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Until next time, good reading!  
Ron and Leanne

### Pack of Lies

Monster Hunt 01

#### Adhara, Charlie

*Werewolf meets human. Werewolf snubs human. Werewolf loves human?* Julien Doran arrived in sleepy Mauditt Falls, North Carolina, with a heart full of hurt and a head full of questions. The key to his brother's mysterious last days might be found in this tiny town, and now Julien's amateur investigation is starting to unearth things the locals would rather keep buried. Perhaps most especially the strange, magnetic manager of a deserted retreat that's nearly as odd as its staff. Eli Smith is a lot of things: thief, werewolf, glamour-puss, liar. And now the manager of a haven for rebel pack runaways. He's spent years cultivating a persona to disguise his origins, but for the first time ever he's been entrusted with a real responsibility – and he plans to take that seriously. Even if the handsome tourist who claims to be in town for some R&R is clearly on a hunt for all things paranormal. And hasn't taken his brooding gaze off Eli since he's arrived. When an old skeleton and a fresh corpse turn a grief errand into a murder investigation, the unlikely Eli is the only person Julien can turn to. Trust is hard to come by, in a town known for its monsters, but so is time...

Paranormal romance TP \$35.95

### Purgatory's Shore

Artillerymen 01

#### Anderson, Taylor

*The United States, 1847.* A disparate group of young American soldiers are bound to join General Winfield Scott's campaign against Santa Anna at Veracruz during the Mexican-American War. They never arrive. Or rather... they arrive somewhere else. The untried, idealistic soldiers are mostly replacements, really; a handful of infantry, artillery, dragoons, and a few mounted riflemen with no unified command. And they've been shipwrecked on a terrible, different Earth full of monsters and unimaginable enemies. Major Lewis Cayce, late of the 3rd US Flying Artillery, must unite these men to face their fears and myriad threats, armed with little more than flintlock muskets, a few pieces of artillery, and a worldview that spiritually and culturally rebels against virtually everything they encounter. It will take extraordinary leadership and a cadre of equally extraordinary men and women to mould frightened troops into an effective force, make friends with other peoples the evil Holy Dominion would eradicate, and reshape their manifest destiny into a cause they can all believe in and fight for. For only together, will they have any hope of survival. A thrilling new adventure set in the world of the Destroyermen series.

Military SF PBK \$26.95

### Light From Uncommon Stars

#### Aoki, Ryka

Shizuka Satomi made a deal with the devil: to escape damnation, she must entice seven other violin prodigies to trade their souls for success. She has already delivered six. When Katrina Nguyen, a young transgender runaway, catches Shizuka's ear with her wild talent, Shizuka can almost feel the curse lifting. She's found her final candidate. But in a donut shop off a bustling highway in the San Gabriel Valley, Shizuka meets Lan Tran, retired starship captain, interstellar refugee, and mother of four. Shizuka doesn't have time for crushes or coffee dates, what with her very soul on the line, but Lan's kind smile and eyes like stars might just redefine a soul's worth. And maybe something as small as a warm donut is powerful enough to break a curse as vast as the California coastline. As the lives of these three women become entangled by chance and fate, a story of magic, identity, curses, and hope begins, and a family worth crossing the universe for is found. A defiantly joyful adventure set in California's San Gabriel Valley, with cursed violins, Faustian bargains, and queer alien courtship over fresh-made donuts.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

### The Ghost Slayers: Thrilling Tales of Occult Detection

Tales of the Weird

#### Ashley, Mike (editor)

Occult or psychic detective tales have been chilling readers for almost as long as there have been ghost stories. This beguiling subgenre follows specialists in occult lore – often with years of arcane training – investigating strange supernatural occurrences and pitting their wits against the bizarre and inexplicable. With tales featuring the most prominent psychic detectives such as William Hope Hodgson's Carnacki, the Ghost Finder and Algernon Blackwood's Dr Silence, this new collection also includes rare and never-before-reprinted cases investigated by the likes of Flaxman Low, Cosmo Thor, Aylmer Vance, and Mesmer Milann.

Classic horror TP \$35.95

### Playing with Fire: the Weird Tales of Arthur Conan Doyle

British Library Hardback Classics

#### Ashley, Mike (editor) & Doyle, Arthur Conan

Although best known for the stories of Sherlock Holmes, Arthur Conan Doyle wrote a remarkable number of weird and supernatural tales. Pulling at this thread of his fiction reveals a writer deeply fascinated in matters of the occult, the uncanny and the unexplainable, with his belief in spiritualism later in life only adding to his passion for the unknown. This volume collects Doyle's most enduring strange stories – ranging from monster encounters and deadly hauntings to dark tales of mesmerism – and also includes

a new introduction along with Doyle's never-before-reprinted essay on his own spiritual experiences, 'Stranger than Fiction'.

Classic horror HC \$55.00

### Longshadow

Regency Faerie Tales 03

#### Atwater, Olivia

Proper Regency ladies are not supposed to become magicians – but Miss Abigail Wilder is far from proper. The marriageable young ladies of London are dying mysteriously, and Abigail Wilder intends to discover why. Abigail's father, the Lord Sorcier of England, believes that a dark lord of faerie is involved – but while Abigail is willing to match her magic against Lord Longshadow, neither her father, nor high society, believe that she is capable of doing so. Thankfully, Abigail is not the only one investigating the terrible events in London. Mercy, a street rat and self-taught magician, insists on joining Abigail to unravel the mystery. But while Mercy's own magic is strange and foreboding, she may well pose an even greater danger to Abigail's heart. These fun Regency fantasies are flying off our shelves!

Historical fantasy romance PBK \$22.99

### Cowboy Wolf Outlaw

Seven Range Shifters 06

#### Ballengier, Kait

Grey Wolf assassin Malcolm Grey is set on revenge, and no one can stand in his way. With the pack facing their most challenging battle yet, his mission is simple: locate the perpetrators and destroy them. Malcolm will do anything to keep his pack safe, especially when sassy, southern belle Trixie Beauregard makes a proposal he can't resist. Trixie knows a few things about the dangerous cowboy sitting at her bar. One, he's a wolf shifter. Two, his wolf pack is in jeopardy. And three, despite all his growling, this dark-eyed cowboy wolf wants her. But Trixie has problems of her own, and she knows better than to run with the wolf. The smart thing to do would be to stay away. Too bad, she's always had a taste for trouble...

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

### The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy Bannen, Megan

Hart is a marshal, tasked with patrolling the strange and magical wilds of Tanria. It's an unforgiving job, and Hart's got nothing but time to ponder his loneliness. Mercy never has a moment to herself. She's been single-handedly keeping Birdsall & Son Undertakers afloat – in defiance of sullen jerks like Hart, who seems to have a gift for showing up right when her patience is thinnest. After yet another exasperating run-in with Mercy, Hart finds himself penning a letter addressed simply to 'A Friend'. Much to his surprise, an anonymous letter comes back in return, and a tentative friendship is born. If only Hart knew

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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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he's been baring his soul to the person who infuriates him most – Mercy. As the dangers from Tanria grow closer, so do the unlikely correspondents. But can their blossoming romance survive the fated discovery that their pen pals are their worst nightmares – each other? Set in a world full of magic and demigods, donuts and small-town drama, this enchantingly quirky, utterly unique fantasy is perfect for readers of *The House in the Cerulean Sea* and *The Invisible Library*.  
Romantic fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Small Town, Big Magic

Witchlore 01

#### Beck, Hazel

*There's no such thing as witches... right?* Emerson Wilde has built the life of her dreams. Youngest Chamber of Commerce president in St Cyprian history, successful indie bookstore owner, and lucky enough to have her best friends as found family? Done. But when Emerson is attacked by creatures that shouldn't be real, and kills them with what can only be called magic, Emerson finds that the past decade of her life has been... a lie. St Cyprian isn't your average Midwestern river town – it's a haven for witches. When Emerson failed a power test years ago, she was stripped of her magical memories. Turns out, Emerson's friends are all witches. And, so, is she. That's not all, though: evil is lurking in the charming streets of St Cyprian. Emerson will need to learn to control what's inside of her, remember her magic, and deal with old, complicated feelings for her childhood friend – cranky-yet-gorgeous local farmer Jacob North – to defeat an enemy that hides in the rivers and shadows of everything she loves. Even before she had magic, Emerson would have done anything for St Cyprian, but now she'll have to risk not just her livelihood... but her life.

Paranormal romance TP \$29.99

### Monsters Born and Made Berwah, Tanvi

Sixteen-year-old Koral and her older brother Emrik risk their lives each day to capture the monstrous maristags that live in the black seas around their island. They have to, or else their family will starve. In an oceanic world swarming with vicious beasts, the Landers – the ruling elite, have indentured Koral's family to provide the maristags for the Glory Race, a deadly chariot tournament reserved for the upper class. The winning contender receives gold and glory. The others – if they're lucky – survive. When the last maristag of the year escapes and Koral has no new maristag to sell, her family's financial situation takes a turn for the worse and they can't afford medicine for her chronically ill little sister. Koral's only choice is to do what no one in the world has ever dared: cheat her way into the Glory Race. But every step of the way is unpredictable as Koral races against competitors – including her ex-boyfriend – who have trained for this their whole lives and who have no intention of letting a low-caste girl steal their glory. As a rebellion rises and rogues attack Koral to try and force her to drop out, she must choose – her life or her sister's – before the whole island burns.

YA fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Dirty Lying Faeries Blackburry, Sabrina

*For better or for worse, the newest changeling has arrived...* When Thea Kanelos' best friend drags her to an art gala (that's definitely not her thing), she doesn't expect a chance encounter with Devin Grayson to change her life forever. The handsome stranger isn't just anyone – he's a powerful fae, charged with bringing Thea into his world. Believing that she's always been human, Thea must accept that everything she's known about herself up until now has been a lie. She's not human at all. She is a fae – funny, because she doesn't even believe in faeries. But with strange creatures now visible on the street and fangs and colours flashing in the shadows, it can't be denied: faeries are real. And with the Winter Solstice approaching, a magnificent ball will bring her fully into the fae world and draw her closer to Devin with whom she has a deepening and dangerous attraction. As her new powers awaken, Thea learns she plays a more pivotal role to the fae than she ever imagined. And when the barrier between the human and the fae worlds begins to crack, it will be up to her to save, not just herself, but everyone she loves from a terrible fate.

Fantasy romance HC \$57.95

### The Broken Tower

Barrier Lands 02

#### Braffet, Kelly

Judah the Foundling chose freedom over betrayal when she leaped from the top of the castle tower. Now she finds herself wandering an unknown forest, far from everything and everyone she loves. For the first time in her life, she's beyond the great Wall that surrounds Highfall castle; for the first time, she's alone. Away from the Seneschal, the power behind the throne; away from Nate Clare, the House Magus who was her teacher, friend, betrayer. Away from her foster brother, Gavin, with whom she has a mysterious bond that has kept them together – and kept her alive. But Judah isn't free. Fiercely sought by those who believe she holds the key to unlocking the power trapped in the world, she must learn to navigate the dangers of an unfamiliar place. She knows that somewhere, Gavin is in peril. To save him, she not only must learn to use the new power she discovers inside herself, she must survive. Deeply immersive, this penetrating tale of magic, faith and self-determination is the brilliant sequel to Kelly Braffet's *The Unwilling*. (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Desert Prince

Nightfall Saga 01

#### Brett, Peter V

Fifteen years have passed since the end of the war with demons, creatures of darkness who have hunted the night and plagued humanity since time out of mind. The heroes of humanity's hour of need have become legend, and those who remain struggle to escape their shadows. Olive Paper and Darin Bales have grown up in this new peaceful world. Demons have been all but destroyed, but dangers still lurk for the children of heroes. Olive, princess of Hollow, has her entire life planned out by her mother, Duchess Leesha Paper: a

steady march on a checklist to prepare her for succession. The more her mother writes the script, the more Olive rails against playing the parts she is assigned. Darin faces challenges of a different kind. Though free to choose his own path, the weight of legacy hangs heavy around his shoulders. It isn't easy being the son of the man people say saved the world. Everyone expects greatness from Darin, but the only thing he's ever been great at is hiding. When Olive and Darin step across the wards one night, they learn the demons are not all gone, and those that remain hunger for revenge. Events are set in motion that only prophecy can foresee as Olive and Darin seek to find their own places in the world in time to save it again. An epic fantasy adventure – the first in a new series, set in the beloved world of the Demon Cycle.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### A Song of Wraiths and Ruin Brown, Roseanne A

For Malik, the Solstasia festival is a chance to escape his war-stricken home and start a new life with his sisters in the prosperous desert city of Ziran. But when a vengeful spirit abducts his younger sister, Nadia, as payment to enter the city, Malik strikes a fatal deal – kill Karina, Crown Princess of Ziran, for Nadia's freedom. But Karina has deadly aspirations of her own. Her mother, the Sultana, has been assassinated; her court threatens mutiny; and Solstasia looms like a knife over her neck. Grief-stricken, Karina decides to resurrect her mother through ancient magic... requiring the beating heart of a king. And she knows just how to obtain one: by offering her hand in marriage to the victor of the Solstasia competition. When Malik rigs his way into the contest, they are set on a heart-pounding course to destroy each other. But as attraction flares between them and ancient evils stir, will they be able to see their tasks to the death? The first volume in a duology.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Medusa's Ankles: Selected Stories

collection

#### Byatt, A S

Mirrors shatter at the hairdresser's when a middle-aged client explodes in rage. Snow dusts the warm body of a princess, honing it into something sharp and frosted. Summer sunshine flickers on the face of a smiling child who may or may not be real. *Medusa's Ankles* celebrates the very best of A S Byatt's short fiction, carefully selected from a lifetime of writing. Peopled by artists, poets, and fabulous creatures, the stories blaze with creativity and colour. From ancient myth to a British candy factory, from a Chinese restaurant to a Mediterranean swimming pool, from a Turkish bazaar to a fairy-tale palace, Byatt transports her readers beyond the veneer of the ordinary – even beyond the gloss of the fantastical – to places rich and strange and wholly unforgettable. Includes the story 'The Djinn in the Nightingale's Eye' – the basis for the George Miller film *Three Thousand Years of Longing* starring Idris Elba and Tilda Swinton.

