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Ron and Leanne

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

The Blade Itself

First Law 01

Abercrombie, Joe

Inquisitor Glokta, a crippled and increasingly bitter relic of the last war, former fencing champion turned torturer extraordinaire, is trapped in a twisted and broken body – not that he allows it to distract him from his daily routine of torturing smugglers. Nobleman, dashing officer and would-be fencing champion Captain Jezal dan Luthar is living a life of ease by cheating his friends at cards. Vain, shallow, selfish, and self-obsessed, the biggest blot on his horizon is having to get out of bed in the morning to train with obsessive and boring old men. And Logen Ninefingers, an infamous warrior with a bloody past, is about to wake up in a hole in the snow with plans to settle a blood feud with Bethod, the new King of the Northmen, once and for all – ideally by running away from it. But as he's discovering, old habits die really, really hard indeed... especially when Bayaz gets involved. The ground-breaking first volume of the First Law trilogy, reissued in a beautiful hardcover edition.

Grimdark fantasy (reissue) HC \$49.99

Before They Are Hanged

First Law 02

Abercrombie, Joe

A bitter and merciless war is coming to the frozen north. It is bloody and dangerous and the Union army, split by politics and hamstrung by incompetence, is utterly unprepared for the slaughter that is coming. Lacking experience, training and in some cases even weapons the army is scarcely equipped to repel Bethod's scouts, let alone the cream of his forces. In the heat-ravaged south the Gurkish are massing to assault the city of Dagoska, defended by Inquisitor Glokta. The city is braced for the inevitable defeat and massacre to come, but a plot is festering to hand the city to its besiegers without a fight. Threatened from within and without the city, Glokta needs answers and he needs them soon. And to the east a small band of malefactors travel to the edge of the world to reclaim a device from history – a Seed, hidden for generations – with tremendous destructive potential. A device which could put an end to war, but only if its power can be controlled. The thrilling second volume of the First Law trilogy, reissued in a beautiful hardcover edition.

Grimdark fantasy (reissue) HC \$49.99

Last Argument of Kings

First Law 03

Abercrombie, Joe

The end is coming. Logen Ninefingers might only have one more fight in him but its going to be a big one. Battle rages across the North, the King of the Northmen still stands firm and there's only one man who can stop him. His oldest friend and his oldest enemy. It's past time for the Bloody-Nine to come home. With too many masters and too little time,

Superior Glokta is fighting a different kind of war. A secret struggle in which no one is safe, and no one can be trusted. His days with a sword are far behind him. It's a good thing blackmail, threats and torture still work well enough. Jezal dan Luthar has decided that winning glory is far too painful and turned his back on soldiering for a simple life with the woman he loves. But love can be painful too and glory has a nasty habit of creeping up on a man when he least expects it. The breathtaking conclusion to the First Law trilogy, reissued in a beautiful hardcover edition.

Grimdark fantasy (reissue) HC \$49.99

Jackal

Adams, Erin E

It's watching. Liz Rocher is coming home... reluctantly. As a Black woman, Liz doesn't exactly have fond memories of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, a predominantly white town. But her best friend is getting married, so she braces herself for a weekend of awkward, passive-aggressive reunions. Liz has grown, though; she can handle whatever awaits her. But on the day of the wedding, somewhere between dancing and dessert, the couple's daughter, Caroline, disappears – and the only thing left behind is a piece of white fabric covered in blood. *It's taking.* As a frantic search begins, with the police combing the trees for Caroline, Liz is the only one who notices a pattern: A summer night. A missing girl. A party in the woods. She's seen this before. Keisha Woodson, the only other Black girl in Liz's high school, walked into the woods with a mysterious man and was later found with her chest cavity ripped open and her heart removed. Liz shudders at the thought that it could have been her, and now, with Caroline missing, it can't be a coincidence. As Liz starts to dig through the town's history, she uncovers a horrifying secret about the place she once called home. Children have been going missing in these woods for years. All of them Black. All of them girls. *It's your turn.* With the evil in the forest creeping closer, Liz knows what she must do: find Caroline, or be entirely consumed by the darkness.

Horror HC \$49.99

Midnight on the Marne

Adlaka, Sarah

France, 1918. Nurse Marcelle Marchand has important secrets to keep. Her role as a spy has made her both feared and revered, but it has also put her in extreme danger from the approaching German army. American soldier George Mountcastle feels an instant connection to the young nurse. But in times of war, love must wait. Soon, George and his best friend Philip are fighting for their lives during the Second Battle of the Marne, where George prevents Philip from a daring act that might have won the battle at the cost of his own life. On the run from a victorious Germany, George and Marcelle

begin a new life with Philip and Marcelle's twin sister, Rosalie, in a brutally occupied France. Together, this self-made family navigates oppression, near starvation, and unfathomable loss, finding love and joy in unexpected moments. Years pass, and tragedy strikes, sending George on a course that could change the past and rewrite history. Playing with time is a tricky thing. If he chooses to alter history, he will surely change his own future – and, perhaps, not for the better.

Time travel HC \$42.99

At Midnight:

15 Beloved Fairy Tales Reimagined

Adler, Dahlia

A dazzling collection of original and retold fairy tales from 15 acclaimed and bestselling YA writers. Fairy tales have been spun for thousands of years and remain among our most treasured stories. Weaving fresh tales with unexpected reimaginings, *At Midnight* brings together a diverse group of celebrated YA writers to breathe new life into a storied tradition.

YA fairy tales retold HC \$43.95

A Duke at the Door

Shapeshifters of the Beau Monde 03

Allen, Susanna

After being captured and held captive in a travelling menagerie, Alwyn Ap Lewin, Duke of Llwelllyn, refuses to shift into his lion form. The longer he denies his inner lion, the sicker he gets, but he'd rather die free than be captive ever again. The denizens of Lowell Close live in fear and suspicion of Alwyn – except for lady apothecary Tabitha Barrington. Tabitha alone can help the shapeshifting duke, and with her by his side, the Small Lion of Wales discovers he has something to live for, and to fight for, after all.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

The Sword's Elegy

Sorcerer's Song 03

Anderson, Brian D

The doom of humankind has at last been realised. Belkar's prison is broken, and his army is on the move. The nations of Lamoria, unaware of the greater danger, look to repel the aggression of Ralmarstad. Mariyah and Lem, certain that only the magic of the Bards can save them, desperately search for that knowledge. But friends and allies are what they need to complete their task. And they are in short supply. For, while peril often brings out the best in us, it also brings out the worst. In the end, it is not great power, terrible armies, or mighty warriors who will influence the course of fate. But two lovers and the unbreakable bond they share. All questions are answered. All mysteries revealed. And even Belkar will learn that fate, once tempted, cannot be denied.

Fantasy TP \$48.95

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Hell's March

Artillerymen 02

Anderson, Taylor

It is 1847, and almost a full year after being shipwrecked on another, far stranger and more dangerous Earth on their way to fight Santa Anna in the Mexican-American War, Lewis Cayce and his small group of artillerymen, infantrymen, and dragoons have made friends in the Yucatán, helped build an army, and repulsed the first efforts of the blood-drenched Holy Dominion to wipe their new friends out. As an even more radical cult of Blood Priests arises and begins to pursue its own path to power, the Dominion can't let its defeat stand. It must crush the heretics and expel them from the land it has claimed. Fortunately, Lewis Cayce is a professional. He understands defence can only result in a stalemate at best, and a stalemate with the more populous Dominion will only lead to defeat in the end. The lucky few will be enslaved. The rest will be sacrificed in the most horrific way imaginable. The only hope his new allies have is to win – and to do that, his little army must attack the most powerful and diabolical enemy on the planet in its own territory. Achieving victory will take all Lewis' imagination, the courage and trust of his soldiers – and all the round shot and canister, his tiny band of artillerymen can slam out.

Military sf HC \$52.99

The Whispering Dark

Andrew, Kelly

Delaney Meyers-Petrov is tired of being seen as fragile just because she's Deaf. So, when she's accepted into a prestigious program at Godbole University that trains students to slip between parallel worlds, she's excited for the chance to prove herself. But her semester gets off to a rocky start as she faces professors who won't accommodate her disability, and a pretentious upperclassman fascinated by Delaney's unusual talents. Colton Price died when he was nine years old. Quite impossible, he woke several weeks later at the feet of a green-eyed little girl. Now, 12 years later, Delaney Meyers-Petrov has stumbled back into his orbit, but Colton's been ordered to keep far away from the new girl... and the voices she hears calling to her from the shadows. Delaney wants to keep her distance from Colton – she seems to be the only person on campus who finds him more arrogant than charming – yet, after a Godbole student turns up dead, she and Colton are forced to form a tenuous alliance, plummeting down a rabbit hole, of deeply-buried university secrets. But Delaney and Colton discover the cost of opening the doors between worlds when they find themselves up against something old and nameless, an enemy they need to destroy before it tears them – and their forbidden partnership – apart.

YA urban fantasy TP \$22.99

Classic Monsters Unleashed

anthology

Aquilone, James (editor)

Stories of famous monsters in a new horror anthology. Dracula, Frankenstein's Monster, the Bride of Frankenstein, Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, Dr Moreau, the Headless Horseman, the Invisible Man, the Phantom

of the Opera, the Wicked Witch of the West – they're all here, in this collection of horror short stories that reimagine, subvert, and pay homage to our favourite monsters and creatures. Written by the biggest names in the genre – including Joe R Lansdale, F Paul Wilson, Jonathan Maberry, Ramsey Campbell, Lisa Morton, Owl Goingback, Richard Christian Matheson, Seanan McGuire, Maurice Broaddus, Dacre Stoker, Linda D Addison, Alessandro Manzetti, Tim Waggoner, John Palisano, Mercedes M Yardley, Lucy A Snyder, Gary A Braunbeck, Rena Mason, and Monique Snyman. And monstrously illustrated by Colton Worley and Mister Sam Shearon.

Horror TP \$34.99

A Light in the Flame

Flesh & Fire 02

Armentrout, Jennifer L

The truth about Sera's plan is out, shattering the fragile trust forged between her and Nyktos. Surrounded by those distrustful of her, all Sera has is her duty. She will do anything to end Kolis, the false King of Gods, and his tyrannical rule of Iliseum, thus stopping the threat he poses to the mortal realm. Nyktos has a plan, though, and as they work together, the last thing they need is the undeniable, scorching passion that continues to ignite between them. Sera cannot afford to fall for the tortured Primal, not when a life no longer bound to a destiny she never wanted is more attainable than ever. But memories of their shared pleasure and unrivalled desire are a siren's call impossible to resist. And as Sera begins to realise that she wants to be more than a Consort in name only, the danger surrounding them intensifies. The attacks on the Shadowlands are increasing, and when Kolis summons them to Court, a whole new risk becomes apparent. The Primal power of Life is growing inside her, pushing her closer to the end of her Culling. And without Nyktos' love – an emotion he's incapable of feeling – she won't survive her Ascension. That is if she even makes it to her Ascension and Kolis doesn't get to her first. Because time is running out. For both her and the realms. The sequel to *A Shadow in the Ember* (TP, \$45.95).

Paranormal romance HC \$64.95

Into the Windracked Wilds

Up-and-Under 03

Baker, A Deborah

(aka **McGuire, Seanan**)

When the improbable road leaves Avery and Zib in the land of Air and at the mercy of the Queen of Swords, escape without becoming monsters may be impossible. But with the aid of the Queen's son, the unpredictable Jack Daw, they may emerge with enough of their humanity to someday make it home. Their journey is not yet over; the dangers are no less great. A companion volume for McGuire's Seasonal Fears series, which begins with *Middlegame* (TP, \$32.99).

Fantasy HC \$48.95

Legends and Lattes

Baldree, Travis

High fantasy, low stakes – with a double shot of coffee. After decades of raising hell, Viv the orc barbarian is finally hanging up her sword for good. Now, she sets her sights on a

new dream – one that involves pulling more shots than punches. Armed with hope and a hard-earned secret, she plans to open the first coffee shop in Thune. To build something that will last, Viv needs a new crew. She enlists a gruff hob builder shunned by humans, and a shy baker whose cinnamon rolls are to die for. Then there's Tandri, a charming succubus who's determined not to let anyone assume anything about her. But Thune has a shady underbelly that keeps goading Viv to take up her sword, once more. New enemies threaten her beloved coffee shop and rag-tag team. And Viv's adventuring past isn't so eager to leave her behind – or the fabled piece of loot she took with her. A cosy, heart-warming, slice-of-life fantasy about found families and fresh starts – perfect for fans of T J Klune, Katherine Addison, and T Kingfisher.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Trinity's Children

Trinity 02

Bara, Dave

Jared Clement has returned to Trinity, not as a mere ship captain but as a Five Suns Fleet Admiral. With his promotion comes increased responsibility that weighs heavy on his shoulders: 30,000 settlers are leaving the dying planets of the Rim, his home, and resettling next to the natives of the planet Bellus. Clement is responsible for those lives and the lives of the natives, Trinity's children, and for building a better future for them all. But when his migrant fleet arrives in the Trinity system, they are faced with enemies both old and new. Former Fleet Admiral Elara DeVore has escaped her exile on the planet Alphas and vanished into parts unknown. Soon, however, Clement discovers she has a new fleet and a new ally, the Solar League from Earth. The Solar League has arrived with a massive fleet and plans on taking Trinity for itself, forcing the Five Suns to surrender. With just a small military fleet to accompany the migrants, Clement is faced with the almost impossible task of defending both his people and the natives from becoming slaves of the Solar League. The sequel to *Trinity* (PBK, \$26.95).

Military sf TP \$35.95

The Last Unicorn

Beagle, Peter S

'If men no longer know what they are looking at, there may well be unicorns in the world yet, unknown and glad of it.' Living in peace in her lilac wood, the Unicorn didn't know the world had changed, or that anything had happened to the rest of her kind. Overhearing a chance conversation, she resolves to venture out and discover the truth. The road is dangerous, and the risks are great. If she fails, then unicorns will be lost. Forever. A modern fairy tale, *The Last Unicorn* is a beloved classic, voted by *Time* as one of the 100 greatest fantasy novels of all time. It is fantastical, poignant, wistful and wondrous, showing us the humanity of magic, and the magic of humanity. Available in the UK for the first time in decades, this edition features an introduction by Patrick Rothfuss. 'Truth and humanity shine out of the book as brightly as any of Beagle's unicorns' – *StrangeHorizons.com*. A special hardcover edition (\$65.00) is also available.

Fantasy classic TP \$32.99

The Whisperers and Other Stories: a Lifetime of the Supernatural

British Library Hardback Classics

Blackwood, Algernon & Ashley, Mike (editor)

'Back from the shouting floor and ceiling came the chorus of images that stormed and clamoured for expression. Jones lay still and listened; he let them come. There was nothing else to do.' Algernon Blackwood was one of the most influential writers of 20th-century weird and supernatural fiction. He once told a correspondent that every story he wrote was based on either a personal experience or that of someone he knew, and thus the vast collection of short stories and novels published in his lifetime can be seen to form a kind of autobiography. In this collection of his most atmospheric and uneasy tales, Mike Ashley provides the facts of Blackwood's life which inspired each story – including experiences as an intelligence agent in the First World War and adventures in New York – to tell the parallel tale of the author's lifetime of the supernatural.

