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... and many others.

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Ron and Leanne

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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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anthology
authors, various

Join bestselling authors Faith Hunter and Jennifer Estep, along with R J Blain, Diana Pharaoh Francis, and Devon Monk, on a brand-new romp through magical worlds where the damsels bring the distress, what can go wrong will go wrong, and nothing is as it seems. Adventure with Eli Younger, Liz Everhart, and Brute in the thrilling world of Jane Yellowrock. Face off against old gods and lost souls at a magical crossroads on Route 66. Become entangled in Ashland's dark, deadly web with side characters from the Elemental Assassin series. Return to the irreverent world of Beck Wyatt, where disaster waits around every corner and cheesecake makes it all worthwhile. And finally, meet up with the Quinns and friends in the zany world of the Magical Romantic Comedy (with a body count) series. In this collection of all-new urban fantasy and paranormal stories, the gloves are off and simply surviving might just be the dirtiest, most difficult deed of all.

Paranormal romance TP \$57.95

Trinity Bara, Dave

The Rim rebellion was glorious – and doomed from the start. Brilliant Rim Confederation Navy spaceship captain Jared Clement scuttled his career and professional life by joining the rebels against the overwhelming force of the 5 Suns Alliance. The rebel cause was just. That didn't matter. Ten years later, Clement regrets nothing – and would prefer to be left alone to his thoughts and drink. But a new chance to command a ship of incredible potential is thrust in his lap – humanity's first truly faster-than-light vessel. The destination: Trinity, a newly discovered star system where strange signs of possible spacefarers may lead to humanity's first alien encounter. Or to interstellar war. Humanity is on the brink of a new age, and everything depends on one crusty starship captain, his gritty crew, and the *Beauregard*, a ship that was never meant to wage war turned into a weapon-bristling battleship that will either propel humanity to ultimate destruction or into a new starfaring age of exploration and conflict. And, along the way, a noble lost cause – one Captain Jared Clement – may finally get his revenge. And find his redemption.

Military SF PBK \$26.95

The Thousand Earths Baxter, Stephen

The end of the world is inevitable. We do not accept it. In 2145 AD, John Hackett's adventure is just beginning. In Year 30, Mela's story is coming to a close. Hackett, in his trusty ship the *Perseus*, is not just a space traveller – beginning his travels with an expedition to Neptune and back – but, thanks to the time-dilation effect, a time

traveller as well. His new mission will take him to Andromeda, to get a close-up look at the constellation which will eventually crash into the Milky Way, and give humanity a head's up about the challenges which are coming. A mission which will take him five million years to complete. Not only is Hackett exploring unknown space, but he will return to a vastly different time. Mela's world is coming to an end. Erosion is eating away at the edges of every landmass – first, at a rate of 10 metres a year, but fast accelerating, displacing people and animals as the rising Tide destroys everything in its path. Putting more and more pressure on the people – and resources – which remain. She and her people have always known that this long-predicted end to their home, one of the Thousand Earths, is coming – but that makes their fight to survive, to protect each other, no less desperate... and no less doomed.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Origin of Storms

Lotus Kingdoms 03

Bear, Elizabeth

The Lotus Kingdoms are at war, with four claimants to the sorcerous throne of the Alchemical Emperor, fielding three armies between them. Alliances are made, and broken, many times over – but in the end, only *one* can sit on the throne. And that one must have not only the power, but the rightful claim. The Rajni Mrithuri stands as the chief claimant to the Alchemical throne now, but she and her empire remain a prize to be taken unless she gets an heir. She has her allies – her cousin Sayeh, a dragon, a foreign wizard, a fearsome automaton, and the Dead Man – but the throne has the final say. And if it rejects her, the price is death.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Hate Machine

Eric Carter 08

Blackmoore, Stephen

If there's one thing Eric Carter can count on, it's his past coming back to bite him in the ass. Gabriela Cortez, La Bruja, has had her soul trapped... somewhere, and the only one who knows how to get it back is the Oracle of Las Vegas, a powerful artifact that Carter helped create almost 30 years before. It doesn't just predict the future – it makes things happen, influencing events to reach the goal it wants. Only somebody's gone and stolen it, attempting to turn it into an artifact that doesn't just change the future, but also the past. Eric needs to find it and steal it back before this comes to pass. If he doesn't, Gabriela's soul is lost. And quite possibly the future as well.

Urban fantasy TP \$39.95

Ancient Sorceries Blackwood, Algernon

A British traveller in France stops in a remote French hill town with some very unusual

inhabitants and soon finds himself unable to leave; a scholar staying in a lodging house feels himself observed by a malevolent presence; two friends on a canoeing trip spend a night on a lonely willow-covered island in the middle of the Danube, haunted by the strange trees and sinister shapes in the water... Algernon Blackwood is one of Britain's greatest ever proponents of weird and supernatural stories. This collection contains four of his most unnervingly curious tales: 'Ancient Sorceries', 'The Listener', 'The Sea Fit' and 'The Willows'.

Weird/dark fantasy (reissue) HC \$24.99

Soul of the Deep

Skin of the Sea 02

Bowen, Natasha

Gather 'round, sisters. Hear my story of *mami wata* and gods. Of the moment when mermaids and humans met. Of Simi, who defies the gods and fights against history. Of Kola, who evades his destiny and fights against those who enslaved him. Of incredible love and the battle against immense hate. This is a story that will change the course of history... The sequel to *Skin of the Sea* (PBK, \$19.99); the epic re-imagining of one of the darkest stories in history told through the eyes of a bold and unforgettable heroine. Infused with West African mythology, this powerful love story is perfect for fans of *Children of Blood and Bone*.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Ray Bradbury Collection

a Library of America boxed set

Bradbury, Ray D

& Eller, Jonathan R (editor)

Ray Bradbury has inspired generations of readers to dream, think, and create. His greatest works are now presented in a deluxe two-volume Library of America boxed set. For the first time in a deluxe collector's boxed set, here is the ultimate Ray Bradbury edition, including three novels, three story collections, and 33 other stories and rarities.

Classic sf HC \$159.95

Ray Bradbury

the *Illustrated Man*, the *October Country* and *Other Stories* (LOA #360)

Bradbury, Ray D

& Eller, Jonathan R (editor)

In one authoritative volume, here are two landmark story collections by one of America's most beloved authors, plus 27 stellar, speculative, and strange tales from other collections, including seven, restored to print. The author of over 400 short stories, Ray Bradbury was a master not only in the science fiction genre, for which he is best known, but also in speculative, horror, and dark fantasy. Here are two of Bradbury's most beloved collections, along with 27 other stories, that together represent the best of Bradbury's stories of the 1940s, '50s, and '60s. *The Illustrated Man* – the more

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Earthbound science fiction companion to Bradbury's classic collection *The Martian Chronicles* – contains 18 short stories bound together by the unifying metaphor of a strangely tattooed outcast. The stories explore both the dehumanising possibilities of space-age technology – in 'The Veldt' and 'The Rocket Man' – and the pessimistic, dark side of humanity, as in 'The Visitor'. *The October Country* collects 19 short stories: macabre carnival tales, speculative horror, and strange fantasy. 'Uncle Einar' and 'Homecoming' concern the monstrous and immortal Elliott family. In 'The Next in Line', a woman becomes convinced that she'll never leave the small, Mexican town she's travelled to on vacation. And in 'Touched with Fire,' two old men have learned to predict future murders. This edition restores the original artwork by Joe Mugnaini. Rounding out the volume are 27 other short stories from the first half of Bradbury's career, selected by Bradbury scholar Jonathan R Eller, including 'Frost and Fire,' in which humans on another planet live only eight days; 'The Pedestrian,' about the only man in the world who does not watch television, and 'I Sing the Body Electric!' in which a family purchases a robotic grandmother. Also includes such hard to find stories as 'R is for Rocket,' 'Asleep in Armageddon,' and 'The Lost City of Mars.'

Classic sf HC \$79.95

Giving the Devil His Due

anthology

Brewer, Rebecca (editor)
Stories about men who commit violence against women, and how they get their comeuppance; featuring sixteen major names and rising stars in fantasy, science fiction, and horror today. A reissue.

Dark fantasy (reissue) TP \$29.99

How to Succeed in Witchcraft

Brophy, Aislinn
Shay Johnson has all the makings of a successful witch. As a junior at T K Anderson Magical Magnet School, she's determined to win the Brockton Scholarship – her ticket into the university of her dreams. Her competition? Ana freaking Álvarez. The key to victory? Impressing Mr B, drama teacher and head of the scholarship committee. When Mr B asks Shay to star in this year's aggressively-inclusive musical, she warily agrees, even though she'll have to put up with Ana playing the other lead. But in rehearsals, Shay realises Ana is... not the despicable witch she'd thought. Perhaps, she could be a friend – or more. And Shay could use someone in her corner once she becomes the target of Mr B's unwanted attention. When Shay learns she's not the first witch to experience his inappropriate behaviour, she must decide if she'll come forward. But how can she speak out when her future's on the line?

YA urban fantasy HC \$41.95

The Witch in the Well

Bruce, Camilla
Centuries ago, beautiful young IIsbeth Clark was accused of witchcraft after several children disappeared. Her acquittal did nothing to stop her fellow townsfolk from

drowning her in the well where the missing children were last seen. When author and social media influencer Elena returns to the summer paradise of her youth to get her family's manor house ready to sell, the last thing she expected was connecting with – and feeling inspired to write about – IIsbeth's infamous spirit. The very historical figure that her ex-childhood friend, Cathy, has been diligently researching and writing about for years. What begins as a fiercely competitive sense of ownership over IIsbeth and her story soon turns both women's worlds into something more haunted and dangerous than they could ever imagine.

Horror TP \$32.99

Erewhon

150th anniversary edition
Butler, Samuel
When Higgs, a young traveller, stumbles upon the beautiful land of Erewhon, he soon discovers that its seemingly ideal culture is founded upon bizarre, unsettling beliefs. Crime is a sickness, while sickness is a crime; the greatest scholarly achievement is unreason, and all machines have been eliminated for fear of artificial intelligence. In a society that suppresses originality, the traveller and his values are a threat. Torn between escape and Arowhena, the woman he has grown to love, Higgs must contend with Erewhon's strange ways – and with the challenges they pose to his own beliefs. A utopian classic with a rich legacy – influencing authors from Huxley to Herbert and beyond – *Erewhon* satirises Victorian society with biting insight still relevant today. Engaging with the work of Charles Darwin and inspired by the author's time in colonial New Zealand, *Erewhon* is a bright, irreverent, and enduring text about technology, religion, crime, and institutional rigidity. This new edition of the 1872 classic arrives in honour of its 150th anniversary, featuring a brilliant introduction contextualising the book from one of New Zealand's great academic thinkers in science fiction, Dr Octavia Cade.

Classic fantasy (reissue) TP \$33.95

Queen High

Widowland O2
Garey, C J
June 1955. The Leader has been dead for two years. His assassination, on British soil, provoked violent retribution and intensified repression of British citizens, particularly women. Now, more than ever, the Protectorate is a place of surveillance and isolation – a land of spies. Every evening, Rose Ransom looks in the mirror and marvels that she's even alive. A mere woman, her role in the Leader's death has been miraculously overlooked. She still works at the Culture Ministry, where her work now focuses on the outlawed subject of Poetry, a form of writing that transmits subversive meanings, emotions and signals that cannot be controlled. Therefore, all Poetry is banned, and Rose is appointed a Poet Hunter. To widespread surprise, President Eisenhower is to make a state visit to the Alliance and Rose is tasked with visiting the widowed Queen Wallis to provide a background briefing. When she arrives at the palace, she finds Wallis in a state of paranoia, desperate to return to America and enjoy the liberty of her homeland. She claims

she has a secret document so explosive that it will blow the Protectorate apart – but will the last Queen of England pull the trigger on the Alliance? The thrilling sequel to *Widowland* (PBK, \$22.99).

Alternate history TP \$32.99

A Girl Called Corpse:

an Elston-Fright Tale
Garter, Reece
'Find the thing the Witches call a treasure,' says Old Man, 'and you'll get back all those memories you're missing.' With a body made of wax, seaweed for hair and polished abalone shells for eyes, Corpse is bound to haunt the Witches' sea shack forever. She has no memory of the kid she was before she was snatched and ended up on the rock-that-doesn't-exist. But the delivery of an unexpected message sets Corpse off on a surprising quest, searching for answers to the old and familiar questions that have filled her not-brain since the day she first woke up a ghost. Questions about her name. Questions about her family. With only her eight-legged friend Simon for company, Corpse heads into the unknown. There will be danger – cruel Witches, a silver-eyed sea monster and a cunning Merchant with a hungry grin – but Corpse is not afraid. She'll stop at nothing to uncover the truth about her past. Only some answers, it turns out, are much closer than she thinks. A dazzling debut about a lonely kid ghost who goes searching for answers about her past, in a forgotten coastal town that fizzles with secret magic. 'I loved it!' – *Jessica Townsend*, author of *Nevermoor*.

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

Hollow

Catling, Brian
An epic odyssey following a group of mercenaries, hired to deliver a church's ultimate power – a sacred oracle – as the decadence of carnival gives way to the gravity of lent and the mystic landscape grows ravenous – all set within a Bosch painting. The history of art contains no more imaginative or mysterious paintings than the landscapes of Hieronymus Bosch. Art historians ask where the weird creatures depicted there came from, and so too do the central characters of *Hollow*, as they fight their way across these landscapes and encounter these creatures. Author B Catling is the first novelist to engage fully with Bosch's vision and climb imaginatively into it. It emerges that Bosch gave colour and form to monsters, 'letting them in' to the real world, and that they were still infesting the landscape, when it was painted by Bosch's follower Pieter Bruegel. Now, a wild bunch of mercenaries with a mission to deliver an oracle made of cloth, bones and a loud voice take a dangerous journey to the monastery at the base of the Tower of Babel, where the most terrifying secret in the world is kept. As they travel through a country painted first by Bosch and then by Bruegel, they are confronted and seduced by monsters and see scenes painted by them. These include the devil playing dice, a lewd mock wedding with a dirty bride, an unholy being living inside a hollow tree and riding a giant rat, and creatures indulging in inter-species sexual play as depicted in *The Garden of Earthly Delights*. A local marauding woman, called

Mad Meg, with a small army of looting women from Bruegel's *Dull Gret* is one of this novel's stranger characters. From the author of the *Vorrh* Trilogy.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

A Prayer for the Crown-Shy

Monk & Robot O2
Chambers, Becky
After *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* (HC, \$42.99) comes this tale of hope and acceptance in the second volume of the bestselling Monk & Robot series. After touring the rural areas of Panga, Sibling Dex (a Tea Monk, of some renown) and Mosschap (a robot sent on a quest to determine what humanity really needs) turn their attention to the villages and cities of the little moon they call home. They hope to find the answers they seek, while making new friends, learning new concepts, and experiencing the entropic nature of the universe. Becky Chambers' new series continues to ask: in a world, where people have what they want, does having more even matter?

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Quarter to Midnight:

Fifteen Tales of Horror and Suspense
Goates, Darcy
Discover 15 chilling tales of gothic horror and suspense from bestselling author Darcy Coates. Push past the curtains of the rational, safe world and explore the un-nameable horrors living in the darkest corners of our conscience. This is the realm of monsters and shifting shadows, where a single wrong step can plunge you into a terrifying, irreversible fight for your life. You find a door, behind your bedroom's wallpaper. It's probably just a small crawlspace. There's nothing unusual about it... except for the quiet tapping noise you hear late at night. A young child went missing while exploring a disused cemetery in 1965. More than 50 years later you face the gate to the abandoned graveyard, armed with a clue that could lead to answers about the boy's fate. A mannequin is stored in the back of your rented basement room. Sometimes, its dust cloth falls off. Sometimes, you feel it watching you. And sometimes it moves while you're asleep...

Horror TP \$27.99

Daughter of Darkness

Gorr, Katharine & Elizabeth
Enter the Underworld in an epic new fantasy, where the Gods of ancient Greece rule everything but fate. Deina is trapped. As one of the Soul Severers serving the god Hades on earth, her future is tied to the task of shepherding the dying on from the mortal world – unless she can earn or steal enough to buy her way out. Then, the tyrant ruler Orpheus offers both fortune and freedom to whoever can retrieve his dead wife, Eurydice, from the Underworld. Deina jumps at the chance. But to win, she must enter an uneasy alliance with a group of fellow Severers she neither likes nor trusts. So begins, their perilous journey into the realm of Hades... The prize of freedom is before her – but what will it take to reach it?

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

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Screams from the Dark:

29 Tales of Monsters and the Monstrous, anthology

Datlow, Ellen (editor)

From werewolves and vampires, to demons and aliens, the monster is one of the most recognisable figures in horror. But what makes something, or someone, monstrous? Award-winning and up-and-coming authors like Richard Kadrey, Cassandra Khaw, Indrapramit Das, Priya Sharma, and more attempt to answer this question. These all-new stories range from traditional to modern, from mainstream to literary, from familiar monsters to the unknown... and unimaginable. This chilling collection has something to please – and terrify – everyone, so lock your doors, hide under your covers, and try not to scream. Contributors include: Ian Rogers, Fran Wilde, Gemma Files, Daryl Gregory, Priya Sharma, Brian Hodge, Joyce Carol Oates, Indrapramit Das, Siobhan Carroll, Richard Kadrey, Norman Partridge, Garry Kilworth, Caitlin R Kiernan, Chikodili Emelumadu, Glen Hirshberg, A C Wise, Stephen Graham Jones, Kaaron Warren, Livia Llewellyn, Carole Johnstone, Margo Lanagan, Joe R Lansdale, Brian Evenson, Nathan Ballingrud, Cassandra Khaw, Laird Barron, Kristi DeMeester, Jeffrey Ford, and John Langan.