Gothic fantasy TP \$39.95

### The Guckoo

Under the Northern Sky 03

#### Garew, Leo

Albion continues to be divided by revolt and bloodshed, as alliances collapse and are made anew. Driven obsessively for glory, the upstart Bellamus and his exiled queen Aramilla are marshalling resistance and building a powerful army. Returning to the Hindrunn, Keturah is forced to fend for herself, battling enemies on all sides just when she is most in need of a place of safety. And all the while, the young Black Lord must deal not only with the aftermath of a great betrayal, but the cold shadow of the Kryptea, threatening to destroy everything he has fought for... This much-lauded trilogy begins with *The Wolf* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### The Blood Is the Life Garrico, David

Chaim Caan was just out for a night of fun, blowing off some steam the way a young man will. After the better part of a year spent in COVID lockdowns, he was ready to let his hair down at a night club. But the young woman he encountered that night left him with something to remember her by: she turned Chaim into a vampire. Soon, Chaim finds himself thrust into a weird underground world of mysticism and enchantment as he navigates life as the newly undead, trying to reconcile his beliefs as an Orthodox Jew with the new reality that has been thrust upon him. He is forced to deal with a lot of change: to his body, to his mind, to his perceptions, to his relationships, and even to his world. He finds himself in parts of the world he had never dreamed of being in, and he finds himself doing things that he had never envisioned being a part of his life. And if he can come to terms with these changes, this mild-mannered young man might just find himself a hero.

Paranormal mystery HC \$55.00

### The Little Book of Witchcraft Garvel, Astrid

Discover the wonders of Wicca and learn how to harness your inner power with this beginner's guide to white witchcraft. From the history of Wicca to the basics of spell work, this pocket-sized book is the perfect introduction to magick and white witchcraft. Find out how to tap into the infinite power of the natural world by uncovering the unique properties of natural ingredients from herbs, flowers, and seeds to incense and crystals. Study the extraordinary history of witches and Wicca, and discover how present-day witches combine modern technology and traditional methods to help manifest their desires. Master the rudiments of white magick with enchantments and rituals for every occasion. Whether you're a budding witch or simply want to learn more about the world of spells and sorcery, this book includes everything you need to understand and start practising this remarkable craft. Enrich your life with the power of magick and learn how to: uncover and embrace your inner witch; connect with the rich history of witchcraft; start developing your Wiccan abilities and sustain your craft; work in

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alignment with the earth's natural rhythms to get the most out of your practice; and create spells, potions and rituals for promoting love, happiness and success.

Witchcraft PBK \$17.99

### The Girl from the Well Chupeco, Rin

Okiku is a lonely soul. She has wandered the world for centuries, freeing the spirits of the murdered-dead. Once a victim herself, she now takes the lives of killers with the vengeance they're due. But releasing innocent ghosts from their ethereal tethers does not bring Okiku peace. Still she drifts on. Such is her existence, until she meets Tark. Evil writhes beneath the moody teen's skin, trapped by a series of intricate tattoos. While his neighbours fear him, Okiku knows the boy is not a monster. Tark needs to be freed from the malevolence that clings to him. There's just one problem: if the demon dies, so does its host.

YA horror (reissue) TP \$19.99

### Silver Under Nightfall Chupeco, Rin

Remy Pendergast is many things: the only son of the Duke of Valenbonne (though, his father might wish otherwise), an elite bounty hunter of rogue vampires, and an outcast among his fellow Reapers. His mother was a subject of gossip even before she eloped with a vampire, giving rise to rumours that Remy is a half-vampire, himself. Remy's whole life, his father has been shaping him into a weapon to fight for the kingdom of Aluria, though it barely tolerates him in return. When a terrifying new breed of vampire is sighted outside of the city, Remy prepares to investigate alone. But then he encounters the shockingly warm-hearted vampire heiress Xiaodan Song and her infuriatingly arrogant fiancé, vampire lord Zidan Malekh, who may hold the key to defeating the creatures – though he knows associating with them won't do his reputation any favours. When he's offered a spot alongside them to find the truth about the mutating virus, now known as the Rot, Remy faces a choice. It's one he's certain he'll soon regret. But as the three face dangerous hardships during their journey, Remy develops fond and complicated feelings for the couple. He begins to question what he holds true about vampires, as well as the story behind his own family legacy. As the Rot continues to spread across the kingdom, Remy must decide where his loyalties lie: with his father and the kingdom he's spent his life defending, or the vampires who might just be the death of him.

Paranormal TP \$32.99

### The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina Córdova, Zoraida

The Montoyas are used to a life without explanations. They know better than to ask why the pantry never seems to run low, or why their matriarch won't ever leave their home in Four Rivers – not for graduations, weddings, or baptisms. But when Orquídea Divina invites them to her funeral and to collect their inheritance, they hope to learn the secrets that she has held onto so tightly their whole lives. Instead, Orquídea is transformed into a ceiba tree, leaving them with more questions than answers.

Seven years later, her gifts have manifested in different ways for Marimar, Rey, and Rhiannon, granting them unexpected blessings and powers. But soon, a hidden figure begins to tear through their family tree, picking them off one by one as it seeks to destroy Orquídea's line. Determined to save what's left of their family and uncover the truth behind their inheritance, her descendants travel to Ecuador – to the place where Orquídea buried her secrets and broken promises and never looked back. Alternating between Orquídea's past and her descendants' present, a family searches for the truth hidden in their past. Perfect for fans of Alice Hoffman, Isabel Allende, and Sarah Addison Allen.

Fantasy TP \$24.99

### The Expanse Box Set

Expanse 01–3

Gorey, James S A

Contains *Leviathan Wakes*, *Caliban's War*, *Abaddon's Gate*.

Space opera (reissue) PBK \$55.00

### No Game for Knights

anthology

Correia, Larry

& Ezell, Kacey (editors)

In a world of criminals, thugs, con artists, cheats, and swindlers, there must be a man to stand against the powers of darkness and corruption. A man not afraid to walk the mean streets – whether they be those of 1930s' Los Angeles, an ancient fantasy realm, or some far-flung planet of a future star empire. He is a man who knows that a 'good man' is not always a 'nice guy'. But when the chips are down, he understands that a hero does the right thing, even if it means losing everything. He's a hard man, sure. But an honourable one. He's a truth-seeker, a score-evener. He is Sam Spade. He is Philip Marlowe. He is Rick Deckard. He is Harry Dresden. He is all these men and more. Now, join Larry Correia and Kacey Ezell as they present all-new stories of fantasy and science fiction with a hardboiled detective bent by today's top authors. Grab the bottle of Scotch from your bottom desk drawer. Light a cigarette. Tilt your fedora back on your head. But don't forget to watch your back. This is *No Game for Knights*. Stories by: Laurell K Hamilton, Larry Correia, Christopher Ruocchio, Michael Haspil, D J Butler, Kacey Ezell, Griffin Barber, Robert Buettner, Sharon Shinn, Craig Martelle, Chris Kennedy, S A Bailey, G Scott Huggins, Nicole Givens Kurtz, and Rob Howell.

Hardboiled spec fic HC \$25.00

### Reset

Reset 01

Dahlan, Sarina

Can you love someone you don't remember?

After the Last War destroyed most of the world, survivors form a new society in four self-sustaining cities in the Mojave Desert. In the utopia of the Four Cities, inspired by the lyrics of 'Imagine' and Buddhist philosophy, everything is carefully planned and controlled: the seasons, the weather – and the residents. To prevent mankind from destroying each other again, its citizens undergo a memory wipe every four years in a process called *tabula rasa*, a blank slate, to remove learned prejudices. With each new

cycle, they begin again with new names, jobs, homes, and lives. No memories.

No attachments. No wars. Aris, a scientist who shuns love, embraces *tabula rasa* and the excitement of unknown futures. Walling herself off from emotional attachments, she sees relationships as pointless and avoids deep connections. But she is haunted by a recurring dream that becomes more frequent and vivid as time passes. After meeting Benja, a handsome free-spirited writer who believes his dreams of a past lover are memories, her world is turned upside down. Obsessed with finding the Dreamers, a secret organisation thought to have a way to recover memories, Benja draws her down a dangerous path toward the past. When Metis, the leader of the Dreamers, appears in Aris' life, everything she believes falls to pieces. With little time left before the next *tabula rasa*, they begin a bittersweet romance, navigating love in a world where names, lives, and moments are systematically destroyed.

Dystopia TP \$43.95

### 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. Mystery, horror, science fiction, and fantasy stories have all been written about cats. From legendary editor Ellen Datlow comes *Tails of Wonder and Imagination*, which collects the best of the last 30 years of science fiction and fantasy stories about cats by some of today's most popular authors. *Tails of Wonder and Imagination* features more than 200,000 words of 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. With uncollected stories by Stephen King, Carol Emshwiller, Tanih Lee, Peter S Beagle, Elizabeth Hand, Dennis Danvers, and Theodora Goss, and a previously unpublished story by Susanna Clarke, plus feline-centric fiction by Neil Gaiman, Kelly Link, George R R Martin, Lucius Shepard, Joyce Carol Oates, Graham Joyce, Catherynne M Valente, Michael Marshall Smith, and many others.

Feline-centric fantasy TP \$34.99

### Never the Wind Dimitri, Francesco

*Praise God, never the wind...*

1996 – Luca Saracino is 13 and has been completely blind for eight months, when his parents move to a Southern Italian farmhouse, they dream of turning into a hotel. With his brother dropping out of university and the family reeling from Luca's diagnosis, they are chasing dreams of rebirth and reinvention. As Luca tells his story without sight – experiencing the world solely through hearing, smell, taste and touch – he meets the dauntless Ada Guadalupi, who takes him out to explore the rocky fields and empty beaches. But Luca and Ada find they can't escape the grudges that have lasted between their families for generations, or the gossiping of the town. And Luca is preyed upon by the feral Wanderer, who walks the vineyards of his home. As Luca's family starts to crack

at the seams, Luca and Ada have to navigate new lands and old rivalries to uncover the truths spoken as whispers on the wind.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### The Poison Throne

Tumanbay 02

Dryden, Walker

Occupied by the fanatical forces of the mysterious cult of Maya, corpses hang from the gallows, and citizens are flogged for next to nothing. Barakat, leader of the Inquisition, leads the purge. Gregor, former spymaster to the Sultan, lives in fear. Madu, heir to the throne, is opiated and installed as a puppet ruler. And Qulan, the great general, rots in prison. But the history of Tumanbay shows that those who can rise to power can just as easily fall. And there are whispers of rebellion, of a reckoning – as well as rumblings of plague on the horizon... The saga of Tumanbay begins with *The City of a Thousand Faces* (PBK, \$24.99).

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Promise of Lost Things Dunbar, Helene

Russ Griffin has always wanted to be a fantastic medium. Growing up in the town of St Hilaire, where most residents make their living by speaking to the dead, means there's a lot of competition, and he's always held his own. But Russ knows the town he loves is corrupt, and he's determined to save it before the sinister ruling body, The Guild, ruins all he's ever wanted. Willow Rogers is St Hilaire royalty. An orphan, raised by The Guild, she's powerful and mysterious. But she has secrets that might change everyone's fate. She's done with St Hilaire, done with helping spirits move on. She wants to end the cycle for good and rid the town of ghosts, even if that means destroying the only home she's ever known. Asher Mullen lost his sister, and his parents can't get over her death. They sought answers in St Hilaire and were turned away. Now, they want revenge. Asher is tasked with infiltrating the town, and he does that by getting to know Russ. The only problem is, he might be falling for him, which will make betraying him that much harder. Russ, Willow, and Asher all have their own agendas for St Hilaire, but one thing's for certain, no one will be resting in peace.

YA ghost stories TP \$19.99

### Mindwalker Dylan, Kate

*Do not surrender control.* Eighteen-year-old Sil Sarrah is determined to die a legend. But with only twelve months left before the supercomputer grafted to her brain kills her, Sil's time is quickly running out. In the 10 years she's been rescuing field agents for the Syntex corporation – by commandeering their minds from afar, and leading them to safety – Sil hasn't lost a single life. And she's not about to start, now. But when a critical mission goes south, Sil is forced to flee the very company she once called home. Desperate to prove she's no traitor, Sil infiltrates the Analog Army, an activist faction working to bring Syntex down. Her plan: to win back her employer's trust by destroying the group from within. Instead, she and the Army's reckless leader, Ryder, uncover a horrifying truth that threatens to undo all the good she's ever done. With

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her tech rapidly degrading and her new ally keeping dangerous secrets of his own, Sil must find a way to stop Syntax in order to save her friends, her reputation – and maybe even herself. An action-packed YA sci-fi novel with one central question at its core: would you ever surrender control of your mind?