Classic supernatural tales HC \$55.00

The Atlas Paradox

Atlas 02

Blake, Olivie

Inside the Alexandrian Society alliances will be tested, hearts will be broken, and all must pick a side. Six magicians were offered the opportunity of a lifetime. Five are, now, members of the Society. And two paths lie before them. The secret society of Alexandrians is unmasked. Its newest recruits realise the institute is capable of raw, world-changing power. It's also headed by a man, with plans to change life as we know it – and these are already under way. But the cost of this knowledge is as high as the price of power, and each initiate must choose which faction to follow. Yet, as events gather momentum and dangers multiply, which of their alliances will hold? Can friendships hold true and are enemies quite what they seem? The sequel to *The Atlas Six* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Gunfight on Europa Station

anthology

Boop, David (editor)

An actual wagon train to space? Gunslinging cowpokes riding in rickety rocket ships? What isn't possible when you mix science fiction and Westerns? The final frontier ain't so final, in these 12 tales of space exploration and adventure: each a timeless yarn told around the warm glow of a nuclear reactor just before it goes supernova. There's a story for everyone who's ever dreamed of travelling the stars. From the lone stranger who flies into town to help a widow and her daughter to the alien rancher trying to pose as human, they are familiar, yet with completely new twists. Take the pair of mercenaries who sign on to stop a mining camp insurrection only to discover they might be on the wrong side of evolution, or the prospector who finds the strike of a lifetime but ends up stranded on a barren moon without hope of rescue. And if that's not enough to catch your fancy, then how about a cloned Doc Holliday making

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his way in a future where both sickness and gambling are ancient history? Assembled inside are the biggest names in science fiction, taking you to the farthest reaches of the galaxy like they've never done before.

So, get ready to hit the hyper-thrusters as you set course for adventure, mystery, romance, and two-lasergun slinging action! Featuring stories by Elizabeth Moon, Alan Dean Foster, Jane Lindskold, Wil McCarthy, Gini Koch, Martin Shoemaker, Cat Rambo with J R Martin, Alastair Mayer, Alex Shvartsman, Patrick Swenson, and Michael F Haspil.

Western-influenced sf PBK \$24.95

A Curse of Queens

Kingmaker Chronicles 04

Bouchet, Amanda

After centuries of conflict, the three kingdoms of Thalyria have finally been reunited. But now the queen has been cursed, the royal lineage has been broken, and no one knows who's behind the plot to threaten the once-fractured realm's fragile new peace. Desperate to help, Jocasta – the king's younger sister and a gifted healer – hatches a daring plan to find Circe's Garden, a fabled island where she hopes to discover an antidote. But she can't do it alone. She needs the strong arm and unflinching bravery of the warrior she's loved since childhood – her brother's right-hand – man and captain of the guard, Flynn of Sintia. Flynn has spent years fighting to deny the desperate longing burning between them, but he cannot allow Jocasta to face this danger alone. As they face the ultimate challenge, old feelings blaze brighter than ever. Together, they must overcome the greatest of odds, or lose the kingdom – and their love – forever.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

City of Time and Magic

Found Things 04

Brackston, Paula

Xanthe must choose from three treasures that sing to her; a beautiful writing slope, a mourning brooch of heartbreaking detail, and a gorgeous gem-set hat pin. All call her, but the wrong one could take her on a mission other than that which she must address first, and the stakes could not be higher. While her earlier mission to Regency England had been a success, the journey home resulted in Liam being taken from her, spirited away to another time and place. Xanthe must follow the treasure that will take her to him if he is not to be lost forever. Xanthe is certain that Mistress Flyte has Liam and determined to find them both. But when she discovers Lydia Flyte has been tracking the actions of the Visionary Society, a group of ruthless and unscrupulous Spinners who have been selling their talents to a club of wealthy clients, Xanthe realises her work as a Spinner must come before her personal wishes. The Visionary Society is highly dangerous and directly opposed to the creed of the Spinners. Their actions could have disastrous consequences as they alter the authentic order of things and change the future. Xanthe knows she must take on the Society. It will require the skills of all her friends, old and new, to attempt such a thing, and not all of them will survive the confrontation that follows.

Time travel TP \$29.99

Winterlight

Green Rider 07

Britain, Kristen

After her capture at the hands of Grandmother and the Second Empire, Karigan G'ladheon is making halting progress towards recovery. Karigan takes on increasingly dangerous missions, haunted by the spectre of her torturer, Nyssa, and sinking ever further into the mire of her recollections of the past and the losses she's sustained. Meanwhile, the forces of the Second Empire are moving on Sacordia and their primary target is a vulnerable garrison that guards a crucial mountain pass. Faced with new fatherhood and a country on the verge of war, King Zachary sends a contingent of soldiers and Green Riders to the pass – but his own recovery from the events of the north is not yet complete either. Reunited with her fellow Riders at the pass, Karigan takes on a leadership role, but quickly finds that the Riders are not as she last left them. As tension mounts and war draws ever closer to the heart of Sacordia, Karigan must discover what it truly means to be a Rider and a hero of the realm – and what sacrifices must be made to truly heal from her past.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Daughter of Darkness

Viridian Deep 02

Brooks, Terry

It's been two years, since Auris escaped from the sinister Goblin prison and learned of her heritage as one of the Fae. She is now happily partnered with her Fae lover, Harrow, and deeply bonded with her new family. All seems to be going perfectly – until, surprisingly, the Goblin attacks begin again. Someone, it seems, has not forgotten that Auris exists and seems determined to retrieve her... but who? And why? As Auris begins to dig deeper into the mystery, old friends and new enemies appear, and she starts to realise that her still-shrouded past must contain the answers she needs. But even Auris does not suspect how far down the rabbit hole she is about to go – until Harrow is taken, and an impossible ransom demand is issued. With two new companions at her side, Auris must attempt to unlock the remaining secrets of her past. For if she cannot, she will never see Harrow alive again. The sequel to *Child of Light* (TP, \$32.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Penric's Labors

Penric & Desdemona novella omnibus 03

Bujold, Lois McMaster

Return to the world of Five Gods, in these three novellas from Grand Master Lois McMaster Bujold. Collecting novellas 7–9 and including a new introduction, 'outroduction', and suggested reading order by Bujold. *Masquerade in Lodi*: Bastard's Eve is a night of celebration for most residents in the canal city of Lodi – but not for sorcerer Learned Penric and his Temple demon Desdemona, who find themselves caught up in the affairs of a shiplost madman, a dangerous ascendant demon, and a very unexpected saint of the fifth god. *The Orphans of Raspay*: When the ship in which they are travelling is captured by Carpagamon island raiders, Temple sorcerer Penric and his resident demon Desdemona

find their life complicated by two young orphans, Lencia and Seuka Corva, who are far from home and searching for their missing father. Pen and Des will need all their combined talents of mind and magic to unravel the mysteries of the sisters and escape from the pirate stronghold. *The Physicians of Vilnoc*: When a mysterious plague breaks out in the army fort guarding Vilnoc, the port capital of the duchy of Orbas, Temple sorcerer Penric and his demon Desdemona are called upon by General Arisaydia to resurrect Penric's medical skills and solve its lethal riddle. In the gruelling days that follow, Pen will find that even his magic is not enough to meet the challenges without help from dedicated new colleagues – and the god of mischance. It's no secret we're huge fans of Lois', this novella collection is highly recommended!

Fantasy HC \$55.00

Against All Gods

Age of Bronze 01

Cameron, Miles

The tyranny of the gods is absolute, and they are capricious, malevolent and almost all-powerful, playing cruel games with the fates of mortals for their own ends... The people caught up in toils of the gods are merely trying to survive. Victims of vicious whims, trapped by their circumstances or pushed beyond what the mortal frame can bear, a handful of god-touched mortals – a scribe, a warlord, a dancer and a child – are about to be brought together in a conspiracy of their own. A conspiracy to reach the heavens, and take down the corrupt and aging gods... who are already facing troubles of their own... A vibrant and powerful epic set against an alternate Bronze Age, this tale of gods, men and monsters, conspiracy and war, is a rich, compelling and original read from a master of the historical and fantasy genres.

Fantasy HC \$49.99

Resolute

Lost Fleet: Outlands 02

Campbell, Jack

Gearly knows that some political factions in the Alliance were just trying to get rid of him, when he was assigned to escort a diplomatic and scientific mission to the far reaches of humanity's expansion into the galaxy... and beyond. But he views his mission as both a duty and an opportunity to make things better wherever he can. And when a crippled Rift Federation ship tumbles out of jump space, Gearly leaps into action. But the survivors' story isn't completely adding up. As Gearly investigates, he soon finds himself fending off spies and assassins while leading the fleet as it fights its way across space controlled by the mysterious and hostile aliens whom humans call enigmas. Challenges arrive at every turn, including an unknown alien species that invites the fleet to visit one of their star systems. With little information to go on, Gearly must weigh the benefits of potential new allies against the possibility of a trap. The fate of the fleet – and perhaps even the future of humanity – will depend on him making the right decision. If he can stay alive, long enough to do that. The sequel to *Boundless* (PBK, \$19.99).

Space opera PBK \$19.99

The Last Shadow

Ender Saga 06

Gard, Orson Scott

Orson Scott Card's *The Last Shadow* is the long-awaited conclusion to both the original Ender series and the Ender's Shadow series, as the children of Ender and Bean solve the great problem of the Ender Universe – the deadly virus they call the descolada, which is incurable and will kill all of humanity if it is allowed to escape from Lusitania. One planet. Three sapient species living peacefully together. And one deadly virus that could wipe out every world in the Starways Congress, killing billions. Is the only answer another great Xenocide?

Space opera PBK \$26.95

Seasparrow

Graceling Realm 05

Gashore, Kristin

In the immediate aftermath of the events of *Winterkeep* (PBK, \$22.99), Bitterblue and her entourage begin the journey back to Monsea with the only copies of the formulas for the zilphium weapon. Bitterblue must decide what she will do with her world-shaping power. But before they've even made it halfway home, storms drive their ship off course and then they wreck in the ice far north of the Royal Continent. The survivors must make a harrowing trek across the ice in order to make it back to Monsea. *Seasparrow* is told entirely from the point of view of Hava, Bitterblue's personal spy and secret half-sister. And while Bitterblue grapples with how to carry the responsibility of a weapon of mass destruction, Hava must decide what she will do with herself in the new world Bitterblue will make. The first in this series is *Graceling* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Sweetwater and the Witch

Harmony 15

Castle, Jayne

If there's something Ravenna Chastain knows, it's when to end things. And after she almost winds up the victim of a cult that believes she's a witch, it's easy to walk away from her dead-end career, ready for a new start. But where to find a job that would allow her to use her very specialised skill set? The answer is clear: she becomes a matchmaker. But even a successful matchmaker can't find someone for everyone, and Ravenna considers Ethan Sweetwater her first professional failure. After nine failed dates, Ravenna knows it's time to cut Ethan loose. But Ethan refuses to be fired as a client – he needs one final date to a business function. Since Ravenna needs a date herself to a family event, they agree to a deal: she will be his (business) date if he will be her (fake) date to her grandparents' anniversary celebration. What Ethan fails to mention is that attending the business function is a cover for some industrial espionage that he's doing as a favour to the new Illusion Town Guild boss. Ravenna is happy to help, but their relationship gets even more complicated when things heat up – the chemistry between them is explosive, as explosive as the danger that's stalking Ravenna. Lucky for her, Ethan isn't just an engineer – he's also a Sweetwater, and Sweetwaters are known for hunting down monsters...

SF romance PBK \$22.99

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The River of Silver

Daevabad trilogy, collection

Chakraborty, Shannon

An expansion of the acclaimed, Hugo-nominated Daevabad trilogy with this magical compilation of stories from before, during, and after the events of the series. Told from the perspective of characters beloved and hated, and even those never heard from until now, these tales of Daevabad enrich a world already teeming with magic and wonder. Explore a kingdom hidden from human eyes. A place where djinn live and thrive, fight and love. A realm where princes question their rule, and powerful demons can help you... or destroy you. From Manizheh's first steps towards rebellion to adventures that take place after The Empire of Gold, this is a must-have collection for those who can't get enough of Nahri, Ali, and Dara and all that unfolded around them.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Ghost Eaters

Chapman, Clay McLeod

Erin hasn't been able to set a single boundary with her charismatic but reckless college ex-boyfriend, Silas. When he asks her to bail him out of rehab – again – she knows she needs to cut him off. But days after he gets out, Silas turns up dead of an overdose in their hometown of Richmond, Virginia, and Erin's world falls apart. Then a friend tells her about Ghost, a new drug that allows users to see the dead. *Wanna get haunted?* he asks. Grieving and desperate for closure with Silas, Erin agrees to a pill-popping 'séance'. But the drug has unfathomable side effects – and once you take it, you can never go back.

Horror HC \$39.99

Desert Creatures

Chronister, Kay

Nine-year-old Magdala and her father have been exiled from their home; they flee through the harsh landscape of the American West, searching for refuge. As violence pursues them, they join a handful of survivors on a pilgrimage to the holy city of Las Vegas, where it is said that vigilante saints reside, bright with neon power. Magdala, born with a clubfoot, is going to be healed. But when faced with the strange horrors of the Sonoran Desert, one by one the pilgrims fall victim to a hideous sickness – leaving Magdala to fend for herself. After surviving for seven years on her own, Magdala is tired of waiting for her miracle. Magdala turns her gaze to Las Vegas once more, and this time, nothing will stop her. She recruits an exiled Vegas priest at gunpoint to serve as her guide, and the pair form a fragile alliance as they navigate the darkest and strangest reaches of the desert, on a journey that takes her further from salvation even as she nears the holy city. What compromise does survival require of a woman – and can she ever unlearn the instincts that have kept her alive?

Dystopia/Horror HC \$55.00

The Art of Prophecy

War Arts Saga 01

Chu, Wesley

So many stories begin the same way: With a prophecy. A chosen one. And the inevitable quest to slay a villain, save the kingdom, and fulfill a grand destiny. But this

is not that kind of story. It does begin with a prophecy: A child will rise to defeat the Eternal Khan, a cruel immortal god-king, and save the kingdom. And that prophecy did anoint a hero, Jian, raised since birth in luxury and splendour, and celebrated before he has won a single battle. But that's when the story hits its first twist: The prophecy is wrong. What follows is a story more wondrous than any prophecy could foresee, and with many unexpected heroes: Taishi, an older woman who is the greatest grandmaster of magical martial arts in the kingdom but who thought her adventuring days were all behind her; Sali, a straitlaced warrior who learns the rules may no longer apply when the leader to whom she pledged her life is gone; and Qisami, a chaotic assassin who takes a little too much pleasure in the kill. And Jian, himself, who has to find a way to become what he no longer believes he can be – a hero, after all. 'An ambitious and touching exploration of disillusionment in faith, tradition, and family – a glorious reinvention of fantasy and wuxia tropes.' – *Naomi Novik*. The first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Gallows Hill

Coates, Darcy

The Hull family has owned the Gallows Hill Winery for generations. Their wine wins awards. Their business prospers. Their family thrives. People whisper that the curse has awakened, once more. The sprawling old house has long been perched on top of a hill overlooking the nearby town, jealously guarding the estate's secrets. It's been more than a decade, since Margot Hull last saw her childhood home. She was young enough when she was sent away that she barely remembers its dark passageways and secret corners. But now she's returned to bury her parents and reconnect with the winery that is her family's legacy – and the bloody truth of exactly what lies buried beneath the crumbling estate. Alone in the sprawling, dilapidated building, Margot is forced to face face with the horrors of the past – and realise that she may be the next victim of a house that never rests...

