts. He just can't explain why he knows any of it. Another thing he knows is the location of the Chime. What it is or why it's important, he can't say. But this knowledge is about to get him in a whole heap of trouble, as a trash-talking, flesh construct bounty hunter is on his tail and looking to sell him to the highest bidder. And being able to describe the mating habits of Brazilian bark lice won't be enough to get him out of it.

Space opera TP \$26.99

The Monsters We Defy

Penelope, Lesley

A woman able to communicate with spirits must assemble a ragtag crew to pull off a daring heist to save her community in this timely and dazzling historical fantasy that weaves together African-American folk magic, history, and romance. Clara Johnson can talk to spirits – a gift that saved her during her darkest moments, now a curse that's left her indebted to the cunning spirit world. So, when a powerful spirit offers her an opportunity to gain her freedom, Clara seizes the chance. The task: steal a magical ring from the wealthiest woman in the District. Clara can't pull off this daring heist alone. She'll need the help of an unlikely team: from a handsome jazz musician able to hypnotise with a melody, to an aging actor who can change his face. But as conflict in the spirit world begins to leak into the human one – an insidious mystery is unfolding, one that could cost Clara her life. 'Rich and immersive... full of mesmerising magic!' – *P Djeli Clark*, author of *A Master of Djinn*.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

100 Tales from Australia's Most Haunted Places

Pobjie, Ben

From the ghostly black horse of Sutton Forest to the butcher of Adelaide Street, a haunted Brisbane lift to the chilling experiments carried out by Doctor Blood of the North Kapunda Hotel, Australia abounds in spooky stories that are all unnervingly based in

fact and tied to real places you can visit or avoid. In *100 Tales from Australia's Most Haunted Places*, comedy writer and general scaredy-cat Ben Pobjie communes with the spirit world to send a shiver down your spine. A book best read with the light left on.

Ghost stories TP \$32.99

The Subtle Knife

His Dark Materials 02, graphic novel

Pullman, Philip

This graphic novel adaptation of *The Subtle Knife* is a great entry for readers new to His Dark Materials and an exciting new look at the classic for existing Pullman fans. Philip Pullman's world is brought to visual life. The stunning full-colour art will offer both new and returning readers a chance to experience the story of Lyra, an ordinary girl with an extraordinary role to play in the fates of multiple worlds, in an entirely new way. In *The Subtle Knife*, Lyra meets Will – a boy on the run, a murderer – a worthy and welcome ally. For this is a world where soul-eating Spectres stalk the streets and witches share the skies with troops of angels. Each is searching – Lyra for the meaning of Dark Matter, Will for his missing father – but what they find instead is a deadly secret, a knife of untold power. And neither Lyra nor Will suspects how tightly their lives, their loves, their destinies are bound together... until they are split apart.

YA fantasy HC \$45.00

Cobalt Blue

Reilly, Matthew

For 35 years, the United States and Russia each had their own superhero. Three days ago, America's hero died. Today will be bad. In the face of an overwhelming attack, one young woman – unassuming and anonymous – might be America's only hope. Her codename... *Cobalt Blue*.

Superheroes HC \$29.99

Classic Science Fiction Stories

Macmillan Collector's Library, anthology

Roberts, Adam

An entertaining and wide-ranging collection of science-fiction short stories featuring space aliens, spectacular inventions, futuristic technologies and vividly imagined worlds; selected and introduced by academic and science-fiction writer Adam Roberts...

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Pulp Fiction

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These Twisted Bonds

These Hollow Vows 02

Ryan, Lexi

My night. My darkness. My power.

After Abriella's sister was sold to the fae, she thought life couldn't get any worse. But when she suddenly finds herself caught in a web of lies of her own making – loving two princes and trusting neither – things are not quite as clear as she once thought. As civil war wages in the Court of Darkness, Brie finds herself unable to choose a side. How can she know where she stands when she doesn't even know herself any more? In this darkly romantic thrill ride, the more Faerie is torn apart from the inside, the clearer it becomes that prophecies don't lie, and Brie has a role to play in the fate of this magical realm – whether she likes it or not. The thrilling conclusion to the duology, following *These Hollow Vows* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

