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Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

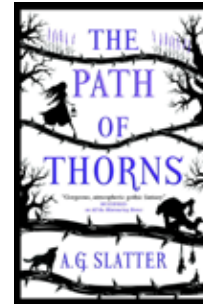
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The Path of Thorns

A G Slatter

A lush and twisted dark fairy tale suffused with witchcraft, dark secrets, and bitter revenge from the award-winning author. Exquisite, haunting and at times brutal, readers of Naomi Novik and Erin Morgenstern will be entranced. Asher Todd comes to live with the mysterious Morwood family as a governess to their children. Asher knows little about being a governess but she is skilled in botany and herbcraft, and perhaps more than that. And she has secrets of her own, dark and terrible – and Morwood is a house that eats secrets. With a monstrous revenge in mind, Asher plans to make it choke. However, she becomes fond of her charges, of the people of the Tarn, and she begins to wonder if she will be able to execute her plan – and who will suffer most if she does. But as the ghosts of her past become harder to control, Asher realises she has no choice. From the award-winning Brisbane author of *All the Murmuring Bones* (PBK, \$22.99), dark magic, retribution and twisted family secrets combine to weave a bewitching and addictive tale. Recommended! Signed copies are available.

Gothic fantasy | PBK | \$24.99



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Master of Furies

Firemane Saga 03

Raymond E Feist

The final volume in Feist's epic heroic fantasy series, the Firemane Saga. War has swept across Marquensas. Ruthless raiders have massacred the inhabitants of Beran's Hill. Hatushaly, the last remaining member of the ruling family of Ithrace, the legendary Firemanes, seeks to control the magical powers he has inherited. He is able now to visualise and even travel among the filaments of energies that power all existence: the furies. But will he be able to channel his magic in time to combat the deepest, darkest threat the world of Garn has ever faced? After all these years – Feist is still a firm favourite amongst regulars. The first in the series is *King of Ashes* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy | HC | \$39.99



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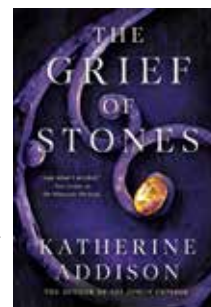
The Grief of Stones

Cemeteries of Amalo 02

Katherine Addison

As a Witness for the Dead, Thara Celehar can speak to the recently departed: see the last thing they saw, know the last thought they had, experience the last thing they felt. It is his duty to use that ability to ascertain the intent of the dead and to find the killers of the murdered. Celehar's time in the city of Amalo has brought him both friends and enemies – and no little notoriety. Now, when solving the murder of a marquise raises more questions than it answers, he finds himself exploring Amalo's dark underside. His investigations lead him to the Cemchelarna School for Foundling Girls, where all is not as it seems. Discovering the truth about its headmistress will lead Celehar deep into the city's history – and into the shattering depths of the loss he fears the most... Katherine Addison has created a fantastic world for these books – wide and deep and true. Please, just read *The Goblin Emperor* (PBK, \$24.95), then read these sort-of sequels set in the same universe. Just do it. You need to. Glorious.

Fantasy | HC | \$55.00



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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.

Science fiction | TP | \$32.99



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The Blacktongue Thief

Christopher Buehlman

Kinch Na Shannack owes the Takers Guild a small fortune for his education as a thief, which includes (but is not limited to) lock picking, knife fighting, wall scaling, fall breaking, lie weaving, trap making, plus a few small magics. His debt has driven him to lie in wait by the old forest road, planning to rob the next traveller that crosses his path. But today, Kinch Na Shannack has picked the wrong mark. Galva is a knight, a survivor of the brutal goblin wars, and handmaiden of the goddess of death. She is searching for her queen, missing since a distant northern city fell to giants. Unsuccessful in his robbery and lucky to escape with his life, Kinch now finds his fate entangled with Galva's. Common enemies and uncommon dangers force thief and knight on an epic journey where goblins hunger for human flesh, krakens hunt in dark waters, and honour is a luxury few can afford. This first in a series has customers wanting more, now!

Grimdark fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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All the Seas of the World

Guy Gavriel Kay

Returning to the near-Renaissance world of *A Brightness Long Ago* and *Children of Earth and Sky*, Guy Gavriel Kay deploys his signature 'quarter turn to the fantastic' to tell a story of vengeance, power, and love. On a dark night along a lonely stretch of coast, a small ship, the Silver Wake, sends two people ashore to a stony strand. Their purpose is assassination. They have been hired to do this by two of the most dangerous men alive. The consequences will affect so many lives both great and small, and possibly alter the balance of power in the world. One of those arriving on that night strand is a woman abducted by corsairs from her home as a child, escaping that fate, that destiny, years after, now trying to chart her own course – and bent upon revenge. Another figure, on the boat, bringing it to meet the secretive landing party at the city where they are going, is a merchant who still remembers being exiled as a child with his family from their home, for their faith. Returning triumphantly to the brilliantly evoked near-Renaissance world of his most recent novels, international bestseller Guy Gavriel Kay deploys his signature 'quarter turn to the fantastic' to offer readers a wide-ranging, vividly memorable set of characters in a story of vengeance, power, and love, built around profoundly contemporary themes of exile, loss, and memory. Great reviews and enthusiastic regulars – Kay is a brilliant fantasy writer who should be better known – but his output is only a volume every few years – so think he's lost some momentum. Seriously, though – he's great! Recommended!

Historical fantasy | TP | \$32.99



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A New Clan

Star Kingdom 04

David Weber & Jane Lindskold

Freshly home from an internship on Manticore, teenaged Stephanie Harrington is up to her eyebrows in trouble. There's the new treecat adoptee who needs to be kept from becoming a risk to the carefully guarded secret of just how smart the arboreal inhabitants of Sphinx really are. There's the overeager journalist whose campaign to protect the treecats from exploitation as the newest, coolest pet on any planet could threaten the very creatures he seeks to defend. And there's the mysterious rash of weird accidents that are plaguing Sphinx's younger inhabitants – including some of those nearest and dearest to Stephanie. Spinoff from Weber's bestselling Honor Harrington series – these feel like they're slightly YA, to us – but we nonetheless keep selling them to all the Honorverse fans. The first is *A Beautiful Friendship* (PBK, \$24.95)

Space opera | HC | \$41.95



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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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The Untold Story

Invisible Library 08

Genevieve Cogman

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

Fantasy | PBK | \$19.99



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All the Murmuring Bones

Slatter, A G

For fans of Naomi Novik and Katherine Arden, a dark gothic fairy tale from multi-award-winning Brisbane author, Angela Slatter. 'Harrowing and beautiful, this is the grim, fairy-tale gothic you've been waiting for' – *Christopher Golden*, author of *Ararat*. Long ago Miren O'Malley's family prospered due to a deal struck with the mer: safety for their ships in return for a child of each generation. But for many years the family have been unable to keep their side of the bargain and have fallen into decline. Miren's grandmother is determined to restore their glory, even at the price of Miren's freedom. A spellbinding tale of dark family secrets, magic and witches, and creatures of myth and the sea; of strong women and the men who seek to control them. This really is fantastic – highly recommended! Signed copies are available.

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