Horror TP \$24.99

To Each This World

Czerneda, Julie E

A desperate mission to reconnect with long lost sleeper ships, sent centuries earlier, from Earth, to settle distant worlds... A trio of Humans must work with their mysterious alien allies to rescue any descendants they can find on those worlds. Something is out there, determined to claim the cosmos for itself, and only on Earth will Humans be safe. Or will they? The challenge isn't just to communicate with your own kind, after generations have passed. It's to understand what isn't your kind, at all. And how far will trust take you, when the truth depends on what you are?

Science fiction TP \$39.95

The Violence

Dawson, Delilah S

A mysterious plague that causes random bouts of violence is sweeping the nation. Now, three generations of women must navigate their chilling new reality in this

moving exploration of identity, cycles of abuse, and hope. Chelsea Martin appears to be the perfect housewife: married to her high school sweetheart, the mother of two daughters, keeper of an immaculate home. But Chelsea's husband has turned their house into a prison; he has been abusing her for years, cutting off her independence, autonomy, and support. She has nowhere to turn, not even to her narcissistic mother, Patricia, who is more concerned with maintaining the appearance of an ideal family than she is with her daughter's actual wellbeing. And Chelsea is worried that her daughters will be trapped just as she is – then a mysterious illness sweeps the nation. Known as The Violence, this illness causes the infected to experience sudden, explosive bouts of animalistic rage and attack anyone in their path. But for Chelsea, the chaos and confusion the virus causes is an opportunity – and inspires a plan to liberate herself from her abuser.

Dystopia PBK \$27.99

Black Forest

Dean, Laramie

Nathan has always been haunted by what he calls 'deaders', frightening, disfigured creatures – once human but now hungry and relentless ghosts. After a séance to banish them goes awry, Nathan escapes high school to start over at Waxman University in idyllic Garden City, Montana. But when young men begin to go missing from campus, Nathan finds that the deaders have returned, more frightening and hungrier than ever. With the help of the mysterious Theo, Nathan seeks to learn the truth behind the disappearances. But something worse than the deaders begins to haunt Nathan... something with glowing yellow eyes and giant wings. As reality grows thin, things emerge from the cracks. Is Theo what he seems? Or could he be some kind of monster? Will Nathan learn the truth, before he vanishes into the darkness?

Horror TP \$41.95

Bloodmarked

Legendborn Cycle 02

Deonn, Tracy

The shadows have risen, and the line is law. All Bree wanted was to uncover the truth behind her mother's death. So, she infiltrated the Legendborn Order, a secret society descended from King Arthur's knights – only to discover her own ancestral power. Now, Bree has become someone new: *A Medium. A Bloodcrafter. A Scion.* But the ancient war between demons and the Order is rising to a deadly peak. And Nick, the Legendborn boy Bree fell in love with, has been kidnapped. Bree wants to fight, but the Regents who rule the Order won't let her. To them, she is an unknown girl with unheard-of power, and as the living anchor for the spell that preserves the Legendborn cycle, she must be protected. When the Regents reveal they will do whatever it takes to hide the war, Bree and her friends must go on the run to rescue Nick themselves. But enemies are everywhere, Bree's powers are unpredictable and dangerous, and she can't escape her growing attraction to Selwyn, the mage sworn to protect Nick until death. If Bree has any hope of saving herself and the people she loves, she must learn to

control her powers from the ancestors who wielded them first – without losing herself in the process. The sequel to *Legendborn* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

Do Androids Dream

of Electric Sheep?

Dick, Philip K

Philip K Dick's classic SF novel, which was adapted as the film *Blade Runner*. World War Terminus devastated the Earth. Through its ruins, bounty hunter Rick Deckard searches for the renegade replicants he is sent to 'retire', while he dreams of owning a live animal – the ultimate status symbol in a world all but bereft of natural life. The opportunity of a lifetime: kill six Nexus-6 targets, for a huge reward. But in Deckard's world things aren't that simple, and his assignment turns into a nightmare kaleidoscope of subterfuge and deceit – and the hunter becomes the hunted... Voted in a *Locus* poll as one of the 100 pre-1990 SF novels, *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* spawned two blockbuster movies. Philip K Dick won multiple awards for his works, examining human identity, psychology, conspiracy, and paranoia, challenging the idea of objective truth in a manner that remains relevant today. A reissue of the SF Masterworks edition, with new cover art.

SF Masterworks (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Monster Field

collection

Dougan, Lucy

Lucy Dougan's new collection draws on and is alive to the mysterious zone that Surrealist artist Paul Nash called the 'Monster Field': the place glimpsed from a car at speed which cannot be found again easily, and which opens up a space between the everyday and the occult as it 'almost slides past your eyes'. Like a monster, 'elusive and ubiquitous' a poem is a 'showing' of what is both unsettling and familiar. In the world of everyday perception, mundane or discarded objects, fleeting scenes and inconsequential places can become unexpectedly charged with momentary significance and rise up as weird extremities in the field of the ordinary. Dougan's ongoing concerns – the hidden or unperceived, things out of place, the intrusion of wildness into ordered spaces, in art and film, the shifting relationship between past and present – are deepened in this new collection by the disorientations of middle age: in experiences of survival, difficulty, and failure; in the presence and pressure of mystery; and in her conviction of what is sustainable in the making of things and in living.

Literary fantasy PBK \$25.00

Nightwatch Over Windscar

Weep 02

Eason, K

Iari is good at killing monsters. As a templar in the Aedis, a multi-species religious organisation committed to protecting the Confederation, eliminating extra-dimensional horrors is her job. But after she helped stop separatists from sabotaging the entire Confederation, she discovered a new sort of monster: the rogue-arithmancer,

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political kind. Promoted and sent north to the tundra of Windscar, Iari leads a team of templars to investigate ancient, subterranean ruins, which local legend claims are haunted, and which have mysterious connections to the dangerous arithmancy used by the wihu separatists. Iari isn't worried about ghosts. She's worried about surviving separatists and a fresh attempt to upend the Confederation. Included in Iari's team are Char, a decommissioned battle-mecha and newly-joined templar, and Gaer, ostensible ambassador and talented arithmancer. As they delve into the ruins, they find remnants of long-ago battles, bits of broken armour and mechas – which unexpectedly reanimate and attack. It seems there is still dangerous arithmancy in Windscar – but the source isn't who Iari expected, and they're far worse than the separatists... The sequel to *Nightwatch on the Hinterlands* (TP, \$39.95).
Military sf HC \$57.95

A Clockwork River Emery, J S

Lower Rhumbsford is a city far removed from its glory days. On the banks of the great River Rhumb, its founding fathers channelled the river's mighty flow into a subterranean labyrinth of pipes, valves and sluices, a feat of hydraulic prowess that would come to power an empire. But 1,000 years have passed since then, and something is wrong: the pipes are leaking, the valves stuck, the sluices silted, and the once-torrential Rhumb has been reduced to a sluggish trickle. The fortunes of the Locke family, descendants of the city's most celebrated engineer, are similarly reduced. In a once-fashionable quarter of the once-great city, siblings Samuel and Briony Locke are about to be drawn into a web of ancestral secrets and imperial intrigues, as a ruthless new power arises...
Fantasy PBK \$19.99

Our Share of Night Enriquez, Mariana

Gaspar is in danger. Only six years old, he is frightened he may have inherited the same strange abilities as his father, Juan; a powerful medium who can open locked doors, commune with the dead, and possess the ancient forces of the Darkness. Now, father and son are in flight, hunted by the Order, a group of wealthy acolytes who seek to harness the Darkness, no matter the cost. Among them, Gaspar's grandmother, whose twisted desires have already driven her to commit unspeakable acts. Nothing will stop the Order, nothing is beyond them. Surrounded by horrors, can Gaspar and Juan break free? Spanning the brutal years of Argentina's military dictatorship and its turbulent aftermath, *Our Share of Night* is a haunting, thrilling novel of broken families, cursed land, inheritance, power, and the terrible sacrifices a father will make to help his son escape his destiny.
Gothic mystery TP \$32.99

Sugar Plum Spies

Section 47 02

Estep, Jennifer

Most spies take a break for the holidays, but not me, Charlotte Locke. As an analyst for Section 47, a secret spy organisation, I normally use my magical form of synaesthesia to uncover lies and track

paramortal criminals from the comfort of my cubicle. But, tonight, I'm going out into the field, along with my partner, Desmond Percy, a powerful galvanist. Instead of enjoying Christmastime in the city, I'm in a German castle, dressed like a toy soldier and masquerading as a waitress at a swanky Christmas Eve party. My mission? To gather information that will help Section 47 track down a dangerous enemy. Despite the glitz and glamour, I can't shake the sense that something is wrong – and that Desmond and I might not leave the party alive. My name is Desmond Percy, although I've had many aliases during my years working as a cleaner for Section 47. But I've never had a real partner until Charlotte Locke. My part of the mission is simple: pretend to be a guest and keep an eye on things at the party while Charlotte uses her synaesthesia to track down the information we need. But what starts out as a sugar plum dream quickly turns into a holiday nightmare. Forget the mission. All I want, for Christmas, is to keep Charlotte safe. The follow-up to *A Sense of Danger* (TP, \$32.95).

Paranormal romance TP \$?? \$24.95

Empire of Exiles

Books of the Usurper 01

Evans, Erin M

Twenty-seven years ago, a Duke with a grudge led a ruthless coup against the empire of Semilla, killing thousands. He failed. The Duke was executed, a terrifyingly powerful sorcerer was imprisoned, and an unwilling princess disappeared. The empire moved on. Now, when Quill, an apprentice scribe, arrives in the capital city, he believes he's on a simple errand for another pompous noble: fetch ancient artefacts from the magical Imperial Archives. He's always found his apprenticeship to a lawman to be dull work. But these aren't just any artefacts – these are the instruments of revolution, the banners under which the Duke led his coup. Just as the artefacts are unearthed, the city is shaken by a brutal murder that seems to have been caused by a weapon not seen since the days of rebellion. With Quill being the main witness to the murder, and no one in power believing his story, he must join the Archivists – a young mage, a seasoned archivist, and a disillusioned detective – to solve the truth of the attack. And what they uncover will be the key to saving the empire – or destroying it again. The first in a series.
Fantasy TP \$39.95

1637: the Transylvanian Decision

Ring of Fire 35

Flint, Eric & Waters, Robert E

Up-timer Morris Roth and his Grand Army of the Sunrise stand at a crossroads. Military success against the Polish-Lithuanian magnates has all but guaranteed a continued push east into Ruthenian lands. There, Roth hopes to further his Anaconda Project so that tens of thousands of Jews are not slaughtered in what's to become known as the Chmielnicki Pogrom of 1648. An envoy from Transylvania arrives with a promising offer from its prince, who wishes to form an alliance with Bohemia, but the land shrouded in the fog of the Carpathian Mountains – and known only to most up-timers as the playground of Count Dracula – is a vassal

state of the Ottoman Empire. Such an alliance would surely draw the ire of Sultan Murad IV. The United States of Europe agrees to assist the Bohemian forces, and sends in the Silesian Guard, under the command of Brigadier Jeff Higgins. They also send in Gretchen Richter to organise and lead the political struggle. Transylvania is thrown into political, social, and religious turmoil as battle lines are drawn. Whatever happens and whoever wins the fight, one thing is certain: the history of Eastern Europe will change radically. In fact, it already has.

Alternate history HC \$55.00

Gender Swapped

Greek Myths

Fransman, Karrie

Imagine a world where seductive male sirens lure brave heroines to their death, where Icara and her mother fly too close to the sun, and where beautiful men are forced to wed underworld queens... For thousands of years, Greek Myths have been told and retold. In these stories, brutality and bravery are reserved for men, while women are wicked witches or helpless maidens. Today, these myths continue to shape our ideas about justice, tragedy, and what makes a hero's journey. Karrie and Jonathan love these stories, and have found a way to breathe new life into them by making one crucial change... Following the incredible success of *Gender Swapped Fairy Tales* (HC, \$39.99) they have taken that same simple step. They haven't rewritten the stories in this book. They haven't reimaged the endings, or reinvented characters. What they have done is switch all the genders. You'll be enchanted by the refreshing world this swap creates – and thunderstruck by the new characters you're about to discover.
Fairy tales retold HC \$39.99

Cruel Illusions

Fuston, Margie

Ever since a vampire murdered her mother, Ava has been determined to get revenge. This all-encompassing drive has given her the fuel she needed to survive foster home after foster home. But it's been 10 years since anyone's seen a vampire, and Ava has lost hope that she'll ever find one... until she stumbles across a hidden magic show where she witnesses impossible illusions. The magicians may not be the bloodsuckers she's hunting, but Ava is convinced something supernatural is at play, so she sneaks backstage and catches them in acts they can't explain. But they've been waiting for her. The magicians reveal they're part of an ancient secret society with true magic, and Ava has the same power in her blood that they do. If she joins them, they promise to teach her the skills she needs to hunt vampires and avenge her mother. But there's a catch: if she wants to keep the power they offer, she needs to prove she's worthy of it. And to do so, she must put on the performance of her life in a sinister and dangerous competition where illusion and reality blur, and the stakes are deadly. *Caraval* meets *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* in this deliciously dark YA fantasy about a girl who makes a deal with a magical secret society to enter a potentially deadly competition for the chance to avenge her mother's death.
YA fantasy TP \$22.99

Treacle Walker

novella

Garner, Alan

An introspective young boy, Joseph Coppock squints at the world with his lazy eye. Living alone in an old house, he reads comics, collects birds' eggs, and plays with his marbles. When, one day, a rag-and-bone man called Treacle Walker appears, exchanging an empty jar of a cure-all medicine and a donkey stone for a pair of Joseph's pyjamas and a lamb's shoulder blade, a mysterious friendship develops between them. A fusion of myth, magic and the stories we make for ourselves, *Treacle Walker* is an extraordinary novel from one of our greatest living writers. Shortlisted for the Booker Prize 2022.
Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Worlds of J R R Tolkien:

the Places That Inspired Middle-earth

Garth, John

This book takes you to the places that inspired J R R Tolkien to create his fictional locations in *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Hobbit*, and other classic works. Written by renowned Tolkien expert John Garth, *The Worlds of J R R Tolkien* features a wealth of breathtaking illustrations, including Tolkien's own drawings, contributions from other artists, rare archival images, and spectacular colour photos of contemporary locations across Britain and beyond, from the battlefields of World War I to Africa. Garth identifies the locales that served as the basis for Hobbiton, the elven valley of Rivendell, the Glittering Caves of Helm's Deep, and many other settings in Middle-earth, from mountains and forests to rivers, lakes, and shorelands. He reveals the rich interplay between Tolkien's personal travels, his wide reading, and his deep scholarship as an Oxford don. Garth draws on his profound knowledge of Tolkien's life and work to shed light on the extraordinary processes of invention behind Tolkien's works of fantasy. He also debunks popular misconceptions about the inspirations for Middle-earth and puts forward strong new claims of his own. An illustrated journey into the life and imagination of one of the world's best-loved authors, *The Worlds of J R R Tolkien* provides a unique exploration of the relationship between the real and the fantastical and is an essential companion for anyone who wants to follow in Tolkien's footsteps.
Tolkien PBK \$35.00

The Ice Orphan

Rewilding Reports 03

Gear, Kathleen O'Neal

It's been 925 summers since the Jemen introduced zyme, a bioluminescent algae, into the world's ocean and unwittingly triggered an Ice Age that has consumed most of the planet. All but a handful of Jemen flew to the stars, but before they left, they recreated several extinct species that had thrived in the last Ice Age. After almost 1,000 summers, the archaic hominins that struggle along the edges of massive glaciers are dwindling. All they have to save them is a dying quantum computer called Quancee and her student, a Denisovan man named Lynx. When the last Jemen, Vice Admiral Jorgenson, tells Lynx he's going to dismantle Quancee and use her parts to create a new computer, Lynx is stunned. He can't let

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Jorgenson kill Quancee! Meanwhile, in the lodges of the Sealion People, a sick boy on the verge of manhood hears voices. One is an old woman who sings to him. When Jawbone goes on his first quest to find a spirit helper, the old woman finds him... While Lynx battles to save Quancee, the quantum computer has other priorities. Before it dies, it has to save a special boy who cannot save himself.