Words of Radiance

Parts One & Two

Stormlight Archive 02

Sanderson, Brandon

Expected by his enemies to die the miserable death of a military slave, Kaladin survived to be given command of the royal bodyguards, a controversial first for a low-status 'darkeyes'. Now, he must protect the king and Dalinar from every common peril as well as the distinctly uncommon threat of the Assassin, all while secretly struggling to master remarkable new powers that are somehow linked to his honorspren, Syl. The Assassin, Szeth, is active again, murdering rulers all over the world of Roshar, using his baffling powers to thwart every bodyguard and elude all pursuers. Among his prime targets is Highprince Dalinar, widely considered the power behind the Alethi throne. His leading role in the war would seem reason enough, but the Assassin's master has much deeper motives. Brilliant but troubled Shallan strives along a parallel path. Despite being broken in ways she refuses to acknowledge, she bears a terrible burden: to somehow prevent the return of the legendary Voidbringers and the civilisation-ending Desolation that will follow. The secrets she needs can be found at the Shattered Plains, but just arriving there proves more difficult than she could have imagined. Meanwhile, at the heart of the Shattered Plains, the Parshendi are making an epochal decision. Hard pressed by years of Alethi attacks, their numbers ever shrinking, they are convinced by their war leader, Eshonai, to risk everything on a desperate gamble with the very supernatural forces they once fled. The possible consequences for Parshendi and humans alike, indeed, for Roshar itself, are as dangerous as they are incalculable. The second book of the Stormlight Archive, in two gorgeous new hardcover editions.

Fantasy (reissue) HC \$36.99 each

The Stranding

Sawyer, Kate

Every ending is a new beginning. Ruth is ignoring the news. Like most people, she has relationship problems, job stress, friends and family who need her. Ruth has a life. But the news is about to catch up with Ruth, and

her problems are going to be swept away... along with the rest of the world. Only when the comforts and complications of her old existence are gone, does Ruth finally realise how she might be able to live to the fullest. 'A terrific debut. Brave, unexpected... transfixing and captivating... full of hope, resilience and love.' – *The Sunday Times*.

Post-apocalypse PBK \$22.99

Metropolis

Schulz, Monte

Regency College senior Julian Brehm's uneventful student life is derailed when he falls for Nina Rinaldi, a beautiful young revolutionary engaged in political activism against the authoritarian regime that rules the country and wages a deceitful, distracting war. Julian's love for – and moral alliance to – Nina eventually leads him into a vast undercity beneath the metropolis. Then, east by train and into the war zone itself, where mortal danger in that expanding cemetery of millions threatens Julian's life; what he witnesses will alter how he perceives the Republic and ultimately his fate within it. Julian's adventure can be seen as our own, a world of vacillating morality and unceasing violence. Apathy and passion. Fear and courage of purpose. Julian's is a hero's journey into the dark unknown. A love story, which extends in many directions. A war novel of incredible scope and horror. A suspenseful mystery novel with a moral puzzle at its core. And a coming-of-age tale of a young man seeing the world he was born into, more dangerous and more beautiful than he could have ever imagined.

Science fiction HC 57.95

The Wild Hunt

Seckel, Emma

The islanders have only three rules: don't stick your nose where it's not wanted, don't mention the war, and never let your guard down during October. Leigh Welles has not set foot on the island in years, but when she finds herself called home from life on the Scottish mainland by her father's unexpected death, she is determined to forget the sorrows of the past – her mother's abandonment, her brother's icy distance, the unspeakable tragedy of World War II – and start fresh. Fellow islander Iain MacTavish, an RAF veteran with his eyes on the sky and his head in the past, is also in desperate need of a new beginning. A young widower, Iain struggles to return to the normal life he knew before the war. But this October is anything but normal. This October, the *sluagh* are restless. The ominous, birdlike creatures of Celtic legend – whispered to carry the souls of the dead – have haunted the islanders for decades, but in the war's wake, there are more wandering souls and more *sluagh*. When a young man disappears, Leigh and Iain are thrown together to investigate the truth at the island's dark heart and reveal hidden secrets of their own.

Fantasy TP \$37.95

The Watcher

Shine, A M

A claustrophobic horror adventure set in the remote unknown forests of Galway, where mysterious creatures keep humans as pets for

observation... You can't see them. But they can see you. This forest isn't charted on any map. Every car breaks down at its treeline. Mina's is no different. Left stranded, she is forced into the dark woodland only to find a woman shouting, urging Mina to run to a concrete bunker. As the door slams behind her, the building is besieged by screams. Mina finds herself in a room with a wall of glass, and an electric light that activates at nightfall, when the Watchers come above ground. These creatures emerge to observe their captive humans and terrible things happen to anyone who doesn't reach the bunker in time. Afraid and trapped among strangers, Mina is desperate for answers. Who are the Watchers and why are these creatures keeping them imprisoned, keen to watch their every move?