YA science fiction TP \$22.99

### Number One Fan

**Elison, Meg**

On her way to a speaking engagement, bestselling novelist Eli Grey gets into a cab and accepts a drink from the driver, trusting that everything is fine. She wakes up chained in the stranger's basement. With no close family or friends expecting her to check in, Eli knows she needs to save herself. She soon realises that her abduction wasn't random, and though she thinks she might recognise her captor, she can't figure out what he wants. Her only clues are that he's very familiar with her books and deeply invested in the fantastical world she creates. What follows is a test of wills as Eli pits herself against a man who believes she owes him everything – and is determined to take it from her.

Horror TP \$29.99

### A Half-Built Garden

**Emrys, Ruthanna**

On a warm March night in 2083, Judy Wallach-Stevens wakes to a warning of unknown pollutants in the Chesapeake Bay. She heads out to check what she expects to be a false alarm – and stumbles upon the first alien visitors to Earth. These aliens have crossed the galaxy to save humanity, convinced that the people of Earth must leave their ecologically-ravaged planet behind and join them among the stars. And, if humanity doesn't agree, they may need to be saved by force. But the watershed networks that rose up, to save the planet from corporate devastation, aren't ready to give up on Earth. Decades ago, they reorganised humanity around the hope of keeping the world liveable. By sharing the burden of decision-making, they've started to heal our wounded planet. Now, corporations, nation-states, and networks all vie to represent humanity to these powerful new beings, and if anyone accepts the offer of the aliens, Earth may be lost. With all eyes turned skyward, the future hinges on Judy's effort to create understanding, both within and beyond her own species.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### Tear Down the Throne

Gargoyle Queen 02

**Estep, Jennifer**

Crown princess. Clever spy. Powerful mind magier. Gemma Ripley of Andvari is all those things – and determined to stop an enemy from using magical tearstone weapons to conquer her kingdom. Gemma's quest for answers leads her to a trade Summit between the various kingdoms. Among the other royals in attendance is Queen Maeven Morriconne of Morta and her son, Prince Leonidas – Gemma's charming and dangerous nemesis. Gemma knows that Maeven always has a long game in motion, and sure enough, the cunning queen invokes an arcane tradition that threatens the fragile truce between Andvari and the other kingdoms. Despite her best intentions, Gemma once again finds

herself thrown together with Leo and battling her growing feelings for the enemy prince.

When a series of deadly attacks shatters the Summit's peaceful negotiations, Gemma realises that someone wants to tear the royals down from their thrones – and that this enemy just might succeed. The sequel to *Capture the Crown* (TP, \$29.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### Notorious Sorcerer

Burnished City 01

**Evans, Davinia**

Welcome to Bezim, where tribes of sword-slinging bravi race through the night, and where rich and idle alchemists make magic out of mixing the four planes of reality. Siyon Velo, Dockside brat turned petty alchemist, scrapes a living hopping between the planes to harvest ingredients for the city's alchemists. But when Siyon accidentally commits an act of impossible magic, he's catapulted into the limelight – which is a bad place to be when the planes start lurching out of alignment, threatening to send the city into the sea. It will take a miracle to save Bezim. Good thing, Siyon has pulled off the impossible before. Now, he has to master it. A delightful debut fantasy, set in a city bursting with wild magic, chaotic sword-fighting street gangs, brazen flirting, malevolent harpies and one defiant alchemist, perfect for fans of Melissa Caruso and Laini Taylor.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The King of Infinite Space

**Faye, Lyndsay**

Meet Ben Dane: brilliant, devastating, devoted, honest to a fault (truly, a fault). His Broadway theatre baron father is dead – but on purpose or by accident? The question rips him apart. Unable to face alone his mother's ghastly remarriage to his uncle, Ben turns to his dearest friend, Horatio Patel, whom he hasn't seen since their relationship changed forever from platonic to something... other. Loyal to a fault (truly, a fault), Horatio is on the first flight to New York City when he finds himself next to a sly tailor who portends inevitable disaster. And who seems ominously like an architect of mayhem himself. Meanwhile, Ben's ex-fiancé, Lia, sundered her from her loved ones thanks to her addiction recovery and torn from her art, has been drawn into the fold of three florists from New Orleans – seemingly ageless sisters who teach her the language of flowers, and whose magical bouquets hold both curses and cures. For a price. On one explosive night, these kinetic forces will collide, and the only possible outcome is death. But in the masterly hands of Lyndsay Faye, the story we all know has abundant surprises in store. Impish, captivating, and achingly romantic, this is *Hamlet* as you've never seen it before.

Magical realism TP \$37.95

### Phantom Game

Ghostwalker 18

**Feehan, Christine**

Jonas 'Smoke' Harper has watched his brothers find their perfect mates, never imagining he'd actually meet someone who complements every part of him – even the monster that lurks within. But his instant connection with Camellia goes far beyond wanting the intelligent, beautiful, and lethal

woman in his bed. They are two parts of a whole, linked to each other and to a larger network that exists everywhere around them. Camellia has lived on her own for a long time, relying on her unique psychic abilities to keep her safe. She knows that Jonas was literally made for her, and that makes their addictive connection more dangerous than a thousand enhanced super soldiers. Once the larger threat looming over them is dealt with she's going to get far away as fast as she can. Life has taught her that the only one she can truly trust is herself. Jonas can sense Camellia is going to run – and the hunter inside doesn't want to let go. Not when he knows how good they'll be together. So, he'll just have to use all of his considerable skills to convince her to stay...

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### Here Be Leviathans

collection

**Flynn, Chris**

A collection of funny, brilliant, boundary-pushing stories from the bestselling author of *Mammoth* (PBK, \$22.99). A grizzly bear goes on the run after eating a teenager. A hotel room participates in an unlikely conception. A genetically altered platypus colony puts on an art show. A sabretooth tiger falls for the new addition to his theme park. An airline seat laments its last useful day. A Shakespearean monkey test pilot launches into space. The stories in *Here Be Leviathans* take us from the storm drains under Las Vegas to the Alaskan wilderness; the rainforests of Queensland to the Chilean coastline. Narrated in Chris Flynn's unique and hilarious style by animals, places, objects, and even the (very) odd human, these short fictions push the boundaries of the form by examining human behaviour from the perspective of the outsider.

Speculative fiction TP \$32.99

### The Ballad of Never After

Once Upon a Broken Heart 02

**Garber, Stephanie**

After Jacks, the Prince of Hearts, betrays her, Evangeline Fox swears she'll never trust him again. Now that she's discovered her own magic, Evangeline believes she can use it to restore the chance at happily ever after that Jacks stole away. But when a new terrifying curse is revealed, Evangeline finds herself entering into a tenuous partnership with the Prince of Hearts again. Only this time, the rules have changed. Jacks isn't the only force Evangeline needs to be wary of. In fact, he might be the only one she can trust, despite her desire to despise him. Instead of a love spell wreaking havoc on Evangeline's life, a murderous spell has been cast. To break it, Evangeline and Jacks will have to do battle with old friends, new foes, and a magic that plays with heads and hearts. Evangeline has always trusted her heart, but this time she's not sure she can... The sequel to *Once Upon a Broken Heart* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Children of D'Hara

omnibus

**Goodkind, Terry**

The insatiable hunger of the Golden Goddess... The irresistible power of a Witch's Oath... A fracture in the world of life... An opening in the world of death...

Richard Rahl and Kahlan Amnell face the perfect storm. Previously published in five parts: *The Scribbly Man*, *Hateful Things*, *Wasteland*, *Witch's Oath*, and *Into Darkness*; *The Children of D'Hara* picks up immediately after the conclusion of the Sword of Truth series in one breathtakingly compelling, powerful, blockbuster novel...

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Belladonna

**Grace, Adalyn**

For as long as Signa Farrow has been alive, the people in her life have fallen like stars... Orphaned as a baby, 19-year-old Signa has been raised by a string of guardians, each more interested in her wealth than her wellbeing – and each has met an untimely end. Her remaining relatives are the elusive Hawthornes, an eccentric family living at Thorn Grove, an estate both glittering and gloomy. Its patriarch mourns his late wife through wild parties, while his son grapples for control of the family's waning reputation and his daughter suffers from a mysterious illness. But when their mother's restless spirit appears claiming she was poisoned, Signa realises that the family she depends on could be in grave danger, and enlists the help of a surly stable boy to hunt down the killer. Signa's best chance of uncovering the murderer, though, is an alliance with Death himself, a fascinating, dangerous shadow who has never been far from her side. Though he's made her life a living hell, Death shows Signa that their growing connection may be more powerful – and more irresistible – than she ever dared imagine.

YA gothic fantasy TP \$22.99

### Psalms for the End of the World

**Haddon, Cole**

It's 1962 and physics student Grace Pulansky believes she has met the man of her dreams, Robert Jones, while serving up slices of pecan pie at the local diner. But then the FBI shows up, with their fedoras and off-the-rack business suits, and accuses him of being a bomb-planting mass-murderer. Finding herself on the run with Jones across America's Southwest, the discoveries awaiting Gracie will undermine everything she knows about the universe. Her story will reveal how scores of lives – an identity-swapping rockstar, a mourning lover in ancient China, Nazi hunters in pursuit of a terrible secret, a crazed artist in pre-revolutionary France, an astronaut struggling with a turbulent interplanetary future, and many more – are interconnected across space and time by love, grief, and quantum entanglement. Spanning continents, centuries, and dimensions, this exquisitely crafted and madly inventive novel – a triple-disk, concept-album of a book – is a profound yet propulsive enquiry into the nature of reality – the perfect immersive read for fans of David Mitchell, Emily St John Mandel, Neil Gaiman, and Margaret Atwood.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### World's Edge

Tethered Citadel 02

**Hair, David**

Chasing a dream of wealth and freedom, Raythe Vyre's ragtag caravan of refugees from imperial oppression went off the map,

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into the frozen wastes of the north. What they found there was beyond all their expectations: Rath Argentium, the legendary city of the long-vanished Aldar, complete with its fabled floating citadel. Even more unexpectedly, they encountered the Tangato, the remnants of the people who served the Aldar, who are shocked to learn that they're not alone in the world – and hostile to Raythe's interlopers. What awaits Raythe's people in the haunted castle that floats above them, the lair of the last Aldar King? Everlasting wealth – or eternal damnation? *World's Edge* continues the story begun in *Map's Edge* (PBK, \$24.99).  
Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Redwood and Wildfire Hairston, Andrea

At the turn of the 20th century, minstrel shows transform into vaudeville, which slides into moving pictures. Hunkering together in dark theatres, diverse audiences marvel at flickering images. This 'dreaming in public' becomes common culture and part of what transforms immigrants and 'native' born into Americans. Redwood, an African-American woman, and Aidan, a Seminole Irish man, journey from Georgia to Chicago, from haunted swampland to a 'city of the future'. They are gifted performers and hoodoo conjurers, struggling to call up the wondrous world they imagine, not just on stage and screen, but on city streets, in front parlours, in wounded hearts. The power of hoodoo is the power of the community that believes in its capacities to heal and determine the course of today and tomorrow. Living in a system stacked against them, Redwood and Aidan's power and talent are torment and joy. Their search for a place to be who they want to be is an exhilarating, painful, magical adventure. 'An affirmation of the power of joy to transform the world, and reading it will make you sing like a bird while wishing for wings with which to fly.' – *Nisi Shawl*.  
Fantasy TP \$34.99

### Second Spear

Mkalis Cycle 02

#### Hall, Kerstin

After surviving the schemes of a vengeful goddess and learning some shattering truths about her former life, the warrior Tyn feels estranged from her role guarding her ruler. Grappling with knowledge of her identity, she unleashes her frustrations on all the wrong people. When an old enemy returns wielding an unstoppable, realm-crushing weapon and Tyn is swept up in the path of destruction, she must make a choice about who she is and who she wants to be. The thrilling follow-up to *The Border Keeper* (PBK, \$24.99).  
Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Cackle

#### Harrison, Rachel

All her life, Annie has played it nice and safe. After being unceremoniously dumped by her long-time boyfriend, Annie seeks a fresh start. She accepts a teaching position that moves her from Manhattan to a small village upstate. She's stunned by how perfect and picturesque the town is. The people are all friendly and warm. Her new apartment is dreamy too, minus the oddly persistent spider infestation. Then Annie meets Sophie. Beautiful, charming, magnetic Sophie, who takes a special interest in Annie, who wants

to be her friend. More importantly, she wants Annie to stop apologising and start living for herself. That's how Sophie lives. Annie can't help but gravitate toward the self-possessed Sophie, wanting to spend more and more time with her, despite the fact that the rest of the townsfolk seem... a little afraid of her. And like, okay. There are some things. Sophie's appearance is uncanny and ageless, her mansion in the middle of the woods feels a little unearthly, and she does seem to wield a certain power... but she couldn't be... could she?  
Horror TP \$37.95