Cli-fi HC \$55.00

Reckoning

Donovan 06

Gear, W Michael

Three years after *Ashanti* spaced for Solar System, *Turalon* reappears in the Donovanian sky. The Corporation has returned. Donovan's wealth is a lure for the powerful families who control the Board. Unburdened by morals, they are bringing their battle for supremacy to Port Authority and a showdown that could tear The Corporation apart. Much to her disgust, Falise Taglioni has been chosen to ensure that her family emerges triumphant; she comes with instructions for her brother, Dek. After all, she could always manipulate him to her will. And she will again, even if she has to destroy Talina Perez in the process. And if her war with the Grunnels, Xian Chans, and Radecks destroys Port Authority in the process? Who cares? But nothing on Donovan is static, and in the three years since *Ashanti's* departure, life on the planet has hardened Kalico Aguila and the scrappy inhabitants of Port Authority. Life in the bush breeds a different kind of human, genetically altered, tough, and self-reliant. And on Donovan, determining who is predator, and who is prey has never been easy. Meanwhile, for Kylee Simonov and her bonded quetzal, Flute, there will be a final comeuppance. Because on Donovan, blood vendetta needs to be paid. And then she's going to town. After which, nothing will be the same.

Military sf HC \$62.95

One Dark Window

Gillig, Rachel

Elspeth needs a monster. The monster might be her. An ancient, mercurial spirit is trapped inside Elspeth Spindle's head—she calls him the Nightmare. He protects her. He keeps her secrets. But nothing comes for free, especially magic. When Elspeth meets a mysterious highwayman on the forest road, she is thrust into a world of shadow and deception. Together, they embark on a dangerous quest to cure the town of Blunder from the dark magic infecting it. As the stakes heighten and their undeniable attraction intensifies, Elspeth is forced to face her darkest secret yet: the Nightmare is slowly, darkly, taking over her mind. And she might not be able to stop him.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Our Violent Ends

These Violent Delights 02

Gong, Chloe

The year is 1927, and Shanghai teeters on the edge of revolution. After sacrificing her relationship with Roma to protect him from the blood feud, Juliette has been a girl on the warpath. One wrong move, and her cousin will step into usurp her place as the Scarlet

Gang's heir. The only way to save the boy she loves from the wrath of the Scarlets is to have him want her dead for murdering his best friend in cold blood. If Juliette were actually guilty of the crime Roma believes she committed, his rejection might sting less. Roma is still reeling from Marshall's death, and his cousin Benedikt will barely speak to him. Roma knows it's his fault for letting the ruthless Juliette back into his life, and he's determined to set things right—even if that means killing the girl he hates and loves with equal measure. Then a new monstrous danger emerges in the city, and though secrets keep them apart, Juliette must secure Roma's cooperation if they are to end this threat once and for all. Shanghai is already at a boiling point: The Nationalists are marching in, whispers of civil war brew louder every day, and gangster rule faces complete annihilation. Roma and Juliette must put aside their differences to combat monsters and politics, but they aren't prepared for the biggest threat of all: protecting their hearts from each other. The heart-stopping follow-up to *These Violent Delights* (PBK, \$17.99), an imaginative, alluring retelling of *Romeo and Juliet*, set in 1920s Shanghai.

YA historical fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Gauntlet and the Burning Blade

Rotstorm 02

Green, Ian

Break the chains. Hold your strength.

Burn your foes. Once a warrior of the Stormguard Comandos, Floré wrought horrors in the rotstorm to protect her people. She did her duty and swore to leave the bloodshed behind. But when her daughter, Marta, was kidnapped, Floré was forced to, once again, raise her gauntlet against the devils of Ferron to bring her home. Now, Marta is dying from the skein-magic, she inherited from her father, and the Protectorate is weakened by the absence of the whitestaffs. The mystical order of healers and sages fled to their island citadel of Riven when strange orbs cut through the night. Floré and her comrades must race to find a cure for Marta, to find the truth of the whitestaffs' betrayal, and to fight back against the encroaching children of the storm. Floré has taken up her gauntlets and her sword to keep her people safe—but steel alone might not be enough... The sequel to *The Gauntlet and the Fist Beneath* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Buried Memories

Ishmael Jones mysteries 10

Green, Simon R

As long-buried memories from his hidden past begin to resurface, Ishmael Jones and his partner Penny feel compelled to return to the small country town where Ishmael crashed-landed in 1963; the place where his memories began. Norton Hedley is no ordinary town. Apparitions, sudden disappearances, sightings of unusual beasts: for centuries, the place has been plagued by a series of inexplicable events. Ishmael's first task is to track down local author Vincent Smith, the one man he believes may have some answers. Ishmael and Penny aren't the only ones seeking the mysterious Mr Smith. When their search unearths a newly-dead body in

the local mortuary—a body that's definitely not supposed to be there—Ishmael becomes the prime suspect in the ensuing murder investigation. His only hope of discovering the truth about his origins lies in exposing a ruthless killer.

Paranormal mystery TP \$39.95

Snow White and Other Grimms' Fairy Tales

illustrated with interactive elements

Grimm, Jacob & Wilhelm & MinaLima (paper artists)

Snow White and Other Grimms' Fairy Tales includes 23 of the most popular tales penned by German brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, taken from their original collection *Children's and Household Tales*, first published in 1812. Here are beloved characters, including Snowdrop (Snow White), Briar Rose (Sleeping Beauty), Ashputtel (Cinderella), Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel, Rumpelstiltskin, the Elves and the Shoemaker, all reimagined by the brilliant award-winning designers at MinaLima. This deluxe edition is illustrated with specially commissioned artwork and includes nine extraordinary interactive features ranging from a pop-up forest and pull-tab mirror for Snow White, and a wall of thorns encasing Sleeping Beauty, to a three-dimensional ball gown for Cinderella, and a pop-up tower for Rapunzel. Filled with marvels, this beautiful edition will enchant readers of every age and is sure to become a treasured keepsake.

Fairy tales HC \$39.99

Burntcoat Hall, Sarah

You were the last one here, before I closed the door of Burntcoat. Before we all closed our doors... In an unnamed British city, the virus is spreading, and like everyone else, the celebrated sculptor Edith Harkness retreats inside. She isolates herself in her immense studio, Burntcoat, with Halit, the lover she barely knows. As life outside changes irreparably, inside Burntcoat, Edith and Halit find themselves changed as well: by the histories and responsibilities each carries and bears, by the fears and dangers of the world outside, and by the progressions of their new relationship. And Burntcoat will be transformed, too, into a new and feverish world, a place in which Edith comes to an understanding of how we survive the impossible—and what is left after we have.

Dystopia PBK \$19.99

The Serpent in Heaven

Gunnie Rose 04

Harris, Charlaine

Felicia, Lizbeth Rose's younger half-sister and student at the Grigori school within the capital of the New Holy Russian Empire in San Diego, is caught between secrets and powerful family struggles. As a distant relative to the Tsar, she provides an essential service to him by providing blood transfusions for his haemophilia, and she is thus given rare access and dismissed as if cattle. At the Grigori school she is seen as a charity case, a poor orphan with no prospects and no sign of magical prowess—the latter which Felicia keeps purposefully hidden. And yet, when a kidnapping attempt is made

upon Felicia her past and her future crash together in violent ways. Felicia, it turns out, is far more than the Russian-Mexican waif Lizbeth rescued, and the journey of discovery she is on is filled with magical assassins and desperation; but, above it all, is her courage to never give in to the limitations imposed upon her. The first in this great alt-history series is *An Easy Death* (PBK, \$22.99).

Alternate history TP \$32.99

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Heathcock, Alan

In a future America ravaged by natural disaster, pandemic, and political unrest, a fundamentalist faction emerges. As the Novae Terrae gain power, enticing civilians with bread and circuses, a civil war breaks out between its members and the US government. Mazzy Goodwin, a young soldier, only wants to find her little sister, Ava Lynn. One day, she wakes in a bomb crater to find wings emerged from her back. Has she died? Been gifted wings by God? Undergone a military experiment? The world sees a miracle. Mazzy is coaxed into seeing it as an opportunity: to become the angel-like figurehead of the revolution, in return for being reunited with her sister. Her journey leads her to New Los Angeles, where the Novae have set up the headquarters for their propaganda machine—right in the ruins of Hollywood. Aided by friends old and new, she must navigate a web of deceit while staying true to herself.

Science fiction HC \$42.99

The Heir of Caladan

Dune: Caladan 03

Herbert, Brian

& Anderson, Kevin J

Here is Paul Atreides. Not yet a man in years, he is about to enter a world, he could never have imagined. The story that began with Duke Leto Atreides' rise to power, then continued with the consequences of Lady Jessica's betrayal, will now conclude with Paul becoming the leader that he needs to be on the way to his pivotal role as Muad'Dib.

Dune TP \$32.99

The Enlightenment Project Hightower, Lynn

Noah Archer is a renowned neurosurgeon, with an impressive success record. He has a happy home, with his beloved wife Moira, their two adopted sons, and a dog who's a very good girl. But Noah keeps a dark secret, shared only with his old friend Father Perry Cavanaugh. When he was just a boy, he was possessed by a demon—and it was only thanks to the exorcist priest that he survived. Now, Noah works at the cutting edge of medical science and religion, researching the effects of spirituality on the brain. His current research study—The Enlightenment Project—promises breakthrough treatments for depression, addiction and mental illness, and preliminary results are astounding. But after a late-night emergency surgery, Noah returns to his office to find Father Perry waiting for him, with a terrible warning. The Enlightenment Project may not be closing the door to the darkness, at all... but, instead, letting it in.

Supernatural thriller TP \$39.95

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Motherthing **Hogarth, Ainslie**

Abby Lamb has done it. She's found the Great Good in her husband, Ralph, and together they will start a family and put all the darkness in her childhood to rest. But then the Lambs move in with Ralph's mother, Laura, whose depression has made it impossible for her to live on her own. She's venomous and cruel, especially to Abby, who has a complicated understanding of motherhood given the way her own, now-estranged, mother raised her. When Laura takes her own life, her ghost starts to haunt Abby and Ralph in very different ways. Ralph is plunged into depression, and Abby is being terrorised by a force intent on taking everything she loves away from her. With everything on the line, Abby must make the ultimate sacrifice in order to prove her adoration to Ralph and break Laura's hold on the family for good. 'A buzz-worthy and ferocious horror comedy from one of the genre's most promising voices' – *Buzzfeed*.
Horror TP \$29.99

The Black Locomotive **Hughes, Rian**

London is built from concrete, steel and the creative urge. Old technology gives way to the new. Progress is inevitable – but is it more fragile than its inhabitants realise? A strange anomaly is uncovered in the new top-secret Crossrail extension being built under Buckingham Palace. It is an archaeological puzzle, one that may transform our understanding of history – and the origins of London, itself. And if our modern world falls, we may have to turn to the technology of the past in order to save our future.
Science fiction PBK \$22.99

The World We Make

Great Cities duology 02

Jemisin, N K

Every great city has a soul. A human avatar that embodies their city's heart and wields its magic. New York? She's got six. But all is not well in the city that never sleeps. Though Brooklyn, Manny, Bronca, Venezia, Padmini, and Neek have temporarily managed to stop the Woman in White from invading – and destroying the entire universe in the process – the mysterious capital 'E' Enemy has more subtle powers at her disposal. A new candidate for mayor wielding the populist rhetoric of gentrification, xenophobia, and 'law and order' may have what it takes to change the very nature of New York, itself, and take it down from the inside. In order to defeat him, and the Enemy who holds his purse strings, the avatars will have to join together with the other Great Cities of the world in order to bring her down for good and protect their world from complete destruction. The sequel to the fantastic *The City We Became* (PBK, \$22.99). We loved the first part of this duology and have been eagerly awaiting the second part. Highly recommended, as are all of Jemisin's other works. What a legend!
Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

The Bridge Kingdom

Bridge Kingdom 01

Jensen, Danielle L

A warrior princess – Lara has always known two things – that King Aren of the Bridge

Kingdom is her enemy and that she must be the one to bring him to his knees. When she's sent as his bride Lara is prepared to do whatever it takes to kill the king. But when she lays her eyes on this man, she begins to question whether he truly is a villain. As her feelings deepen for Aren she must choose which kingdom to save and which to destroy... The first in a series.
Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Traitor Queen

Bridge Kingdom 02

Jensen, Danielle L

A queen in exile as a traitor. Lara has watched Ithicana be conquered by her own father. But when she learns her husband, Aren, has been captured in battle, Lara knows her father is only keeping him alive to lure in his traitorous daughter. It is bait she fully intends to take. Risking her life, Lara returns to free the Bridge Kingdom and its king using her father's greatest weapons – her sisters. But her greatest adversary of all might be the very man she's trying to free. And Lara must decide who she is fighting for... The sequel to *The Bridge Kingdom* (PBK, \$22.99).
Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Inadequate Heir

Bridge Kingdom 03

Jensen, Danielle L

She was raised as a soldier. And as an heir to an empire. If Zarrah knows anything, it is that the Veliant family murdered her mother and that vengeance will be hers. The Endless War between Maridrina and Valcotta has devastated Zarrah's people. She is determined to do whatever it takes to destroy the Maridrinian forces and kill their leader, the Veliant prince. But after a chance encounter with a handsome Maridrinian, Zarrah must question whether justice is truly hers to take. And she Zarrah must decide... war or peace? The conclusion to the trilogy which begins with *The Bridge Kingdom* (PBK, \$22.99).
Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Holmes Coming **Johnson, Kenneth**