Horror PBK \$19.99

Storm Echo

Psy-Changeling Trinity 06

Singh, Nalini

Silence has fallen. The Psy are free to feel emotion. Free to love. But Silence was never a prison for Ivan Mercant. The biggest threat to his future lies dormant in his brain – a psychic monster that wants only to feed. And, now, the brutal leash he's kept on that monster is slipping. He prepared for this day, for the end of Ivan Mercant... but that was before he met Lei. As primal as she is human, this wild changeling brings colour into his life, laughter to his soul. Then the dream shatters in a rain of blood, in silent bodies in the snow. Lei is gone. Vanished without a trace... until he meets strangely familiar eyes across a busy San Francisco street. Soleil Bijoux Garcia is a healer who has lost everything. She exists in a world of desolate aloneness... 'til the day she finds herself, face to face with a lethal stranger. The animal who is her other half knows this man, but her memories are tattered fragments. Sorrow and a need for vengeance are all that drive her. Her mission? To kill the alpha of the DarkRiver leopard pack. But fate has other plans. Soon, a deadly soldier who believes himself a monster and a broken healer might be all that stand between life and death for the entire Psy race...

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

While the Wolf's Away

White Wolf 03

Spear, Terry

David Davis and his friends are newly turned Arctic wolves who escaped to the wilds of Minnesota from the controlling pack leader that turned them. Elizabeth Simpson helped David escape and was on the run with him until she returned home to be with her ailing grandmother. But she and David kept in touch secretly, and when her grandmother passes, David is quick to reclaim Elizabeth and bring her safely back to him. But Elizabeth's pack leader is not willing to let her go, and is infuriated when not just Elizabeth but other members of his pack try to leave. It's going to be a battle between a tiny fledgling pack and a much stronger, fiercer group of wolves, but David and Elizabeth will do what it takes to claim their destiny and establish a new wolf pack founded on their love and commitment.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

Kalyna the Soothsayer

Spector, Elijah Kinch

Kalyna's family has the Gift: the ability to see the future. For generations, they travelled the four kingdoms of the Tetrarchia selling their services as soothsayers. Every child of their family is born with this Gift – everyone except Kalyna. So far, Kalyna has used informants and trickery to falsify prophecies for coin, scrounging together a living for her deteriorating father and cruel grandmother. But Kalyna's reputation for prophecy precedes her, and poverty turns to danger when she is pressed into service by the spymaster to Rotfelsen. Kalyna is to use her 'Gift' to uncover threats against Rotfelsen's king, her family held hostage to ensure her good behaviour. But politics are devious; the king's enemies abound, and Kalyna's skills for investigation and deception are tested to the limit. Worse, the conspiracy she uncovers points to a larger threat, not only to Rotfelsen but to the Tetrarchia itself. Kalyna is determined to protect her family and newfound friends, but as she is drawn deeper into palace intrigue, she can no longer tell if her manipulations are helping prevent the Tetrarchia's destruction – or if her lies will bring about its prophesied downfall.

Fantasy HC \$39.99

The Jaguar Path

Songs of the Drowned 02

Stephens, Anna

The Empire of Songs reigns supreme. Across all the lands of Ixachipan, its hypnotic, magical music sounds. Those who battled against the Empire have been enslaved and dispersed, taken far from their friends and their homes. In the Singing City, Xessa must fight for the entertainment of her captors. Lilla and thousands of warriors are trained to serve as weapons for their enemies. And Tayan is trapped at the heart of the Empire's power and magic, where the ruthless Enet's ambition is ever growing. Each of them harbours a secret hope, waiting for a chance to strike at the Empire from within. But, first, they must overcome their own desires. Power can seduce as well as crush. And, in exchange for their loyalty, the Empire promises much. This new series begins with *The Stone Knife* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

In the Ravenous Dark

Strickland, A M

She loves a princess. She's bound to a warrior. She must betray them both. In Thanopolis, those gifted with magic are assigned undead spirits to guard them – and control them. Ever since Rován's father died trying to keep her from this fate, she's hidden her magic. But when she accidentally reveals her powers, she's bound to a spirit and thrust into a world of palace intrigue and deception. Desperate to escape, Rován finds herself falling for two people she can't fully trust: Lydea, a beguiling, rebellious princess; and Ivrilos, a handsome spirit with the ability to control Rován, body and soul. Together, they uncover a secret that will destroy Thanopolis. To save them all, Rován will have to start a rebellion in both the mortal world and the underworld, and find a way to trust the princess and spirit battling for her heart – if she doesn't betray them first.