Horror HC \$49.99

Tails of Wonder and Imagination

anthology

Datlow, Ellen (editor)

What is it about the cat that captivates the creative imagination? No other creature has inspired so many authors to take pen to page. From legendary editor Ellen Datlow comes *Tails of Wonder and Imagination*, showcasing tales of science fiction, fantasy, mystery, and horror by some of today's most popular authors. With stories by Stephen King, Carol Emshwiller, Tanith Lee, Peter S Beagle, Elizabeth Hand, Dennis Danvers, Theodora Goss, Susanna Clarke, Neil Gaiman, Kelly Link, George R R Martin, Lucius Shepard, Joyce Carol Oates, Graham Joyce, Catherynne M Valente, Michael Marshall Smith, and many others. *Tails of Wonder and Imagination* features more than forty stories in which cats are heroes and stories in which they're villains; tales of domestic cats, tigers, lions, mythical part-cat beings, people transformed into cats, cats transformed into people. And, yes, even a few cute cats.

Cat-based speculative fiction TP \$32.99

The Violence

Dawson, Delilah S

They call it The Violence: a strange epidemic that causes the infected to experience sudden bursts of animalistic rage, with no provocation and no memory of their crimes. While it tears the nation apart, one woman sees something unlikely in the chaos – an opportunity. Chelsea Martin has been a prisoner in her own home for too long. Her controlling husband has manipulated her for years, cutting her off from all support. Her narcissistic mother is no help, and her teen daughter is realising she might be falling into the same trap when her once adoring boyfriend shows a dark side. But when the Violence erupts, Chelsea creates a plan

to liberate herself and her daughters once and for all. What follows is a shocking and thrilling journey as three generations of women navigate a world in which they are finally empowered to fight back. Somewhere along the journey from her magazine-ready Tampa home to the professional wrestling ring, Chelsea becomes her own liberator, an avatar of revenge and hope, and a new heroine for a new world.

Dystopian thriller TP \$27.99

The Book Eaters

Dean, Sunyi

Hidden across England and Scotland live six old Book Eater families. The last of their lines, they exist on the fringes of society and subsist on a diet of stories and legends. Children are rare and their numbers have dwindled, so when Devon Fairweather's second child is born a dreaded Mind Eater – a perversion of her own kind, who consumes not stories but the minds and souls of humans – she flees before he can be turned into a weapon for the family... or worse. Living among humans and finding prey for her son, Devon seeks a cure for his hunger. But time is running out – for her family want her back, and with every soul her son consumes he loses a little more of himself... This is a story of escape, a savage mother's devotion, and a queer love that will electrify readers looking for something beguiling, thrilling, strange, and new.

Dark fantasy TP \$32.99

Wrath Goddess Sing

Deane, Maya

The gods wanted blood. She fought for love. Achilles has fled her home and her vicious Myrmidon clan to live as a woman with the kallai, the transgender priestesses of Great Mother Aphrodite. When Odysseus comes to recruit the 'prince' Achilles for a war against the Hittites, she prepares to die rather than fight as a man. However, her divine mother, Athena, intervenes, transforming her body into the woman's body she always longed for, and promises her everything: glory, power, fame, victory in war, and, most importantly, a child born of her own body. Reunited with her beloved cousin, Patroklos, and his brilliant wife, the sorceress Meryapi, Achilles sets out to war with a vengeance. But the gods – a dysfunctional family of abusive immortals that have glutted on human sacrifices for centuries – have woven ancient schemes more blood-soaked and nightmarish than Achilles can imagine. At the centre of it all is the cruel, immortal Helen, who sees Achilles as a worthy enemy after millennia of ennu and emptiness. In love with her newfound nemesis, Helen sets out to destroy everything and everyone Achilles cherishes, seeking a battle to the death. An innovative spin on a familiar tale, this is the Trojan War unlike anything ever told, and an Achilles whose vulnerability is revealed by the people she chooses to fight... and chooses to trust.

Historical fantasy HC \$52.99

Fearsome Fairies:

Haunting Tales of the Fae
British Library Hardback Classics

Dearnley, Elizabeth (editor)

There was an enormous fascination with fairies in the 19th and early 20th centuries

which popularised depictions of benevolent, butterfly-winged beings and glittering pantomime figures. But the fae have always had a more sinister side. Taking inspiration from folk tales and medieval legends, the works of weird tale and ghost story writers such as Arthur Machen, M R James, Angela Carter, and Charlotte Riddell show that fairies, goblins and other supernatural entities could be something far more unsettling. Delving into a frightening realm of otherworldly creatures from banshees to changelings, this new collection of stories revives and revels in the fearsome power of the fairy folk.

Gothic fantasy HC \$55.00

Mystic Skies

Mystic trilogy 03

Denzel, Jason

The world is Changed. Fifty-four years have passed since Crow Tallin, the catastrophic celestial event that merged Fayūn and the human world. One devastating result of that cataclysm is that most human babies are born fused with fay spirits. The Mystics of Kelt Apar, once beloved, are blamed for this worldwide phenomenon. On the island of Moth, the Barons have declared the Myst illegal and imprisoned all Mystics under house arrest. Under the watchful eyes of deadly Hunters, a much-older Pomella AnDone now lives as a prisoner at Kelt Apar with her granddaughter and apprentice Mia, as well as the rapidly declining High Mystic of Moth, Yarina Sineese. When the time comes to conduct the ceremony intended to pass the title of High Mystic from Yarina to her successor Vivianna, something goes horribly wrong, leaving the lineage of Mystics in doubt. With new rivals seeking to claim Moth for their own, Pomella must undergo a dangerous dreamwalk into the mind-bending and heart-wrenching Mystic Skies in order to learn the mystical name of the island, itself. Pomella must confront her greatest and most personal challenge, yet. For the Deep mysteries of the world will reveal themselves only to the most powerful and dedicated of Mystics. The trilogy begins with *Mystic* (TP, \$35.95).

Epic fantasy HC \$65.95

Barbarian Mine

Ice Planet Barbarians 04

Dixon, Ruby

Harlow receives the shock of her life when she wakes up to see Rukh, a stranger who has clearly been on his own his whole life, but she soon learns that there is much more to this gruff, barbaric alien than the savage he appears to be. The ice planet has given me a second lease on life, so I'm thrilled to be here. Sure, there are no cheeseburgers, but I'm healthy and ready to be a productive member of the small tribe. What didn't I anticipate? That there'd be a savage stranger waiting nearby, watching me. And when he takes me captive, the unthinkable happens... I resonate to him. Resonance means mating, and children... but I don't know if this guy's ever been around anyone before. He's truly a barbarian in all ways, and he has claimed me as his own. So, why is it that I crave his touch and hunger for more?

SF romance TP \$24.99

Cloud Guckoo Land

Doerr, Anthony

When everything is lost, it's our stories that survive... How do we weather the end of things? *Constantinople, 1453*: An orphaned seamstress and a cursed boy with a love for animals risk everything on opposite sides of a city wall to protect the people they love. *Idaho, 2020*: An impoverished, idealistic kid seeks revenge on a world that's crumbling around him. Can he go through with it, when a gentle old man stands between him and his plans? *Unknown, sometime in the future*: With her tiny community in peril, Konstance is the last hope for the human race. To find a way forward, she must look to the oldest stories of all for guidance. Bound together by a single ancient text, these tales interweave to form a tapestry of solace and resilience and a celebration of storytelling itself.

Literary SF PBK \$22.99

The Lost Girl King

Doyle, Catherine

Amy and Liam Bell have been packed off to stay at Gran's house in the wilds of Connemara for the summer. Out for a walk on the first morning of their holiday, they trace the flight of a hawk to a nearby waterfall – only to watch the bird *disappear through it*. Intrigued, the children follow and soon realise they've discovered the entrance to Tír na nÓg, the legendary land of eternal youth. But they've been tricked. Almost immediately Liam is captured by a troop of headless horsemen who take him to Tarlock, the ruling sorcerer of Tír na nÓg, who is seeking the bones of a human child for a sinister new spell. Packed with edge-of-your seat adventure, incredible imagination, humour and warmth, *The Lost Girl King* is the rare kind of story that has you reading, long past lights out.

YA fantasy PBK \$14.99

The Keeper

graphic novel

Due, Tananarive; Barnes, Steven & Finnegan, Marco (illustrator)

A young Black girl finds herself trapped between desperation and her family's dark history in this horror graphic novel. Aisha has suffered a devastating loss. Her parents were killed in a car crash, and now she must move to decrepit and derelict Detroit to live with her ailing grandmother. However, shortly after moving in, Aisha's grandmother's health rapidly deteriorates. With her dying breath, she summons the dark spirit that has protected their family for generations to watch over Aisha. At first, it seems that this spirit, whom Aisha refers to as the Keeper, is truly doing as her grandmother asked, caring for Aisha and keeping her safe; however, it soon becomes clear that this being can only sustain itself by stealing life from others. As the Keeper begins to prey on the apartment building's other residents, Aisha and her friends must come together to destroy it... or die trying.

Horror HC \$39.99

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When Life Gives You Vampires

Slaying It 01

Duke, Gloria

Single (plus-size) vampire, desperately in search of a life. Twenty-five-year-old Lily Baines is used to waking up hungover, overweight, and underemployed. Waking up with fangs? Not so much. But when a little light necking has more serious consequences than she ever imagined, Lily's determined to get to the bottom of it, or die (again) trying. Tristan hadn't meant to turn Lily – it's against vampire law – but, now that she's here, they need to team up to save both their hides. They strike an uneasy truce, fending off other vampires, Lily's work-rival-turned-slayer, and her mother's tone-deaf romance and fitness advice... all while Lily faces down her insecurities about the fact that she lives in a diet-obsessed world with a body that will never age, never die, and never change. Falling for her maddeningly gorgeous sire? Easy. Surviving an ancient vampire Master determined to see her twice-dead? Piece of cake. But can Lily ever truly learn to love the woman she'll be, forever more?

Paranormal romance TP \$35.95

Nightwatch on the Hinterlands

Weep 01

Eason, K

The Templar: When Lieutenant Iari hears screams in the night, she expects to interrupt a robbery or break up a fight. Instead, she discovers a murder with an impossible suspect: a riev, one of the battle-mecha decommissioned after the end of the last conflict, repurposed for manual labour. Riev don't kill people. And, yet, clearly, one has. Iari sets out to find it. *The Spy:* Officially, Gaer is an ambassador from the vakari. Unofficially, he's also a spy, sending information back to his government, unfiltered by diplomatic channels. Unlike Iari, Gaer isn't so sure the riev's behaviour is just a malfunction, since the riev were created using an unstable mixture of alchemy and arithmancy. As Gaer and Iari search for the truth, they discover that the murderous riev is just a weapon in the hands of a wielder with wider ambitions than homicide – including releasing horrors not seen since the war, that make a rampaging riev seem insignificant...

Military SF TP \$39.95

The Every

Circle 02

Eggers, Dave

When the world's largest search engine/social media company merges with the planet's dominant e-commerce site, it creates the richest and most dangerous – and, oddly enough, most beloved – monopoly, ever known: The Every. Delaney Wells is an unlikely new hire. A former forest ranger and unwavering tech sceptic, she charms her way into an entry-level job with one goal in mind: to take down the company from within. With her compatriot, the not-at-all-ambitious Wes Kavakian, they look for the company's weaknesses, hoping to free humanity from all-encompassing surveillance and the emoji-driven infantilisation of the species. But does

anyone want what Delaney is fighting to save? Does humanity truly want to be free?

A follow-up to *The Circle* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Leech

Ennes, Hiron

In an isolated chateau, as far north as north goes, the baron's doctor has died. The Interprovincial Medical Institute sends out a replacement. But when the new physician investigates the cause of death, which appears to be suicide, there's a mystery to solve. It seems the good doctor was hosting a parasite. Yet, this should have been impossible, as the physician was already possessed – by the Institute. The Institute is here to help humanity, to cure and to cut, to cradle and protect the species from the horrors their ancestors unleashed. For hundreds of years, it has taken root in young minds and shaped them into doctors, replacing every human practitioner of medicine. But, now, there's competition. For in the baron's icebound castle, already a pit of secrets and lies, the parasite is spreading... These two enemies will make war within the battlefield of the body. Whichever wins, will humanity lose again? 'A wonderful new entry to Gothic science fiction, impeccably clever and atmospheric. Think *Wuthering Heights*... with worms!' – *Tamsyn Muir*, author of *Gideon the Ninth*.

Gothic sf TP \$34.99

The God is Not Willing

Witness 01

Erikson, Steven

Many years have passed, since three Teblor warriors brought carnage and chaos to Silver Lake. Now, the tribes of the north no longer venture into the southlands. The town has recovered and yet the legacy remains. Indeed, one of the three, Karsa Orlong, is now revered as a god, albeit an indifferent one. In truth, many new religions have emerged and been embraced across the Malazan world. There are those who worship Coltaine, the Black-Winged Lord, and the cult of Iskar Jarak, Guardian of the Dead, is popular among the Empire's soldiery. Responding to reports of a growing unease among the tribes beyond the border, a legion of Malazan marines marches towards Silver Lake. They aren't quite sure what they're going to be facing, but, while the Malazan military has evolved and these are not the marines of old, one thing hasn't changed: they'll handle whatever comes at them. Or die trying. And in those high mountains, a new warleader has risen amongst the Teblor. Scarred by the deeds of Karsa Orlong, he intends to confront his god even if he has to cut a bloody swathe through the Malazan Empire to do so. But further north, a new threat has emerged and now it seems it is the Teblor who are running out of time. Another long-feared migration is about to begin and this time it won't just be three warriors. No, this time tens of thousands are poised to pour into the lands to the south. And in their way, a single company of Malazan marines... It seems the past is about to revisit Silver Lake, and that is never a good thing... The first in a new Malazan sequence.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Only Bad Options

Galactic Bonds 01

Estep, Jennifer

Few people know the name Vesper Quill. To most folks, I'm just a lowly lab rat who designs brewmakers and other household appliances in the research and development lab at the powerful Kent Corp. But when I point out a design flaw and a safety hazard in the new line of Kent Corp spaceships, everyone knows who I am – and wants to eliminate me. I might be a seer with a photographic memory, but I don't see the trouble headed my way until it's too late. Suddenly, I'm surrounded by enemies and fighting for my life. I don't think things can get any worse until I meet Kyrion Caldaren, an arrogant Regal lord who insists that we have a connection, one that could be the death of us both. The name Kyrion Caldaren strikes fear in the hearts of people across the Archipelago Galaxy. As the leader of the Arrows, the Imperium's elite fighting force, I'm used to being a villain, as well as the personal assassin of Lord Callus Holloway. Even the wealthy Regals who live on the planet of Corios are afraid of me. But everything changes when I meet Vesper Quill. I might be a powerful psion with telepathic, telekinetic, and other abilities, but Vesper sees far too many of my secrets. Thanks to an arcane, unwanted quirk of psionic magic, the two of us are forced to work together to unravel a dangerous conspiracy and outwit the dangerous enemies who want to bend us to their will. The first in a new series.

SF romance TP \$32.95

Dark Whisper

Carpathian 32

Feehan, Christine

Vasilisa Sidkorolyavolkva is a Lycan of royal blood. She knows what's expected of her, but all she wants is to be out from under her family's watchful eyes. There is a fire inside her that is building. A restlessness coupled with a sense of growing dread. Every day she feels the weight of the legacy passed down through generations. The prophecy that says a man will come to claim her as his mate and that she will guard his soul. She knows nothing about him, except that he is hers. But nothing seems real until the night she meets him in the flesh... Afanasiv Belan is a Carpathian, and an ancient one. In all the centuries of his existence, no one has ever affected him like Vasilisa. He can see into her mind and feel what's in her heart. They are so alike, warriors bound by honour and plagued by secrets. They both know they must reveal the darkest parts of their souls if they hope to survive and protect the ones they love. But if they claim each other as lifemates it will change them down to the bone. They will become something, more – something, both of their kinds fear...

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

1824: the Arkansas War

Trail of Glory 02

Flint, Eric

The relocation of the southern Indian tribes to Oklahoma engineered by Sam Houston following the War of 1812 also swept up many black inhabitants of North America. Many of the states in the USA – free, as well as slaveholding – have passed laws

ordering the expulsion of black freedmen. Having nowhere else to go, they joined the migration of the southern Indian tribes and settled in Arkansas. What results, by 1824, is a hybrid nation of Indians, black people, and a number of white settlers as well. The situation is intolerable for the slaveholding states, which find a champion in Speaker of the House Henry Clay, whose longstanding ambition to become President of the United States looks to be coming to fruition. But Sam Houston and his friends and allies – the freedman Charles Ball, a former gunner for the US Navy and, now, a general in the Arkansas army, and the Irish revolutionary Patrick Driscoll – are building a powerful army of their own in Arkansas. The crisis is brought to a head by the election of 1824. The war that follows will be a bloody crisis of conscience, politics, economics, and military action, drawing in players from as far away as England. And for such men as outgoing president James Monroe, Secretary of State John Quincy Adams, charismatic war hero Andrew Jackson, and the violent abolitionist John Brown, it is a time to change history itself. A reissue of the follow-up to *1812: The Rivers of War* (TP, \$35.95).