### Stone Blind: Medusa's Story Haynes, Natalie

Medusa is the only mortal in a family of gods. Growing up with her sisters, she quickly realises that she is the only one who gets older, experiences change, feels weakness. Her mortal lifespan gives her an urgency that her family will never know. When the sea god, Poseidon, commits an unforgivable act in her sacred temple the goddess, Athene, takes her revenge on an innocent – and Medusa's life is changed forever. Appalled by her own reflection: snakes have replaced her hair and she realises that her gaze can, now, turn any living creature to stone. Medusa can no longer look upon anyone she loves without destroying them, and so condemns herself to a life lived in shadow and solitude to limit her murderous rage. That is, until Perseus embarks upon a fateful quest, to fetch the head of a Gorgon...  
Myth retold TP \$34.99

### All of Our Demise

All of Us Villains 02

#### Herman, Christine & Foody, Amanda

*I should warn you: this is going to be absolutely brutal...* For the first time in this ancient, bloodstained story, the tournament is breaking. The boundaries between the city of Ilvermath and the arena have fallen. Reporters swarm the historic battlegrounds. A dead boy now lives again. And a new champion has entered the fray, one who seeks to break the curse for good... no matter how many lives are sacrificed in the process. As the curse teeters closer and closer to collapse, the surviving champions each face a choice: dismantle the tournament piece by piece, or fight to the death as this story always intended. Long-held alliances will be severed. Hearts will break. Lives will end. Because a tale as wicked as this one was never destined for happily ever after. The sequel to *All of Us Villains* (PBK, \$19.99).  
YA fantasy TP \$22.99

### Greek Myths:

#### a New Retelling Higgins, Charlotte & Ofili, Chris (illustrator)

In this powerful new collection, Charlotte Higgins foregrounds Greek mythology's most enduring heroines. Here are the myths of Heracles and Theseus, the Trojan war, Thebes and Argos and Athens. They are stories of love and desire, adventure and magic, destructive gods, helpless humans, fantastical creatures, and resourceful witches. In this telling the female characters take centre stage as Athena, Helen, Circe, Penelope, and others

weave these stories into elaborate imagined tapestries. In Charlotte Higgins' thrilling new interpretation of these ancient stories, their tales combine to form a dazzling, sweeping epic of storytelling.  
Mythology PBK \$22.99

### The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels

Dangerous Damsels 01

#### Holton, India

Cecilia Bassingwaite is the ideal Victorian lady. She's also a thief. Like the other members of the Wisteria Society crime sorority, she flies around England drinking tea, blackmailing friends, and acquiring treasure by interesting means. Sure, she has a dark and traumatic past and an overbearing aunt, but all things considered, it's a pleasant existence. Until the men show up. Ned Lightbourne is a sometimes assassin who is smitten with Cecilia from the moment they meet. Unfortunately, that happens to be while he's under direct orders to kill her. His employer, Captain Morvath, who possesses a gothic abbey bristling with cannons and an unbridled hate for the world, intends to rid England of all its presumptuous women, starting with the Wisteria Society. Ned has plans of his own. But both men have made one grave mistake. Never underestimate a woman. When Morvath imperils the Wisteria Society, Cecilia is forced to team up with her handsome would-be assassin to save the women who raised her – hopefully proving, once and for all, that she's as much of a scoundrel as the rest of them. 'The kind of book for which the word *rollicking* was invented.' – *New York Times Book Review*.  
Regency fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The League of Gentlewomen Witches

Dangerous Damsels 02

#### Holton, India

Miss Charlotte Pettifer belongs to a secret league of women skilled in the subtle arts. That is to say – although it must never be said – witchcraft. The League of Gentlewomen Witches strives to improve the world in small ways. Using magic, they tidy, correct, and manipulate according to their notions of what is proper, entirely unlike those reprobates in the Wisteria Society. When the long-lost amulet of Black Beryl is discovered, it is up to Charlotte, as the future leader of the League, to make sure the powerful talisman does not fall into the wrong hands. Therefore, it is most unfortunate when she crosses paths with Alex O'Riley, a pirate who is no Mr Darcy. With all the world scrambling after the amulet, Alex and Charlotte join forces to steal it together. If only they could keep their pickpocketing hands to themselves! If Alex's not careful, he might just steal something else – such as Charlotte's heart. The sequel to *The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels* (PBK, \$19.99).  
Regency fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Virago Book of Witches

anthology

#### Husain, Shahrugh (editor)

Witches are once again in the ascendancy! Beware the women who are called witches, or those who claim the name for themselves... Banshees – a howling night-witch and harbinger of death; She-devils – Lilith

and her daughters; or Bitches – Hecate, whose chariot is drawn by dogs. Alluring women, enchantresses, seekers of revenge, wise old women, and badly-behaved girls. As Shahrugh Husain says: 'witches... womanhood, in all its complexity'. Over 50 stories of crones and nixies, shape shifters and beauties are here, including the loving fox witch of Japan; Italy's Witch-Bea-Witch; Scotland's Goodwife of Laggan; Bidy Earl and the terrifying Kali and Baba Yaga who comes in many forms to haunt, entice, possess, transform, and challenge. From every corner of the globe, with tomfoolery, fun, strife, and victory, these folklore and legends celebrate women who step out of line. Includes a new introduction by the editor.  
Witches PBK \$24.99

### The Turn of the Screw and Other Ghost Stories

collection

#### James, Henry

A chilling collection of Henry James' finest ghost stories, now in a wonderful Clothbound Classics edition. In 'The Turn of the Screw', one of the most famous ghost stories of all time, a governess becomes obsessed with the belief that malevolent forces are stalking the children in her care. But are the children really in danger – and if so, from whom? The novella is accompanied here by several more of the very best of Henry James' short stories, including 'The Jolly Corner' and 'The Third Person', all of which explore human psychology through ghostly visitations and the uncanny.  
Ghost stories PBK \$39.99

### The Bruising of Qilwa Jamnia, Naseem

Firuz-e Jafari is fortunate enough to have immigrated to the Free Democratic City-State of Qilwa, fleeing the slaughter of other traditional Sassanian blood magic practitioners in their homeland. Despite the status of refugees in their new home, Firuz has a good job at a free healing clinic in Qilwa, working with Kofi, a kindly new employer, and mentoring Afsonah, a troubled orphan refugee with powerful magic. But Firuz and Kofi have discovered a terrible new disease which leaves mysterious bruises on its victims. The illness is spreading quickly through Qilwa, and there are dangerous accusations of ineptly performed blood magic. In order to survive, Firuz must break a deadly cycle of prejudice, untangle socio-political constraints, and find a fresh start for their both their blood and found family.  
Historical fantasy PBK \$24.99

### Before Your Memory Fades

Before the Coffee Gets Cold 03

#### Kawaguchi, Toshikazu

In a small back alley in Tokyo, there is a café that has been serving carefully brewed coffee, for more than 100 years. But this coffee shop offers its customers a unique experience: the chance to travel back in time. Here are four new customers, each of whom is hoping to take advantage of Café Funiculi Funicula's time-travelling offer. Along with some familiar faces, the reader will also be introduced to a daughter, a comedian, a sister, and a lover, each with something they wish they had said differently. The latest novel in

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the *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* series. With his signature heart-warming characters and immersive storytelling, Kawaguchi, once again, invites the reader to ask themselves: what would you change, if you could travel back in time? The first is *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* (PBK, \$19.99). Recommended.  
Time travel PBK \$19.99

### The All-Consuming World Khaw, Cassandra

Maya has died and been resurrected into countless cyborg bodies through the years of a long, dangerous career with the infamous Dirty Dozen, the most storied crew of criminals in the galaxy, at least before their untimely and gruesome demise. Decades later, she and her diverse team of broken, diminished outlaws must get back together to solve the mystery of their last, disastrous mission and to rescue a missing and much-changed comrade... but they're not the only ones in pursuit of the secret at the heart of the planet Dimmuborgir. The highly evolved AI of the galaxy have their own agenda and will do whatever it takes to keep humanity from ever regaining control. As Maya and her comrades spiral closer to uncovering the AI's vast conspiracy, this band of violent women – half clone and half machine – must battle their own traumas and a universe of sapient agheships who want them dead, in order to settle their affairs, once and for all.  
Science fiction TP \$37.95

### Suburban Hell Kilmer, Maureen

A Chicago cul-de-sac is about to get a new neighbour... of the demonic kind. Amy Foster considers herself lucky. After she left the city and moved to the suburbs, she found her place quickly with neighbours Liz, Jess, and Melissa, snarking together from the outskirts of the PTA crowd. One night during their monthly wine get-together, the crew concoct a plan for a clubhouse She Shed in Liz's backyard – a space for just them, no spouses or kids allowed. But the night after they christen the She Shed, things start to feel... off. They didn't expect Liz's little home-improvement project to release a demonic force that turns their quiet enclave into something out of a nightmare. And that's before the homeowners' association gets wind of it. Even the calmest moms can't justify the strange burn marks, self-moving dolls, and horrible smells surrounding their possessed friend, Liz. Together, Amy, Jess, and Melissa must fight the evil spirit to save Liz and the neighbourhood... before the suburbs go completely to hell.  
Horror TP \$27.99

### Fairy Tale King, Stephen

Charlie Reade looks like a regular high school kid, great at baseball and football, a decent student. But he carries a heavy load. His mom was killed in a hit-and-run accident when he was ten, and grief drove his dad to drink. Charlie learned how to take care of himself – and his dad. Then, when Charlie is 17, he meets a dog named Radar and her aging master, Howard Bowditch, a recluse in a big house at the top of a big hill, with a locked shed in the backyard. Sometimes strange sounds emerge from it. Charlie starts doing

jobs for Mr Bowditch and loses his heart to Radar. Then, when Bowditch dies, he leaves Charlie a cassette tape telling a story no one would believe. What Bowditch knows, and has kept secret all his long life, is that inside the shed is a portal to another world.  
Horror TP \$32.99

### 'Salem's Lot film tie-in

**King, Stephen**  
'Salem's Lot is a small New England town with the usual quota of gossips, drinkers, weirdos, and respectable folk. Of course, there are tales of strange happenings – but not more than in any other town its size. Ben Mears, a moderately successful writer, returns to the Lot to write a novel based on his early years, and to exorcise the terrors that have haunted him since childhood. The event he witnessed in the house now rented by a new resident. A newcomer with a strange allure. A man who causes Ben some unease as things start to happen: a child disappears, a dog is brutally killed – nothing unusual, except the list starts to grow. Soon, surprise will turn to bewilderment, bewilderment to confusion and finally to terror... Now a major motion picture.  
Horror (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### Centers of Gravity Fronlines 08

**Kloos, Marko**  
Nine hundred light-years from home, Major Andrew Grayson and the crew of NACS *Washington* are marooned in a sunless system with limited water, reactor fuel, and food. The last hope for survival is to go where nothing human has gone before. After embarking on a scouting mission to the only moon with surface signs of life, Andrew and his special tactics team make two startling discoveries. One is a dream: a form of protein and plant life that could save the starving humans in the rogue system. The second is a nightmare: this harvested rock is infested with Lankies. Far from the seemingly mindless aggressors Andrew has battled for years, these show a terrifying awareness, and they have surprising secrets of their own hidden away in the darkness. When the Lankies sense an uninvited presence in their world, Andrew's operation becomes an expedition to hell. The odds against his small crew are stacked high. Of all the mysteries of space, how to escape with their lives is the greatest unknown of all. This excellent series begins with *Terms of Enlistment* (PBK, \$24.99).  
Military SF PBK \$24.99

### Wolfson Green Creek 01

**Klune, T J**  
Ox Matheson was 12, when his father taught him a lesson: Ox wasn't worth anything, and people would never understand him. Then he left. Ox was 16, when the energetic Bennett family moved in next door, harbouring a secret that would change him forever. For the family are shapeshifters, who can transform into wolves at will. Drawn to their magic, loyalty and enduring friendships, Ox feels a gulf between this extraordinary new world and the quiet life he's known. He also finds an ally in Joe, the youngest Bennett boy. Joe is charming and handsome, but haunted by scars

he cannot heal. Ox was 23, when murder came to town, and tore a hole in his heart. Violence flared, tragedy split the pack and Joe left town, leaving Ox behind. Three years later, the boy is back. Except, now, he's a man – and Ox can no longer ignore the song that howls between them. The first in a new series.  
Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Deploying Dragons

Build-A-Dragon Sequence 02  
**Koboldt, Dan**  
Genetic engineer Noah Parker has at last landed the job he's long coveted: director of dragon design for the Build-A-Dragon Company. With a combination of genetic engineering and a cryptic device known as the Redwood Codex, he and his team can produce living, breathing dragons, made to order. But sales of dragons have plummeted, and the Build-A-Dragon Company will have to find new revenue streams if it hopes to stay in business. A contract to develop dragons for the US military promises a much-needed lifeline. Yet the specs are more challenging than anything Noah has ever designed. Worse, he learns that a shadow company headed by former CEO Robert Greaves has stolen the dragon-making technology to make a competing bid. Noah's dragons will face off against those of his old adversary. It's a head-to-head design competition, with the ethical future of domesticated dragons hanging in the balance. The sequel to *Domesticating Dragons* (PBK, \$24.95).  
Science fiction TP \$37.95