Dr Amy Winslow tells the story: in foggy, night-time San Francisco, a jogging SFPD captain is savagely attacked by a Bengal tiger which then vanishes. In her ER, Amy labours unsuccessfully to save the captain's life, then consoles his aggrieved closest friend, Lt Luis Ortega. Neither suspects their lives will intertwine in a life-or-death mystery. The next day, checking on former patient Mrs Hudson at her Victorian house isolated in Marin County's forest, Amy discovers in the cellar a secret, cobweb-covered 1899 electrochemical laboratory containing a Jules Verne-esque steampunk sarcophagus out of which springs a wild-eyed, half-mummified, crypt-keeper-like man, who injects himself with something before falling dead at her feet. Amy barely revives him. He claims to be a real-life Victorian master chemist and detective named Holmes, who allowed Conan Doyle to write stories based on his cases, though was slightly annoyed when Doyle changed his real first name to the catchier Sherlock. Becoming uninspired by 1890s' crime, Holmes devised this method to hibernate for a century to investigate future

mysteries. Amy assumes he's a lunatic. His Scotland Yard identity papers were stolen while he slept, so it takes her a while to realise his amazing story is true. Respectably handsome when cleaned up, Holmes is still the same brash, egoistic, uber-English, cocaine-addicted, non-feminist genius – but now a century out of sync – so, his still-brilliant deductions are sometimes laughingly or dangerously wrong. Holmes and Amy, his reluctant new Watson, find themselves unexpectedly attracted to each other while perilously involved in reclaiming his proof of identity, aided by cyber-savvy street teen Zapper. It's all connected to the horrific death-by-tiger, only the first of several bizarre, mystifying murders being committed by an exquisitely fiendish descendant of Holmes' Victorian archenemy, Professor Moriarty.
Time travelling Holmes HC \$55.00

Flowers For Algernon **Keyes, Daniel**

Classic novel of a daring experiment in human intelligence. Charlie Gordon, IQ 68, is a floor sweeper and the gentle butt of everyone's jokes – until an experiment in the enhancement of human intelligence turns him into a genius. But then Algernon, the mouse whose triumphal experimental transformation preceded his, fades and dies, and Charlie has to face the possibility that his salvation was only temporary. Winner of the 1960 Hugo Award for Best Short Story, and subsequently expanded into a Hugo-nominated novel, *Flowers for Algernon* earned Daniel Keyes the honour of SFWA Author Emeritus in 2000 for his contribution to Science Fiction and Fantasy. A reissue of the SF Masterworks edition, with new cover art.
SF Masterworks (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Holdout

Kluger, Jeffrey

When evil forces are going unchecked on Earth, a principled astronaut makes a split-second decision to try to seek justice in the only place she knows how – the International Space Station. Walli Beckwith is a model astronaut. She graduated at the top of her class from the Naval Academy, had a successful career flying fighter jets, and has spent more than 300 days in space. So, when she refuses to leave her post aboard the International Space Station following an accident that forces her fellow astronauts to evacuate, her American and Russian colleagues are mystified. For Walli, the matter at hand feels all too clear and terrifying for her to be worried about ruining her career. She is stuck in a race against time to save a part of the world that seems to have been forgotten – and also the life of the person she loves the most. She will go to any length necessary, using the only tool she has, to accomplish what she knows is right.
Space opera TP \$27.99

Silver Queendom **Koboldt, Dan**

When you owe money to the biggest criminal in town, you are going to need to step up your thieving game a notch... Service at the Red Rooster Inn isn't what you'd call good, or even adequate. Darin would be the first to say so, and he owns the place. Evie isn't much of

a barmaid; Kat's home-brewed ale seems to grow less palatable with each new batch; and Seraphina's service at the bar leaves much to be desired. As for the bouncer, Big Tom, well, everyone learns right quick to stay on his good side. They may be bad at running an inn, but they're the best team of con artists in the Old Queendom. When a prospective client approaches Darin with a high-paying job, he knows he should refuse. But the job is boosting a shipment of priceless imperial dream wine, the most coveted and expensive drink in the world. And, thanks to a stretch of bad luck, he's in deep to The Dame, who oversees criminal enterprises in this part of the Queendom. If they fail, they're as good as dead, but if they succeed... well, it's enough money to get square with the Dame and make all of their dreams come true. Plus, it's an option for Darin to stick it to the empress, who he has good reason to despise. Then again, there's a very good reason no one has ever stolen imperial dream wine...
Humorous fantasy TP \$24.99

The Romanov Rescue **Kratman, Tom & Ezell, Kacey & Watson, Justin**

Mankind's history is bound up in the fabric of fate, a strong cloth, tough and closely woven. It is the beginning of 1918, the last year of the greatest war in human history to date. All the belligerents stagger on their feet. Starvation is an ever-present reality, while disease waits in the wings. In Russia, no longer a belligerent but, instead, rapidly descending into civil war and chaos, a lone family – father, mother, four beautiful young girls, and a brave but sickly boy – await their own fate, shivering and hungry in the dark, hoping and praying for salvation. Their relatives in England have turned their backs. The guards set over them do little, but torment them. They look Heavenward, but God doesn't answer. They know they're a threat to the new regime, a threat that will, in time, be eliminated. But even the strongest fabric has flaws. An escaped prisoner of war, caught, injured, and punished, but still highly capable, might be one. An airship, returned and at loose ends after a failed mission to Africa, might be another. A German general, taking a wrong turn on his nightly walk and suddenly coming face-to-face with the reality of the monster rising in the east, would be a third. Follow, then, as the general gives the orders, the prisoner of war raises the men from among his fellows, and the airship launches itself forward to contest fate, to tear the fabric of time...
Alternate history PBK \$26.95

Celestial

Lachlan, M D

1977. The space race is far from over. Ziggy Da Luca is a linguist recruited by NASA, for reasons she can't quite fathom. After seeing the video they've intercepted, it becomes clear her work is far more central to their plans than she realised. Sent to the moon to investigate a hatch discovered by the Russians, Ziggy faces challenges she's never trained for. Seen by some as a liability, she must contend with her own crew as well as the Russian cosmonauts, as everyone races to uncover the hatch's mystery. What she finds there is beyond anything she could imagine. The future of humankind could be changed

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for ever. The only question is whether she'll make it home to tell her story. An alternative history set during the heyday of the space race. Combining cerebral science fiction with popular history, this is a remarkable examination of empathy and what it means to be human. (And... a very cool, *Space Invaders-y* cover!)

Alternate history TP \$32.99

Ymir

Larson, Rich

Yorick never wanted to see his homeworld again. He left Ymir two decades ago, with half his face blown off and no love lost for the place. But when his employer's mines are threatened by a vicious alien machine, Yorick is shipped back home to hunt it. All he wants is to do his job and get out. Instead, Yorick is pulled into a revolution brewing beneath Ymir's frozen surface, led by the very last person he wanted to see again – the brother who sent him off in pieces 20 years ago...

As glittering and treacherous as an icy cavern, Rich Larson's far-future tale of revenge and revolution is a gripping thriller, perfect for fans of Richard K Morgan and inspired by the legendary story of *Beowulf*.

Space opera TP \$24.99

The Unbalancing

Birdverse series

Lemberg, R B

Beneath the waters by the islands of Gelle-Geu, a star sleeps, restlessly. The celebrated new starkeeper Ranra Kekeri, who is preoccupied by the increasing tremors, confronts the problems left behind by her predecessor. Meanwhile, the poet Erigra Lilún, who merely wants to be left alone, is repeatedly asked by their ancestor Semberi to take over the starkeeping helm. Semberi insists upon telling Lilún mysterious tales of the deliverance of the stars by the goddess Bird. When Ranra and Lilún meet, sparks begin to fly. An unforeseen configuration of their magical deepnames illuminates the trouble under the tides. For Ranra and Lilún, their story is just beginning; for the people of Gelle-Geu, it may well be too late to save their home.

Fantasy TP \$27.99

The Last Hero

First Sister 03

Lewis, Linden

First Sister has no name, and no voice. Forced to travel the stars alongside the Gean soldiers of Earth and Mars, she lacks control over her own destiny. Until an enigmatic, and secretive, new captain – Saito Ren – joins her ship and opens her eyes to a dangerous new path. Lito Val Lucius has no faith, and no loyalty. An elite Icarii soldier of Venus, he was thrown into disgrace after the sudden disappearance of his partner, Hiro. Then Hiro is discovered alive, and a traitor, and Lito is offered a shot at redemption: but only if he hunts down and kills his former partner in cold blood. As the war between the Geans and the Icarii reaches a head, Lito and the First Sister must decide what – and whom – they are willing to sacrifice in the name of duty, or for love.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Magic of Lemon Drop Pie

Linden, Rachel

Lolly Blanchard's life only seems to give her lemons. Ten years ago, after her mother's tragic death, she broke up with her first love and abandoned her dream of opening a restaurant – in order to keep her family's struggling Seattle diner afloat, and care for her younger sister and grieving father. Now, a decade later, she dutifully whips up the diner's famous lemon meringue pies each morning, while still pining for all she's lost. As Lolly's 33rd birthday approaches, her quirky great-aunt gives her a mysterious gift – three lemon drops, each of which allows her to live a single day in a life that might have been hers. What if her mom hadn't passed away? What if she had opened her own restaurant in England? What if she hadn't broken up with the only man she's ever loved? Surprising and empowering, each experience helps Lolly let go of her regrets and realise the key to transforming her life lies not in redoing her past but in having the courage to embrace her present.

Paranormal romance TP \$27.99

The Veiled Throne

Dandelion Dynasty 03

Liu, Ken

Princess Théra, once known as Empress Ūna of Dara, entrusted the throne to her younger brother in order to journey to Ukyu-Gondé to war with the Lyucu. She has crossed the fabled Wall of Storms with a fleet of advanced warships and 10,000 people. Beset by adversity, Théra and her most trusted companions attempt to overcome every challenge by doing the most interesting thing. But is not letting the past dictate the present always possible or even desirable? In Dara, the Lyucu leadership as well as the surviving Dandelion Court bristle with rivalries as currents of power surge and ebb and perspectives spin and shift. Here, parents and children, teachers and students, Empress and Pékyu, all nurture the seeds of plans that will take years to bloom. Will tradition yield to new justifications for power? Everywhere, the spirit of innovation dances like dandelion seeds on the wind, and the commoners, the forgotten, the ignored begin to engineer new solutions for a new age. The Dandelion Dynasty begins with *The Grace of Kings* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Origins of the Wheel of Time:

the Legends and Mythologies

that Inspired Robert Jordan

Livingston, Michael

With an introduction by Harriet McDougal, *Origins of the Wheel of Time* explores the inspirations behind the acclaimed series the Wheel of Time, including a biography of Robert Jordan, for the first time. Explore never-before-seen insights into the Wheel of Time, including: a brand-new, redrawn world map by Ellisa Mitchell, using change requests discovered in Robert Jordan's unpublished notes; and an alternate scene from an early draft of *The Eye of the World*. This companion to the internationally bestselling series will delve into the creation of Robert Jordan's masterpiece, drawing from interviews and an unprecedented examination of his unpublished notes.

Michael Livingston tells the behind-the-scenes story of who Jordan was (including a chapter that is the very first published biography of the author), how he worked, and why he holds such an important place in modern literature. The second part of the book is a glossary to the "real world" in the Wheel of Time. King Arthur is in the Wheel of Time. Merlin, too. But, so, is Alexander the Great and the Apollo Space Program, the Norse gods, and Napoleon's greatest defeat – and so much more.

Fantasy companion TP \$34.99

Priest of Crowns

War for the Rose Throne 04

McLean, Peter

Gangster, soldier, priest. Governor, knight, and above all, Queen's Man. Once, Tomas Piety looked after his men, body and soul, as best he could. Then those who ran his country decided his dark talents would better serve in the corridors of power. Crushed by the power of the Queen's Men and with the Skanian menace rising once more on the streets of Ellinburg, Tomas Piety is forced to turn to old friends, old debts and untrustworthy alliances. Meanwhile, in the capital city of Dannsburg, Dieter Vogel is beginning to wonder if the horror he has unleashed in the Martyr's Disciples might be getting out of control. With revolution brewing and tragedy and terrorism running rife in the cities, Piety and Vogel must each weigh the cost of a crown.

Grimdark fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Children on the Hill

McMahon, Jennifer

1978: At her renowned treatment centre in picturesque Vermont, the brilliant psychiatrist, Dr Helen Hildreth, is acclaimed for her compassionate work with the mentally ill. But when she's home with her cherished grandchildren, Vi and Eric, she's just Gran – teaching them how to take care of their pets, preparing them home-cooked meals, providing them with care and attention and love. Then one day Gran brings home a child to stay with the family. Iris – silent, hollow eyed, skittish, and feral – does not behave like a normal girl. Still, Violet is thrilled to have a new playmate. She and Eric invite Iris to join their Monster Club, where they dream up ways to defeat all manner of monsters. Before long, Iris begins to come out of her shell. She and Vi and Eric do everything together: ride their bicycles, go to the drive-in, meet at their clubhouse in secret to hunt monsters. Because, as Vi explains, monsters are everywhere. 2019: Lizzy Shelley, the host of the popular podcast *Monsters Among Us*, is travelling to Vermont, where a young girl has been abducted, and a monster sighting has the town in an uproar. She's determined to hunt it down, because Lizzy knows better than anyone that monsters are real – and one of them is her very own sister.

Supernatural thriller TP \$39.95

The Oracle of Maracoor

Another Day 02

Maguire, Gregory

That strange land, Maracoor – across the ocean from Oz – is beset by an invading army. In the mayhem, Rain and Cossy, a child felon, break out of prison. Helped by a few flying monkeys, they struggle to escape the

city before it falls under siege. Their arresting officer, Lucikles, also retreats with his family to a highland redoubt. But safety eludes them all. Chaos thunders upon them in the form of warriors, refugees, and brigands. The very fabric of reality loosens, liberating creatures of myth and legend – huge blue wolves, harpies, and giants made of the very landscape. Cued in by secrets known only to the most highly placed members of the royal court, Rain and her companions hunt the fabled Oracle of Maracoor for guidance and soothsaying. Rain has to recover her forgotten past if she is to consider returning home. Cossy, the 10-year-old convicted of murder, must become invisible to avoid being taken into custody again. Meanwhile, the Fist of Mara, an arcane artifact that renders all around it barren, hammers against human lives. If the reclusive Oracle should spin a prophecy, might the desperate wicked years promise another day, one less perilous. The second in this new trilogy, following *The Brides of Maracoor* (TP, \$29.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Black Mouth

Malfi, Ronald

For nearly two decades, Jamie Warren has been running from darkness. He's haunted by a traumatic childhood and the guilt at having disappeared from his disabled brother's life. But then a series of unusual events reunites him with his estranged brother and their childhood friends, and none of them can deny the sense of fate that has seemingly drawn them back together. Nor can they deny the memories of that summer, so long ago – the strange magic taught to them by an even stranger man, and the terrible act that has followed them all into adulthood. In the light of new danger, they must confront their past by facing their futures, and hunting down a man who may very well be a monster.