Alternate history (reissue) TP \$37.95

1637: the Peacock Throne

Ring of Fire 31

Flint, Eric & Barber, Griffin

The assassinated Shah Jahan lies entombed beside his beloved wife in the Taj Mahal, while their progeny drag the Mughal Empire into a three-sided struggle over the succession to the Peacock Throne. The diplomatic and trade mission from the United States of Europe is openly siding with Princess Jahanara and her brother Dara Shikoh. The mission, made up largely of Americans transplanted in time by the Ring of Fire, is providing the siblings with technical assistance as they prepare to fight their rivals for the throne. Aurangzeb and Shah Shuja. Meanwhile, the Afghan adventurer Salim Gadh Yilmaz, confidant of two emperors – Shah Jahan and now his son Dara Shikoh – has been elevated to the position of general. He has great challenges to face, not the least of which is resisting the fierce and forbidden mutual attraction between himself and Princess Jahanara. As the conflict deepens, the junior members of the mission are sent east to buy opium needed by the USE's doctors. Their guide, merchant Jadu Das, has an agenda of his own, one entrusted to him by Jahanara: seek out her great uncle, Asaf Khan, and promise whatever is needed to bring his army over to Dara's side. The USE's mission was sent to India in search of goods needed in Europe. But now they find that straightforward task has become enmeshed in a great civil war – for control of the Peacock Throne.

Alternate history PBK \$26.95

The Complete Guide to Middle-Earth

the Definitive Guide to the World of J R R Tolkien (illustrated edition)

Foster, Robert & Nasmith, Ted (illustrator)

A peerless A-Z guide to the names, places, and events in the world of J R R Tolkien, fully illustrated in colour throughout, by acclaimed Tolkien artist, Ted Nasmith.

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The Complete Guide to Middle-earth has been compiled to enhance the reader's enjoyment of Tolkien's books by bringing together in an A-Z sequence all the key facts and information about names, places, languages and events from *The Hobbit*, the Lord of the Rings and *The Silmarillion*. Accompanied with numerous genealogical tables and a unique Chronology of the First Age, it will provide an indispensable aid to every reader's discovery of Tolkien's world. The first, and definitive, encyclopaedia, *The Complete Guide to Middle-earth* is now reissued to complement the illustrated hardbacks of *The Hobbit*, the Lord of the Rings, *The Silmarillion* and *Unfinished Tales*, and is lavishly illustrated with more than 50 full-colour paintings by acclaimed Tolkien artist, Ted Nasmith, with many appearing exclusively in this edition. A deluxe edition is also available (\$225.00).

Tolkien HC \$75.00

A Dowry of Blood Gibson, S T

This is my last love letter to you, though some would call it a confession... Saved from the brink of death by a mysterious stranger, Constanta is transformed from a medieval peasant into a bride fit for an undying king. But when Dracula draws a cunning aristocrat and a starving artist into his web of passion and deceit, Constanta realises that her beloved is capable of terrible things. Finding comfort in the arms of her rival consorts, she begins to unravel their husband's dark secrets. With the lives of everyone she loves on the line, Constanta will have to choose between her own freedom and her love for her husband. But bonds forged by blood can only be broken by death. A deliciously-dark retelling of *Dracula*, *A Dowry of Blood* is a sensual story of obsession, desire, and the lengths we will go to protect the ones we love. 'A dizzying nightmare of a romance that will leave you aching, angry and ultimately hopeful' – *Hannah Whitten*, author of *For the Wolf*.

Dracula TP \$32.99

Charlotte Perkins Gilman:

Novels, Stories & Poems (LOA #356)

Gilman, Charlotte Perkins & Bendixen, Alfred (editor)

A definitive edition of the ground-breaking feminist fiction of a 19th century pioneer. Library of America presents the fullest selection ever of visionary American writer Charlotte Perkins Gilman: two novels, 44 brilliant short stories, nearly 200 poems, and both the published and manuscript versions of the landmark story 'The Yellow Wall-Paper'. The short fiction presented here showcases Gilman's mastery of ghost stories, allegorical fantasy, and social realism and includes a virtuosic series of stories written in imitation of the most acclaimed authors of her day. The utopian novels *Herland* and *With Her in Ourland* – about a remote and isolated society of women – are pioneering works of speculative fiction and still-incisive commentaries on the politics of gender. Gilman was known to her contemporaries first and foremost as a poet, and this volume brings together her collection *In This Our World* with more than 50 other poems, many written in support of suffrage and other causes.

Classic f HC \$89.99

Uncanny Times

Huntsmen 01

Gilman, Laura Anne

Huntsmen, according to the Church, were damned, their blood unclean, unholy. Yet, for Rosemary and Aaron Harker the Church was less important than being ready to stand against the Uncanny as not being prepared could lead to being dead. The year is 1913. America – and the world – trembles on the edge of a modern age. Political and social unrest shift the foundations; technology is beginning to make its mark. But in the shadows, things from the past still move. Things inhuman, uncanny. And the Uncanny are no friend to humanity. But when Aaron and Rosemary Harker go to investigate the suspicious death of a distant relative, what they discover could turn their world upside down – and change the Huntsmen, forever.

Paranormal romance TP \$39.95

River Woman, River Demon Givhan, Jennifer

When Eva's husband is arrested for the murder of a friend, she must confront her murky past and embrace her magick to find out what really happened that night on the river. Eva Santos Moon is a burgeoning Chicana artist who practices the ancient, spiritual ways of *brujería* and *curanderismo*, but she's at one of her lowest points – suffering from disorienting blackouts, creative stagnation, and a feeling of disconnect from her magickal roots. When her husband, a beloved university professor and the glue that holds their family together, is taken into custody for the shocking murder of their friend, Eva doesn't know whom to trust – least of all, herself. She soon falls under suspicion as a potential suspect, and her past rises to the surface, dredging up the truth about an eerily similar death from her childhood. Struggling with fragmented memories and self-doubt, an increasingly terrified Eva fears that she might have been involved in both murders. But why doesn't she remember? Only the dead women know for sure, and they're coming for her with a haunting vengeance. As she fights to keep her family out of danger, Eva realises she must use her magick as a *bruja* to protect herself and her loved ones, while confronting her own dark history.

Paranormal thriller HC \$62.95

Monarch Rising Glenn, Harper

Today is the day Jo Monarch has been wishing on the moon about her entire life. It's the day of the Lineup, when she could be selected to leave her life in the Ashes behind. The day she could move across the mountains to a glittering, rich future. Once Jo is plucked from the Lineup, the real test begins. She still needs to impress the New Georgia Reps at tonight's Gala, and her path forward leads straight to Cove Wells. The damaged stepson of one of the Reps, Cove has been groomed as an emotional weapon, taught that love is a tool – and he's set on breaking Jo's heart next. When a riot breaks out back in the Ashes the night of the Gala, Jo's dreams might all go up in smoke. Can she really have everything she's ever wished for... when it means leaving all her loved ones behind in the fire?

YA dystopia HC \$43.95

The Seed of Gain

Record Keeper 02

Gomillion, Agnes

General Arika Cobane, beloved leader of the worker rebellion, makes a bold – but illegal – move to ensure the people's freedom. When her scheme fails and her co-conspirator hangs for treason, Arika – overworked and overwrought – blacks out. When she awakens, everything has changed. She's been stripped of her rank and power and the new leader of the Kongo, Kira Swan, is a charismatic traitor bent on consigning the Kongo under the guise of peace. Desperate, Arika reunites with Hosea Kahn and seeks treatment for her blackouts at the Compound, deep in the deadly Obi Forest. Arika is determined to regain her influence, stop Kira Swan, and continue leading the Kongo to freedom, but time is running out and she's still unwell. Control is slipping from her fingers. When a new source of strength presents itself, an ancient authority reserved for the One destined to save the Kongo, Arika gives up everything, including Hosea Khan, to grasp the power, but – all alone, and sick and tired – can she muster the will to hold it? Return to the startlingly original dystopian world of *The Record Keeper* (PBK, \$19.99) in this stunning sequel.

Dystopia PBK \$19.99

Foul Lady Fortune Gong, Chloe

It's 1931 in Shanghai, and the stage is set for a new decade of intrigue. Four years ago, Rosalind Lang was brought back from the brink of death, but the strange experiment that saved her also stopped her from sleeping and aging – and allows her to heal from any wound. In short, Rosalind cannot die. Now, desperate for redemption for her traitorous past, she uses her abilities as an assassin for her country. Code name: *Fortune*. But when the Japanese Imperial Army begins its invasion march, Rosalind's mission pivots. A series of murders is causing unrest in Shanghai, and the Japanese are under suspicion. Rosalind's new orders are to infiltrate foreign society and identify the culprits behind the terror plot before more of her people are killed. To reduce suspicion, she must pose as the wife of another Nationalist spy, Orion Hong. Although Rosalind finds Orion's cavalier attitude and playboy demeanour infuriating, she is willing to work with him for the greater good. But Orion has an agenda of his own, and Rosalind has secrets that she wants to keep buried. As they both attempt to unravel the conspiracy, the two spies soon find that there are deeper and more horrifying layers to this mystery than they ever imagined.

YA historical fantasy TP \$22.99

Tantalus Depths Graham, Evan

An AI cannot lie. An AI must obey human commands. An AI cannot kill. These are the laws SCARAB has broken, and only Mary knows. The Tantalus 13 survey expedition went off the rails as soon as Mary Ketch and the crew of the *Diamelen* learned that the thing beneath their feet wasn't a planet. An impossibly vast and ancient artificial structure lies below, hidden from the universe under a façade of cratered stone. SCARAB arrived on Tantalus 13, two years ago. An

artificially intelligent, self-constructing factory, it was supposed to aid the crew in their mission, to meet their every need. But when erratic behaviour in the AI coincides with a series of deadly accidents among the crew, Mary faces the horrifying possibility that SCARAB has gone rogue. With the AI watching her every move, any attempt to warn the crew could be disastrous. But SCARAB knows far more about the Tantalus 13 enigma than it lets on, and the secrets it's willing to kill for may have dire implications for all humankind.

Science fiction TP \$43.95

Jekyll & Hyde Inc Green, Simon R

Hyde in the shadows... Daniel Carter was a London cop who just wanted to do the right thing. But during a raid on an organ-selling chop shop, he is almost torn to pieces by monsters. And no one believes him. Hurt and crippled, his career over and his life in ruins, Daniel is suddenly presented with a chance at redemption. And revenge. It seems that more than two centuries ago, the monsters of the world disappeared – into the underworld of crime. Guild-like clans now have control over all the dark and illegal trades, from the awful surgeries of the Frankenstein Clan, to the shadowy and seductive Vampire Clan, to the dreaded purveyors of drugs and death, the Clan of Mummies. And there's always the Werewolf Clan, to keep order. Only one force stands opposed to the monster clans: the super-strong, extremely-sexy, quick-witted Hydes! Now, Daniel is just one sip of Dr Jekyll's Elixir away from joining their company. At Jekyll & Hyde Inc.

Paranormal mystery PBK \$24.95

What Song the Sirens Sang

Gideon Sable 03

Green, Simon R

You can find everything you've ever dreamed of in the strange, old magical shop known as Old Harry's Place. The problem is, not all dreams are kind. Gideon Sable – legendary master thief, conman and well-dressed rogue – and his partner in crime Annie. Nobody don't want to be shopkeepers, but when the enigmatic Harry decides to retire, he blackmails the pair into taking the store on. Before the grand reopening can happen, however, a menacing stranger arrives – with a rare and deadly item for them to appraise. A small piece of rock, with an unnerving aura, which 'Smith' claims contains the last echoes of the legendary sirens' song. Before they can find out more, however, Smith vanishes... leaving only the stone. Some valuables are more trouble than they're worth. But before Gideon and Annie can work out if they've been set up, the stone is stolen from its impregnable hiding place. How? And, why? Gideon only knows one thing for certain: no one steals from him and gets away with it...

Urban fantasy HC \$62.95

The Dark Side of the Road

Ishmael Jones mysteries 01

Green, Simon R

Call him Ishmael... Ishmael Jones. He's used to keeping a low profile, living under the radar and on the dark side of the road. He makes his living solving mysteries and uncovering

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dark secrets some would prefer to stay hidden. But when he's invited by his employer – a man known only as 'The Colonel' – to spend Christmas at the Colonel's sprawling country house, Ishmael Jones decides to come in from the dark for some holiday cheer. Jones arrives at the remote Belancourt Manor, in the midst of a blizzard, only to discover that the Colonel has gone missing. It soon becomes clear that the guests are harbouring dark secrets – and that it will be up to Ishmael Jones to stop a savage killer. A reissue of a locked-room, country house mystery, with a supernatural twist as only Simon R Green could write it. A reissue of the first in a series, from Baen.

Paranormal mystery (reissue) TP \$35.95

Sorcerer's Edge

Tethered Citadel 03

Hair, David

After all they've suffered, rebel sorcerer Raythe Vyre and his fortune-seekers are still empty handed, but they've found real treasure: peace. Deep inside the Ice wastes, Raythe's people stumbled upon Rath Argentium, the legendary Aldar city, and the long-lost Tangato people. After fighting through betrayal, treachery and powerful magic, they forged a hard-won treaty with the Tangato and their extraordinary queen, Shiazar. Now they've put aside their dreams of wealth and revenge and embraced something better: a life outside the tyrannical Bolgravian Empire. But the Bolgravian Empire never gives up. The empire hasn't forgotten Raythe Vyre, and his enemies know where he is. Guided by Toran Zorne, the implacable imperial assassin, they are coming to claim Rath Argentium for themselves. Raythe and Shiazar know all too well that courage and cunning won't be enough this time: they are outnumbered, outgunned, and out of time. Faced with total annihilation, it's up to Raythe to find an edge... The third in Hair's Tethered Citadel series, the first is *Map's Edge* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Star Eater

Hall, Kerstin

All martyrdoms are difficult. Elfreda Raughn will avoid pregnancy if it kills her, and one way or another, it will kill her. Though she's able to stomach her gruesome day-to-day duties, the reality of preserving the Sisterhood of Atrium's magical bloodline horrifies her. She wants out, whatever the cost. So, when a shadowy faction approaches Elfreda with an offer of escape, she leaps at the opportunity. As their spy, she gains access to the highest reaches of the Sisterhood, and enters a glittering world of opulent parties, subtle deceptions, and unexpected bloodshed.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Climbers

Harrison, M John

Retreating from the ruins of his marriage, Mike leaves London for the wildness of the Yorkshire moors, where he falls in with a group of climbers – a band of misfits and mavericks bound by the pursuit of the unattainable: the perfect climb. Travelling from abandoned urban quarries to misty, lichen-covered crags, Mike discovers an intensity of experience – a wash of pain, fear, and excitement – that causes the rest of his

world to recede. Increasingly addicted to the adrenaline, folklore, and camaraderie of the sport, he begins to lose his grip on the line between passion and obsession – at a cost. The beloved cult classic from the winner of the 2020 Goldsmiths Prize: a novel of life-changing moments, incredible descriptions of landscape and the power of an obsession. A reissue, with an introduction by Robert Macfarlane.

Literary fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Such Sharp Teeth

Harrison, Rachel

Rory Morris isn't thrilled to be moving back to her hometown, even if it is temporary. There are bad memories there. But her twin sister, Scarlett, is pregnant, estranged from the baby's father, and needs support, so Rory returns to the place she thought she'd put in her rear-view. After a night out at a bar where she runs into Ian, an old almost-flame, she hits a large animal with her car. And when she gets out to investigate, she's attacked. Rory survives, miraculously, but life begins to look and feel different. She's unnaturally strong, with an aversion to silver – and suddenly the moon has her in its thrall. She's changing into someone else – something else, maybe even a monster. But does that mean she's putting those close to her in danger? Or is embracing the wildness inside of her the key to acceptance?

Horror HC \$55.00

House of Hunger

Henderson, Alexis

Marion Shaw has been raised in the slums, where want and deprivation are all she knows. Despite longing to leave the city and its miseries, she has no real hope of escape until the day she spots a strange advertisement in the newspaper, seeking a 'bloodmaid'. Though, she knows little about the far north – where wealthy nobles live in luxury and drink the blood of those in their service – Marion applies to the position. In a matter of days, she finds herself at the notorious House of Hunger. There, Marion is swept into a world of dark debauchery – and there, at the centre of it all is *her*. Her name is Countess Lisavet. Loved and feared in equal measure, she presides over this hedonistic court. And she takes a special interest in Marion. Lisavet is magnetic, charismatic, *seductive* – and Marion is eager to please her new mistress. But when her fellow bloodmaids begin to go missing in the night, Marion is thrust into a vicious game of cat and mouse. She'll need to learn the rules of her new home – and fast – or its halls will soon become her grave.

