

Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

October 2022

The Golden Enclaves

Scholomance 03

Naomi Novik

The one thing you never talk about while you're in the Scholomance is what you'll do when you get out. Not even the richest enclaver would tempt fate that way. But it's all we dream about: the hideously slim chance we'll survive to make it out the gates and improbably find ourselves with a life ahead of us, a life outside the Scholomance halls.

And, now, the impossible dream has come true. I'm out, we're all out – and I didn't even have to turn into a monstrous dark witch to make it happen. So much for my great-grandmother's prophecy of doom and destruction. I didn't kill enclavers, I saved them. Me and Orion and our allies. Our graduation plan worked to perfection: We saved everyone and made the world safe for all wizards and brought peace and harmony to all the enclaves everywhere.

Ha, only joking! Actually, it's gone all wrong. Someone else has picked up the project of destroying enclaves in my stead, and probably everyone we saved is about to get killed in the brewing enclave war. And the first thing I've got to do, now – having miraculously gotten out of the Scholomance – is turn straight around and find a way back in.

Novik never disappoints – fantastic! The first is *A Deadly Education* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy | TP | \$32.99



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Briarheart

Mercedes Lackey

Miriam may be the daughter of Queen Alethia of Tirendell, but she's not a princess. She's the child of Alethia and her previous husband, the King's Champion, who died fighting for the king, and she has no desire to rule.

When her new baby sister Aurora, heir to the throne, is born, she's ecstatic. She adores the baby, who seems perfect in every way. But on the day of Aurora's christening, an uninvited Dark Fae arrives, prepared to curse her, and Miriam discovers she possesses impossible power.

Soon, Miriam is charged with being trained in both magic and combat to act as chief protector to her sister. But shadowy threats are moving closer and closer to their kingdom, and Miriam's dark power may not be enough to save everyone she loves... let alone, herself.

YA fairy tales retold | PBK | \$26.95



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Blitz

Checquy Files 03

Daniel O'Malley

September, 1940. Three women of the Checquy, the secret organisation tasked with protecting Britain from supernatural threats, stand in the sky above London and see German aircraft approach. Forbidden by law to interfere, all they can do is watch as their city is bombed. Until Pamela, the most sensible of them, breaks all the rules and brings down a Nazi bomber with her bare hands. The three resolve to tell no one about it, but they soon learn that a crew member is missing from the downed bomber. Charred corpses are discovered in nearby houses, and it becomes apparent that the women have unwittingly unleashed a monster.

Through a city torn by the Blitz, the friends must hunt the enemy before he kills again. Their task will take them from the tunnels of the Underground to the halls of power, where they will discover the secrets that a secret organisation must keep even from itself.

Today. Lynette Binns, a librarian with a husband and child, is a late recruit to the Checquy, having discovered only as an adult her ability to electrify everyday objects with her touch. After completing her training, she is assigned to examine a string of brutal murders and quickly realises that all bear the unmistakable hallmark of her own unique power. Unable to provide an alibi and determined to prove her innocence, she flees, venturing into the London underworld to find answers. But now she is prey, being tracked by her own frighteningly capable comrades.

As Lyn fights off powered thugs and her own vengeful colleagues, she will find that the solution to the murders and to the mystery of her own past lies in the events of World War II, and the covert actions of three young women, during the Blitz.

Series is recommended! Start with *The Rook* (PBK, \$22.99). Signed copies of *Blitz* are available.

[Urban fantasy | TP | \\$32.99](#)



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Centers of Gravity

Frontlines 08

Marko Kloos

Nine hundred light-years from home, Major Andrew Grayson and the crew of NACS *Washington* are marooned in a sunless system with limited water, reactor fuel, and food. The last hope for survival is to go where nothing human has gone before.