Horror PBK \$19.99

A Marvellous Light

Last Binding 01

Marske, Freya

Young baronet Robin Blyth thought he was taking up a minor governmental post. However, he's actually been appointed parliamentary liaison to a secret magical society. If it weren't for this administrative error, he'd never have discovered the incredible magic underlying his world. Cursed by mysterious attackers and plagued by visions, Robin becomes determined to drag answers from his missing predecessor – but he'll need the help of Edwin Courcey, his hostile magical-society counterpart. Unwillingly thrown together, Robin and Edwin will discover a plot that threatens every magician in the British Isles. We had wonderful feedback from several of our regulars for *A Marvellous Light*. Now in paperback. The sequel, *A Restless Truth* (TP, \$34.99), is available now too.

Gaslamp fantasy PBK \$22.99

A Restless Truth

Last Binding 02

Marske, Freya

Maud Blyth has always longed for adventure. She'd hoped for plenty of it when she agreed to help her beloved older brother unravel a magical conspiracy. She even volunteered

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to serve as an old lady's companion on an ocean liner. But Maud didn't expect the old lady to turn up dead on the very first day of the voyage. Now, she has to deal with a dead body, a disrespectful parrot, and the lovely, dangerously outrageous Violet Debenham. Violet is everything Maud has been trained to distrust, yet can't help but desire: a magician, an actress and a magnet for scandal. Surrounded by open sea and a ship full of suspects, Maud and Violet must learn to drop the masks they've learned to wear. Only then might they work together to locate a magical object worth killing for – and unmask a murderer. All without becoming dead in the water themselves. The sequel to the popular Australian debut *A Marvellous Light* (PBK, \$22.99).

Gslamp fantasy TP \$34.99

The Voyage of the Forgotten Legacy of Mercenary Kings 03

Martell, Nick

Michael Kingman has discovered his destiny, but the distance to what he wants, namely a life with Serena, the queen of Hollow kingdom, is as wide as the world, and just as cruel. Meanwhile, Dark, the realm's most fearsome mercenary, Michael's sometime mentor, and son of his nemesis, Angelo, is trying to keep Michael in line, for his own purposes as he too has a hidden agenda. Michael comes to realise that he is outclassed by powers that have been working for centuries to bring about a fresh end to the world filled with those he loves. But when has merely being overpowered, ever stopped Michael from getting what he wants? To prevent what may bring about the end times Michael must gather his remaining allies and push himself to achieve the impossible because the alternative is worse than he can imagine: it's not just the beginning of the end of the world, it's being alone and forgotten. This epic conclusion brilliantly wraps up the stories fans have fallen in love with, as the characters struggle against odds that seem impossible to overcome. The first in the trilogy is *The Kingdom of Liars* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Out of Time

Delta Devlin 03

Mather, Matthew

Newly-promoted Marshal Devlin must stop a ruthless conspiracy that stretches across the globe – and even across the decades into the future. Critical components of the Large Hadron Collider, the world's most powerful supercollider and largest machine ever built, have been stolen, and Delta Devlin is brought in by Interpol to investigate. At the same time, a dead body appears washed up on the shores of the East River in Delta's hometown of New York City – one with very similar injuries to those left by the serial killer she caught to start her career. As events in the present collide in a tangle of secrets and lies, Delta cannot trust anyone – even her family and loved ones – as her own future and past weave together in a mind-bending web that only she can unravel to stop an apocalyptic disaster from unfolding.

SF thriller TP \$41.95

I Am Legend

Matheson, Richard

Robert Neville is the last living man on Earth... but he is not alone. Every other man, woman and child on the planet has become a vampire, and they are hungry for Neville's blood. By day, he is the hunter, stalking the undead through the ruins of civilisation. By night, he barricades himself in his home and prays for the dawn. How long can one man survive like this? Winner of the Bram Stoker Prize for Vampire Novel of the Century, *I Am Legend* is a stunning blend of science fiction and horror. A reissue of the SF Masterworks edition, with new cover art.

SF Masterworks (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Ocean's Echo

Winter's Orbit 02

Maxwell, Everina

When Tennial – a rich socialite, inveterate flirt, and walking disaster – is caught using his telepathic powers for illegal activities, the military decides to bind his mind to someone whose coercive powers are strong enough to control him. Enter Lieutenant Surit, the child of a disgraced general. Out of a desperate need to restore a pension to his other parent, Lieutenant Surit agrees to be bound to Tennial and keep him conscripted in the army, a task that seems impossible even for someone with Surit's ability to control minds. Tennial just wants to escape, but Surit isn't all that he seems. And their bond may just be the key to their freedom. The follow-up to the excellent *Winter's Orbit* (PBK, \$22.99).

Space opera PBK \$22.99

Terraform:

Watch/Worlds/Burn

anthology

Merchant, Brian

& Evans, Claire L (editors)

Assembling a remarkable roster of writers, *Terraform* has established itself by publishing short fiction, seemingly ripped from tomorrow's headlines, speculative fiction about the very near future. Over the last six years, as science fiction itself has achieved a new kind of mainstream credibility and the media landscape has transformed entirely, *Terraform* has blazed an unexpected path that has seen short stories go viral and given fiction an unparalleled urgency and relevance. Drawing from established luminaries like Bruce Sterling and Cory Doctorow, rising stars, and surprising newcomers, *Terraform* stories are marked by their convincing engagement with the world that we just might live in, putting our most existential issues into startling dramatic context. Edited by Brian Merchant and Claire L Evans, and divided here into three categories – Watch/Worlds/Burn – these stories take on surveillance (Watch), artificial intelligence (Worlds), and climate collapse (Burn).

Science fiction TP \$34.99

Cursed

Gilded duology 02

Meyer, Marissa

Be still now, and I will tell you a tale.

Adalheid Castle is in chaos. Following a shocking turn of events, Serilda finds herself ensnared in a deadly game of make believe with the Erlking, who is determined to propel her deeper into the castle's lies. Meanwhile, Serilda is determined to work with Gild to

help him solve the mystery of his forgotten name and past. But soon it becomes clear that the Erlking doesn't only want to use Serilda to bring back his one true love. He also seeks vengeance against the seven gods who have long trapped the Dark Ones behind the veil. If the Erlking succeeds, it could change the mortal realm forever. Can Serilda find a way to use her storytelling gifts for good – once and for all? And can Serilda and Gild break the spells that tether their spirits to the castle before the Endless Moon finds them truly cursed? Romance and adventure collide in this stunning finale to the Rumpelstiltskin-inspired fairy tale. The first in this duology is *Gilded* (TP, \$24.99).

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

The Ones We Burn

Mix, Rebecca

A blood-witch's mission to assassinate the prince she is betrothed to is compromised by the discovery of a deadly plague – and by the beautiful princess intent on stopping it. *I am the monster. I am the shield. I am the knife in the dark.* Ranka is tired of death. All she wants now is to be left alone, living out her days in Witchik's wild north with the coven that raised her, attempting to forget the horrors of her past. But when she is named Bloodwinn, the next treaty bride to the human kingdom of Isodal, her coven sends her south with a single directive: kill him. Easy enough, for a blood-witch whose magic compels her to kill. Except the prince is gentle, kind, and terrified of her. He doesn't want to marry Ranka; he doesn't want to be king at all. And it's his sister – the wickedly smart, infuriatingly beautiful Princess Aramis – who seems to be real threat. But when witches start turning up dead, murdered by a mysterious, magical plague, Aramis makes Ranka an offer: help her develop a cure, and in return, she'll teach Ranka to contain her deadly magic. But as the coup draws nearer and the plague spreads, Ranka is forced to question everything she thought she knew about her power, her past, and who she's meant to fight for. Soon, she will have choose between the coven that raised her – and the princess who sees beyond the monster they shaped her to be. But as the bodies pile up, a monster may be exactly what they need.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

Black Lake Manor

Morpuss, Guy

In the former mining town of Black Lake on the west coast of Canada, there is a story about a shipwreck. All those aboard died, except an unnamed man who staggered ashore. His descendants have a unique ability: once in their lives – and only once – they can unwind the events of the previous six hours. More than 200 years later, Ella Manning, marine biologist and part-time police constable, is attending a party at Black Lake Manor, the cliff-top mansion of the town's divisive local billionaire. With a raging storm coming in from the Pacific, she and several other guests find themselves trapped. And when their host is discovered brutally murdered in a locked room, they turn to her to solve the crime. Against the odds, Ella is sure she has identified the killer... but then time is unwound. With no memory of what she discovered before, her investigation

begins again, with very different results. Someone is willing to use their gift to protect a killer, and everyone is a suspect... Agatha Christie meets *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August* in this outstanding cross-genre locked room murder mystery.

SF thriller TP \$32.99

Blake's 7

novelisation

Nation, Terry & Hoyle, Trevor

Galactic freedom fighters battle the Federation. Accused of a brutal crime and exiled from Dome City, where a vicious regime wields dictatorial power, Roj Blake swears vengeance on the corrupt leaders who have destroyed his future. Hijacking the *Liberator*, the most advanced spacecraft ever created, Blake travels to the sinister planet Cygnus Alpha and risks everything to rescue other victims of the regime. And with these allies he forms a new fighting force to combat galactic injustice and fight the Federation. Blake's 7 is born. A new edition of the superb cult classic Terry Nation adventure. 'Forty years on, the dystopian sf drama still packs a punch' – *Guardian*.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

Titan

graphic novel

Nozaki, Mado

In the distant future, society has all but eliminated the need for a sentient workforce. Thanks to an all-powerful AI network known collectively as Titan, humanity is now free to indulge in an era of unprecedented peace and prosperity. But one day, hobbyist psychologist Seika Naisho gets a job offer from a mysterious man by the name of Narain Srivastava – one of only a handful of people in the entire world who is still traditionally employed. Narain wishes to enlist her expertise in the wake of a sudden and inexplicable malfunction in the AI network: as a therapist for Titan, itself.

Cyberpunk TP \$26.99

Our Haunted Shores:

Tales from the Coasts

of the British Isles

Tales of the Weird

Packham, Jimmy & Napier,

Emily & Passey, Joan (editors)

From the unsettling expanses of mud flats to foreboding cliffs and treacherous reefs, the coasts of the British Isles have provided inspiration for storytellers for millennia, creating a rich literary and cultural significance to these spaces in between the land and sea. The shoreline can be a destination for pleasure, but it is also the rife with peril. In this new collection, the founders of the Haunted Shores Research Network have curated a chilling literary tour of the coasts of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, including tales of woeful shipwreck, lighthouse terrors and uncanny revenants amid the bustle of the harbourside.

Horror TP \$35.95

Kaikheyi

Patel, Vaishnavi

Vaishnavi Patel's stunning debut *Kaikheyi* reimagines the life of the infamous queen from Indian epic the *Ramayana*... The only daughter of a king, Kaikheyi watches as her mother is banished and her own worth is

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reduced to what marriage alliance she can secure. Although she was raised on stories of the might and benevolence of the gods, her prayers for help go unanswered. She turns to her mother's library and discovers a magic that is hers alone. With this power, Kaikeyi transforms herself from an overlooked princess into a warrior, diplomat, and favoured queen, determined to carve a better world for herself and the women around her. But when evils from her childhood stories threaten her world, the path she has forged clashes with the destiny the gods have chosen for her family. Kaikeyi must decide if resistance is worth the destruction it will wreak – and what legacy she intends to leave behind. A must for readers of historical and mythological retellings such as Madeline Miller's *Circe* (PBK, \$19.99) and Jennifer Saint's *Ariadne* (PBK, \$22.99), this powerful debut weaves a tale of an extraordinary woman determined to leave her mark, in a world where gods and men dictate the shape of things to come.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Unfamiliar Garden

Comet Cycle 02

Percy, Benjamin

It began with a comet. They called it Cain, a wandering star that passed by Earth, illuminating the night with a swampy green light and twinning the sky by day with two suns. A year later, Earth spun through the debris field the comet left behind. Suddenly, hundreds of thousands of meteors plummeted into the atmosphere, destroying swaths of electrical grids, leaving shores of beaches filled with deceased sea life, and setting acres of land ablaze. It was then, they say, that the sky fell. It was then that Jack lost Mia. Five years after the disappearance of his daughter, Jack has fallen. Once an accomplished professor of botany, he's now a shell of a man who has all but withdrawn from life. Nora, his ex-wife, has thrown herself into her investigative work. Separately, they have each bandaged over the hole Mia left behind. Just as Jack is uncovering a new form of deadly parasitic fungus in his lab, Nora is assigned to investigate the cases of ritualistic murders dotting Seattle. The rituals consist of etchings – crosshatches are carved into bodies and eyes are scooped out of their sockets. The attackers appear to be possessed. It only takes a moment – for a sickness to infect, for a person to be killed, for a child to be lost. When Nora enlists Jack to identify the cause of this string of vicious deaths, Jack is quick to help. Together, they fight to keep their moments – the unexpected laughter, the extraordinary discoveries, the chance that Mia could come back home – but they find that what they're up against defies all logic, and what they have to do to save the world will change every life forever. The sequel to *The Ninth Metal* (PBK, \$24.99).

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

The Dabare Snake Launcher

Presby, Joelle

The Sadous, an oil-rich West African family, are handed a plum contract as repayment for a decades-old favour that could tie them into an industry of the future – if the family doesn't tear itself apart first. Two engineer

daughters of the Sadou family, Pascaline and Maurie, upon whom the burden of success rests, have troubles of their own. One wants nothing more than to leave and make her own name as an engineering prodigy, while the other is troubled by fever dreams and snakes. Ethan Schmidt-Li is an ambitious megacorp executive with eyes on a big promotion – only to get more than he bargained for when put in charge of the company's make-or-break project. Endeley Adamou is the powerful nephew of a Bakweri chieftain walking the fine line between modernisation and tribal tradition. These are some of the people that Tchami 'Chummy' Fabrice has brought together to an ambitious end: constructing the world's first space elevator in Africa and ensuring the space industry that it catapults will enrich the continent and all involved. They have the carbon nanofiber, prime land around Kilimanjaro, and a captured rock in orbit for the tether. The hard part will be getting all these different people working together long enough to see it built.

Science fiction TP \$37.95

Miss Peregrine's Museum of Wonders:

an Indispensable Guide to the Dangers and Delights of the Peculiar World for the Instruction of New Arrivals

Riggs, Ransom

A deluxe companion to the bestselling *Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children* series. Everything you need to know about the peculiar world, written by Miss Peregrine, herself. Gloriously rich and utterly delightful, *Miss Peregrine's Museum of Wonders* is an indispensable guide to the peculiar world, perfect for long-time fans and new readers alike. Covering everything from how to blend in with suspicious normals to the most popular time loops to visit as a temporal tourist, this essential volume is ideal for anyone curious about the world of Miss Peregrine: its strange history, curious practices, fascinating places, most famous (and infamous) names, and much more. Written in Miss Peregrine's inimitable style, it's also a dramatic expansion of the universe fans have already come to love, introducing countless new peculiars, enemies, time loops, stories, and secrets, in addition to hundreds of vintage never-before-seen found photographs and select illustrations.

YA fantasy TP \$32.99

Tread of Angels

Roanhorse, Rebecca

Celeste, a card sharp with a need for justice, takes on the role of *advocatus diaboli*, to defend her sister Mariel, accused of murdering a Virtue, a member of the ruling class of a mining town. The year is 1883 and the mining town of Goetia is booming as prospectors from near and far come to mine the powerful new element Divinity from the high mountains of Colorado with the help of the pariahs of society known as the Fallen. The Fallen are the descendants of demon-kind living amongst the Virtues, the winners in an ancient war, with the descendants of both sides choosing to live alongside Abaddon's mountain in this tale of the mythological West, from the bestselling mastermind Rebecca Roanhorse.