Gothic fantasy TP \$32.99

We Sold Our Souls

Hendrix, Grady

In the 1990s, heavy metal band Dürt Würk was poised for breakout success – but then lead singer Terry Hunt embarked on a solo career and rocketed to stardom as Koffin, leaving his fellow bandmates to rot in obscurity. Two decades later, former guitarist Kris Pulaski works as the night manager of a Best Western – she's tired, broke, and unhappy. Everything changes when a shocking act of violence turns her life upside down, and she begins to suspect that Terry sabotaged more than just the band. Kris hits

the road, hoping to reunite with the rest of her bandmates and confront the man who ruined her life. It's a journey that will take her from the Pennsylvania rust belt to a celebrity rehab centre to a music festival from hell.

A furious power ballad about never giving up, even in the face of overwhelming odds, *We Sold Our Souls* is an epic journey into the heart of a conspiracy-crazed, pill-popping, paranoid country that seems to have lost its very soul... where only a lone girl with a guitar can save us all.

Supernatural thriller TP \$24.99

Chronicles of Alice Boxset

Henry, Christina

Deluxe boxset of the dark and mind-bending series inspired by the twisted and wondrous works of Lewis Carroll. Collecting *Alice, Red Queen, Looking Glass* paperbacks in a slipcase. *Alice* and *Red Queen* offer a retelling of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, set in a warren of crumbling buildings and desperate people called the Old City – where a woman stands in a hospital. Her hair, once blond, hangs in tangles down her back. All she remembers is a tea party, long ago. In *Looking Glass*, four novellas expand Henry's universe. *Alice of Wonderland*

PBK \$55.00

The Great Dune Trilogy

Dune 01–3

Herbert, Frank

Three of the greatest SF novels in the world, in one bumper omnibus; collecting *Dune, Dune Messiah*, and *Children of Dune*. Herbert's evocative, epic tales are set on the desert planet Arrakis, the focus for a complex political and military struggle with galaxy-wide repercussions. Arrakis is the source of spice, a mind enhancing drug which makes interstellar travel possible; it is the most valuable substance in the galaxy. When Duke Atreides and his family take up court there, they fall into a trap set by the Duke's bitter rival, Baron Harkonnen. The Duke is poisoned, but his wife and her son Paul escape to the vast and arid deserts of Arrakis, which have given the planet its nickname of Dune. Paul and his mother join the Fremens, the Arrakis natives, who have learnt to live in this harsh and complex ecosystem. But learning to survive is not enough – Paul's destiny was mapped out long ago and his mother is committed to seeing it fulfilled.

Science fiction TP \$35.00

The Second Great Dune

Trilogy

Dune 04–6

Herbert, Frank

Three novels – *God Emperor of Dune, Heretics of Dune*, and *Chapter House Dune* – that bring the Dune Chronicles, one of the most influential SF series ever written, to its epic conclusion! Herbert's evocative, epic tales are set on the desert planet Arrakis, the focus for a complex political and military struggle with galaxy-wide repercussions. More than 3,000 years have passed, since the first events recorded in *Dune*. Only one link survives with those tumultuous times: the grotesque figure of Leto Atreides, son of the prophet Paul Muad'Dib – now, the virtually immortal God Emperor of Dune. He alone understands the future, and he knows with a terrible certainty that the evolution of his

race is at an end – unless he can breed new qualities into his species. But to achieve his final victory, Leto Atreides must also bring about his own downfall...

Science fiction TP \$39.99

Terminal Peace

Janitors of the Post-Apocalypse 03

Hines, Jim G

Marion 'Mops' Adamopoulos and her team were trained to clean spaceships. They were absolutely not trained to fight an interplanetary war with the xenocidal Prodryans or to make first contact with the Jynx, a race who might not be as primitive as they seem. But if there's one lesson Mops and her crew have learned, it's that things, like 'training' and 'being remotely qualified', are overrated. The war is escalating. (This might be Mops' fault.) The survival of humanity – those few who weren't turned to feral, shambling monsters by an alien plague – as well as the fate of all other non-Prodryans, will depend on what Captain Mops and the crew of the EDF's Pufferfish discover on the ringed planet of Tuxatl. But the Jynx on Tuxatl are fighting a war of their own, and their world's long-buried secrets could be more dangerous than the Prodryans. To make matters worse, Mops is starting to feel a little feral, herself...

Satirical sf HC \$49.99

Deathless Gods

Kencyrath 07

Hodgell, P C

Jamethiel Knorth, Priest's Bane and Dream-Weaver, has returned victorious from Tai-tastigon, but trouble dogs the Kencyrath. There is intrigue among the Highborn. The Randir and his allies want the larger houses to decide for all nine, which would strip the Highlordship from the Knorth. At Omiroth, a senile king struggles against his venal son-in-law – but if neither of these can rule, the next in line is a mother-dominated child. Kindrie Soul-Walker is captured and thrown in a secret dungeon, a political prisoner. And a Kendar administrator, dissatisfied with the use that Jame is making of the gates, schemes against her, and then against her house and her brother, Torisen Black Lord, Highlord of the Kencyrath. While Tori defends Gothregor and Kindrie rots a secret captive, Jame rides south to Bashti. Here she confronts an unready and presumptuous heir, a withholding and manipulative paymaster, and invisible assassins. Her formal errand, meanwhile, is to compete in martial games with secret stakes – which she fears are a cloak for a massacre, or worse.

Fantasy TP \$37.95

Across the Sand

Sand Chronicles 02

Howey, Hugh

The old world is buried. A new one has been forged atop the shifting dunes, a land of howling wind and infernal sand. In this barren home, siblings Conner, Rob, Palmer and Violet daily carve out a future. They live in the shadow of their father and oldest sister, Vic, two of the greatest sand divers ever to comb the desert's depths. But these branches of their family tree are long gone, disappeared into the wastes beyond, leaving the younger siblings scratching in the dust,

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hopeful for a better life. On the other side of No Man's Land, Anya was born beside the abundant mines knowing her prospects would be to marry, have a family, and work in ore, in service to the Empire of the East. But when an atomic bomb delivered by a stranger destroys most of her town – murdering all her friends and community – she follows her father to a strange land of dunes to bring vengeance to their enemies. A sequel to 2014's *Sand* (PBK, \$24.99).

Post-apocalypse HC \$57.95

Final Heir

Jane Yellowrock 15

Hunter, Faith

Jane Yellowrock is the queen of the vampires, and that makes her a target – as she fights to maintain control and keep peace in the city of New Orleans. She has enemies at every turn, because vampires live forever, and they keep their grudges alive with them. That includes the Heir, the vampire sire of the Pellissier bloodline, which gave rise to Leo Pellissier, himself – Jane's old boss and the former master of the city. With the Heir and all the forces of darkness he can muster arrayed against her, Jane will need all the help she can get. She'll find it in her city, her friends, her found family, and, of course, the Beast inside of her.

Paranormal PBK \$19.99

The Moonday Letters

Itäranta, Emmi

Sol has disappeared. Their Earth-born wife Lumi sets out to find them, but it is no simple feat: each clue uncovers another enigma. Their disappearance leads back to underground environmental groups and a web of mystery that spans the space between the planets themselves. Told through letters and extracts, the course of Lumi's journey takes her not only from the affluent colonies of Mars to the devastated remnants of Earth, but into the hidden depths of Sol's past and the long-forgotten secrets of her own. Part space-age epistolary, part eco-thriller, and a love story between two individuals from very different worlds. Perfect for fans of Octavia Butler and Emily St John Mandel.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

The Spear Cuts

Jimenez, Simon

Two warriors shepherd an ancient god across a broken land to end the tyrannical reign of a royal family... The people suffer under the centuries-long rule of the Moon Throne. The royal family – the despotic emperor and his monstrous sons, the Three Terrors – hold the countryside in their choking grip. They bleed the land and oppress the citizens with the frightful powers they inherited from the god locked under their palace. But that god cannot be contained forever. With the aid of Jun, a guard broken by his guilt-stricken past, and Keema, an outcast fighting for his future, the god escapes from her royal captivity and flees from her own children, the triplet Terrors who would drag her back to her unholy prison. And, so, it is that she embarks with her young companions on a five-day pilgrimage in search of freedom – and a way to end the Moon Throne forever. The journey ahead will be more dangerous than any of them could have imagined. Both a sweeping

adventure story and an intimate exploration of identity, legacy, and belonging. *The Spear Cuts Through Water* is an ambitious and profound saga that will transport and transform you – and is like nothing you've ever read before. A new epic fantasy from the author of *The Vanished Birds* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy HC \$54.99

Black Tide

novella

Jones, K C

It was just another day at the beach. Then the world ended. Mike and Beth were strangers, before the night of the meteor shower. Chance made them neighbours, a bottle of champagne brought them together, and a shared need for human connection sparked something more. Following their drunken and desperate one-night stand, the two discover the astronomical event has left widespread destruction in its wake. But the cosmic lightshow was only part of something much bigger, and far more terrifying. When a lost car key leaves them stranded on an empty stretch of Oregon coast and inhuman screams echo from the dunes, when the rising tide reaches for their car and unspeakable horrors close in around them, these two self-destructive souls must fight to survive a nightmare of apocalyptic scale. A 256pp, Tor.com novella.

Post-apocalypse TP \$29.99

The Quantum Chain

Joseph Bridgeman 04

Jones, Nick

Secrets of the past hold the key to the future. Joseph Bridgeman is now an official member of the Continuum, a group of time travellers that heal the past to protect the future. When a rare focus object is stolen and put up for sale, Joe jumps at the chance to retrieve it, but a simple auction turns into a dangerous new mission that takes him farther back in time than he's ever been before. Alone and unprepared in ancient China, Joe must not only complete the mission, but also unravel the mystery of a secretive organisation known as Extempo. Who are they? And why do they seem intent on destroying everything the Continuum has achieved so far? When all hope appears lost, an unexpected ally helps Joe unlock a unique form of time-travel loop that sees him flung into the past yet again. Caught up in a shocking natural disaster, Joe must face a terrible choice, a decision that will have far-reaching consequences for the Continuum and a delicate future that hangs in the balance.

Time travel HC \$57.95

Aurora Cycle Box Set

slipcased

Kaufman, Amie & Kristoff, Jay

All three books in Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff's award-winning and bestselling Aurora Cycle series, beautifully packaged in one slipcase, including *Aurora Rising*, *Aurora Burning*, and *Aurora's End*. What happens when you ask a bunch of losers, discipline cases and misfits to save the galaxy from an ancient evil? The ancient evil wins, of course. Wait... Not. So. Fast. Squad 312 battle the odds across time and space in the international bestselling and award-winning Aurora Cycle series.

YA science fiction PBK \$49.99

Shadow Fallen

Dream-Hunters 06

Kenyon, Sherrilyn

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

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

The Realm of the Deathless

High & Faraway 03

Keyes, Greg

The Curse shaped Aster's life from birth. At first, she believed her father was its only victim, and determined to save him from it. In doing so she learned that the Curse had stricken everyone in the magical realms known as the Kingdoms – and that, in an attempt to protect her, her father had himself created it. Now he is dead, a victim of his own sorcery. But the Curse has not ended with him. Her father's actions, his dread spell, were only the shadows cast by a much deeper, older conflict, which is now unwinding the universe itself. As the sun fades and the stars wink out, Aster must follow a clue from her dead father to the highest, furthest domain – beyond the fairy-tale kingdoms, through fantastic and terrifying realms of gods and demons, to the very source of reality, the beginning and ending of everything. There she might finally set things right. Her path is narrow, and the sacrifices necessary for even a tiny chance at success are unacceptable. For the Curse has also released a rot at the very heart of the High and Faraway, an evil more ancient than time itself. It is against this unwavering malevolence that Aster, Errol, Billy, Dusk and Delia must pit themselves. They must do so without their friend Veronica, a girl murdered decades before and brought back to life by Aster's magic. For as Veronica discovers her own vast power, she stares into the face of the enemy and sees in it her true self... This series begins with *The Reign of the Departed* (TP, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$24.99

Sunless Solstice:

Strange Christmas Tales for the

Longest Nights (Tales of the Weird)

Kirk, Tanya & Evans, Lucy

(editors)

A unique selection ranging from the spooky haunted houses of Victorian Christmastime to experimental 20th-century horrors. It offers

a truly international scope of stories, from the pine forests of Canada to the peaks of the Alps. *Like any other boy I expected ghost stories at Christmas, that was the time for them. What I had not expected, and now feared, was that such things should actually become real.* Strange things happen on the dark wintry nights of December. Welcome to a new collection of haunting Christmas tales, ranging from traditional Victorian chillers to weird and uncanny episodes by 20th-century horror masters including Daphne du Maurier and Robert Aickman. Lurking in the blizzard, are menacing cat spirits, vengeful trees, malignant forces on the mountainside and a skater skirting the line between the mortal and spiritual realms. Wrap up warm – and prepare for the longest nights of all. Another festive edition to the Tales of the Weird series.

Horror TP \$35.95

Dark Factory

Koja, Kathé

Welcome to Dark Factory! You may experience strobe effects, Y reality, DJ beats, love, sex, betrayal, triple shot espresso, broken bones, broken dreams, ecstasy, self-knowledge, and the void. Dark Factory is a dance club: three floors of DJs, drinks, and customisable reality, everything you see and hear and feel. Ari Regon is the club's wild card floor manager, Max Caspar is a stubborn DIY artist, both chasing a vision of true reality. And rogue journalist Marfa Carpenter is there to write it all down. Then a rooftop rave sets in motion a fathomless energy that may drive Ari and Max to the edge of the ultimate experience.

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

The Spare Man

Kowal, Mary Robinette

Tesla Crane, a brilliant inventor and an heiress, is on her honeymoon via an interplanetary space liner. Cruising between the Moon and Mars, she's traveling incognito and reveling in her anonymity. Then someone is murdered and the festering chowderheads, who run security, have the audacity to arrest her spouse. Armed with banter, martinis and her small service dog, Tesla is determined to solve the crime so that the newlyweds can get back to canoodling – And keep the real killer from striking, again. Hugo and Nebula Award-winner Mary Robinette Kowal blends her no-nonsense, hard-SF approach to life in space, with her talent for creating glittering high society in this stylish SF mystery. *The Spare Man* is nothing short of *The Thin Man* in space, but is a piece that Kowal has made her own and will be a hit with her audience. We've already had fantastic customer feedback on this, highly recommended!

SF mystery TP \$32.99

Midnight in Everwood

Kuzniar, M A

In the darkness of night, magic awaits... *Nottingham, 1906:* Marietta Stelle longs to be a ballerina but, as Christmas draws nearer, her dancing days are numbered – she must marry and take up her place in society in the New Year. But, when a mysterious toymaker, Dr Drosselmeier, purchases a neighbouring townhouse, it heralds the arrival of magic and wonder in Marietta's life. After Drosselmeier constructs an elaborate theatrical set for her

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final ballet performance on Christmas Eve, Marietta discovers it carries a magic all of its own – a magic darker than anyone could imagine. As the clock chimes midnight, Marietta finds herself transported from her family's ballroom to a frozen sugar palace, silent with secrets, in a forest of snow-topped fir trees. She must find a way to return home before she's trapped in Everwood's enchanting grip forever. *In the darkness of night, magic awaits, and you will never forget what you find here...*

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Briarheart **Lackey, Mercedes**

Miriam may be the daughter of Queen Alethia of Tiredendell, but she's not a princess. She's the child of Alethia and her previous husband, the King's Champion, who died fighting for the king, and she has no ambitions to rule. When her new baby sister Aurora, heir to the throne, is born, she's ecstatic. She adores the baby, who seems perfect in every way. But on the day of Aurora's christening, an uninvited Dark Fae arrives, prepared to curse her, and Miriam discovers she possesses impossible power. Soon, Miriam is charged with being trained in both magic and combat to act as chief protector to her sister. But shadowy threats are moving closer and closer to their kingdom, and Miriam's dark power may not be enough to save everyone she loves, let alone herself. From beloved fantasy author Mercedes Lackey comes a fresh and feminist reinterpretation of 'Sleeping Beauty'.

Fairy tales retold PBK \$26.95

The Last Storm **Lebbon, Tim**

With global warming out of control, large swathes of North America have been struck by famine and drought and are now known as the Desert. A young woman sets out across this dry, hostile landscape, gradually building an arcane apparatus she believes will bring rain to the parched earth. Jesse lives alone, far from civilisation. Once, he too made rain, but he stopped when his abilities caused fatalities, bringing down not just rain but scorpions, strange snakes, and spiders. When his daughter Ash inherited this tainted gift, Jesse did his best to stop her. His attempt went tragically wrong, and he believes himself responsible for her death. But now his estranged wife Karina brings news that Ash is still alive. And she's rainmaking again. Terrified of what she might bring down upon the desperate communities of the Desert, they set out to find her. But Jesse and Karina are not the only ones looking for Ash. As the storms she conjures become more violent and deadly, some follow her seeking hope. And one is hungry for revenge.

Post-apocalyptic thriller PBK \$19.99

The Dark Academia Library

Box set
Lee, Victoria & Hackwith, A J & Bovalino, Tori
Step into the world of Dark Academia – with three vivid and mesmerising titles from the best in the genre, collected for the first time. The perfect gift for fans of contemporary horror. This box set includes:
A Lesson in Vengeance by Victoria Lee: Ellis recruits Felicity to help plot the perfect

murder for her book. Their attraction and commitment to Ellis' plan grows – but not everyone will make it out alive.