**Babel:**  
Or the Necessity of Violence: an Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution

**Kuang, R F**  
*Traduttore, traditore:* An act of translation is always an act of betrayal. 1828. Robin Swift, orphaned by cholera in Canton, is brought to London by the mysterious Professor Lovell. There, he trains for years in Latin, Ancient Greek, and Chinese, all in preparation for the day he'll enrol in Oxford University's prestigious Royal Institute of Translation – also known as Babel. Babel is the world's centre for translation and, more importantly, magic. Silver working – the art of manifesting the meaning lost in translation using enchanted silver bars – has made the British unparalleled in power, as its knowledge serves the Empire's quest for colonisation. For Robin, Oxford is a utopia dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge. But knowledge obeys power, and as a Chinese boy raised in Britain, Robin realises serving Babel means betraying his motherland. As his studies progress, Robin finds himself caught between Babel and the shadowy Hermes Society, an organisation dedicated to stopping imperial expansion. When Britain pursues an unjust war with China over silver and opium, Robin must decide... *Can powerful institutions be changed from within, or does revolution always require violence?* There's been huge prepublication buzz for *Babel*. Recommended.  
Alternate history TP \$32.99

### Holiday Heroine

Heroine Complex 06  
**Kuhn, Sarah**  
Nobody loves Christmas like Bea Tanaka – so when her family visits her for a special holiday celebration, she's beside herself with joy. After years of chaos, questionable decisions, and flirtations with the supervillain path, Bea is finally thriving. She's got a sweet, new gig hunting demons in Maui, she's working hard to hone her powers, and her big sister Evie is proud of her at last. In fact, everyone is so proud of her that she can't tell them the truth: she's feeling lost and adrift. She and her boyfriend Sam Fujikawa are struggling to make their long-distance love work, and her powers are displaying some intriguing new elements – elements that could lead her down an evil, mind-controlling path once more. When her family's holiday visit is disrupted by otherworldly monsters rising out of the Maui ocean, Bea throws herself into the battle – until she's suddenly and mysteriously transported to the perfect Christmas back in San Francisco, surrounded by her family and an excess of merry-making. As she finds herself trapped in the bizarre holiday rom-com of her nightmares, Bea must unravel a treacherous demon plot, save the world from unspeakable evil, and resist the siren song of a supervillain destiny. And, hey, maybe she'll find time for a little holiday cheer after all...  
Superheroes TP \$39.95

### The Dragon's Promise

Six Crimson Cranes 02  
**Lim, Elizabeth**  
A dragon's kingdom. A star-crossed love. And a cursed pearl with the power to mend the world, or break it... Princess Shiori made a deathbed promise to return the dragon's pearl to its rightful owner, but keeping that promise is more dangerous than she ever imagined. She must journey to the kingdom of dragons, navigate political intrigue among humans and dragons alike, fend off thieves who covet the pearl for themselves and will go to any lengths to get it, all the while cultivating the appearance of a perfect princess to dissuade those who would see her burned at the stake for the magic that runs in her blood. The pearl itself is no ordinary cargo; it thrums with malevolent power, jumping to Shiori's aid one minute, and betraying her the next – threatening to shatter her family and sever the thread of fate that binds her to her true love. It will take every ounce of strength Shiori can muster to defend the life and the love she's fought so hard to win. Shiori's quest continues, in the soaring sequel to the bestselling *Six Crimson Cranes* (PBK, \$19.99).  
YA fantasy TP \$22.99

### The Drowned Woods

**Lloyd-Jones, Emily**  
The right cause can topple a kingdom... Once upon a time, the kingdoms of Wales were rife with magic and conflict – and 18-year-old Mererid 'Mer' is well-acquainted with both. As the last living water diviner, she can manipulate water with magic – a unique elemental power many would kill to possess. For years, Mer has been running from the prince who bound her into his service – and forced her to kill thousands with her magic. Now, all Mer truly wants is a safe, quiet life,

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far from power and politics. But then Mer's old handler – the king's spymaster – returns with a proposition: use her powers to bring down the very prince that abused them both. Part heist novel, part dark fairy tale, and rich with Welsh legends, *The Drowned Woods* is an ethereal fantasy, perfect for fans of Kristin Cashore and Maria V Snyder.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

### London in Black

**Lutz, Jack**

*London, 2027.* Terrorists deploy a highly sophisticated nerve agent called London Black at Waterloo station – for an unfortunate section of the population, what follows is agonising physical deterioration and usually death. *London, 2029.* DI Lucy Stone is called in to investigate the gruesome murder of the scientist who developed an antidote to the nerve agent. It is a daily boost, making life bearable for the 'Vulnerables' – but isn't a cure. Lucy suspects the scientist might have been working on a permanent solution to the nerve agent. If she can recover it, she might permanently end the bane of London Black for herself and the other Vulnerables. But is the antidote real, or a figment of Lucy's desperation? And can she solve the case before her daily boosts – already beginning to lose their effect – leave her defenceless against the horrors of London Black?

SF thriller HC \$32.99

### Braid

Never Afters, novella

**McDermott, Kirstyn**

Decades after escaping the tower, Zel makes her living as a healer and wise-woman, travelling the lands with her family and the sentient, serpentine braid that still carries a touch of the witch's magic. Short-haired and happy, Zel prepares for the birth of her first great-grandchild, only to find herself shaken by unexpected news: Mother Gothel is dead. Memories of the woman who raised her, isolated and imprisoned, unlock within Zel an equal measure of anger and grief, forcing her at last to reckon with the tragic events of that long-ago summer when her own children came of age... a season where implacable death stalked her family across the wild, grassy plains and the world Zel knew split open and soured. For there are graver threats in Zel's world than witches, greater sorrows to be borne than the loss of true love, and some dangers from which even the oldest, strongest magic may not be enough to protect her. Braid is a dark and spellbinding reimagining of Rapunzel from the award-winning Kirstyn McDermott. Ideal for fans of Emma Donoghue, Kelly Link, and A S Byatt.

Fairy tales retold TP \$15.95

### Ledge

Glacian trilogy 01

**McEwan, Stacey**

In a place known as The Ledge, a civilisation is trapped by a vast chasm and sheer mountain face. There is no way for anyone to escape the frozen wasteland without befalling a deadly drop. They know nothing of the outside world except that it is where the Glacians reside – mystical winged creatures who bring them meagre rations to survive, in exchange for a periodic human sacrifice. Dawsyn, axe wielder and only remaining member of her family, has so far avoided the annual culling, but her luck has run out. She

is chosen and ripped from her icy home, the only world she knows. No one knows what will happen to her on the other side, least of all Dawsyn. Murdered? Enslaved? Worse? Thankfully, the fates align, and Dawsyn manages to escape their clutches with the help of a half-Glacian called Ryon. But trust does not come easily, and she keeps a trained axe to his throat while they journey together down the slopes. But who's to say that the life below will be any better than the one she has run from? The first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Be the Serpent

October Daye 16

**McGuire, Seanan**

October Daye is, finally, something she never expected to be: married. All the trials and turmoils and terrors of a hero's life have done very little to prepare her for the expectation that she will actually share her life with someone else, the good parts and the bad ones alike, not just allow them to dabble around the edges in the things she wants to share. But with an official break from hero duties from the Queen in the Mists, and her family wholly on board with this new version of 'normal', she's doing her best to adjust. It isn't always easy, but she's a hero, right? She's done harder. Until an old friend and ally turns out to have been an enemy in disguise for this entire time, and October's brief respite turns into a battle for her life, her community, and everything she has ever believed to be true. The debts of the Broken Ride are coming due, and whether she incurred them or not, she's going to be the one who has to pay.

Urban fantasy HC \$57.95

### The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches

**Mandanna, Sangu**

As one of the few witches in Britain, Mika Moon knows she has to hide her magic, keep her head down, and stay away from other witches so their powers don't mingle and draw attention. And as an orphan who lost her parents at a young age and was raised by strangers, she's used to being alone and she follows the rules... with one exception: an online account, where she posts videos pretending to be a witch. She thinks no one will take it seriously. But someone does. An unexpected message arrives, begging her to travel to the remote and mysterious Nowhere House to teach three young witches how to control their magic. It breaks all of the rules, but Mika goes anyway, and is immediately tangled up in the lives and secrets of not only her three charges, but also an absent archaeologist, a retired actor, two long-suffering caretakers, and... Jamie. The handsome and prickly librarian of Nowhere House would do anything to protect the children, and as far as he's concerned, a stranger like Mika is a threat. An irritatingly appealing threat. As Mika begins to find her place at Nowhere House, the thought of belonging somewhere begins to feel like a real possibility. But magic isn't the only danger in the world, and when peril comes knocking at their door, Mika will need to decide whether to risk everything to protect a found family she didn't know she was looking for... A warm and uplifting novel about an isolated witch whose opportunity to embrace a quirky new family – and a new love – changes the course of her life.

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

### Summer Sons

**Mandelo, Lee**

Lee Mandelo's debut is a sweltering, queer Southern Gothic that crosses Appalachian street racing with academic intrigue, all haunted by a hungry ghost. Andrew and Eddie did everything together, best friends bonded more deeply than brothers, until Eddie left Andrew behind to start his graduate program at Vanderbilt. Six months later, only days before Andrew was to join him in Nashville, Eddie dies of an apparent suicide. He leaves Andrew a horrible inheritance: a roommate he doesn't know, friends he never asked for, and a gruesome phantom that hungers for him. As Andrew searches for the truth of Eddie's death, he uncovers the lies and secrets left behind by the person he trusted most, discovering a family history soaked in blood and death. Whirling between the backstabbing academic world where Eddie spent his days and the circle of hot boys, fast cars, and hard drugs that ruled Eddie's nights, the walls Andrew has built against the world begin to crumble. And there is something awful lurking, waiting for those walls to fall.

Gothic fantasy TP \$32.99

### Kingdom of the Cursed

Kingdom of the Wicked 02

**Maniscalco, Kerri**

With the enigmatic Prince of Wrath at her side, Emilia sold her soul to become Queen of the Wicked and travelled to the Seven Circles to fulfil her vow of avenging her beloved sister. But the first rule in the court of the Wicked? Trust no one. And it quickly becomes clear that nothing in Hell is what it seems. Even Wrath, her onetime ally, may be keeping secrets about his true nature. But that suits Emilia just fine – she's got secrets of her own. Faced with backstabbing courtiers, princes who delight in fear, luxurious palaces, dazzling galas, and conflicting clues about what truly happened to her sister, Emilia finds herself on a mission to unlock the mysteries of her own past and uncover the answers she craves. As long as her sins don't catch up to her first... The sequel to *Kingdom of the Wicked* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA gothic fantasy PBK \$19.99

### The Great Book of King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table

**Matthews, John & Howe, John (Illustrator)**

The stories of King Arthur and Merlin, Lancelot and Guinevere, Galahad, Gawain, Tristan and the rest of the Knights of the Roundtable, and the search for the Holy Grail have been beloved for centuries and are the inspiration of many modern fantasy novels, films, and shows. These legends began when an obscure Celtic hero named Arthur stepped on to the stage of history sometime in the 6th century, generating a host of oral tales that would be inscribed some 900 years later by Thomas Malory in his classic *Morte D'Arthur* (*The Death of Arthur*). *The Great Book of King Arthur* brings these legends into the modern age, using accessible prose for contemporary readers for the first time. In addition to the stories in *Morte D'Arthur*, John Matthews includes many tales of Arthur and his knights either unknown to Malory or written in other languages, such as the story of Avenable, the girl brought up as a boy who

becomes a famous knight; Morien, whose adventures are as fantastic and exciting as any found in Malory's work; and a retelling of the life of Round Table favourite Gawain, from his strange birth to his upbringing among the poor to his ascension to the highest position – Emperor of Rome. In addition, there are some of the earliest tales of Arthur, deriving from the tradition of Celtic storytelling. The epic hero is represented in such powerful stories as 'The Adventures of Eagle-boy' and 'The Coming of Merlin', which is based on the early medieval text *Vita Merlini* and tells a completely new version of the great enchanter's story. *The Great Book of King Arthur* includes 15 full-colour paintings and 25 pencil drawings.