Historical fantasy HC \$49.95

The Stars Undying

Robin, Emery

Loyalty, legacy, and betrayal...
Princess Altagracia has lost everything. After a bloody civil war, her twin sister has claimed not just the crown of their planet Szayet but the Pearl of its prophecy, a computer that contains the immortal soul of their god. Stripped of her birthright, Altagracia prepares to flee the planet – just as Matheus Ceirran, Commander of the interstellar Empire of Ceiao, arrives in deadly pursuit. Princess Altagracia sees an opportunity to win back her planet, her god, and her throne... if she can win over the Commander and his distrustful right-hand officer, Anita. But talking her way into Commander Matheus' good graces, and his bed, is only the beginning. Dealing with the most powerful man in the galaxy is almost as dangerous as war, and Altagracia is quickly torn between Matheus and the wishes of the machine god that whispers in her ear. For Szayet's sake, and her own, Altagracia will need to become more than a princess with a silver tongue. She will have to become a queen as history has never seen before – even if it breaks an empire. A spectacular space opera debut, inspired by the lives and loves of Cleopatra and Julius Caesar – perfect for readers of Ann Leckie's *Ancillary Justice* (PBK, \$22.99) and Arkady Martine's *A Memory Called Empire* (PBK, \$19.99).

Space opera PBK \$22.99

The Mermaid of Black Conch

Roffey, Monique

In 1976, David is fishing off the island of Black Conch when he comes upon a creature he doesn't expect: a mermaid by the name of Aycayia. Once a beautiful young woman, she was cursed by jealous wives to live in this form for the rest of her days. But after the mermaid is caught by American tourists, David rescues and hides her away in his home, finding that, once out of the water, she begins to transform back into a woman. Now, David must work to win Aycayia's trust while she relearns what it is to be human, navigating not only her new body but also her relationship with others on the island – a difficult task, after centuries of loneliness. As David and Aycayia grow to love each other, they juggle both the joys and the dangers of life on shore. But a lingering question remains: Will the former mermaid be able to escape her curse?

Fantasy TP \$22.99

Rise of the Demon

Kara Gillian 09

Rowland, Diana

Kara's drastic ceasefire deal with the formidable demon Emperor Dekkak slowed the attacks on Earth to a trickle, but her troubles are far from over. The god-like demahnk are desperate to return to their own kind, but unless they can stabilise the demon realm, they'll be forever exiled – and they've subjugated Kara's beloved Mzatal to further their hellacious cause. One faction of demonic lords and demahnk has a plan to fix their world, yet their salvation would come at the expense of Earth. Meanwhile, Kara is wrestling with government bureaucracy, backstabbing allies, enemy lords, as well as the powerful young demonic lord Ashava, who's packing the drama, angst, and

rebellion of the terrible teen years into just a few months. Kara's in a race to stop an apocalypse, but in order to prevail she'll have to make a terrible sacrifice or risk losing everything she holds dear. The long-awaited ninth book in the Demon Series returns to the adventures of Kara Gillian and the supernatural threats that surround her.

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.95

The Female Man

Russ, Joanna

A landmark book in the fields of science fiction and feminism. *Joanna. Jeannine. Janet. Jael.* Four women, four worlds, four vastly different societies. When these women are suddenly able to communicate with each other through the boundaries of dimensions, they are confronted with what could have been if one thing changed in history. And they find themselves looking at their own worlds with new eyes. Acclaimed as one of the essential works of science fiction, *The Female Man* examines gender roles in society and remains a work of great power. It won a retrospective James Tiptree Jr Award and a 2002 Gaylactic Spectrum Hall of Fame award. A reissue of the SF Masterworks edition, with new cover art.

SF Masterworks (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Glacier's Edge

Way of the Drow 02

Salvatore, R A

There's a lot that Jarlaxle doesn't know: is he the lone survivor of the raid on the slaad fortress, can he even find a way to get out, and beyond his immediate predicament, could he possibly escape the ice caverns and get help for his friends. However, what Jarlaxle does know is that if he plans to come back – if Catti-brie, Entreri, and Zaknafein are to have any hope of surviving – he's going to have to bring back far more firepower. An army of aevendrow seems unlikely, so he must go home and pull together a team with great skill and unimaginable power. But how will he get home Will such a collection of warriors and mages come to his aid. And even if he manages all that, will it be enough For Jarlaxle has seen the slaadi's power and their god in a most personal and terrifying way. Trapped in the ice while the world is on fire, Jarlaxle is in a race against time – and burdened with a magical secret – to save a peaceful city and his companions. And he's running out of tricks in his bag of holding... The sequel to *Starlight Enclave* (TP, \$29.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

The Emperor's Soul

10th anniversary edition

Sanderson, Brandon

When Shai is caught replacing the Moon Sceptre with her nearly flawless forgery, she must bargain for her life. An assassin has left the Emperor Ashrahan comatose, a circumstance concealed only by the death of his wife. If the emperor does not emerge after his 100-day mourning period, the rule of the Heritage Faction will be forfeit and the empire will fall into chaos. Shai is given an impossible task: to create – to Forge – a new soul for the emperor in fewer than 100 days. But her soul-Forgery is considered an abomination by her captors. She is confined to a tiny, dirty chamber, guarded by a man

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who hates her, spied upon by politicians, and trapped behind a door sealed in her own blood. Shai's only possible ally is the emperor's most loyal councillor, Gaotona, who struggles to understand her true talent. Time is running out for Shai. Forging, while deducing the motivations of her captors, she needs a perfect plan to escape... Includes: deleted prologue: 'The Imperial Fool'; prologue commentary from the acclaimed podcast *Writing Excuses*; an original introduction from the publisher.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

The Lost Metal

Mistborn 07

Sanderson, Brandon

For years, frontier lawman turned big-city senator Waxillium Ladrian has hunted the shadowy organisation the Set – with his late uncle and his sister among their leaders – since they started kidnapping people with the power of Allomancy in their bloodlines. When Detective Marasi Colms and her partner Wayne find stockpiled weapons bound for the Outer City of Bilming, this opens a new lead. Conflict between Elendel and the Outer Cities only favours the Set, and their tendrils now reach to the Elendel Senate – whose corruption Wax and Steris have sought to expose – and Bilming is even more entangled. After Wax discovers a new type of explosive that can unleash unprecedented destruction and realises that the Set must already have it, an immortal kandra serving Scadrial's god reveals that Harmony's power is blocked in Bilming. That means the city has fallen under the influence of another god: Trel, worshipped by the Set. And Trel isn't the only factor at play from the larger Cosmere – Marasi is recruited by offworlders with strange abilities who claim their goal is to protect Scadrial... at any cost. Wax must choose whether to set aside his rocky relationship with God and once again become the Sword that Harmony has groomed him to be. If no one steps forward to be the hero Scadrial needs, the planet and its millions of people will come to a sudden and calamitous ruin. Return the Mistborn world of Scadrial – as its second era, which began with *The Alloy of Law* (PBK, \$22.99), comes to its earth-shattering conclusion in *The Lost Metal*.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Oathbringer, Parts One & Two

Stormlight Archive 03

Sanderson, Brandon

The Alethi armies commanded by Dalinar Kholin won a fleeting victory at a terrible cost: The enemy Parshendi summoned the violent Everstorm, and now its destruction sweeps the world, and its passing awakens the once peaceful and subservient parshmen to the true horror of their millennia-long enslavement by humans. While on a desperate flight to warn his family of the threat, Kaladin Stormblessed must come to grips with the fact that their newly kindled anger may be wholly justified. Nestled in the mountains high above the storms, in the tower city of Urithiru, Shallan Davar investigates the wonders of the ancient stronghold of the Knights Radiant and unearths the dark secrets lurking in its depths. And Dalinar realises that his holy

mission to unite his homeland of Alethkar was too narrow in scope. Unless all the nations of Roshar can put Dalinar's blood-soaked past aside and stand together – and unless Dalinar himself can confront that past – even the restoration of the Knights Radiant will not avert the end of civilisation. A reissue, in a lovely hardcover edition.

Fantasy (reissue) HC \$45.00 each

Light Perpetual

Hussite trilogy 03

Sapkowski, Andrzej

Reyneván – infamous magician and disgraced scoundrel – is on the run after being sentenced to death by the Catholic Church. Reyneván is besieged on all sides and faces torture and execution if he makes any mistake in his quest to find his beloved, Jutta of Apolda. Aided by his companions – the ever-pragmatic Scharley and the mysterious being known as Samson Honeypt – his journey takes him all over the Bohemian realm. And Reyneván will need every ounce of his wit, intelligence and cunning if he is to succeed in his search. The political and religious alliances of the Hussite Wars are ever shifting, and the battle for dominance threatens to devour anyone who gets in their way. Faced too with dark magical forces summoned by the malevolent Birkart of Grelenort, aided by his terrifying band of Back Riders, Reyneván knows the odds of finding Jutta decrease with every obstacle he is forced to overcome along the way. But he has never let impossible odds stop him before – and he will be reunited with his love, whatever the cost. The epic conclusion to the Hussite trilogy; it begins with *The Tower of Fools* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

Agent to the Stars

Scalzi, John

As an ambitious young agent, Thomas Stein knows all about the art of the deal, even if his actors aren't quite A-list material. But he's about to receive some out-of-this-world clients – literally. The spacefaring Yherajk have come to Earth to talk interstellar peace. One problem: they're also hideous, and smell like rotting fish. For Stein, it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become the hottest name in Hollywood. Or on the planet. Yet, it's one thing to land a client's blockbuster film role – and quite another to negotiate for an entire alien race. He'll need every ounce of his charm, wit, and wiles. But even with these considerable talents, can he really give the Yherajk the makeover they need to shine on the world's stage? A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Fuzzy Nation

Scalzi, John

On the planet Zarathustra, Jack Holloway is about to strike it rich. A contractor for intergalactic behemoth ZaraCorp, he's just discovered a mining seam worth billions. It would make the corporation a fortune, and set Jack up for life. Everyone wins – then he discovers the Fuzzies. Small, intelligent, and cat-like, the Fuzzies are the cutest creatures this side of the galaxy. They've set up home in Jack's cabin, and have become best friends with his dog. They're also standing in the way of ZaraCorp's profits. For the planet's resources can only be exploited if it's free

of native sentients. ZaraCorp's solution: to eliminate the Fuzzies for good. And they'll permanently silence anyone who interferes – including Jack. A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Android's Dream

Scalzi, John

When a human kills an alien during diplomatic negotiations, the fall out is astronomical. To prevent interstellar war, humanity must deliver an extremely rare sheep for the aliens' coronation ceremony – or face enslavement. So, Earth's government turns to Harry Creek: ex-cop, war hero and hacker extraordinaire. It should be a straightforward mission, but there are others who covet the priceless animal. Ruthless mercenaries, a religious cult, and alien races eager to spark revolution. Harry's mission will take him across the galaxy, as he tries to pull off the grand diplomatic coup of the century. There'll only be one chance to save the life of the sheep – and ensure the future of humanity. A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Creeper

Shine, A M

Superstitions only survive, if people believe in them... Renowned academic Dr Sparling seeks help with his project on a remote Irish village. Historical researchers Ben and Chloe are thrilled to be chosen – until they arrive... The village is isolated and forgotten. There is no record of its history, its stories. There is no friendliness from the locals, only wary looks and whispers. The villagers lock down their homes at sundown. A nameless fear stalks the streets... Nobody will talk – nobody except one little girl. Her story strikes dread into the hearts of the newcomers. Three times, you see him. Each night, he comes closer... That night, Ben and Chloe see a sinister figure watching them. He is the Creeper. He is the nameless fear in the night. Stories keep him alive. And nothing will keep him away...

Horror TP \$29.99

Archangel's Resurrection

Guild Hunter 15

Shing, Nalini

For thousands of years, the passion between Alexander, Archangel of Persia, and Zanaya, Queen of the Nile, burned furious and bright, seemingly without end. But to be an archangel is to be bound to power violent and demanding. Driven by its primal energy, Alexander and Zanaya fought as fiercely as they loved, locked in an endless cycle of devotion and heartbreak. It is only Zanaya's decision to Sleep that ends their love story. Eons later, the Cascade of Death wakens them both. The passion between them a flame that yet burns, Alexander and Zanaya stand together in one last battle against the ultimate darkness. But even a warrior archangel cannot win every war. Alexander's scream shatters the world as Zanaya falls, broken and silent... only to rise again in a miracle that may be a devastating curse. For is it, truly, the Queen of the Nile who has been resurrected? Only one thing is clear: This is the last beat of their passionate, angry dance. The final song for Alexander and his Zani...

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

The Ends

Anomaly Quartet 04

Smythe, James

Decades ago, a vast object called the Anomaly was discovered moving through space. Missions sent to explore it found that anyone entering the Anomaly was unable to die. It kept moving, across our solar system, until, finally, the Anomaly enveloped Earth. Thirty years later, on the West Coast of the US, Theo hears that his missing wife has been sighted – in London. He's sick, and getting worse, so he sets off to find her. Theo's quest will take him across continents, through abandoned cities and new communities, meeting with bandits, artists, and cultists, murderers and heroes and survivors. Because this is a world of humanity at its absolute worst, and at its very best. A world where everything has been irrevocably altered... yet, somehow, still remains the same.

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

The Empire's Ruin

Ashes of the Unhewn Throne 01

Staveley, Brian

One soldier will bear the hopes of an empire... The Ketrals were the glory and despair of the Annurian Empire – elite soldiers who rode war hawks into battle. Now, the Ketrals' numbers have dwindled and the great empire is dying. Its grip is further weakened by the failure of the kenta gates, which granted instantaneous access to its vast lands. To restore the Ketrals, one of its soldiers is given a mission. Gwenna Sharpe must voyage beyond the edge of the known world, to the mythical nesting grounds of the giant war hawks. The journey will take her through a land that warps and poisons all living things. Yet, if she succeeds, she could return a champion, rebuild the Ketrals to their former numbers – and help save the empire. The gates are also essential to the empire's survival, and a monk turned con-artist may hold the key to unlocking them. What they discover will change them and the Annurian Empire forever – if they survive. For deep within the southern reaches of the land, a malevolent force is stirring... The first in a new series, set in the same world as the Chronicles of the Unhewn Throne series.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Snow Crash

deluxe edition

Stephenson, Neal

Hiro lives in a Los Angeles where franchises line the freeway as far as the eye can see. The only relief from the sea of logos is within the autonomous city-states, where law-abiding citizens don't dare leave their mansions. Hiro delivers pizza to the marauders when necessary with a matched set of samurai swords. His home is a shared 20 x 30 U-Store-It. He spends most of his time goggled in to the Metaverse, where his avatar is legendary. But in the club known as The Black Sun, his fellow hackers are being felled by a weird new drug called Snow Crash that reduces them to nothing more than a jittering cloud of bad digital karma (and IRL, a vegetative state). Investigating the Infocalypse leads Hiro all the way back to the beginning of language itself, with roots in an ancient Sumerian priesthood.