The Library of the Unwritten by A J Hackwith: Claire is Librarian of a space in Hell where all unfinished stories reside. When a Hero breaks out of his book, Claire must capture him, but what should have been simple goes horrifyingly wrong...

The Devil Makes Three by Tori Bovalino: Tess and Eliot accidentally release a devil from his book-bound prison. Forced to work together, they must re-trap the devil before he kills everyone they know and love.

Dark academe PBK \$59.99

Her Fierce Creatures

Supernatural Sisters series
Lewis, Maria
Four women. One world changed forever. It has all come down to this.
Werewolf Tommi Grayson always knew she was a weapon, she just needed the right target. Never in a million years did she expect that target to be the current leaders of the supernatural world. Sprite Dreckly Jones has spent the entirety of her 140 years, hiding in one form or another. Until now. Having seen enough wars, she should be fleeing from the action. Yet, some battles are unavoidable. Some are destined. Corvossier 'Casper' von Klitzing knew this day was coming. Or rather, the ghost of her dead brother Creeper kept telling her so. Repeatedly. The supernatural world is in outright revolt against their government, the Treize, and Casper's gift to rally the living and the dead is more vital than ever. Banshee Sadie Burke's bravery was the catalyst for this chaos – and for the unique chance the supernatural world now has to change the balance of power forever. Witches and werewolves working together. Sprites teaming up with shifters. Demons and goblins in cahoots. The human world on the precipice of learning they're not alone. Yet, Sadie's power came at a cost, three of them in fact, with the future hinging on the birth of her unborn triplets. The four women and their collective of monsters, misanthropes and misfits have no choice but to risk everything to save everything, with their personal prejudices piling in comparison to a possibility... the possibility of a better world for themselves and every being that comes after. This is the thrilling conclusion to Maria Lewis' award-winning, bestselling Supernatural Sisters series.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Speaking Bones

Dandelion Dynasty 04
Liu, Ken
The battle continues in this silkpunk fantasy as science and destiny collide against the will of the gods. The concluding book of the Dandelion Dynasty begins immediately after the events of *The Veiled Throne*, in the middle of two wars on two lands among three people separated by an ocean yet held together by the invisible strands of love. Harried by Lyucu pursuers, Princess Thera and Pkyu Takval try to re-establish an ancestral dream even as their hearts grow in doubt. The people of Dara continue to struggle against the genocidal Lyucu as both nations vacillate between starkly contrasting visions for their futures. Even the gods cannot see through the Wall of Storms, for only mortal hearts

can decide mortal fates. The final instalment in the epic Dandelion Dynasty series from Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy Award-winning author Ken Liu. The Dandelion Dynasty begins with *The Grace of Kings* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$39.99

Beyond the Burn Line **McAuley, Paul**

What will become of us? In the deep future beyond the burn line of the Anthropocene and the extinction of humanity, the city states of an intelligent species of bear have fallen to a mind-wrecking plague. The bears' former slaves, a peaceable, industrious and endlessly curious people, believe that they have inherited the bounty and beauty of their beloved Mother Earth. But are they alone? After the death of his master, a famous scholar, Pilgrim Saltmire vows to complete their research into sightings of so-called visitors and their sky craft. To discover if they are a mass delusion created by the stresses of an industrial revolution, or if they are real – a remnant population of bears which survived the plague, or another, unknown intelligent species. Risking his reputation and his life, Pilgrim's search for the truth takes him from his comfortable home in the shadow of a great library to his tribe's former home on the chilly coast of the far south, and the gathering of a dangerous cult in the high desert. Whether or not the visitors are real, one thing is certain. Pilgrim's world and everything he thought he knew about his people's history will be utterly changed. McAuley's fabulous far future, impacted by the consequences of global warming, colonisation and historical injustices, explores and reflects our own challenges while telling a fast paced story of discovery and adventure.

Post-humanity TP \$32.99

In the Shadow of Lightning Glass Immortals 01

McGlellan, Brian
Demir Grappo is an outcast – he fled a life of wealth and power, abandoning his responsibilities as a general, a governor, and a son. Now he will live out his days as a grifter, rootless, and alone. But when his mother is brutally murdered, Demir must return from exile to claim his seat at the head of the family and uncover the truth that got her killed: the very power that keeps civilisation turning, godglass, is running out. Now, Demir must find allies, old friends and rivals alike, confront the powerful guild-families who are only interested in making the most of the scraps left at the table and uncover the invisible hand that threatens the Empire. A war is coming, a war unlike any other. And Demir and his ragtag group of outcasts are the only thing that stands in the way of the end of life as the world knows it. The first in a new series from the author of the hugely-popular Powder Mage series.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Seasonal Fears

Alchemical Journeys 02
McGuire, Seanan
The king of winter and the queen of summer are dead. The fight for their crowns begins! Melanie has a destiny, though it isn't the one everyone assumes it to be. She's delicate; she's

fragile; she's dying. Now, truly, is the winter of her soul. Harry doesn't want to believe in destiny, because that means accepting the loss of the one person who gives his life meaning, who brings summer to his world. So, when a new road is laid out in front of them – a road that will lead through untold dangers toward a possible lifetime together – walking down it seems to be the only option. But others are following behind, with violence in their hearts. It looks like Destiny has a plan for them, after all... A new novel set in the world of *Middlegame* (TP, \$32.99).

Fantasy HC \$44.99

The Godstone

Godstone 01
Malan, Violette
Fenra Lowens has been a working Practitioner, using her magic to heal, ever since she graduated from the White Court and left the City to live in the Outer Modes. One of her patients, Arlyn Albainil, is summoned to the City to execute the final testament of his distant cousin Xandra, a legendary Practitioner who is missing and presumed dead. Arlyn suspects the White Court intends to use him to access his cousin's vault which he knows contains a Godstone, an artifact so dangerous he can't allow it to be freed. Fenra quickly realises that there is no cousin, that Arlyn and Xandra are the same person. The Godstone almost destroyed the world and sealing it away left Arlyn powerless and ill. He needs Fenra to help him keep it, and the world, safe.

Military fantasy TP \$37.95

Kingdom of the Feared

Kingdom of the Wicked 03
Maniscalco, Kerri
Two curses. One prophecy. And a love more powerful than fate... All hail the king and queen of Hell. Emilia is reeling from a shocking discovery about her sister, Vittoria. But before she faces the demons of her past, Emilia yearns to claim her king, the seductive Prince of Wrath, in the flesh. She doesn't just desire his body; she wants his heart and soul – but that's something the enigmatic demon can't promise her. When a high-ranking member of House Greed is assassinated, damning evidence somehow points to Vittoria as the murderer. Now, Emilia will do anything to get to the bottom of these accusations against the sister she thought she knew. Together, Emilia and Wrath play a sin-fuelled game of deception to solve the murder and stop the unrest that's brewing between witches, demons, shape-shifters, and the most treacherous foes of all: the Feared. Emilia was warned that when it came to the Wicked, *nothing* was as it seemed. But have the true villains been much closer all along?

YA gothic fantasy TP \$22.99

The Witches of Moonshyne Manor **Marais, Bianca**

A coven of modern-day witches. A magical heist gone wrong. A looming threat. Five octogenarian witches gather as an angry mob threatens to demolish Moonshyne Manor. All eyes turn to the witch in charge, Queenie, who confesses they've fallen far behind on their mortgage payments. Still, there's hope, since the imminent return of

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Ruby – one of the sisterhood who’s been gone for 33 years – will surely be their salvation. But the mob is only the start of their troubles. One man is hell-bent on avenging his family for the theft of a legacy he claims was rightfully his. In an act of desperation, Queenie makes a bargain with an evil far more powerful than anything they’ve ever faced. Then things take a turn for the worse when Ruby’s homecoming reveals a seemingly insurmountable obstacle instead of the solution to all their problems. The witches are determined to save their home and themselves, but their aging powers are no match for increasingly malicious threats. Thankfully, they get a bit of help from Persephone, a feisty TikTokker eager to smash the patriarchy. As the deadline to save the manor approaches, fractures among the sisterhood are revealed, and long-held secrets are exposed, culminating in a fiery confrontation with their enemies.

Urban fantasy TP \$29.99

It Rides a Pale Horse Marino, Andy

The Larkin siblings are known around the small town of Wofford Falls. Both are artists, but Peter Larkin, Lark to his friends, is the hometown hero. The one who went to the big city and got famous, then came back and settled down. He’s the kind of guy who becomes fast friends with almost anyone. His sister Betsy on the other hand is more... eccentric. She keeps to herself. When Lark goes to deliver one of his latest pieces to a fabulously rich buyer, it seems like a regular transaction. Even being met at the gate of the sprawling, secluded estate by an intimidating security guard seems normal. Until the guard plays him a live feed: Betsy being abducted in real time. Lark is informed that she’s safe for now, but her wellbeing is entirely in his hands. He’s given a book. Do what the book says, and Betsy will go free. It seems simple enough. But as Lark begins to read he realises: the book might be demonic. Its writer may be unhinged. His sister’s captors are almost certainly not what they seem. And his town and those within it are... changing. And the only way out is through.

Horror TP \$39.95

Witchful Thinking

Elemental Love 01

Martin, Celestine

Lucinda Caraway loves living in Freya Grove, the mystic seaside town where charms, hexes, and magical beings of all kinds are the norm. She spends her days teaching high school history and her nights reading tea leaves and tending to her conjure garden. It’s a good life... but she can’t stop wishing for more. Until one night, that wish turns into a spell, and suddenly Lucy can’t say no. Not to a public karaoke performance. Not to running a 10K. And, most alarmingly, not to her high school crush, Alexander Dwyer, who needs her help unjinxing his new house – which just happens to be right across the street from hers. Alex has spent the last 10 years traveling the world on adventures Lucy has only ever dreamed of, and he’s planning to leave again as soon as his house is safe to sell. But until Lucy can unhelm herself, she and Alex are stuck together. And with so much magic in the air, maybe the next spell Lucy casts will be the one that convinces him to stay.

Paranormal romance TP \$35.95

Fire and Blood

Song of Ice & Fire 01, TV tie-in edition

Martin, George R R

Set centuries before the events in *A Song of Ice and Fire*, *Fire and Blood* is the definitive history of the Targaryens in Westeros as told by Archmaester Gyldayn, chronicling the conquest that united the Seven Kingdoms under Targaryen rule through to the Dance of the Dragons: the Targaryen civil war that nearly ended their dynasty forever. With all the fire and fury fans have come to expect from internationally bestselling author George R R Martin, this is the first volume of the definitive two-part history of the Targaryens in Westeros. Centuries ago, House Targaryen – the only family of dragonlords to survive the Doom of Valyria – took up residence on Dragonstone. *Fire and Blood* begins their tale with the legendary Aegon the Conqueror, creator of the Iron Throne, and goes on to recount the generations of Targaryens who fought to hold that iconic seat, all the way up to the civil war that nearly tore their dynasty apart. What really happened during the Dance of the Dragons? Why was it so deadly to visit Valyria after the Doom? What were Maegor the Cruel’s worst crimes? What was it like in Westeros, when dragons ruled the skies? These are but a few of the questions answered in this essential chronicle, as related by a learned maester of the Citadel, and featuring more than eighty all-new black-and-white illustrations by artist Doug Wheatley. With all the scope and grandeur of Gibbon’s *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, *Fire and Blood* is the ultimate game of thrones, giving readers a whole new appreciation for the dynamic, often bloody, and always fascinating history of Westeros.

Game of Thrones PBK \$22.99

Joker Moon

Wild Cards 29

Martin, George R R (editor)

In the aftermath of World War II, the Earth’s population was devastated by a terrifying alien virus. Those who survived were changed for ever. This is the story of that world. Theodorus was a dreamer. As a child, he dreamed of aeroplanes, rockets and outer space. When the wild card virus touched him and transformed him into a monstrous snail centaur weighing several tons, his boyhood dreams seemed out of reach, but a Witherspoon is not so easily defeated. Years and decades passed, and Theodorus grew to maturity and came into his fortune... but still his dream endured. But, now, when he looked upward into the night sky, he saw more than just the Moon... he saw a joker homeland, a refuge where the outcast children of the wild card could make a place of their own, safe from hate and harm. An impossible dream, some said. Others, alarmed by the prospect, brought all their power to bear to oppose him. Theodorus persisted... never dreaming that the Moon was already inhabited. And the Moon Maid did not want company.

Alternate history PBK \$22.99

Reprieve

Mattson, James Han

On 27 April 1997, four contestants make it to the final cell of the Quigley House, a full-contact haunted escape room made famous for its monstrosities. If the group can

endure its horrors without shouting the safe word, ‘reprieve’, they’ll win a substantial cash prize – a startling feat accomplished only by one other group in the house’s long history. But before they can complete the challenge, a man breaks into the cell and kills one of the contestants. Those who were present on that fateful night lend their points of view: Kendra Brown, a teenager uprooted from her childhood home after the loss of her father; Leonard Grandton, a hotel manager caught in a series of toxic entanglements; and Jaide Charoensuk, a gay international student who came to the US in search of his former English teacher. As each character’s journey unfolds, deceits and misunderstandings fuelled by obsession and prejudice are revealed – forcing all to reckon with the ways in which their beliefs and actions contributed to a horrifying catastrophe.

Horror PBK \$19.99

Wrath

Moalem, Sharon & Kraus, Daniel

Sammy is a lab rat instilled with human genes whose supersized intelligence helps him to engineer his escape into the world outside the lab: a world vastly ill equipped to deal with the menace he represents. Modified through advances that have boosted his awareness of humankind’s cruelty in the name of science, and endowed with a rat’s natural proclivity to procreate regularly, Sammy has the potential to sire a rodent army capable of viciously overwhelming the human race. The key to Sammy’s capture and humanity’s salvation may be 10-year-old Dallas Underhill, whom Sammy temporarily adopts. But while Dallas and Sammy bond, time is running out for humankind: once Sammy sires his progeny, the exponential proliferation of his kind could spell the end of the world.

SF thriller HC \$57.95

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. It’s all about to blow. The first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

They Drown Our Daughters

Monroe, Katrina

They say Cape Disappointment is haunted. That’s why tourists used to flock there in droves. They’d visit the rocky shoreline under the old lighthouse’s watchful eye and fish shells from the water as they pretended to spot dark shapes in the surf. Now, the tourists are long gone, and when Meredith Strand and her young daughter return to Meredith’s childhood home after an acrimonious split from her wife, the Cape seems more haunted by regret than any malevolent force. But her

mother, suffering from early stages of Alzheimer’s, is convinced the ghost stories are real. Not only is there something in the water, but it’s watching them. Waiting for them. Reaching out to Meredith’s daughter the way it has to every woman in their line for generations – and if Meredith isn’t careful, all three women, bound by blood and heartbreak, will be lost one by one to the ocean’s mournful call.

Horror TP \$27.99

Illuminations

collection

Moore, Alan

In his first-ever short story collection, which spans 40 years of work and features many never-before-published pieces, international bestselling author and legendary creator of *From Hell*, *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*, and other modern classics, Alan Moore, presents nine stories full of wonder and strangeness, each taking us deeper into the fantastical underside of reality. In ‘A Hypothetical Lizard’, two concubines in a brothel for fantastical specialists fall in love, with tragic ramifications. In ‘Not Even Legend’, a paranormal study group is infiltrated by one of the otherworldly beings they seek to investigate. In ‘Illuminations’, a nostalgic older man decides to visit a seaside resort from his youth and finds the past all too close at hand. And in the monumental novella *What We Can Know About Thunderman*, which charts the surreal and Kafkaesque history of the comics industry over the last 75 years through several sometimes-naïve and sometimes-maniacal people rising and falling on its career ladders, Moore reveals the dark, beating heart of the superhero business. From ghosts and otherworldly creatures to theoretical Boltzman brains fashioning the universe at the big bang, *Illuminations* is exactly that – a series of bright, startling tales from a contemporary legend that reveal the full power of imagination and magic.

Speculative fiction HC/TP \$62.95/\$32.99

Don’t Go to Sleep

Moore, Bryce

Gianna is the average 17-year-old girl living in 1918 New Orleans. She worries about her family’s store, the great war, and a mysterious illness that’s about to take hold of the city she loves. It doesn’t help that there also appears to be a mad man on the loose in her neighbourhood. The attacks started as burglaries, but soon escalate to cold blooded murder. There’s a killer out there, and the police can’t seem to figure out how to stop him. Gianna enlists the help of her friend Enzo to investigate. And as they study the crimes, they see a common link between the victims, and Gianna can’t help but wonder if it’s the same man who attacked her family, years before. As Gianna gets closer to the killer, she discovers a connection between them that she never would have suspected.