Folklore HC \$59.99

### A Strange and Stubborn Endurance Meadows, Foz

Velasin vin Aaro never planned to marry at all, let alone a girl from neighbouring Tithena. When an ugly confrontation reveals his preference for men, Vel fears he's ruined the diplomatic union before it can even begin. But while his family is ready to disown him, the Tithenai envoy has a different solution: for Vel to marry his former intended's brother instead. Caethari Aeduria always knew he might end up in a political marriage, but his sudden betrothal to a man from Ralia, where such relationships are forbidden, comes as a shock. With an unknown faction willing to kill to end their new alliance, Vel and Caethari have no choice, but to trust each other. Survival is one thing, but love – as both will learn – is quite another. An exploration of gender, identity, and self-worth; melding Byzantine politics, lush sexual energy, and a queer love story that is by turns sweet and sultry.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

### Gilded

Gilded duology 01

**Meyer, Marissa**

Long ago cursed by the god of lies, a poor miller's daughter has developed a talent for spinning stories that are fantastical and spellbinding and entirely untrue. Or, so, everyone believes. When one of Serilda's outlandish tales draws the attention of the sinister Erlking and his undead hunters, she finds herself swept away into a grim world where ghouls and phantoms prowl the earth and hollow-eyed ravens track her every move. The king orders Serilda to complete the impossible task of spinning straw into gold, or be killed for telling falsehoods. In her desperation, Serilda unwittingly summons a mysterious boy to her aid. He agrees to help her... for a price. Love isn't meant to be part of the bargain. Soon, Serilda realises that there is more than one secret hidden in the castle walls, including an ancient curse that must be broken if she hopes to end the tyranny of the king and his wild hunt forever. The first in a new duology

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

### Razzmatazz

Sammy & the Cheese 02

**Moore, Christopher**

*San Francisco, 1947.* Bartender Sammy 'Two Toes' Tiffin and the rest of the Cookie's Coffee Irregulars – a ragtag bunch of working mugs – are on the hustle: they're trying to

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open a driving school; Shanghai an abusive Swedish stevedore; get Mable, the local madam, and her girls to a Christmas party at the State Hospital without alerting the overzealous head of the SFPD vice squad; all, while Sammy's girlfriend, Stilton (*aka* the Cheese), and her 'Wendy the Welder' gal pals are using their wartime shipbuilding skills on a secret project that might be attracting the attention of some government Men in Black. And, oh, yeah... someone is murdering the city's drag kings and club owner Jimmy Vasco is sure she's next on the list and wants Sammy to find the killer. Meanwhile, Eddie 'Moo Shoes' Shu has been summoned by his Uncle Ho to help save his opium den from Squid Kid Tang, a vicious gangster who is determined to retrieve a priceless relic: an ancient statue of the powerful Rain Dragon that Ho stole from one of the fighting tongs, 40 years earlier. And if Eddie blows it, he just might call down the wrath of that powerful magical creature on all of Fog City. Strap yourselves in, for a bit of the old razzmatazz, ladies and gentlemen. Return to the mean streets of San Francisco, in this outrageous follow-up to the madcap novel *Noir* (TP, \$29.99).

Fantasy noir HC \$55.00

### Certain Dark Things Moreno-Garcia, Silvia

Welcome to Mexico City, an oasis in a sea of vampires. Domingo, a lonely garbage-collecting street kid, is just trying to survive its heavily policed streets when a jaded vampire on the run swoops into his life. Atl, the descendant of Aztec blood-drinkers, is smart and beautiful – and very dangerous. Domingo is mesmerised. Atl needs to escape the city quickly, to get far away from the rival narco-vampire clan relentlessly pursuing her. Her plan doesn't include Domingo, but little by little, she finds herself warming up to the scrappy young man and his undeniable charm. As the trail of corpses stretches behind her, local cops and crime bosses, both, start closing in. Vampires, humans, cops, and criminals collide in the dark streets of Mexico City. Atl and Domingo stand little chance at all of making it out alive before the city devours them all – but they are determined to try...

Paranormal noir PBK \$22.99

### Nona the Ninth

Locked Tomb quartet 03

#### Muir, Tamsyn

Tamsyn Muir's bestselling Locked Tomb series continues, with *Nona the Ninth*... Her city is under siege. The zombies are coming back. And all Nona wants is a birthday party. In many ways, Nona is like other people. She lives with her family, has a job at her local school, and loves walks on the beach and meeting new dogs. But Nona's not like other people. Six months ago, she woke up in a stranger's body, and she's afraid she might have to give it back. The whole city is falling to pieces. A monstrous blue sphere hangs on the horizon, ready to tear the planet apart. Blood of Eden forces have surrounded the last Cohort facility and wait for the Emperor Undying to come calling. Their leaders want Nona to be the weapon that will save them from the Nine Houses. Nona would prefer to live an ordinary life with the people she loves, with Pyrrha and

Camilla and Palamedes, but she also knows that nothing lasts forever. And, each night, Nona dreams of a woman with a skull-painted face... 'You will love Nona, and Nona loves you.' – *Alix E Harrow*.

Space fantasy TP \$34.99

### The Time Traveller's Wife

TV tie-in

#### Niffenegger, Audrey

Henry DeTamble is a dashing, adventurous librarian who is at the mercy of his random time time-travelling abilities. Clare Abshire is an artist whose life moves through a natural sequential course. This is the celebrated and timeless tale of their love. Henry and Clare's passionate affair is built and endures across a sea of time and captures them in an impossibly romantic trap that tests the strength of fate and basks in the bonds of love. Now, a series on HBO, starring Rose Leslie and Theo James!

Time travel PBK \$22.99

### Ithaca

Penelope 01

#### North, Claire

This is the story of Penelope of Ithaca, famed wife of Odysseus, as it has never been told before. Beyond Ithaca's shores, the whims of gods dictate the wars of men. But on the isle, it is the choices of the abandoned women – and their goddesses – that will change the course of the world. Seventeen years ago, King Odysseus sailed to war with Troy, taking with him every man of fighting age from the island of Ithaca. None of them have returned, and the women have been left behind to run the kingdom. Penelope was barely into womanhood when she wed Odysseus. Whilst he lived, her position was secure. But now, years on, speculation is mounting that husband is dead, and suitors are starting to knock at her door... But no one man is strong enough to claim Odysseus' empty throne – not yet. Between Penelope's many suitors, a cold war of dubious alliances and hidden knives reigns, as everyone waits for the balance of power to tip one way or another. If Penelope chooses one from amongst them, it will plunge Ithaca into bloody civil war. Only through cunning and her spy network of maids can she maintain the delicate balance of power needed for the kingdom to survive. On Ithaca, everyone watches everyone else, and there is no corner of the palace where intrigue does not reign... The first in a new series.

Myth retold TP \$32.99

### 1637: Dr Gribbleflotz and the Soul of the Stoner

Ring of Fire 33

#### Offord, Kerryn & Boatright, Rick

Thomas 'the Great Stoner' Stone once performed miraculous surgery upon Phillip Theophrastus Gribbleflotz, the World's Greatest Alchemist, using his bare hands and no anaesthesia, producing no pain and leaving no scar. It would have been wonderful if it was real. But Dr Tom Stone, the face of modern medicine, has been engaging in fake treatments – bringing all modern medicine into question. Phillip, who has learned a thing or two about actual science from those uptime elopers from Grantville, West Virginia, decides to go to Padua and turn his problems

into Tom Stone's problems. Meanwhile, the wily Bernardo Ponzi has assembled a team to support his evangelical touring roadshow featuring a light show, faith healing and yet more psychic surgery. Now, Gribbleflotz and Stone are on a collision course with the Magnificent Ponzi, who has moved beyond showman-like fakery to causing actual harm to many people. It's time for Gribbleflotz and Stone to resolve their differences, debunk one of history's greatest bunko artists, and save the reputation of modern science and medicine from ruin!

Alternate history PBK \$26.95

### The Liar's Crown

#### Owen, Abigail

Everything about my life is a lie. As a hidden twin princess, born second, I have only one purpose – to sacrifice my life for my sister if death comes for her. I've been living under the guise of a poor, obscure girl of no standing, slipping into the palace and into the role of the true princess when danger is present. Now, the queen is dead, and the ageless King Eidolon has sent my sister a gift – an eerily familiar gift – and a proposal to wed. I don't trust him, so I do what I was born to do and secretly take her place on the eve of the coronation. Which is why, when a figure made of shadow kidnaps the new queen, he gets me by mistake. As I try to escape, all the lies start to unravel. And not just my lies. The Shadowraith who took me has secrets of his own. He struggles to contain the shadows he wields – other faces, identities that threaten my very life. Winter is at the walls. Darkness is looming. And the only way to save my sister and our dominion is to kill Eidolon... and the Shadowraith who has stolen my heart.

YA fantasy HC \$41.95

### Malefactor

War with No Name 03

#### Repino, Robert

Over a decade has passed since the ant queen began her apocalyptic war with the humans. In the aftermath, she leaves behind a strange legacy: a race of uplifted animals, the queen's conscripts in the war effort, now trying to make their way in the world they destroyed. While the conflict has left deep scars, it has also allowed both sides to demonstrate feats of courage and compassion that were never possible before. And now, after years of bloodshed, the survivors have a fleeting chance to build a lasting peace. But peace always comes with a price. The holy city of Hosanna – where animals and humans form a joint government – finds itself surrounded by wolves who are determined to retake the land. A powerful matriarch has united the rival wolf packs, using a terrible power harnessed from the Queen, herself. Soon, the looming violence pulls in those who sought to escape. The war hero Mort(e) suspects a plot to destroy Hosanna from within, and recruits a team of unlikely allies to investigate. Falkirk, captain of the airship Vesuvius, must choose between treason and loyalty to save the city. And D'Arc, sailing aboard the al-Rihla, learns that the wolves may have triggered a new cycle of life for the Colony, bringing a final reckoning to animal and human alike. Once reunited, the three outcasts begin a journey into wolf territory to face the last remnant of the queen's empire. But while destiny has drawn them together, it may destroy them as

well, for even love, courage, and honour may not be enough to stop the forces of destruction set to be unleashed on the world.

Post-apocalypse TP \$29.99

### Inhibitor Phase

Revelation Space series

#### Reynolds, Alastair

In *Revelation Space* (PBK, \$24.99), there is one great danger to life. The Inhibitors, who are determined to exterminate it. If life is to survive, then the Inhibitors will have to be faced at last... Miguel de Ruyter is a man with a past. Fleeing the 'wolves' – the xenocidal alien machines known as Inhibitors – he has protected his family and community from attack for 40 years, sheltering in the caves of an airless, battered world called Michaelmas. The slightest hint of human activity could draw the wolves to their home, to destroy everything... utterly. Which is how Miguel finds himself on a one-way mission with his own destructive mandate: to eliminate a passing ship, before it can bring unwanted attention down on them. Only something goes wrong. There's a lone survivor. And she knows far more about Miguel than she's letting on... Ranging from the depths of space to the deeps of Pattern Juggler waters, from nervous, isolated communities to the ruins of empire, this is a stealthy space opera from an author at the top of his game.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### Ruin

League of Legends 01

#### Reynolds, Anthony

The first-ever novel, set in the blockbuster universe of *League of Legends* – one of the most popular video games of all time – is an epic tale of magic, revenge, and an empire on the verge of ruin. Camavor is a brutal land with a bloody legacy. Where the empire's knights go, slaughter follows. Kalista seeks to change that. When her young and narcissistic uncle, Viego, becomes king, she vows to temper his destructive instincts, as his loyal confidant, advisor and military general. But her plans are thwarted when an assassin's poisoned blade strikes Viego's wife, Isolde, afflicting her with a malady for which there is no cure. As Isolde's condition worsens, Viego descends into madness and grief, threatening to drag Camavor down with him. Kalista makes a desperate gambit to save the kingdom: she searches for the long-lost Blessed Isles, rumored to hold the queen's salvation, if only Kalista can find them. But corruption grows in the Blessed Isles' capital, where a vengeful warden seeks to ensnare Kalista in his cruel machinations. She will be forced to choose between her loyalty to Viego, and doing what she knows is right – for even in the face of utter darkness, one noble act can shine a light that saves the world.

Fantasy/media-related TP \$32.99

### Lost in Time Riddle, A G

One morning, Dr Sam Anderson wakes up to discover that the woman he loves has been murdered. For Sam, the horror is only beginning. He and his daughter are accused of the crime. The evidence is ironclad. They will be convicted. And, so, Sam does what he must: he confesses to the crime. But in the future, murderers aren't sent to prison.



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They're sent to the past. Two hundred million years into the past – to the age of the dinosaurs – to live out their lives alone, in exile from the human race. Sam accepts his fate. But his daughter doesn't. Adeline Anderson has already lost her mother to a deadly and unfair disease. She can't bear to lose her father. She sets out on a quest to prove him innocent. And get him back. People around her insist that both are impossible tasks. But Adeline doesn't give up. She only works harder. She soon learns that impossible tasks are her specialty. And that she is made of tougher stuff that she ever imagined. As she peels back the layers of the mystery that ripped her father from this world, Adeline finds more questions than answers. Everyone around her is hiding a secret. But which ones are connected to the murder that exiled her father? That mystery stretches across the past, present, and future – and leads to a revelation that will change everything.

Time travel thriller TP \$29.99

### The Extinction Trials Riddle, A G

The end... is only the beginning. After a mysterious global event known only as 'The Change', six strangers wake up in an underground research facility where they learn that they're part of the Extinction Trials – a scientific experiment to restart the human race. But the Extinction Trials harbours a very big secret. And, so, does the world outside.

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

### Court of the Vampire Queen Robert, Katee

All Mina ever wanted was to escape her father's control. Half human, half vampire, she lived eternally torn between two worlds, never fully experiencing the pleasures of either – until her father chose her as the pawn in his latest political move, gifting her to the darkly powerful and dangerously seductive Malachi Zion. Malachi is not a vampire to be trifled with. He rules with an iron fist and has a reputation for the darkest of sins. But the longer Mina spends with him, the more she realises he's not the monster she first thought – and as fear bleeds into lust, then trust, then something more, Malachi opens Mina up to a world she never knew could be hers for the taking: including the love of Malachi's two closest friends and companions. Now, surrounded by all three men, the centre of their shockingly seductive world, Mina may finally have the power to face down her father and take back the life – and crown – that, by all rights, should be hers.