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He'll be joined by Y T, a fearless teenaged skateboard courier. Together, they must race to stop a shadowy virtual villain hell-bent on world domination. Neal Stephenson's breakthrough novel is now in a gorgeous new hardcover edition, featuring never-before-seen material – a modern classic that predicted the metaverse, and inspired generations of Silicon Valley innovators. If this gorgeous new hardcover is too rich for your blood, we always have the paperback edition (PBK, \$22.99) here. Stephenson is always recommended.

Science fiction (reissue) HC \$79.95

Trashlands Stine, Alison

A few generations from now, the coastlines of the continent have been redrawn by floods and tides. Global powers have agreed to not produce any new plastics, and what is left has become valuable: garbage is currency. In the region-wide junkyard that Appalachia has become, Coral is a 'plucker,' pulling plastic from the rivers and woods. She's stuck in Trashlands, a dump named for the strip club at its edge, where the local women dance for an endless loop of strangers and the club's violent owner rules as unofficial mayor. Amid the polluted landscape, Coral works desperately to save up enough to rescue her child from the recycling factories, where he is forced to work. In her stolen free hours, she does something that seems impossible in this place: Coral makes art. When a reporter from a struggling city on the coast arrives in Trashlands, Coral is presented with an opportunity to change her life. But is it possible to choose a future for herself?

Dystopia TP \$39.95

Invisible Sun

Empire Games 03

Stross, Charles

In this chillingly resonant dystopian adventure, two versions of America are locked in conflict. Two twinned worlds are facing attack. The New American Commonwealth is caught in a deadly arms race with the USA, its parallel-world rival. And the USA's technology is decades ahead. Yet, the Commonwealth might self-combust first – for its leader has just died, leaving a crippling power vacuum. Minister Miriam Burgeson must face allegations of treason without his support, in a power grab by her oldest adversary. However, all factions soon confront a far greater danger... In their drive to explore other timelines, high-tech USA awakened an alien threat. This force destroyed humanity on one version of Earth. And if the two superpowers don't take action, it will do the same to them. The conclusions of Charles Stross' Empire Games trilogy, which begins with *Empire Games* (PBK, \$19.99)

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

A Fractured Infinity

Tavares, Nathan

Film-maker Hayes Figueiredo is struggling to finish the documentary of his heart when handsome physicist Yusuf Hassan shows up, claiming Hayes is the key to understanding the Envisioner – a mysterious device that can predict the future. Hayes is taken to a top-secret research facility where he discovers his alternate self from an alternate

universe created the Envisioner and sent it to his reality. Hayes studies footage of the other him, he discovers a self he doesn't recognise, angry and obsessive, and footage of Yusuf... as his husband. As Hayes finds himself falling for Yusuf, he studies the parallel universe and imagines the perfect life they will live together. But their lives are inextricably linked to the other reality, and when that couple's story ends in tragedy Hayes realises he must do anything he can to save Yusuf's life. Because there are infinite realities, but only one Yusuf. With the fate of countless realities and his heart in his hands, Hayes leads Yusuf on the run, tumbling through a kaleidoscope of universes trying to save it all. But even escaping into infinity, Hayes is running out of space – soon he will have to decide how much he's willing to pay to save the love of his life.

Science fiction TP \$35.95

The Fall of Numenor and Other Tales from the Second Age of Middle-earth

Tolkien, J R R & Sibley Brian (editor) & Lee, Alan (illustrator)

J R R Tolkien famously described the Second Age of Middle-earth as a 'dark age, and not very much of its history is (or need be) told'. And, for many years, readers would need to be content with the tantalising glimpses of it found within the pages of the Lord of the Rings and its appendices, including the forging of the Rings of Power, the building of the Barad-dûr and the rise of Sauron. It was not until Christopher Tolkien published *The Silmarillion*, after his father's death, that a fuller story could be told. Although much of the book's content concerned the First Age of Middle-earth, there were at its close two key works that revealed the tumultuous events concerning the rise and fall of the island of Númenor. Raised out of the Great Sea and gifted to the Men of Middle-earth as a reward for aiding the angelic Valar and the Elves in the defeat and capture of the Dark Lord Morgoth, the kingdom became a seat of influence and wealth; but as the Númenóreans' power increased, the seed of their downfall would inevitably be sown, culminating in the Last Alliance of Elves and Men. Even greater insight into the Second Age would be revealed in subsequent publications, first in *Unfinished Tales of Númenor and Middle-earth*, then expanded upon in Christopher Tolkien's magisterial 12-volume *The History of Middle-earth*, in which he presented and discussed a wealth of further tales written by his father, many in draft form. Now, adhering to the timeline of 'The Tale of Years' in the appendices to the Lord of the Rings, editor Brian Sibley has assembled into one comprehensive volume a new chronicle of the Second Age of Middle-earth, told substantially in the words of J R R Tolkien from the various published texts, with new illustrations in watercolour and pencil by the doyen of Tolkien art, Alan Lee.

Tolkien HC \$52.99

Tolkien Calendar 2023

Tolkien, J R R; et al

The official Tolkien calendar has become an established publishing event, eagerly anticipated by Tolkien fans, the world over. Previous Tolkien calendars have become

much sought-after collector's items, and this year's will doubtless be an essential purchase for Middle-earth fans everywhere. Featuring 12 full-colour paintings of scenes from across the Three Ages of Middle-earth, some of which are unique to this calendar, a new generation of artists explores Tolkien's creation with greater depth than ever before. Featuring the work of Emily Austin, Jenny Dolfen, Spiros Gelekas, Justin Gerard, Donato Giancola, and Kip Rasmussen, this year's calendar features a variety of different artistic styles. It is also a celebration of the remarkable influence Tolkien has had on artists around the world, inspiring a creative legacy that has endured across the generations.

Tolkien Calendar \$22.99

The Pallbearers Club Tremblay, Paul

What if the coolest girl you've ever met decided to be your friend? Art Barbara was so not cool. He was a 17-year-old high school loner in the late 1980s – who listened to hair metal, had to wear a monstrous back brace at night for his scoliosis, and started an extracurricular club for volunteer pallbearers at poorly attended funerals. But his new friend thought the Pallbearers Club was cool. And she brought along her Polaroid camera to take pictures of the corpses. Okay, that part was a little weird. So was her obsessive knowledge of a notorious bit of New England folklore that involved digging up the dead. And there were other strange things – terrifying things – that happened when she was around, usually at night. But she was his friend... so, it was okay, right? Decades later, Art tries to make sense of it all by writing *The Pallbearers Club: A Memoir*. But, somehow, this friend got her hands on the manuscript and, well, she has some issues with it. And, now, she's making cuts.

Horror PBK \$19.99

To the Lake

Vagner, Yana

A deadly flu epidemic sweeps through Moscow, killing hundreds of thousands. Anya and her husband Sergey decide they have no choice but to flee to a lake in the far north of Russia. Joining them on their journey are her son and father-in-law; Sergey's ex-wife and son; and their garish neighbours. But then some friends of Sergey show up to complete Anya's list of people she'd least like to be left with at the end of the civilised world. As the wave of infection expands from the capital, their food and fuel start to run low. Menaced both by the harsh Russian winter and by the desperate people they encounter, they must put their hatreds behind them if they're to have a chance of reaching safety... Inspired by a real-life flu epidemic in Moscow, *To the Lake* was a number one bestseller in Russia, and has now appeared in a dozen languages and been adapted into a Netflix TV series.

Pandemic PBK \$19.99

Into the Riverlands

Singing Hills Cycle 03, novella

Vo, Nghi

Wandering cleric Chih of the Singing Hills travels to the riverlands to record tales of the notorious near-immortal martial artists who haunt the region. On the road

to Betony Docks, they fall in with a pair of young women far from home, and an older couple who are more than they seem. As Chih runs headlong into an ancient feud, they find themselves far more entangled in the history of the riverlands than they ever expected to be. Accompanied by Almost Brilliant, a talking bird with an indelible memory, Chih confronts old legends and new dangers alike as they learn that every story – beautiful, ugly, kind, or cruel – bears more than one face. The novellas of the Singing Hills Cycle are linked by the cleric Chih, but may be read in any order, with each story serving as an entry point. The first in the cycle, however, is *The Empress of Salt and Fortune* (PBK, \$18.99).

Fantasy HC \$43.95

Hold Fast Through the Fire

NeoG 02

Wagers, K B

Zuma's Ghost has won the Boarding Games, for the second straight year. The crew – led by the unparalleled ability of Jenks in the cage, the brilliant pairing of Ma and Max in the pilot seats, the technical savvy of Sapphi, and the sword skills of Tamago and Rosa – has all come together to form an unstoppable team. Until it all comes apart. Their commander and Master Chief are both retiring. Which means, Jenks is getting promoted, a new commander is joining them, and a fresh-faced spacer is arriving to shake up their perfect dynamics. And while not being able to threepat is on their minds, the more important thing is how they're going to fulfill their mission in the black. After a plea deal transforms a 20-year, ore-mining sentence into NeoG service, Spacer Chae Ho-ki earns a spot on the team. But there's more to Chae than the crew doesn't know, and they must hide a secret that could endanger everyone they love – as well as their new teammates – if it got out. At the same time, a seemingly untouchable coalition is attempting to take over trade with the Trappist colonies and start a war with the NeoG. When the crew of *Zuma's Ghost* gets involved, they end up as targets of this ruthless enemy. With new members aboard, will the team grow stronger this time around? Will they be able to win the games? And, more important, will they be able to surmount threats from both without and within. The sequel to *A Pale Light in the Black* (TP, \$32.99).

Space opera TP \$29.99

Wayward

Wanderers 02

Wendig, Chuck

Five years ago, ordinary Americans fell under the grip of a strange new malady that caused them to sleepwalk across the country to a destination only they knew. They were followed on their quest by the shepherds: friends and family who gave up everything to protect them. Their secret destination: Ouray, a small town in Colorado that would become one of the last outposts of civilisation. Because the sleepwalking epidemic was only the first in a chain of events that led to the end of the world – and the birth of a new one. The survivors, sleepwalkers and shepherds alike, have a dream of rebuilding human society. Among them are Benji, the scientist struggling through grief to lead

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the town; Marcy, the former police officer who wants only to look after the people she loves; and Shana, the teenage girl who became the first shepherd – and an unlikely hero whose courage will be needed again. Because the people of Ouray are not the only survivors, and the world they are building is fragile. The forces of cruelty and brutality are amassing under the leadership of self-proclaimed president Ed Creel. And in the very heart of Ouray, the most powerful survivor of all is plotting its own vision for the new world: Black Swan, the AI who imagined the apocalypse. Against these threats, Benji, Marcy, Shana, and the rest have only one hope: one another. Because the only way to survive the end of the world is *together*. The sequel to *Wanderers* (TP, \$39.95).

SF thriller TP \$32.99

The Hunted

Dawning of Muirwood 02

Wheeler, Jeff

Eilean is rising. A foundling raised in an abbey, she was entrusted by its imprisoned druid, Mordaunt, with an ancient tome. Its magical words can change the world. Eilean's first mission: translate it. Her second: rescue a benevolent Aldermaston sentenced to death as a heretic by the High Seer. But wielding power, knowledge, and ambition has now made Eilean the hunted. In pursuit is Captain Hoel Evnissyen, an inquisitor in service to the High Seer's demands. His objective is to track Eilean and steal Mordaunt's invaluable work. But Hoel's quest soon yields a fascination with the

woman he's been ordered to pursue. When an invasion begins and the world erupts in chaos, Eilean and Hoel find themselves bound by their mutual wills to survive and, against all odds, realise they are not each other's enemy. But now Eilean must decide who is friend and who is foe. Especially when the powerful tome falls into the wrong hands. The closer Eilean and Hoel get, the nearer they are to realising the part they must play in their kingdom's destiny – and its ties to Eilean's own mysterious past.

Fantasy TP \$24.99

Brothers of the Wind

Last King of Osten Ard novella

Williams, Tad

Among the immortal Sithi of Osten Ard, none are more beloved and admired than the two sons of the ruling family, steady Hakatri and his proud and fiery younger brother Ineluki – Ineluki, who will one day become the undead Storm King. But when Ineluki makes a bold, terrible oath that he will destroy Hidohebbi, a terrifying monster, he drags Hatraki into a disaster that threatens not just their family but all the Sithi – and perhaps all of humankind as well...

Set 1,000 years before *The Dragonbone Chair*, the story is told by Pamon Kes, Hatraki's faithful servant. A member of the enslaved Changeling race, he must face the terrible black dragon at his master's side, and see his own life changed forever by Ineluki's selfish promise. The long-awaited prequel to *The Dragonbone Chair*.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Hooked Wise, A C

Once invited, always welcome. Once invited, never free. Captain James Hook, the immortal pirate of Neverland, has died 1,000 times. Drowned, stabbed by Peter Pan's sword, eaten by the beast swimming below the depths, yet James was resurrected every time by one boy's dark imagination. Until he found a door in the sky, an escape. And he took the chance no matter the cost. Now, in London 22 years later, Peter Pan's monster has found Captain Hook again, intent on revenge. But a chance encounter leads James to another survivor of Neverland. Wendy Darling, now a grown woman, is the only one who knows how dark a shadow Neverland casts, no matter how far you run. To vanquish Pan's monster, once and for all, Hook must play the villain one last time... Exploring themes of grief, survivor's guilt and healing broken bonds, *Hooked* is a modern-day *Peter Pan* story.

Neverland PBK \$19.99

The Night Wire and Other Tales of Weird Media

Tales of the Weird

Worth, Aaron (editor)

A mysterious radio signal reports cosmic doom from an otherworldly location. Photography and X-ray evidence suggests there may be some truth to a sculptor's claim that he has created a god. A spectral projection sows terror amid the flickering light of the cinema. From the whispering wires of the telegraph and ghostly images of the daguerreotype to the disembodied voices of the phonograph and radio, the new technologies of the 19th and 20th centuries gave their users miraculous new powers –

and new nightmares. After all, if Graham Bell's magical device could connect us with loved ones a half a world away, what was to stop it from reaching out and touching the dead – or something worse? Tracing this fiction of fear from the 1890s to the 1950s, this new collection brings together the best tales of haunted or uncanny media from classic – and unjustly neglected – writers of the supernatural.

Horror TP \$35.95

White Horse Wurth, Erika T

Kari James, Urban Native, is a fan of heavy metal, ripped jeans, Stephen King novels, and dive bars. She spends most of her time at her favourite spot in Denver, a bar called White Horse. There, she tries her best to ignore her past and the questions surrounding her mother who abandoned her when she was just two years old. But soon after her cousin Debby brings her a traditional bracelet that once belonged to Kari's mother, Kari starts seeing disturbing visions of her mother and a mysterious creature. When the visions refuse to go away, Kari must uncover what really happened to her mother all those years ago. Her father, permanently disabled from a car crash, can't help her. Her Auntie Squeaker seems to know something but isn't eager to give it all up at once. Debby's anxious to help, but her controlling husband keeps getting in the way. Kari's journey toward a truth long denied by both her family and law enforcement forces her to confront her dysfunctional relationships, thoughts about a friend she lost in childhood, and her desire for the one thing she's always wanted but could never have...

Horror HC \$57.95