After embarking on a scouting mission to the only moon with surface signs of life, Andrew and his special tactics team make two startling discoveries. One is a dream: a form of protein and plant life that could save the starving humans in the rogue system. The second is a nightmare: this harvested rock is infested with Lankies. Far from the seemingly mindless aggressors Andrew has battled for years, these show a terrifying awareness, and they have surprising secrets of their own, hidden away in the darkness.

When the Lankies sense an uninvited presence in their world, Andrew's operation becomes an expedition to hell. The odds against his small crew are stacked high. Of all the mysteries of space, how to escape with their lives is the greatest unknown of all.

Our military space opera fans love Kloos! Series begins with *Terms of Enlistment* (TP, \$24.99).

[Space opera | TP | \\$24.99](#)



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The Spare Man

Mary Robinette Kowal

Tesla Crane, a brilliant inventor and an heiress, is on her honeymoon via an interplanetary space liner. Cruising between the Moon and Mars, she's travelling incognito and revelling in her anonymity.

Then someone is murdered and the festering chowderheads, who run security, have the audacity to arrest her spouse. Armed with banter, martinis and her small service dog, Tesla is determined to solve the crime so that the newlyweds can get back to canoodling – And keep the real killer from striking, again.

Hugo and Nebula Award-winner Mary Robinette Kowal blends her no-nonsense, hard-SF approach to life in space, with her talent for creating glittering high society in this stylish SF mystery. *The Spare Man* is nothing short of *The Thin Man* in space; but is a piece that Kowal has made her own and will be a hit with her audience. We've already had fantastic customer feedback on this, highly recommended!

SF mystery | TP | \$32.99



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Nona the Ninth

Locked Tomb quartet 03

Tamsyn Muir

'Unlike anything I've ever read.' – V E Schwab on *Gideon the Ninth*.

Her city is under siege. The zombies are coming back. And all Nona wants is a birthday party. In many ways, Nona is like other people. She lives with her family, has a job at her local school, and loves walks on the beach and meeting new dogs.

But Nona's not like other people. Six months ago, she woke up in a stranger's body, and she's afraid she might have to give it back. The whole city is falling to pieces.

A monstrous blue sphere hangs on the horizon, ready to tear the planet apart. Blood of Eden forces have surrounded the last Cohort facility and wait for the Emperor Undying to come calling. Their leaders want Nona to be the weapon that will save them from the Nine Houses.

Nona would prefer to live an ordinary life with the people she loves, with Pyrrha and Camilla and Palamedes, but she also knows that nothing lasts forever. And each night, Nona dreams of a woman with a skull-painted face...

Kiwi author Muir has become somewhat of a Global Sensation – try the first, *Gideon the Ninth* (TP, \$32.99) and see what the fuss is all about...

Space fantasy | TP | \$34.99



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A Prayer for the Crown-Shy

Monk & Robot 02

Becky Chambers

After touring the rural areas of Panga, Sibling Dex (a Tea Monk of some renown) and Mosschap (a robot sent on a quest to determine what humanity really needs) turn their attention to the villages and cities of the little moon they call home.

They hope to find the answers they seek, while making new friends, learning new concepts, and experiencing the entropic nature of the universe.

Becky Chambers' new series continues to ask: *in a world where people have what they want, does having more even matter?*

A Tor.com novella from the publishing sensation, Chambers. The previous novella is *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* (HC, \$42.99) – and if you haven't read her bestselling, Hugo Award-winning space-opera series, starting with *The Long Way to a Small Angry Planet* (PBK, \$22.99) – you really should!

Science fiction novella | TP | \$26.99



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Babel, Or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution

R F Kuang

And speaking of Global Sensations... now, this:

'Absolutely phenomenal. One of the most brilliant, razor-sharp books I've had the pleasure of reading that isn't just an alternative fantastical history, but an interrogative one; one that grabs colonial history and the Industrial Revolution, turns it over, and shakes it out.' – *Shannon Chakraborty*, bestselling author of *The City of Brass*.