Paranormal romance TP \$26.99

### High Times in the Low Parliament

novella  
Robson, Kelly

A light-hearted romp through an 18th-century London featuring flirtatious scribes, irritable fairies, and the dangers of Parliament. Lana Baker is Aldgate's finest scribe, with a sharp pen and an even sharper wit. Gregarious, charming, and ever so eager to please, she agrees to deliver a message for another lovely scribe in exchange for kisses and ends up getting sent to Low Parliament by a temperamental fairy as a result. As Lana transcribes the endless circular arguments of

Parliament, the debates grow tenser and more desperate. Due to long-standing tradition, a hung vote will cause Parliament to flood and a return to endless war. Lana must rely on an unlikely pair of comrades – Bugbite, the curmudgeonly fairy, and Eloquentia, the bewitching human deputy – to save humanity (and maybe even woo one or two lucky ladies), come hell or high water. A 160pp, Tor.com novella.

Historical fantasy PBK \$24.99

### Dance with the Devil

Mercenary Librarians 03

Rocha, Kit

Tobias Richter, the fearsome VP of Security of the TechCorps, is dead. The puppet-master is gone and the organisation is scrambling to maintain control by ruthlessly limiting Atlanta's access to resources, hoping to quell rebellion. Our band of mercenary librarians have decided that the time for revolution has come. Maya uses her wealth of secrets to weaken the TechCorps from within. Dani strikes from the shadows, picking off the chain of command, one ambush at a time. And Nina is organising their community – not just to survive, but to fight back. When Maya needs to make contact with a sympathetic insider, Dani and Rafe are the only ones with the skill set and experience to infiltrate the highest levels of the TechCorps. They'll go deep undercover in the decadent, luxury-soaked penthouses on the Hill. Bringing Dani face-to-face with the man who turned her into a killer. And forcing Rafe to decide how far he'll go to protect both of his families – the one he was born to, and the one he made for himself. Victory will break the back of Power. Failure will destroy Atlanta. The first volume of the Mercenary Librarians series is *Deal with the Devil* (TP, \$29.99).

SF librarianship TP \$32.99

### These Prisoning Hills

novella

Rowe, Christopher

*Deallocate all implications, Fortran harrows all the nations.* In a long-ago war, the all-powerful AI ruler of the Voluntary State of Tennessee – Athena Parthenus, Queen of Reason – invaded and decimated the American Southeast. Possessing the ability to infect and corrupt the surrounding environment with nanotechnology, she transformed flora, fauna, and the very ground itself into bio-mechanical weapons of war. Marcia – a former captain from Kentucky – experienced, first hand, the terrifying, mind-twisting capabilities of Athena's creatures. Now, back in the Commonwealth, her retirement is cut short by the arrival of federal troops in her tiny, isolated town. One of Athena's most powerful weapons may still be buried nearby. And they need Marcia's help to find it. A post-apocalyptic Appalachian weird fiction novella by Hugo and Nebula Award nominee Christopher Rowe. A 144pp, Tor.com novella.

Post-apocalypse TP \$29.99

### A Taste of Gold and Iron Rowland, Alexandra

Kadou, the shy prince of Arasht, finds himself at odds with one of the most powerful ambassadors at court – the body-father of the queen's new child – in an altercation

which results in his humiliation. To prove his loyalty to the queen, his sister, Kadou takes responsibility for the investigation of a break-in at one of their guilds, with the help of his newly appointed bodyguard, the coldly handsome Evermer, who seems to tolerate him at best. In Arasht, where princes can touch-taste precious metals with their fingers and myth runs side by side with history, counterfeiting is heresy, and the conspiracy they discover could cripple the kingdom's financial standing and bring about its ruin. 'A delicious tangle of romance, fealty, and dangerous politics.' – *Tasha Suri*. Perfect for lovers of *The Goblin Emperor*; set in a fantasy world reminiscent of the Ottoman Empire.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

### Sword and Planet

anthology

Ruocchio, Christopher (editor)

*New stories in the grand space fantasy tradition!* – *Science fiction? Fantasy? Swords and blasters? Is it too much to ask for both?* The distant future – like the distant past – is a place of myths, of legends, and of great heroes. Cyborg knights battle extra-terrestrial demons to rescue a peaceful village. A young girl unlocks an ancient power to protect her world from off-world colonists. Here are stories not where magic is science, but with magic and science. Not knights and castles, but knights and starships. Wizards and ray guns. Swords and planets. In D J Butler's 'Power and Prestige', a pair of two-bit mercenaries are hired to solve a murder in a labyrinth beneath a crumbling city at the end of time. A young knight must face down an alien menace and awaken the power within in R R Viridi's 'A Knight Luminary', and in 'Saving the Emperor' Simon R Green takes us deep into the Imperial City of Virimonde... and offers a glimpse at how the Deathstalker clan rose to power and fame. Enjoy tales from Tim Akers, Jessica Cluess, L J Hachmeister, Susan R Matthews, T C McCarthy, Jody Lynn Nye, and Tom Toner; a new world from Warhammer 40,000 author Peter Fehervari; and a new chapter in the Sun Eater saga from Christopher Ruocchio.

Space fantasy PBK \$24.95

### Primeval Fire

Scarlet Odyssey 03

Rwizi, C T

Salo is dead – and the world he left behind is at war. In the midst of their grief, Salo's closest clan members begin to experience strange phenomena: visions visit one, while seizures plague another. The clan's new mystic divines that an arcane signal from the far west is calling, so they set out toward the desert – and encounter a caravan of travellers following the same mysterious call. Meanwhile, Salo's loyal allies Ilapara and Tuk embark on a bold mission to raise Salo from the dead. And their sorcery works... or seems to. While the resurrected Salo ignores his friends' warnings and forms dark alliances, Ilapara and Tuk struggle with their growing unease, even as they follow Salo westward on a quest in which the fate of the world hangs in the balance. With magic spiralling into mayhem, is this the end of Salo's saga – or an epic new beginning? The final instalment of C T Rwizi's Scarlet Odyssey series.

Epic fantasy TP \$24.99

### Exiles

Saunders, Ashley & Leslie

*Is fear the killer of dreams?* It's been 12 years since the 2040 Quake rocked the Golden State, fracturing Los Angeles and the fortunes of millions. It's been six years since tech billionaire Damon Yates founded his elite academy, giving Unfortunates from the wrong side of his hyperloop tracks a new future at Quest Campus, tucked away in the Santa Monica Mountains. But an endeavour that sought to bridge a divide only tore 18-year-old twin sisters apart. Jade is a street-savvy adrenaline seeker ruling the city's downtrodden east side. Cry is an influential socialite ensconced in Yates' westside mansion – every bit her adoptive father's daughter. After the mysterious murder of one of the academy's brightest, Jade sets out with her factious band of exiles to prove there's something sinister going on behind the walls of Yates' exclusive empire. But to expose the earthshaking truth, Jade needs her estranged sister back on her side. There's a big problem, though: Cry is inexplicably terrified of her own twin's face.

Cyberpunk PBK \$22.99

### Randalls Round: Nine Nightmares by Eleanor Scott

Tales of the Weird

Scott, Eleanor

& Worth, Aaron (editor)

A thrilling collection of strange stories by Eleanor Scott, ranging from depictions of ritualistic folk horror to tales of ancient forces versus humanity. An author who, despite being hugely influential to the Folk Horror and Weird genres, remains relatively unknown with few collections of her work published, Scott has an incredibly varied bibliography, writing Crime Fiction and domestic female-centric narratives. A malignant entity answers the call of an ancient curse on the coast of Brittany; a traveller's curiosity delivers him to an abominable Hallowe'en ritual; the curious new owner of a haunted mansion discovers something far worse than ghosts in the night. *Randalls Round* has long been revered by devotees of the weird tale. First published in 1929, its stories of ritualistic folk horror and M R James-inspired accounts of ancient forces terrorising humanity are thoroughly deserving of wider recognition. This collection includes a new introduction exploring Eleanor Scott's impact on weird and folk horror fiction, and two chilling stories by N Dennett – speculated to be another of the author's pseudonyms.

Classic horror TP \$35.95

### Ruthless

Immortal Enemies 02

Showalter, Gena

Micah the Unwilling, fae King of the Forgotten, can tame even the most violent of beasts. Forged on the battlefield, this iron-willed warrior considers his soldiers his family, and he will stop at nothing to reclaim their dispossessed land. Gearing for war with a sadistic enemy, he is disciplined and focused – until a feral beauty, he encountered long ago, wanders into his camp. Viori de Aoibheall wields a terrifying ability to sing monsters to life. Having spent her

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childhood in a forest, raising herself and her frightening creations – the only friends she’s ever known – she’s ill prepared for the scarred royal and his fearsome brutality. Not to mention the ferocity of their connection and the carnality of his touch. But the real problem? Her brother is Micah’s greatest foe. And though the sensual king makes her burn, she must stop him, whatever the cost.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

### The Generation Killer

Dying Squad 02

**Simcox, Adam**

There’s a new serial killer on the streets of Manchester – and only a dead cop can stop them. Detective Joe Lazarus works for the Dying Squad, solving crimes the living police can’t. When the Generation Killer starts wiping out Manchester’s innocents, Joe and his new partner Bits have mere hours to catch the murderer. A young woman’s life depends on it. Joe’s former partner Daisy-May has her own problems. Children are going missing in the afterlife, and she’s the only one who seems to care. Her investigation uncovers a conspiracy – so vast, it threatens both the living and the dead. Her predecessor, the Duchess, can’t help this time; she’s tracked her treacherous sister, Hanna, to Tokyo, where she’s been recruiting the dead. The Duchess must enlist the help of a local detective if she’s to have any chance of stopping her. Time is running out for the Dying Squad. And if they can’t crack their cases, it’s the living that will pay... The second thrilling instalment of Adam Simcox’s series, beginning with *The Dying Squad* (PBK, \$22.99).

Supernatural mystery TP \$32.99

### The Last Woman

in the World

**Simpson, Inga**

*After the fires. After the virus. They came.* It’s night, and the walls of Rachel’s home creak as they settle into the cover of darkness. Fear has led her to a reclusive life on the land, her only occasional contact with her sister. A hammering on the door. There stands a mother, Hannah, with a sick baby. They are running for their lives from a mysterious death sweeping the Australian countryside. Now, Rachel must face her worst fears: should she take up the fight to help these strangers survive in a society she has rejected for so long? *The Last Woman in the World* is a novel of fear, fire and an uncertain future. A powerful narrative in Inga Simpson’s unique voice. Horrifying, yet humane and ultimately hopeful – a masterpiece – *Angela Slatter*, World Fantasy Award-winning author of *The Bitterwood Bible*.

Post-apocalypse PBK \$22.99

### A Certain Hunger

**Summers, Chelsea G**

Dorothy Daniels has always had a voracious – and adventurous – appetite. From her idyllic farm-to-table childhood (homegrown tomatoes, fragrant cassoulets) to the heights of her career as a food critic (caviar and foie gras, washed down with champagne straight from the bottle). Dorothy has never been shy about indulging her exquisite tastes – even when it leads to her plunging an ice pick into her lover’s neck. There is something inside Dorothy that makes her different from everybody else. Something she’s finally ready

to confess. But beware: her story just might make you wonder how your lover would taste sautéed with shallots and mushrooms and deglazed with a little red wine. ‘One of the most uniquely fun and campily gory books in my recent memory... *A Certain Hunger* has the voice of a hardboiled detective novel, as if metaphor-happy Raymond Chandler handed the reins over to the sexed-up *femme fatale* and really let her fly.’ – *New York Times*.

Horror PBK \$19.99

### The Oleander Sword

Burning Kingdoms 02

**Suri, Tasha**

The prophecy of the nameless god – the words that declared Malini the rightful empress of Parijatdvipa – has proven a blessing and curse. She is determined to claim the throne that fate offered her. But even with the strength of the rage in her heart and the army of loyal men by her side, deposing her brother is going to be a brutal and bloody fight. The power of the deathless waters flows through Priya’s blood. Thrice born priestess, Elder of Ahiranya, Priya’s dream is to see her country rid of the rot that plagues it: both Parijatdvipa’s poisonous rule, and the blooming sickness that is slowly spreading through all living things. But she doesn’t yet understand the truth of the magic she carries. Their chosen paths once pulled them apart. But Malini and Priya’s souls remain as entwined as their destinies. And they soon realise that coming together is the only way to save their kingdom from those who would rather see it burn – even if it will cost them. This hugely-popular series begins with *The Jasmine Throne* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Justice of Kings

Empire of the Wolf 01

**Swan, Richard**

Sir Konrad Vonvalt is an Emperor’s Justice – a detective, judge, and executioner, all in one; but, with rebellion and unrest building, these are dangerous times to be a Justice... 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. At his side stands Helena Sedanka, his talented protégé, orphaned by the wars that forged the Empire. When the pair investigates 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 and Helena must make a choice: Will they abandon the laws they’ve sworn to uphold, in order to protect the Empire? Action, intrigue, and magic collide in this first volume of a new epic fantasy series. ‘Richard Swan’s sophisticated take on the fantasy genre will leave readers hungry for more.’ – *Sebastien de Castell*, author of *Spellslinger*.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Lost in the Never Woods

**Thomas, Aiden**

When children start to go missing in the local woods, a teen girl must face her fears and a past she can’t remember to rescue them...