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

Pulp Fiction

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Scattered All over the Earth Tawada, Yoko

A mind-expanding, cheerfully dystopian novel about friendship, difference, and what it means to belong. Welcome to the not-too-distant future. Japan, having vanished into the sea, is now remembered as 'the land of sushi'. Hiruko, a former citizen and a climate refugee, herself, has a job teaching immigrant children in Denmark with her invented language Panska (Pan-Scandinavian): 'homemade language. no country to stay in. three countries I experienced. no time to learn three different languages. might mix up. insufficient space in brain. so made new language. homemade language most Scandinavian people understand'. Hiruko soon makes new friends to join her in her travels, searching for anyone who can still speak her mother tongue: Knut, a graduate student in linguistics, who is fascinated by her Panska; Akash, an Indian man who lives as a woman, wearing a red sari; Nanook, an Eskimo from Greenland, first mistaken as another refugee from the land of sushi; and Nora, who works at the Karl Marx House in Trier. All these characters take turns narrating chapters, which feature an umami cooking competition; a dead whale; an ultra-nationalist named Breivik; Kakuzo robots; uranium; and an Andalusian bull fight. Episodic, vividly imagined and mesmerising, *Scattered All Over the Earth* is another *sui generis* masterwork by Yoko Tawada.

Dystopia TP \$27.99

Threadneedle

Language of Magic 01

Thomas, Gari

Within the boroughs of London, nestled among its streets, hides another city, filled with magic. Anna's Aunt has always warned her of the dangers of magic. Its twists. Its knots. Its deadly consequences. Now, Anna counts down the days to the ceremony that will bind her magic forever. Until she meets Effie and Attis. They open her eyes to a London she never knew existed. A shop that sells memories. A secret library where the librarian feeds off words. A club where revellers lose themselves in a haze of spells. But as she is swept deeper into this world, Anna begins to wonder if her Aunt was right all along. Is her magic a gift... or a curse? Perfect for fans of Garth Nix, V E Schwab, and Alix E Harrow.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Legacy of Molly Southbourne

Molly Southbourne 03, novella

Thompson, Tade

Whenever Molly Southbourne bled, a murderer was born. Deadly copies, drawn to destroy their creator, bound by a legacy of death. With the original Molly Southbourne gone, her remnants drew together, seeking safety and a chance for peace. The last Molly and her sisters built a home together, and thought they could escape the murder that

marked their past. But secrets squirm in Molly Southbourne's blood – secrets born in a soviet lab and carried back across the Iron Curtain to infiltrate the West. What remains of the Cold War spy machine wants those secrets back, and to get them they're willing to unearth the dead and destroy the fragile peace surrounding the last copies of Molly Southbourne. *The Legacy of Molly Southbourne* – a 160pp, Tor.com novella – brings the story to a bloody end. The trilogy begins with *The Legacy of Molly Southbourne* (PBK, \$19.99).

Horror PBK \$26.99

The Extractionist Unger, Kimberly

Eliza McKay is an Extractionist: an expert in the virtual reality space where people's minds are uploaded as digital personas. When rich or important people get stuck in the Swim for reasons that are sleazy, illegal, or merely unlucky – it's McKay's job to quietly extract them. And McKay's job just got a lot more dangerous. After McKay repels an attack on her Swim persona, hired thugs break into her house to try to hack her cybernetic implants directly. Meanwhile, the corporate executive she was hired to rescue from VR space is surprisingly reluctant to be extracted. Something is lurking in the Swim, and some very powerful people will stop at nothing to keep it secret. This job might be the big break McKay has been waiting for – if she can survive, long enough to beat the hackers at their own game.

Cyberpunk TP \$32.99

Hummingbird Salamander VanderMeer, Jeff

'Jane Smith' – not her real name – receives an envelope that contains a note from a woman she doesn't know and a key to an anonymous storage unit. The key leads her to a pair of taxidermied animals, a hummingbird and a salamander, which turn out to be two of the most endangered creatures on earth. Jane has set in motion a series of events that quickly spin beyond her control. She is being followed, her home surveilled, her family in peril. The author of the mysterious note – Jane's only real lead – is already dead. She was, Jane learns, a reputed ecoterrorist. What did she want with Jane? Profiteering wildlife smugglers; an amoral energy company; an extremist's apocalyptic vision. The threats come from all around, and time is running out – for Jane and possibly for the world. *Hummingbird Salamander* is Jeff VanderMeer at his dazzling, cinematic best, wrapping profound questions into a tightly plotted tale of the fight to survive.