From award-winning author R F Kuang comes *Babel*, a thematic response to *The Secret History* and a tonal retort to *Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell* that grapples with student revolutions, colonial resistance, and the use of language and translation as the dominating tool of the British empire.

Traduttore, traditore: *An act of translation is always an act of betrayal.*

1828. Robin Swift, orphaned by cholera in Canton, is brought to London, by the mysterious Professor Lovell. There, he trains for years in Latin, Ancient Greek, and Chinese, all in preparation for the day he'll enrol in Oxford University's prestigious Royal Institute of Translation – also known as Babel.

Babel is the world's centre for translation and, more importantly, magic. Silver working – the art of manifesting the meaning lost in translation using enchanted silver bars – has made the British unparalleled in power, as its knowledge serves the Empire's quest for colonisation. For Robin, Oxford is a utopia dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge.

But knowledge obeys power, and as a Chinese boy raised in Britain, Robin realises serving Babel means betraying his motherland. As his studies progress, Robin finds himself caught between Babel and the shadowy Hermes Society, an organisation dedicated to stopping imperial expansion.

When Britain pursues an unjust war with China over silver and opium, Robin must decide...

Can powerful institutions be changed from within, or does revolution always require violence?

And the reviews have been amazing! Recommended!

[Alternate history](#) | [TP](#) | [\\$32.99](#)



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Terry Pratchett: A Life With Footnotes – The Official Biography

Rob Wilkins

The creator of the phenomenally bestselling Discworld series, Terry Pratchett was known and loved around the world for his hugely popular books, his smart satirical humour, and the humanity of his campaign work. But that's only part of the picture.

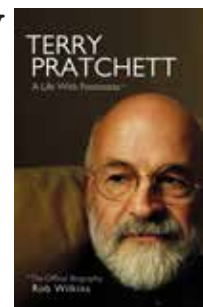
Before his untimely death, Terry was writing a memoir – the story of a boy who, aged six, was told by his teacher that he would never amount to anything and spent the rest of his life proving him wrong. For Terry lived a life full of astonishing achievements – becoming one of the UK's bestselling and most beloved writers, winning the prestigious Carnegie Medal and being awarded a knighthood.

Now, the book Terry sadly couldn't finish has been written by Rob Wilkins, his former assistant, friend, and now head of the Pratchett literary estate. Drawing on his own extensive memories, along with those of the author's family, friends and colleagues, Rob unveils the full picture of Terry's life – from childhood to his astonishing writing career, and how he met and coped with what he called the 'Embuggerance' of Alzheimer's disease.

A deeply moving and personal portrait of the extraordinary life of Sir Terry Pratchett, written with unparalleled insight and filled with funny anecdotes, this is the only official biography of one of our finest authors.

'Of all the dead authors in the world, Terry Pratchett is the most alive.' – *John Lloyd*.

[Biography](#) | [TP](#) | [\\$34.99](#)



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The Goblin Emperor

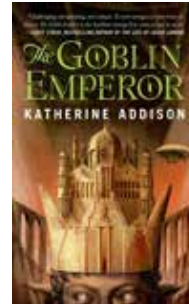
Katherine Addison

The youngest, half-goblin son of the Emperor has lived his entire life in exile, distant from the Imperial Court and the deadly intrigue that suffuses it. But when his father and three sons in line for the throne are killed in an 'accident', he has no choice but to take his place as the only surviving rightful heir.

Surrounded by sycophants eager to curry favour with the naive new emperor, and overwhelmed by the burdens of his new life, he can trust nobody. Amid the swirl of plots to depose him, offers of arranged marriages, and the spectre of the unknown conspirators who lurk in the shadows, he must quickly adjust to life as the Goblin Emperor.

Yes, we know it came out several years ago – but Ron is obsessed and constantly forces copies upon the uninitiated... (It's very, very good!) Ignore the drab cover art! Ignore the lacklustre blurb! *Just read it!*

Fantasy | PBK | \$24.95



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