It’s been five years, since Wendy and her two brothers went missing in the woods, but when the town’s children start to disappear, the questions surrounding her brothers’ mysterious circumstances are brought back into the light. Attempting to flee her past, Wendy almost runs over an unconscious boy lying in the middle of the road... Peter, a boy she thought lived only in her stories, asks for Wendy’s help to rescue the missing kids. But, in order to find them, Wendy must confront what’s waiting for her in the woods.

YA urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Cemetery Boys

**Thomas, Aiden**

*Yadriel has summoned a ghost, and now he can’t get rid of him.* When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his true gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real *brujito*. With the help of his cousin and best friend Maritza, he performs the ritual himself, and then sets out to find the ghost of his murdered cousin and set it free. However, the ghost he summons is actually Julian Diaz, the school’s resident bad boy, and Julian is not about to go quietly into death. He’s determined to find out what happened and tie off some loose ends before he leaves. Left with no choice, Yadriel agrees to help Julian, so that they can both get what they want. But the longer Yadriel spends with Julian, the less he wants to let him leave.

YA ghost story PBK \$19.99

### The Sunbearer Trials

Sunbearer duology 01

**Thomas, Aiden**

As each new decade begins, the Sun’s power must be replenished so that Sol can keep travelling along the sky and keep the chaotic Obsidian gods at bay. Sol selects ten of the worthiest semidiós to compete in the Sunbearer Trials. The winner carries light and life to all the temples of Reino del Sol, but the loser has the greatest honour of all – they will be sacrificed to Sol, their body melted down to refuel the Sun Stones, protecting the world for another ten years. Teo, a 17-year-old Jade semidiós and the trans son of the goddess of birds, isn’t worried about the Trials... at least, not for himself. His best friend, Niya is a Gold semidiós and a shoo-in for the Trials, and while he trusts her abilities, the odds of becoming the sacrifice is one in ten. But then, for the first time in over a century, the impossible happens. Sol chooses not one, but two Jade competitors. Teo, and Xio, the 13-year-old child of the god of bad luck. Now, they must compete in five trials against Gold opponents who are more powerful and better trained. Worst of all, Teo’s annoyingly handsome ex-best friend and famous semidiós Hero, Aurelio is favoured to win. Teo is determined to get himself and his friends through the trials unscathed – for fame, glory, and their own survival.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Angelika Frankenstein

**Makes her Match**

**Thorne, Sally**

Clever, pretty (and odd), Angelika Frankenstein has run out of suitors. When assisting in her brother Victor’s groundbreaking experiment to bring a reassembled man back to life, she realises that having an agreeable gentleman convalescing in the

guest suite might be a chance to let a man get to know the real her. When the handsome scientific miracle sits up on the lab table, her hopes for an instant romantic connection are thrown into disarray. Named Will, for the moment, he has amnesia and is solely focused on uncovering his true identity. Trying to ignore their heart-pounding chemistry, Angelika reluctantly joins his investigation, hoping it will bring them closer. But then a second suitor emerges to aid their quest. Perhaps, fate is not something that can be influenced in a laboratory? Or is Will (or whatever his name is!) her dream man, tailored for her in every way? Filled with carriages, candlesticks and corpses, here is a spooky-season reimagining of the well-known classic that reminds us to never judge a man by his cadaver!

Gothic romance TP \$32.99

### The Hood

Anti-Matter of Britain quartet 02

**Tidhar, Lavie**

*God bless you, England, on this glorious Year of Our Lord, 1145.* Don’t cross the Templars. Everybody knows that. But Will Scarlett, back from the crusades, hopped up on khat and cider, did. Stabbed thrice in the belly but somehow still alive, he’s heading home to Nottingham. And things are not right in Nottingham. It’s the wood, you see. Sherwood. Ice-age ancient, impenetrable, hiding a dark and secret heart. As the ancient sages say, *If you go into the woods today, you may not come out tomorrow, and the person who comes out may not be you...* A narcotic remix of an ancient English myth, a tale knotted from legends lost to time, shredded and restitched for each passing century. A tale for today. The follow-up to the first in Tidhar’s quartet of English myth retold, *By Force Alone* (PBK, \$22.99).

Hoodian fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Lonely Castle in the Mirror

**Tsujimura, Mizuki**

Bullied to the point of dropping out of school, Kokoro’s days blur together as she hides in her bedroom, unable to face her family or friends. As she spirals into despair, her mirror begins to shine; with a touch, Kokoro is pulled from her lonely life into a resplendent, bizarre fairy-tale castle guarded by a strange girl in a wolf mask. Six other students have been brought to the castle, and soon this marvellous refuge becomes their playground. The castle has a hidden room that can grant a single wish, but there are rules to be followed, and breaking them will have dire consequences. As Kokoro and her new acquaintances spend more time in their new sanctuary, they begin to unlock the castle’s secrets and, tentatively, each other’s. With the thoughtful whimsy of *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*, the exquisite textures of *A Tale for the Time Being*, and the youthful resonance of *Your Name*, Mizuki Tsujimura paints an intricate portrait of a cycle of loneliness that can only be broken by friendship, empathy, and sacrifice. *Lonely Castle in the Mirror* is a mesmerising, heart-warming novel about the unexpected rewards of embracing human connection.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

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### No Gods, No Monsters

Convergence Saga 01

**Turnbull, Cadwell**

One October morning, Laina gets the news that her brother has been shot and killed by Boston cops. But what looks like a case of police brutality soon reveals something much stranger. Monsters are real. And they want everyone to know it. As creatures from myth and legend come out of the shadows, seeking safety through visibility, their emergence sets off a chain of seemingly unrelated events. Members of a local werewolf pack are threatened into silence. A professor follows a missing friend's trail of bread crumbs to a mysterious secret society. And a young boy with unique abilities seeks refuge in a pro-monster organisation with secrets of its own. Meanwhile, more people start disappearing, suicides and hate crimes increase, and protests erupt globally, both for and against the monsters. At the centre is a mystery no one thinks to ask: Why now? What has frightened the monsters out of the dark? The world will soon find out. The first in a series.

Urban fantasy TP \$41.95

### The Storm Beneath a Midnight Sun

Hrimland 02

**Vilhjálmsón, Alexander Dan**

*Change does not always happen for the better.* War on the mainland is draining Reykjavík. For some, the remote islands off Hrímland's coast are their only hope of survival. Elka, a recovering addict, has fled there with her son Sölvi. In their village they find a new life – all thanks to the Deep, a peculiar power their neighbours praise for the booming fishing industry. Everything seems perfect, but Sölvi does not trust the people who take his mother in. Kari is a professor of sorcery, recruited for a career-making venture – an excavation of an ancient power. He must go deep into the magical wasteland, find what is buried there, and turn the tide of the war forever. But the world might not be ready for the storm he will unearth... and how far will a grieving woman go to find some peace, and what will she sacrifice? A sequel to *Shadows of the Short Days* (PBK, \$22.99).

Absurdist fantasy TP \$32.99

### The First Binding

Tales of Tremaine 01

**Virdi, R R**

All legends are born of truths. And just as much lies. These are mine. Judge me for what you will. But you will hear my story first. I buried the village of Ampur under a mountain of ice and snow. Then I killed their god. I've stolen old magics and been cursed for it. I started a war with those that walked before mankind and lost the princess I loved, and wanted to save. I've called lightning and bound fire. I am legend. And I am a monster. My name is Ari. And this is the story of how I let loose the first evil. The first in an already-popular series.

Epit fantasy TP \$32.99

### The Viper

Black Dagger Brotherhood

Prison Camp 03

**Ward, J R**

Horribly injured after saving one of his fellow inmates, Kane can't help but fall in love with the nurse overseeing his convalescence. But with both of them trapped in the notorious prison camp and his health hanging in the balance, Kane knows he's not going to survive much longer. When a chance for liberation comes from an unexpected source, however, he vows to free his love no matter the cost, even if he can't make it out alive.

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

### To End in Fire

Crown of Slaves 04

**Weber, David & Flint, Eric**

The Solarian League lies in defeat, crushed by the Grand Alliance of Manticore, Haven, and Grayson. Obedient to the Alliance's surrender demands, the League is writing a new Constitution, to prevent the re-emergence of out-of-control bureaucrats, like the 'Mandarins' who led it to disaster. Frontier Security has been disbanded, the Outworlds' have regained control of their own economic destinies, and multiple star systems will soon secede from the League entirely. Yet the League is – and will remain – the largest, most economically powerful human star nation in existence, and despite the overwhelming evidence that their unelected political leaders were the driving force behind the war, many League citizens deeply resent the fashion in which their star nation – the Solarian League – has been humbled. And those who most resent the Grand Alliance continue to blame Manticore for the nuclear bombardment of the planet Mesa after its surrender. They refuse to accept that the League – and the members of the Grand Alliance – could have been manipulated by a deeply hidden interstellar conspiracy called the Mesan Alignment. The Alignment is only an invention of the Grand Alliance, no more than a mask, a cover, for its own horrific Eridani Violations. Those Solarians will never accept the 'war guilt' of the League, because they know the Grand Alliance was just as bad. Because they deeply resent the way in which the Grand Alliance pretends to be the innocent 'good guys.' And in the fullness of time, those Solarians will seek vengeance upon their enemies. Not all Solarians feel that way, but even some of those who accept that there was an interstellar conspiracy cherish doubts about its origins. But it is still out there, and now defeated Solarians and agents of the victorious Alliance must join forces to find it. Even if they don't believe in it, it believes in them. They must find it and identify it, to prove to revanchist Solarians that there was a conspiracy. And they must find it and destroy it to end its evil – once and for all!

Space opera PBK \$26.95

### Dragons of Deceit

Dragonlance Destinies 01

**Weis, Margaret**

**& Hickman, Tracy**

Destina Rosethorn – as her name implies – believes herself to be very much a favoured child of destiny. But when her father dies in the War of the Lance, her carefully-constructed world comes crashing down. Not only does she lose her beloved father, but the legacy he has left her: a wealthy fiancé, and rule over the family lands and castle. With nothing left in the world to support her but wits and determination, she hatches a bold plan: to secure the Device of Time Journeying she read about in one of her father's books and prevent her father's death. The last known holder of the Device was one of the Heroes of the Lance: the free-spirited kender, Tasselhoff Burrfoot. But when Destina arrives in Solace – home not only to Tas, but to fellow heroes Caramon and Tika Majere – she sets into motion a chain of events more deadly than she had ever anticipated: one that could change not only her personal history, but the fate of the entire world, allowing a previously-defeated evil to once again gain ascendancy. The first new Dragonlance novel from Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman, in over a decade; featuring fan-favourite characters from the iconic first two trilogies, Dragonlance Chronicles and Dragonlance Legends – books that brought a generation of readers into the fantasy fold.

Dragonlance TP \$32.99

### The Last Blade Priest

Wiles, W P

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

Fantasy TP \$26.99

### Into the Narrowdark

Last King of Osten Ard 03

**Williams, Tad**

The High Throne of Erkyndland is tottering, its royal family divided and diminished. Queen Miriamale has been caught up in a

brutal rebellion in the south and thought to have died in a fiery attack. Her grandson Morgan, heir to the throne, has been captured by one of Utuk'ku's soldiers in the ruins of an abandoned city. Miriamale's husband, King Simon, is overwhelmed by grief and hopelessness, unaware that many of these terrible things have been caused by Pasevalles, a murderous traitor inside Simon's own court at the Hayholt. Meanwhile, a deadly army of Norns led by the ageless, vengeful Queen Utuk'ku, has swept into Erkyndland and thrown down the fortress of Naglimund, slaughtering the inhabitants and digging up the ancient grave of Ruyan the Navigator. Utuk'ku plans to use the Navigator's fabled armour to call up the spirit of Hakatri, the evil Storm King's brother. Even the Sithi, fairy-kin to the Norns, are helpless to stop Utuk'ku's triumph as her armies simultaneously march on the Hayholt and force their way into the forbidden, ogre-guarded valley of Tanakiru – the Narrowdark – where a secret waits that might bring Simon's people and their Sithi allies salvation – or doom.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### This Fragile Earth

Wise, Susannah

What would you do to protect your family if the world stopped working? Not long from now, in a recognisable yet changed London, Signy and Matthew lead a dull, difficult life. They've only really stayed together for the sake of their six-year-old son, Jed. But they're surviving, just about. Until the day the technology that runs their world stops working. Unable to use their phones, pay for anything, even open the smart door to their flat, Matthew assumes that this is just a momentary glitch in the computers that now run the world. But then the electricity and gas are cut off. Even the water stops running. And the pollination drones – vital to the world, ever since the bees all died – are behaving oddly. People are going missing. Soldiers are on the streets. London is no longer safe. A shocking incident sends Signy and Jed on the run, desperate to flee London and escape to the small village where Signy grew up. Determined to protect her son, Signy will do almost anything to survive as the world falls apart around them. But she has no idea what is waiting for them outside the city...

Post-apocalypse PBK \$22.99

### Thrust

Yuknavitch, Lidia

It is 2085 and Laisve is learning to use the ancient waterways to travel through water and time. Sifting through the detritus of a fallen city known as The Brook, she discovers a talisman that will connect her with people from the past two centuries, including a squad of labourers at work on a huge, national monument to liberty. As waters rise and a police state encroaches, Laisve must find her way back to the early days of her imperfect country, to forge a bond that might save all their lives – and their shared dream of freedom.

Dystopia HC \$34.99