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

The Invisible Man

Macmillan Collector's Library

Wells, H G

A mysterious stranger arrives at a rural Sussex inn on a cold winter's night with his face obscured by bandages and his body

cloaked in a long, heavy coat. He locks himself in his room and spends his stay labouring over chemicals in intricate glass bottles. The villagers, bewildered by what lurks under the bandages, could never be prepared for the terrible truth: that the man is a scientist who has rendered himself invisible and is desperately struggling to find an antidote. He flees to the rugged, cliff-lined coast where, pursued by police and an angry mob, he is intent on murderous revenge. H G Wells skilfully combines tension, wit and terror in *The Invisible Man*, a masterpiece of science fiction. Complete and unabridged; part of the Macmillan Collector's Library; a series of stunning, clothbound, pocket-sized classics with gold foiled edges and ribbon markers. These beautiful books make perfect gifts or a treat for any book lover.

Classic sf HC \$22.99

The Shimmering State Westgate, Meredith

Lucien moves to Los Angeles to be with his grandmother as she undergoes an experimental treatment for Alzheimer's using the new drug, Memoroxin. An emerging photographer, he's also running from the sudden death of his mother, a well-known artist whose legacy haunts him. Sophie has just landed the lead in the upcoming performance of *La Sylphide* with the Los Angeles Ballet Company. She still waitresses at the Chateau Marmont during her off hours, witnessing the recreational use of Memoroxin – or Mem – among the Hollywood elite. When Lucien and Sophie meet at The Centre, founded by an ambitious yet conflicted doctor to treat patients who've abused Mem, they have no memory of how they got there – or why they feel so inexplicably drawn to each other. Is it attraction, or something they cannot remember from 'before'?

Dystopia TP \$37.95

The Last Blade Priest

Wiles, W P

Inar is Master Builder for the Kingdom of Mishig-Tenh. Life is hard after the Kingdom lost the war against the League of Free Cities. Doubly so since his father betrayed the King and paid the ultimate price. And now the King's terrifying chancellor and torturer in chief has arrived and instructed Inar to go and work for the League. And to spy for him. And any builder knows you don't put yourself between a rock and a hard place. Far away Anton, Blade Priest for Craithe, the God Mountain, is about to be caught up in a vicious internal war that will tear his religion apart. Chosen from infancy to conduct human sacrifice, he is secretly relieved that the practice has been abruptly stopped. But an ancient enemy has returned, an occult conspiracy is unfolding, and he will struggle to keep his hands clean in a world engulfed by bloodshed. In a series of constantly surprising twists and turns that take the reader through a vividly imagined and original world full of

familiar tensions and surprising perspectives on old tropes, Inar and Anton find that others in their story may have more influence on their lives, on the future of the League and on their whole world than they, or the reader imagined.

Epic fantasy TP \$26.99

Marion Lane and the Deadly Rose

Inquirers mysteries 02

Willberg, T A

The envelope was tied with three delicate silk ribbons: 'One of the new recruits is not to be trusted...' It's 1959 and a new killer haunts the streets of London, having baffled Scotland Yard. The newspapers call him The Florist because of the rose he brands on his victims. The police have turned yet again to the Inquirers at Miss Brickett's for assistance, and second-year Marion Lane is assigned the case. But she's already dealing with a mystery of her own, having received an unsigned letter warning her that one of the three new recruits should not be trusted. She dismisses the letter at first, focusing on The Florist case, but her informer seems to be one step ahead, predicting what will happen before it does. But when a fellow second-year Inquirer is murdered, Marion takes matters into her own hands and must come face to face with her informer – who predicted the murder – to find out everything they know. Until then, no one at Miss Brickett's is safe, and everyone is a suspect. The sequel to *Marion Lane and the Midnight Murder* (PBK, \$22.99). *Midnight Murder* was great fun, recommended.

Fantasy crime PBK \$22.99

Chronicles of Amber

Zelazny, Roger

A story of magic and betrayal, which spans worlds and generations. The epic classic from one of the greatest fantasy writers of all time. Amber is the one real world, casting infinite reflections of itself – Shadow worlds, that can be manipulated by those of royal Amberite blood. But the royal family is torn apart by jealousies and suspicion; the disappearance of the Patriarch Oberon has intensified the internal conflict by leaving the throne apparently up for grabs. In a hospital on the Shadow Earth, a young man is recovering from a freak car accident; amnesia has robbed him of all his memory, even the fact that he is Corwin, Crown Prince of Amber, rightful heir to the throne – and he is in deadly peril... The five books, *Nine Princes in Amber*, *The Guns of Avalon*, *Sign of the Unicorn*, *The Hand of Oberon*, and *The Courts of Chaos*, together make up *The Chronicles of Amber*, Roger Zelazny's finest work of fantasy and an undisputed classic of the genre. Recommended, we all loved these, in the ago!

SF Masterworks PBK \$24.99