YA horror TP \$19.99

The Mountain in the Sea

Naylor, Ray

There’s something in the water of Con Dao. To the locals, a monster. To the corporate owners of the island, an opportunity. To the team of three sent to study and protect, a revelation. Their minds are unlike ours. Their bodies are malleable, transformable,

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shifting. They can communicate. And they want us to leave. When pioneering marine biologist Dr Ha Nguyen is offered the chance to travel to the remote Con Dao Archipelago to investigate a highly intelligent, dangerous octopus species, she doesn't pause long enough to look at the fine print. DIANIMA – a transnational tech corporation best known for its ground-breaking work in artificial intelligence – has purchased the islands, evacuated their population and sealed the archipelago off from the world, so that Nguyen can focus on her research. But the stakes are high: the octopuses hold the key to unprecedented breakthroughs in extra-human intelligence and there are vast fortunes to be made by whoever can take advantage of their advancements. And as Dr Nguyen struggles to communicate with the newly discovered species, forces larger than DIANIMA close in to seize the octopuses for themselves. But no one has yet asked the octopuses what they think. And what they might do about it. 'A first-rate speculative thriller, by turns fascinating, brutal, powerful, and redemptive' – *Jeff VanderMeer.*
Speculative thriller TP \$32.99

Blitz

Checqy Files 03

O'Malley, Daniel

September 1940. Three women of the Checqy, the secret organisation tasked with protecting Britain from supernatural threats, stand in the sky above London and see German aircraft approach. Forbidden by law to interfere, all they can do is watch as their city is bombed. Until Pamela, the most sensible of them, breaks all the rules and brings down a Nazi bomber with her bare hands. The three resolve to tell no one about it, but they soon learn that a crew member is missing from the downed bomber. Charred corpses are discovered, in nearby houses, and it becomes apparent that the women have unwittingly unleashed a monster. Through a city torn by the Blitz, the friends must hunt the enemy before he kills again. Their task will take them from the tunnels of the Underground to the halls of power, where they will discover the secrets that a secret organisation must keep even from itself. *Today.* Lynette Binns, a librarian with a husband and child, is a late recruit to the Checqy, having discovered only as an adult her ability to electrify everyday objects with her touch. After completing her training, she is assigned to examine a string of brutal murders and quickly realises that all bear the unmistakable hallmark of her own unique power. Unable to provide an alibi and determined to prove her innocence, she flees, venturing into the London underworld to find answers. But, now, she is prey, being tracked by her own frighteningly capable comrades. As Lyn fights off powered thugs and her own vengeful colleagues, she will find that the solution to the murders and to the mystery of her own past lies in the events of World War II, and the covert actions of three young women during the Blitz. 'A bit of Jasper Fforde, a bit of X-Files, and a lot of action' – *Deborah Harkness.* A long-awaited third entry in the Checqy Files. Highly recommended. Start with *The Rook* (PBK, \$19.99), if you haven't tried these yet.
Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

Swanfolk

Omarsdottir, Kristin

In the not-too-distant future, a young spy named Elísabet Eva is about to discover something that will upend her carefully controlled life. Elísabet's work is the lynchpin of her existence in the city; her friends and social life centre around the Special Unit. But, recently, Elísabet has found herself taking long solitary walks near the lake. One day, she sees two creatures emerging from the water, half-human, half-swan. She follows them through tangles of thickets into a strange new reality. Elísabet's walks turn into regular visits to these swan women, who reveal to her the enigma of their secret existence, and their deepest desires. Pulled further and further into the monomaniacal, and often violent, quest of the swanfolk she finds her own mind increasingly untrustworthy. Ultimately, Elísabet is forced to reckon with both the consequences of her involvement with these unusual beings and a past life she has been trying to evade.
Fantasy TP \$32.99

If This Book Exists, You're in the Wrong Universe

John Dies at the End 04

Pargin, Jason (aka Wong, David)

If the broken neon signs, shuttered storefronts, and sub-standard housing didn't tip you off, you've just wandered into the city of 'Undisclosed'. You don't want to be caught dead here, because odds are you just might find yourself rising from the grave. That hasn't stopped tourists from visiting to check out the unusual phenomena that hangs around our town like radioactive fallout. Interdimensional parasites feeding on human hosts, paranormal cults worshipping demonic entities, vengeful teenage sorcerers, we've got it all. Did I mention the possessed toy? It's a plastic football-sized egg that's supposed to hatch an adorable, colourful, stuffed bird – when a child 'feeds' it through a synchronised smartphone app. What's actually inside is an otherworldly monstrosity that's enticing impressionable wayward youth into murdering folks and depositing their body parts inside the egg as if it's a hungry piggy bank to trigger the end of the world. That's where Dave, John, and Amy come in. They face supernatural threats so the rest of us don't have to – and sometimes even earn a couple of bucks to do so. But between the bloody ritual sacrifices and soul-crushing nightmares, our trio realises this apocalypse is way above their pay grade.
Cosmic horror HC \$62.95

Mordew

Cities of the Weft 01

Pheby, Alex

God is dead, his corpse hidden in the catacombs beneath Mordew. In the slums of the sea-battered city, a young boy called Nathan Treeves lives with his parents, eking out a meagre existence by picking treasures from the Living Mud and the half-formed, short-lived creatures it spawns. Until one day his desperate mother sells him to the mysterious Master of Mordew. The Master derives his magical power from feeding on the corpse of God. But Nathan, despite his fear and lowly station, has his own strength – and it is greater than the Master has ever known. Great enough to destroy everything

the Master has built. If only Nathan can discover how to use it. So, it is, that the Master begins to scheme against him – and Nathan has to fight his way through the betrayals, secrets, and vendettas of the city where God was murdered, and darkness reigns.
Fantasy TP \$41.95

Self-Portrait with Nothing

Pokwatka, Aimee

If a picture paints a thousand worlds...
Abandoned as an infant on the local veterinarian's front porch, Pepper Rafferty was raised by two loving mothers; now, at 36, is married to the stable, supportive Ike. She's never told anyone that, at 15, she discovered the identity of her biological mother. That's because her birth mother is Ula Frost, a reclusive painter famous for the outrageous claims that her portraits summon their subjects' doppelgängers from parallel universes. Researching the rumours, Pepper couldn't help but wonder: Is there a parallel universe in which she is more confident, more accomplished, better able to accept love? A universe in which Ula decided she was worth keeping? A universe in which Ula's rejection didn't still hurt too much to share?
SF mystery HC \$55.00

The Colour of Magic

Discworld 01

Pratchett, Terry

In the beginning there was... a turtle. Somewhere on the frontier between thought and reality exists the Discworld, a parallel time and place which might sound and smell very much like our own, but which looks completely different. Particularly, as it's carried though space on the back of a giant turtle (sex unknown). It plays by different rules. But then, some things are the same everywhere. The Disc's very existence is about to be threatened by a strange new blight: the world's first tourist, upon whose survival rests the peace and prosperity of the land. Unfortunately, the person charged with maintaining that survival – in the face of robbers, mercenaries and, well, Death – is a spectacularly inept wizard. The Discworld novels can be read in any order, but *The Colour of Magic* is the first book in the Wizards subseries. The first Discworld novel, revamped for a new generation of readers...
Discworld (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Light Fantastic

Discworld 02

Pratchett, Terry

'Darkness isn't the opposite of light, it is simply its absence... what was radiating from the book was the light that lies on the far side of darkness, the light fantastic.' The Discworld is in danger, heading towards a seemingly inevitable collision with a malevolent red star. It needs a hero. What it doesn't need is Rincewind, an inept and cowardly wizard who is still recovering from the trauma of falling off the edge of the world. Or Twoflower, the well-meaning tourist whose luggage has a mind (and legs) of its own. Which is a shame, because that's all there is... The Discworld novels can be read in any order, but *The Light Fantastic* is the second book in the Wizards subseries. The second Discworld novel, revamped for a new generation of readers...
Discworld (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Sourcery

Discworld 05

Pratchett, Terry

All this books and stuff, that isn't what it should all be about. What we need is real wizardry. Once, there was an eighth son of an eighth son, a wizard squared, a source of magic. A Sourcerer. Unseen University, the most magical establishment on the Discworld, has finally got its wish: the emergence of a wizard more powerful than they've ever seen. You'd think the smartest men on the Disc would have been a little more careful what they wished for. As the drastic consequences of sourcery begin to unfold, one wizard holds the solution in his cowardly, incompetent hands. Rincewind must take the University's most precious artefact, the very embodiment of magic itself, and deliver it halfway across the disc to safety... If he doesn't make it, the death of all wizardry is at hand. And the end of the world... depending who you listen to. The Discworld novels can be read in any order, but *Sourcery* is the third book in the Wizards subseries. The fifth Discworld novel, revamped for a new generation of readers...
Discworld (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Interesting Times

Discworld 17

Pratchett, Terry

There is a curse. They say: may you live in interesting times. 'May you live in interesting times' is the worst thing one can wish on a citizen of Discworld, especially on the distinctly unmagical Rincewind, who has had far too much perilous excitement in his life and can't even *spell* wizard. So, when a request for a Great Wizard; arrives in Ankh-Morpork – via carrier albatross, from the faraway Counterweight Continent – it's the endlessly unlucky Rincewind who's sent, as emissary. The oldest (and most heavily fortified) empire on the Disc is in turmoil, and Chaos is building. And, for some incomprehensible reason, someone believes Rincewind will have a mythic role in the ensuing war and wholesale bloodletting. There are too many heroes already in the world, but there is only *one* Rincewind. And he owes it to the world to keep that one alive for as long as possible. The Discworld novels can be read in any order, but *Interesting Times* is the fourth book in the Wizards subseries. The 17th Discworld novel, revamped for a new generation of readers...
Discworld (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Last Continent

Discworld 22

Pratchett, Terry

'Anything you do in the past changes the future. The tiniest little actions have huge consequences. You might tread on an ant, now, and it might entirely prevent someone from being born in the future.' The Discworld's most inept wizard has found himself on the Discworld's last continent, a completely separate creation. It's hot. It's dry... very dry. There was this thing once called The Wet, which no one believes in. Practically everything that's not poisonous is venomous. But it's the best bloody place in the world, all right? And in a few days, it will be except... Who is this hero striding across the red desert? Champion sheep shearer, horse rider, road warrior, beer

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drinker, bush ranger, and someone who'll even eat a Meat Pie Floater when he's sober? A man in a hat whose luggage follows him on little legs, who's about to change history by preventing a swagman stealing a jumbuck by a billabong? Yes... all this place has between itself and wind-blown doom is Rincewind, the inept wizard who can't even spell wizard. Still... no worries, eh? The Discworld novels can be read in any order, but *The Last Continent* is the fifth book in the Wizards subseries. The 22nd Discworld novel, revamped for a new generation of readers...

Discworld (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Unseen Academicals

Discworld 37

Pratchett, Terry

Football has come to the ancient city of Ankh-Morpork. And, now, the wizards of Unseen University must win a football match, without using magic... so they're in the mood for trying everything else. This is not going to be a gentleman's game. The prospect of the Big Match draws in a street urchin with a wonderful talent for kicking a tin can, a maker of jolly good pies, a young woman who might just turn out to be the greatest fashion model there has ever been, and the mysterious Mr Nutt, who has something powerful, and dark, locked away inside him. As the match approaches, secrets are forced into the light and four lives will be entangled and changed for ever. Here, we go... here, we go... here, we go! The Discworld novels can be read in any order, but *Unseen Academicals* is the sixth book in the Wizards subseries. The 37th Discworld novel, revamped for a new generation of readers...

Discworld (reissue) PBK \$22.99

We Spread

Reid, Iain

Penny, an artist, has lived in the same apartment for decades, surrounded by the artifacts and keepsakes of her long life. She is resigned to the mundane rituals of old age, until things start to slip. Before her long-time partner passed away years earlier, provisions were made, unbeknownst to her, for a room in a unique long-term care residence, where Penny finds herself after one too many 'incidents'. Initially, surrounded by peers, conversing, eating, sleeping, looking out at the beautiful woods that surround the house, all is well. She even begins to paint again. But as the days start to blur together, Penny – with a growing sense of unrest and distrust – starts to lose her grip on the passage of time and on her place in the world. Is she succumbing to the subtly destructive effects of aging, or is she an unknowing participant in something more unsettling? At once compassionate and uncanny, told in spare, hypnotic prose, Iain Reid's genre-defying novel explores questions of conformity, art, productivity, relationships, and what, ultimately, it means to grow old.

SF thriller TP \$32.99

The Branded

Branded Season 01

Riccioni, Jo

Isfalk is divided into two classes: the Branded, who are vulnerable to disease, and the Pure, who are bigger, stronger and immune. Orphaned twins Nara and Osha are sequestered in the citadel, where

their unbranded skin entitles them to a life of privilege, as precious breeding stock. Nara itches to escape her confines and return to the wilds of the Fornwood where she and her sister grew up, but when she is forced to run, she discovers there's much more at stake than her own life. Forced to accept the help of a mysterious southern Brand known only as the Wrangler, Nara discovers the latent power lying dormant in uncanny abilities she's had since childhood. But in a world where women are traded as commodities, who can she trust in the lands beyond the Fornwood? Two sisters without a past hold the weight of the future in their hands. *The Branded* is an epic, high-concept speculative novel with explosive ideas around gender and class, served up with romance, conflict and quick-fire narrative pace.

'An outstanding fantasy debut, evocative and thought-provoking. Jo Riccioni combines a poet's touch with the skill of a true storyteller, making *The Branded* a compelling read.' – *Juliet Marillier*.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Lucky Girl: How I Became A Horror Writer

A Krampus Story, novella

Rickert, M

Ro, a struggling writer, knows all too well the pain and solitude that holiday festivities can awaken. When she meets four people at the local diner – all of them strangers and as lonely as Ro is – she invites them to an impromptu Christmas dinner. And when that party seems in danger of an early end, she suggests they each tell a ghost story. One that's seasonally appropriate. But Ro will come to learn that the horrors hidden in a Christmas tale – or one's past – can never be tamed, once unleashed.

A 112pp, Tor.com novella. Horror PBK \$24.99

Drunk on All Your Strange New Words

novella

Robson, Eddie

Lydia works as translator for the Logi cultural attaché to Earth. They work well together, even if the act of translating his thoughts into English makes her somewhat wobbly on her feet. She's not the agency's best translator, but what else is she going to do? She has no qualifications and no discernible talent in any other field. So, when tragedy strikes and Lydia finds herself at the centre of an intergalactic incident, her future employment prospects look dire – that is, if she can keep herself out of jail! But Lydia soon discovers that help can appear from the most unexpected source...

A 288pp Tor.com novella. Science fiction PBK \$32.99

Goblin Market and Other Poems

Macmillan Collector's Library

Rossetti, Christina

Two sisters, Laura and Lizzie, are enticed by the smells, sounds and sights of the goblin market, tempted by the ripe figs, plump cherries and fragrant berries. While Lizzie resists, Laura is slowly destroyed by her insatiable longing for the goblin's forbidden fruit. Here is Christina Rossetti's first critically acclaimed collection of poetry.

Published in 1862, as well as 'Goblin Market' it contains some of her most treasured work, such as 'A Birthday', 'An Apple Gathering', and 'Remember'. It launched her career as the foremost female poet of her time and, more than a century later, modern readers are still seduced by its symbolism and sensual language. Complete and unabridged, with a preface by Elizabeth Macneal, and original illustrations by Laurence Housman. 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.

Fantasy poetry (reissue) HC \$22.99

Poster Girls

Chosen Ones 02

Roth, Veronica

A fallen regime. A missing child. A chance at freedom.

Sonya Kantor knows this slogan – she lived by it for most of her life. For decades, everyone in the Seattle-Portland megalopolis lived under it, as well as constant surveillance in the form of the Insight, an ocular implant that tracked every word and every action, rewarding or punishing by a rigid moral code set forth by the Delegation. Then there was a revolution. The Delegation fell. Its most valuable members were locked in the Aperture, a prison on the outskirts of the city. And everyone else, now free from the Insight's monitoring, went on with their lives. Sonya, former poster girl for the Delegation, has been imprisoned for 10 years when an old enemy comes to her with a deal: find a missing girl who was stolen from her parents by the old regime, and earn her freedom. The path Sonya takes to find the child will lead her through an unfamiliar, crooked post-Delegation world where she finds herself digging deeper into the past – and her family's dark secrets – than she ever wanted to. The follow-up to *Chosen Ones* (PBK, \$22.99). Dystopia TP \$32.99

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Harry Potter 05, illustrated edition

Rowling, J K & Kay, Jim (illustrator)

As the Order of the Phoenix keeps watch over Harry Potter, troubled times have come to Hogwarts, in a year filled with secrets, subterfuge, and suspicion. The deliciously-dark fifth instalment of Jim Kay's inspired reimagining of J K Rowling's classic series is an epic artistic achievement, featuring over 160 illustrations in an astonishing range of visual styles. Prepare to be enchanted, once again, as Jim Kay depicts J K Rowling's wizarding world with the dazzling artistic alchemy fans around the globe have come to know and love, perfectly complemented by Neil Packer's own unique and eclectic illustrations, skilfully woven into the heart of the story. This is a stunning visual feast of a book, filled with dark magical delights for both fans and new readers alike. Breathtaking scenes, iconic locations and unforgettable characters await inside – Luna Lovegood, Professor Umbridge, Gramp the giant, and many more – as Harry Potter and Dumbledore's Army prepare for the coming battle against Lord Voldemort. Perfect for Potterheads of all ages!

Harry Potter HC \$75.00

The Freedom Race

Dreambird Chronicles 01

Roy, Lucinda

The second Civil War, the Sequel, came and went in the United States leaving radiation, sickness, and fractures too deep to mend. One faction, the Homestead Territories, dealt with the devastation by recruiting immigrants from Africa and beginning a new slave trade while the other two factions stood by and watched. Ji-ji Lottermule was bred and raised in captivity on one of the plantations in the Homestead Territories of the Disunited States to serve and breed more 'mulesseeds'. There is only one way out – the annual Freedom Race. First prize, freedom. An underground movement has plans to free Ji-ji, who unknowingly holds the key to breaking the grip of the Territories. However, before she can begin to free them all, Ji-ji must unravel the very real voices of the dead. Lucinda Roy's explosive first foray into speculative fiction is a poignant blend of subjugation, resistance, and hope. The first in a series.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

Flying the Coop

Dreambird Chronicles 02

Roy, Lucinda

Dreams are promises, your imagination makes to itself. In the disunited states, no person of colour – especially not a girl whose body reimagines flight – is safe. A quest for Freedom has brought former Mulesseed Jellybean 'Ji-ji' Silapu to DC, aka Dream City, the site of monuments and memorials – where, long ago, the most famous Dreamer of all time marched for the same cause. As Ji-ji struggles to come to terms with her shocking metamorphosis and her friends, Tiro and Afarra, battle formidable ghosts of their own, the former US capital decides whose dreams it wants to invest in and whose dreams it will defer. The journeys the three friends take to liberate themselves and others will not simply defy the status quo, they will challenge the nature of reality, itself. The first book of the Dreambird Chronicles is *The Freedom Race* (TP, \$34.99).

Science fiction HC \$44.99

Starlight Enclave

Way of the Drow 01

Salvatore, R A

After the settling dust of the demon uprising and two years of peace, rumblings from the Menzoberranzan drow have Jarlaxle nervous. Worried his allies may be pulled into a Civil War between the great Houses, he is eager to ensure Zaknafein is armed with weapons befitting his skill, including one in particular: Khazid'hea. A powerful artefact, the sword known as 'Cutter' has started wars, corrupted its users, and spilled the blood of many, many people. Nonetheless – or maybe because of that – the rogue Jarlaxle and a small group of friends will go on an expedition looking for the weapon's last wielder, Doum'wuelle, in the freezing north, for she may be the key to unlocking the sword's potential... and, perhaps, the key to preventing the bloodshed looming over the Underdark. And as they explore the top of the world, Drizzt is on a journey of his own – both spiritual and physical. He wants to introduce his daughter Brie to Grandmaster Kane and the practices that have been so central to his beliefs.

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But, having only recently come back from true transcendence, the drow ranger is no longer sure what his beliefs mean anymore. He is on a path to determining the future, not just for his family, but perhaps the entire northlands of the Realms themselves. Two different roads. On one, Jarlaxle and Zaknafein are on a quest to find pieces that could offer salvation to Menzoberranzan. On the other, Drizzt seeks answers that could offer salvation to not just his soul, but all souls. And no matter the outcome of either journey, the Realms will never be the same again. The first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Cytonic

Skyward 03

Sanderson, Brandon

Spensa's life as a Defiant Defence Force pilot has been far from ordinary. She proved herself one of the best starfighters in the human enclave of Detritus and she saved her people from extermination at the hands of the Krell – the enigmatic alien species that has been holding them captive for decades. What's more, she travelled light-years from home as a spy, to infiltrate the Superiority; where she learned of the galaxy beyond her small, desolate planet home. Now, the Superiority – the governing galactic alliance bent on dominating all human life – has started a galaxy-wide war. And Spensa has seen the weapons they plan to use to end it: the Delvers. Ancient, mysterious alien forces that can wipe out entire planetary systems in an instant. Spensa knows that no matter how many pilots the DDF has, there is no defeating this predator. Except that Spensa is Cytonic. She faced down a Delver and saw something eerily familiar about it. And maybe, if she's able to figure out what she is, she could be more than just another pilot in this unfolding war. She could save the galaxy. The only way she can discover what she really is, though, is to leave behind all she knows and enter the Nowhere. A place from which few ever return. To have courage means facing fear. And this mission is terrifying. If you haven't tried these before, start with *Skyward* (PBK, \$22.99).

Spare opera PBK \$22.99

After the Bite

Argeneau Family Vampires 35

Sands, Lynsay

Immortal Enforcer Valerian just wants to relax. His last assignment had been more gruelling than he'd care to admit, and golf has always helped him unwind. If golf course owner Natalie thinks it's a little odd for him to tee off at sunset every evening, she's keeping it to herself. The single mom is sexy as hell, and her little daughter Mia only adds to his delight. He knows Natalie is wary of a relationship of any kind... what will she think when she discovers he's an Immortal? His best course of action is to woo her the old-fashioned way. But the course of true love never did run smooth – especially for a vampire and a mortal. And when danger stalks Natalie, Valerian realises he's playing a game of life and death and if he loses this round, he risks losing her forever.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Burning Girls and Other Stories

collection

Schanoes, Veronica

When we came to America, we brought anger and socialism and hunger. We also brought our demons. In *Burning Girls and Other Stories*, Veronica Schanoes crosses borders and genres with stories of fierce women at the margins of society burning their way toward the centre. This debut collection introduces readers to a fantasist in the vein of Karen Russell and Kelly Link, with a voice all her own. Emma Goldman – yes, that Emma Goldman – takes tea with the Baba Yaga and truths unfold inside of exquisitely crafted lies. In 'Among the Thorns', a young woman in 17th century Germany is intent on avenging the brutal murder of her peddler father, but discovers that vengeance may consume all that it touches. In the showstopping, awards finalist title story, 'Burning Girls', Schanoes invests the immigrant narrative with a fearsome fairy-tale quality that tells a story about America we may not want – but need – to hear. Dreamy, dangerous, and precise, with the weight of the very oldest tales we tell, *Burning Girls and Other Stories* introduces a writer pushing the boundaries of both fantasy and contemporary fiction; with a foreword by Jane Yolen.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Deadbeat Druid

Adam Binder 03

Slayton, David R

The living cannot be allowed to infect the dead. Adam Binder has lost what matters most to him. Having finally learned the true identity of the warlock preying on his family, what was supposed to be a final confrontation with the fiend instead became a trap that sent Adam's beloved Vicente into the realm of the dead, where none living are meant to be. Bound by debt, oath, and love, Adam blazes his own trail into the underworld to get Vicente back, and to end the threat of the warlock once and for all. But the road to hell is paved with far more than good intentions. Demons are hungry, and ghosts are relentless, and what awaits Adam in the underworld is nothing he is prepared to face. If that weren't enough, Adam has one more thing he must do if he and Vicente are to return to the world of the living: find the lost heart of Death, herself.

Urban fantasy TP \$35.95

The Death of Jane Lawrence

Starling, Caitlin

Practical, unassuming Jane Shoringfield has done the calculations, and decided that the most secure path forward is this: a husband, in a marriage of convenience, who will allow her to remain independent and occupied with meaningful work. Her first choice, the dashing but reclusive doctor Augustine Lawrence, agrees to her proposal with only one condition: that she must never visit Lindridge Hall, his crumbling family manor outside of town. Yet, on their wedding night, an accident strands her at his door in a pitch-black rainstorm, and she finds him changed. Gone is the bold, courageous surgeon, and in his place is a terrified, paranoid man – one who cannot tell reality from nightmare, and fears Jane is an apparition, come to haunt him. By morning, Augustine is himself

again, but Jane knows something is deeply wrong at Lindridge Hall, and with the man she has so hastily bound her safety to. Set in a dark-mirror version of post-war England, Caitlin Starling crafts a new kind of gothic horror from the bones of the beloved canon. This *Crimson Peak*-inspired story assembles, then upends, every expectation set in place by Shirley Jackson and *Rebecca*, and will leave readers shaken.

Gothic fantasy TP \$39.95

The Next Time I Die

Hard Case Crime

Starr, Jason

Dying was only the beginning. Steven Blitz didn't think about his own safety when he saw the man trying to force a woman into his car. He stepped in to defend her, and got a knife to the gut for his troubles. But when he wakes up in the hospital from what should have been a fatal wound, he finds the whole world changed – a different president in the White House, a loving family when he'd been on the verge of divorce, more money in the bank than he's ever seen. There's a dark side, though: in this world, Steven Blitz is not a good man. And, now, he's got to get himself out of serious trouble without even knowing what it is he's done wrong. A paranoid thriller in the mind-bending tradition of Philip K Dick and *The Twilight Zone*, *The Next Time I Die* will draw you into its claustrophobic web of suspense and leave you questioning everything you think you know.

SF thriller PBK \$19.99

The Kiss Curse

Sterling, Erin

Magic doesn't always play by the rules.

Gwyn Jones is perfectly happy with her life in Graves Glen. She's formed a powerful new coven with her family; she's running a successful witchcraft shop, Something Wicked; and she's mentoring some of the younger witches in town. As Halloween approaches, there's only one problem – Llewellyn 'Wells' Penhallow. Wells has come to Graves Glen for two reasons: to re-establish his family's connection to the town and to make a new life for himself away from his father. But when he opens a magic shop of his own just across the street from Gwyn's, he quickly learns that going up against her won't be as easy as he thought... especially after an accidentally magic-inspired – and very hot – kiss. While Gwyn and Wells are fully committed to their witchy rivalry, they soon find themselves thrown together, once again, to deal with the sudden appearance of a mysterious new coven and Gwyn's growing concern that something – or someone – is messing with her magic... *Always practise safe hex...* The next book from the author of *The Ex Hex* (PBK, \$22.99).

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

The Justice of Kings

Empire of the Wolf 01

Swan, Richard

No man is above the law. The Empire of the Wolf simmers with unrest. Rebels, heretics and powerful patricians all challenge the power of the imperial throne. Only the Order of Justices stands in the way of chaos. Sir Konrad Vonvalt is the most feared Justice of all, upholding the law by way of

his sharp mind, arcane powers and skill as a swordsman. In this he is aided by Helena Sedanka, his clerk and protege, orphaned by the wars that forged the empire. When the pair investigate the murder of a provincial aristocrat, they unearth a conspiracy that stretches to the very top of imperial society. As the stakes rise and become ever more personal, Vonvalt must make a choice: will he abandon the laws he's sworn to uphold in order to protect the empire? Introducing an unforgettable protagonist destined to become a fantasy icon, *The Justice of Kings* is an unmissable debut where action, intrigue and magic collide. We've had some excellent customer feedback on Swan's debut.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

January Fifteenth

novella

Swirsky, Rachel

January Fifteenth – the day all Americans receive their annual Universal Basic Income payment. For Hannah, a middle-aged mother, today is the anniversary of the day she took her two children, and fled her abusive ex-wife. For Janelle, a young, broke journalist, today is another mind-numbing day interviewing passer-by about the very policy she once opposed. For Olivia, a wealthy college freshman, today is 'Waste Day', when rich kids across the country compete to see who can most obscenely squander the government's money. For Sarah, a pregnant teen, today is the day she'll journey alongside her sister-wives to pick up the payments – that undergird their community – and, perhaps, embark on a new journey altogether. In this near-future sf novella by Nebula Award-winning author Rachel Swirsky, the fifteenth of January is another day of the status quo, and another chance at making lasting change.

A 240pp, Tor.com novella.

Dystopia TP \$29.99

Born to Be Weird

Demented Fantasy and Bizarro Horror, anthology

Sytes, Set (editor)

Absurdist comedy horror short stories.

A public restroom even more horrific than most, with a stained toilet that can swallow a man whole, sending him to a sewage-filled hell. A riverbank lined with swaying mops given faces and philosophies. A secondary school that seems to waver in and out of reality not only in dreams, but also upon wakeful visitation. An isolated grotto, home to trolls and the posthumous shadow form of Elvis Presley. These are all settings of the peculiar, often unending events in Set Sytes' collection of short bizarre fiction. By the author of *How Not to Kill Yourself*, this second edition of *Born to be Weird* features eight new stories (14 total) and a handful of new terrors and otherworldly adventures to make your stomach turn and skin crawl.

Dark fantasy TP \$24.99

Creature

Paintings, Drawings and Reflections

Tan, Shaun

A collection of Shaun Tan's artwork from the past 25 years. The drawings and paintings in the book come from his work in picture books and other works including films and graphic novels. Others were created for

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no specific purpose beyond the desire to see what something looks like, or just to follow a sketched line to see where it goes. Many works are previously unpublished. As the title suggests the collection and accompanying essays, by Shaun, explore his use of non-human creatures as a motif throughout his artwork.

Retrospective HC \$49.95

Daughter of the Moon Goddess

Daughter of the Moon Goddess duology 01

Tan, Sue Lynn

A young woman's quest to free her mother pits her against the most powerful immortal in the realm, setting her on a dangerous path where those she loves are not the only ones at risk... Growing up on the moon, Xingyin is accustomed to solitude, unaware that she is being hidden from the powerful Celestial Emperor who exiled her mother for stealing his elixir of immortality. But when her magic flares and her existence is discovered, Xingyin is forced to flee her home, leaving her mother behind. Alone, powerless, and afraid, she makes her way to the Celestial Kingdom, a land of wonder and secrets. Disguising her identity, she seizes an opportunity to train in the Crown Prince's service, learning to master archery and magic, despite the passion which flames between her and the emperor's son. To save her mother, Xingyin embarks on a perilous quest, confronting legendary creatures and vicious enemies, across the earth and skies. But when treachery looms and forbidden magic threatens the kingdom, she must challenge the ruthless Celestial Emperor for her dream – striking a dangerous bargain, where she is torn between losing all she loves, or plunging the realm into chaos. A captivating debut fantasy inspired by the legend of the Chinese moon goddess.

Silkpunk PBK \$22.99

Guns of the Dawn

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

Denland and Lascanne have been allies for generations, but now the Denlanders have assassinated their king, overthrown the monarchy and marched on their northern neighbour. At the border, the war rages, Lascanne's brave redcoats against the revolutionaries of Denland. Emily Marshwic has watched the war take her brother-in-law and, now, her young brother. Then comes the call for more soldiers, to a land already drained of husbands, fathers and sons. Every household must give up one woman to the army; Emily has no choice but to join the ranks of young women marching to the front. In the midst of warfare, with just enough training to hold a musket, Emily comes face to face with the reality: the senseless slaughter; the weary cynicism of the Survivor's Club; the swamp's own natives hiding from the conflict. As the war becomes worse, and as she begins even to have doubts about the justice of Lascanne's cause, Emily finds herself in a position where her choices will make or destroy both her own future and that of her nation. A reissue.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Tiger and the Wolf

Echoes of the Fall 01

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

In the bleak northern crown of the world, war is coming. Maniye's father is the Wolf clan's chieftain, but she's an outcast. Her mother was queen of the Tiger and these tribes have been enemies for generations. Maniye also hides a deadly secret. All can shift into their clan's animal form, but Maniye can take on tiger and wolf shapes. She refuses to disown half her soul so escapes, rescuing a prisoner of the Wolf clan in the process. The killer Broken Axe is set on their trail, to drag them back for retribution. The Wolf chieftain plots to rule the north and controlling his daughter is crucial to his schemes. However, other tribes also prepare for strife. Strangers from the far south appear too, seeking allies in their own conflict. It's a season for omens as priests foresee danger and a darkness falling across the land. Some say a great war is coming, overshadowing even Wolf ambitions. A time of testing and broken laws is near, but what spark will set the world ablaze? A reissue of the first book in Tchaikovsky's Echoes of the Fall fantasy trilogy.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Bear and the Serpent

Echoes of the Fall 02

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

As the south is in turmoil, an old terror emerges in the north... Maniye, child of both Wolf and Tiger clans, has been named Champion of her people. But they're unsure if she's an asset – or a threat. To buy time, she joins Prince Tecuman's warband of outcasts and heads south, to help him gain his crown. She wants to discover her true place in the world, but instead heads into the jaws of a fierce new conflict. Civil war threatens as Tecuman and his twin sister battle for the throne, for only one can rule. Yet, whoever triumphs will carry a heavy burden, as a great doom has been foreseen that will fall across their whole world. And, soon, Maniye finds herself at the heart of a political storm. Danger is also shadowing her old home, where Lord Thunder and his bear clan are attempting to unite the northern tribes. But only extreme peril will end age-old rivalries. An adversary from the most ancient of times is preparing to strike, putting their lands and their very souls in danger. And neither north nor south will be spared the terror to come. A reissue of the second book in Tchaikovsky's Echoes of the Fall fantasy trilogy.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Hyena and the Hawk

Echoes of the Fall 03

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

They face a hunger that could consume the gods, themselves. From the depths of myth an ancient enemy has returned: the Plague People, whose very presence obliterates whole villages; whose terror destroys minds. In their wake, nothing is left of the people, not their places, not their ways. On the plains, the warriors and the wise of all tribes gather to confront the aggressor. Loud Thunder leads his great war-host south, even as Tecumet and Asman head north with the Sun River army. With Maniye Many Tracks, they plan to forge a new unity between the tribes such as the world has never seen. But will it be enough to stave off an oblivion that might devour even

their gods? Their adversary's presence is like a wound in the world, and wakes all the old terrors and evils from the peoples' stories. But before they can deal with the enemies without, they must conquer their demons within. A reissue of the third, concluding, book in Tchaikovsky's Echoes of the Fall fantasy trilogy.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Hedge Witch

Threadneedle novella

Thomas, Gari

Rowan is visiting her aunt – Winne, the hedge witch – in the Welsh countryside, to get back to nature and hone her skills, as well as taking a break from her annoying sisters and enjoying some peace and quiet. However, Rowan soon comes to realise that hedges are a serious business and this isn't quite the opportunity to rest and escape she thought it might be. Not only that, but mysterious events around the town are causing panic in the secret magical community and cowers – non-magical folk – are starting to take notice. Can Rowan hone her hedge craft, try to make some friends and solve the riddle of the mysterious goings-on, or is magic about to be revealed to the world... or, at least, Wales? An enchanting new novella set in the magical world of *Threadneedle* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy HC \$27.99

The Lord of the Rings

TV tie-in box set

Tolkien, J R R

Bolken, Journey into Middle-earth... Sauron, the Dark Lord, has gathered to him all the Rings of Power – the means by which he intends to rule Middle-earth. All he lacks in his plans for dominion is the One Ring – the ring that rules them all – which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit, Bilbo Baggins. In a sleepy village in the Shire, young Frodo Baggins finds himself faced with an immense task, as the Ring is entrusted to his care. He must leave his home and make a perilous journey across the realms of Middle-earth to the Crack of Doom, deep inside the territories of the Dark Lord. There, he must destroy the Ring forever and foil the Dark Lord in his evil purpose. Released to tie-in with the Prime Video series, *The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power*.

Tolkien PBK \$59.99

Three Miles Down

Turtledove, Harry

A novel of first contact in the tumultuous 1970s... It's 1974, and Jerry Stieglitz is a grad student in marine biology at UCLA with a side gig selling short stories to science fiction magazines, just weeks away from marrying his long-time fiancée. Then his life is upended by grim-faced men from three-letter agencies who want him to join a top-secret 'Project Azorian' in the middle of the north Pacific Ocean – and they really don't take 'no' for an answer. Further, they're offering enough money to solve all of Jerry's immediate problems. Joining up and swearing to secrecy, what he first learns is that Project Azorian is secretly trying to raise a sunken Russian submarine, while pretending to be harvesting undersea manganese nodules. But the dead Russian sub, while real, turns out to be a cover story as well. What's down on the ocean floor next to it is the thing that killed the

sub: an alien spacecraft. Jerry's a scientist, a longhair, a storyteller, a dreamer. He stands out like a sore thumb on the Glomar Explorer, a ship full of CIA operatives, RAND Corporation eggheads, and roustabout divers. But it turns out that he's the one person in the North Pacific, who's truly thought out all the ways, human-alien first contact might go. And, meanwhile, it's still 1974 back on the mainland. Richard Nixon is drinking heavily and talking to the paintings on the White House walls. The USA is changing fast – and who knows what will happen, when this story gets out? *Three Miles Down* is both a fresh and original take on first contact, and a hugely enjoyable romp through the pop culture, political tumult, and conspiracies-within-conspiracies atmosphere that was 1974.

First contact TP \$34.99

Wolf in the Shadows

Legend of All Wolves 04

Vale, Maria

Julia Martel was once a spoiled young shifter surrounded by powerful males who shielded her from reality. Now she is a prisoner of the Great North Pack, trusted by no one and relegated to the care of the pack's least wolf, the Omega, Arthur Grayson – the only wolf who has shown her kindness. Every day with Arthur opens Julia to the harsh wonder of Pack life and to a bond unlike any she's ever known. But Julia must confront a legacy of doubt and insecurity. Only then can she lay claim to the power and fierceness that is her birthright. Only then can she protect the wolves she has grown to love – especially, Arthur.

Paranormal romance PBK \$14.99

The Justice in Revenge

Fall of the Gods 02

van Loan, Ryan

The island nation of Servenza is a land of flint and steel, sail and gearwork, of gods both Dead and sleeping. It is a society where the wealthy few rule the impoverished many. Determined to change that, former street-rat Buc, along with Eld – the ex-soldier who has been her partner in crime solving – have claimed seats on the board of the powerful Kanados Trading Company. Buc plans to destroy the nobility from within – which is much harder than she expected. Stymied by boardroom politics and dodging mages at every turn, Buc and Eld find a potential patron in the Doga, ruler of Servenza. The deal: by the night of the Masquerade, unmask whoever has been attempting to assassinate the Doga, thereby earning her support in the halls of power. Blow the deadline and she'll have them deported to opposite ends of the world. Armed with Eld's razor-sharp sword and Buc's even sharper intellect, the dynamic duo hit the streets just as the shadow religious conflict between the Gods begins to break into open warfare. Those closest to Buc and Eld begin turning up with their throats slit amid rumours that a hidden mastermind is behind everything that's going wrong in Servenza. Facing wrathful gods, hostile nobles, and a secret enemy bent on revenge, Buc and Eld will need every trick in their arsenal to survive. Luckily, extra blades aren't the only things Buc has hidden up her sleeves. The sequel to *The Sin in the Steel* (TP, \$32.99).

Fantasy TP \$34.99

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The Memory in the Blood

Fall of the Gods 03

van Loan, Ryan

When her quest to destroy the Gods began, Buc was a child of the streets. Now, she is a woman of steel, shaped by gaining and losing power, tempered by love and betrayal, and honed to a fine edge by grief and her desire for vengeance. A perilous, clandestine mission to a hidden library uncovers information that is key to destroying both the Dead Gods and their enemy, the Goddess Ciris. Ciris' creation, Sin, who lives inside Buc, gives her superhuman abilities and tempts her with hints of even greater power. With that power, she could achieve almost anything – end the religious war tearing her world apart, remake society at a stroke – but the price would be the betrayal of everything she has fought for... and the man she loved would still be dead. In the middle of this murderous, magical maelstrom, a coded message smuggled out of the heart of the Dead Gods' cathedral reveals that the Dead Gods intend to destroy Ciris – and much of the world with her. This. Will. Not. Stand. If Buc has to destroy all Gods, eat the rich, and break the world's economy to save the people, she will do it. Even if it costs her everything.

Fantasy HC \$44.99

Night of Demons and Saints

Sisters Grimm 02

van Praag, Menna

Three years ago, the sisters confronted their demon father in that strange other-world, called Everwhere. It was a battle that ended in a devastating loss, and the scars they carry seem to have slowly pushed the sisters apart... One sister, still raw with grief, is now a near recluse but determined to use her powers to resurrect what she has lost. Another has made the journey to learn more of her family, her culture and her roots. And another seems to have turned her back on what she is and opted to lead a more normal life. But now the sisters are about to be brought together once more. Because when the clock strikes midnight, when October ticks into November, when autumn winks into winter, when All Hallows' Eve becomes All Saints' Day, the sisters Grimm will turn 21 and reach the zenith of their powers. And on this night, at this time, in this place called Everwhere, *anything* is possible... The sequel to *The Sisters Grimm* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Stephen King

A Complete Exploration of His Work, Life, and Influences

Vincent, Bev

Take an intimate tour through the life and works of Stephen King, made vivid with rare photos and ephemera from King's personal collection. Even if you are a die-hard fan, you will find something new in this beautifully packaged Stephen King reference that you will return to again and again. Timed to celebrate Stephen King's 75th birthday on September 21, 2022, *Stephen King: A Complete Exploration of His Work, Life, and Influences* reveals the inspiration behind the prolific author's brilliant works of horror through a combination of photos and documents from King's archives and

an engaging account of the stories behind how his novels, novellas, short stories, and adaptations came to be. It might sound like a tall tale that Stephen King once met a bartender named Grady in an empty hotel in Colorado, or that the celebrated author helped his young daughter bury her cat in a nearby 'pets sematary' after it was killed on a busy roadway. In this book, discover how King drew on these and more real personal experiences and mundane life events, then employed his extraordinary imagination to twist them into something horrific. From impoverished university student to struggling schoolteacher to one of the bestselling – and most recognisable – authors of all time, this engrossing book reveals the evolution and influences of Stephen King's body of work over his nearly 50-year career, and how the themes of his writing reflect the changing times and events within his life. An expansion of Stephen King expert Bev Vincent's *The Stephen King Illustrated Companion*, this fully revised, redesigned, and updated book includes: a review of King's complete body of work, including *Fairy Tale*, published in September 2022; a wealth of rare memorabilia from King's own collection, including personal and professional correspondences, handwritten manuscript pages, book covers, movie stills, and never-before-seen excerpts from one of his poems and an unpublished short story; interludes on specific topics, such as real-life settings that inspired King's writing, the editor who discovered him, his life as a Boston Red Sox fan, and the many awards and honours he has received; and insightful quotes from King from interviews over the decades. Celebrate the beloved King of Horror with this informational and entertaining look inside King's most iconic titles and the culture they have created.

Horror reference HC \$39.99

Body of Stars

Walter, Laura Maylene

No future, dear reader, can break a woman on its own... Like every woman, Celeste Morton holds a map of the future in her skin, every mole and freckle a clue to unlocking what will come to pass. With puberty comes the changeling period – when her final marks will appear, and her future is decided. The possibilities are tantalising enough for Celeste's excitement to outweigh her fear. Changelings are sought after commodities and abduction is rife as men seek to possess these futures for themselves. Celeste's marks have always been closely entwined with her brother, Miles. Her skin holds a future only he, as a gifted interpreter, can read and he has always considered his sister his practice ground. But when Celeste's marks change, she learns a devastating secret about her brother's future that she must keep to herself – and Miles is keeping a secret of his own. When the lies of brother and sister collide, Celeste determines to create a future that is truly her own. *Body of Stars* is an urgent read about what happens when women are objectified and violently stripped of choice – and what happens when they fight back. A bold and dazzling exploration of fate and female agency, in a world where women own the future, but not their own bodies.

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

The Janus File

Gordian Division 03

Weber, David & Holo, Jacob

The fates of universes aren't the only things time travel can impact. Sometimes the effect is a lot more mundane and closer to home. And when that happens, it's up to the cops of Themis Division to make time turn out right. It was supposed to be a routine trip for the members of the Gordian Division, both human and AI: fly out to Saturn, inspect the construction of their latest time machines, then fly back. But when the division's top scientist and chief engineer are killed in the same freak accident, suspicions of foul play run deep. Detective Isaac Cho is sent in to investigate, but he has more on his mind than just a new case. His superiors have saddled him with an exchange officer from the neighbouring Admin – Special Agent Susan Cantrell – whose notion of proper 'law enforcement' involves blowing up criminals first and skipping questions entirely. Despite his objections, Cho is stuck with an untested partner on a case that increasingly reeks of murder and conspiracy. The unlikely pair must work together to unravel this mystery, and soon they discover their unique combination of skills might just provide the edge they need. But nothing is ever simple, where the Gordian Division is involved. Not even time, itself.

Time travel HC \$55.00

The Hidden Palace

Golem & Jinni 02

Wecker, Helene

Chava is a golem, a woman made of clay, who can hear the thoughts and longings of those around her and feels compelled by her nature to help them. Ahmad is a jinni, a restless creature of fire, once free to roam the desert but now imprisoned in the shape of a man. Fearing they'll be exposed as monsters, these magical beings hide their true selves and try to pass as human – just two more immigrants in the bustling world of 1900s' Manhattan. Brought together under calamitous circumstances, their lives are now entwined – but they're not yet certain of what they mean to each other. Both Chava and Ahmad have changed the lives of the people around them. Park Avenue heiress Sophia Winston, whose brief encounter with Ahmad left her with a strange illness that makes her shiver with cold, travels to the Middle East to seek a cure. There, she meets Dima, a tempestuous female jinni who's been banished from her tribe. Back in New York, in a tenement on the Lower East Side, a little girl named Kreindel helps her rabbi father build a golem they name Yossele – not knowing that she's about to be sent to an orphanage uptown, where the hulking Yossele will become her only friend and protector. The sequel to *The Golem and the Djinni* (PBK, \$22.99).

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$27.99

Project Hail Mary

Weir, Andy

A lone astronaut. An impossible mission. An ally he never imagined. Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission – and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish. Except that, right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his

assignment or how to complete it. All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company. His crewmates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, Ryland realises that an impossible task now confronts him. Hurling through space on this tiny ship, it's up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery – and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species. And with the clock ticking down and the nearest human being light-years away, he's got to do it all alone. Or does he? 'Brilliantly funny and enjoyable. One of the most plausible science fiction books I've ever read' – *Tim Peake*, astronaut. Now in paperback.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

Face

novella

West, Jorma

How much is your Face worth?

Schuyler and Madeleine Burroughs have the perfect Face – rich and powerful enough to assure their dominance in society. But in SchAddie's household, cracks are beginning to appear. Schuyler is bored and taking risks. Maddie is becoming brittle, her happiness ever more fleeting. And their menial is fighting the most bizarre compulsions. In *Face*, skin colour is an aesthetic choice designed by professionals, consent is a pre-checked box on the path to social acceptance, and your online profile isn't just the most important thing – it's the only thing. Atwood meets Ishiguro in this domestic drama that reimagines race and class in a genetically engineered society fed by performative fame. A 272pp, Tor.com novella.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Blood of the Chosen

Burningblade & Silvereye 02

Wexler, Django

Two siblings, divided by magic and revolution... Gyre must travel across the Splinter Kingdoms to rally the rebels to his side, while his sister Maya uncovers the secrets of a powerful artifact that could change everything. Gyre finally sees a way to overthrow the all-powerful Twilight Order. But he'll have to gain the alliance of both the ghouls and the human rebels to the south in order to even stand have a chance. And uniting them won't be so simple. His sister Maya is still a soldier of the Order. But after clashing with her brother, she isn't so certain where her loyalties lie. Chasing the origins of a mysterious artifact to a long-lost library, she just might find the answers she's looking for. The sequel to *Ashes of the Sun* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Happy Prince & Other Tales

collector's edition

Wilde, Oscar

Oscar Wilde's stories have given pleasure to generations of readers. This collection of children's stories, first published in 1888, explores timeless themes of good and evil, freedom and responsibility, love and death, beauty, and self-sacrifice. Featuring princesses, ogres, and talking animals, *The Happy Prince and Other Tales* poses

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questions that are as pertinent now as they were at the turn of the century. What is love? asks 'The Happy Prince'. How do you get what you need? asks 'The Nightingale and the Rose'. How do you win friends – and avoid alienating people? Can you have too much compassion? How can you set the world on fire? By turns moving and funny, these stories teach free thinking rather than giving prescriptive lessons. This beautiful collector's edition includes original watercolour illustrations and decorative motifs, from the 1913 edition, by Charles Robinson. With an introduction by Wilde expert Michèle Mendelssohn, *The Happy Prince and Other Tales* is certain to surprise and delight children and adults, alike.

Fairy tales HC \$39.99

Shadows on the Wall:

Dark Tales by Mary E Wilkins Freeman
Tales of the Weird

Wilkins Freeman, Mary Eleanor & Ashley, Mike (editor)

The disquieting tales of Mary E Wilkins Freeman explore a world of contrast, where the supernatural erupts out of authentically drawn portraits of New England life. This is a world of witchcraft, secrecy, domestic spaces turned uncanny and ancestral vengeance inflicted upon the unfortunates of the present. Collecting the best of the author's strange tales – including 'The White Shawl', which was unpublished during her lifetime – this

volume casts a light on an underappreciated contributor to weird fiction and the shadowy corners of a dark imagination. Introducing an influential American author to the series, offering a view of how weird fiction developed in the US, alongside the works of British authors. It includes two stories missed by the 'complete' strange story anthologies which have been assembled thanks to Mike Ashley's expertise.

Horror TP \$35.95

Terry Pratchett:

A Life With Footnotes

– the Official Biography

Wilkins, Rob

The official biography of the award-winning and bestselling author Sir Terry Pratchett, written by Rob Wilkins, his former assistant, friend, and now head of the author's literary estate. 'People think that stories are shaped by people. In fact, it's the other way around.' At the time of his death in 2015, award-winning and bestselling author Sir Terry Pratchett was working on his finest story yet – his own. At six years old, Terry was told by his headteacher that he would never amount to anything. He spent the rest of his life proving that teacher wrong. At 66, Terry had lived a life full of achievements: becoming one of the UK's bestselling writers, winning the Carnegie Medal and being awarded a knighthood for services to literature. Following his untimely death from

Alzheimer's disease, the mantle of completing Terry's memoir was passed to Rob Wilkins, his former assistant, friend, and now head of the author's literary estate. Drawing on his own extensive memories, along with those of Terry's family, friends, fans and colleagues, Rob recounts Terry's extraordinary story – from his early childhood to the literary phenomenon that his Discworld series became; and how he met and coped with the challenges that 'The Embuggerance' of Alzheimer's brought with it. 'Of all the dead authors in the world, Terry Pratchett is the most alive.' – *John Lloyd*.

Biography TP/HC \$35.00/\$55.00

The Genesis of Misery Yang, Neon

It's an old, familiar story: a young person hears the voice of an angel saying they have been chosen as a warrior to lead their people to victory in a holy war. But Misery Nomaki (she/they) knows they are a fraud. Raised on a remote moon colony, they don't believe in any kind of god. Their angel is a delusion, brought on by hereditary space exposure. Yet, their survival banks on mastering the holy mech they are supposedly destined for, and convincing the Emperor of the Faithful that they are the real deal. The deeper they get into their charade, however, the more they start to doubt their convictions. What if this, all of it, is real? A reimagining of Joan of Arc's story given a space opera, giant

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