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Michelle Sagara
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... and many others.

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Ron and Leanne

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

The Righteous

Beautiful Quartet 03

Ahdieh, Renée

Odette is facing the final death. The Court of the Lions have done everything they can to save her but have failed. A healer from the Sylvan Vale could help her, but only Arjun Desai, as a half fey, can cross the boundary between realms. But what she discovers on the other side is a dangerous, duplicitous world full of mischief and magic she doesn't understand...

YA dark fantasy PBK \$19.99

Full Immersion

Amor, Gemma

What can you do when you're reeling from trauma, but you've tried it all? Counselling, yoga, pills, meditation, art, healthy living... none of it makes a dent. What's left?

Maggie is out of ideas. She's desperate enough to try anything. Just when she thinks her life can get no worse, she discovers herself, or rather her own dead body, partially buried in the mudbank of a river. A man stands by, a familiar stranger. What does he want? And why can't she remember getting here? Why can't she remember anything? An experiment is unfolding, but is Maggie the subject, or practitioner? Maggie realises all too soon that her journey has transformed from healing to survival. She must become the hunter rather than the hunted, with her missing memories the prey.

Dark fantasy TP \$27.99

Fresh Blood

Vamps 01

Arend, Nicole

Nestled in the Swiss Alps, VAMPS is the ultimate academy for the children of the most wealthy and powerful vampire families. Unfortunately for Dillon, he's an outsider – to be more specific, he's a dhampir: a vampire that is half human. If he wants to survive more than a single term, he's going to need to embrace his fangs. But as his power grows, so does the target on his back...

The first in a series.

Paranormal PBK \$22.99

The Hastening Storm

Pantheon 03

Barrington, C F

Live by the rules. Die by the rules. Or break them and take your chances in the chaos that follows... The Pantheon Games are the biggest underground event in the world, with millions watching online – as modern-day recruits battle to the death, with weapons of the ancient world. Tyler Maitland left his life behind to search for his sister, who disappeared after joining the Pantheon's Edinburgh chapter. But one year on, he's still no closer to finding her... But this season will be like no other. Tyler must accept a new mission, one that hasn't been attempted in 20 years of the Pantheon. His life, and the search for his sister, depends on it. This

fast-paced series begins with *The Wolf Mile* (PBK, \$19.99).

Dystopian thriller PBK \$22.99

The Real Middle-Earth:

a History of the Dark Ages that Inspired Tolkien

Bates, Brian

In *The Real Middle-Earth*, explore the magically enchanting early-English civilisation on which Tolkien based his world of *The Lord of the Rings*. Tolkien readily admitted that the concept of Middle-earth was not his own invention. An Old English term for the Dark Age world, it was always assumed that the importance of magic in this world existed only in Tolkien's works; now, Professor Brian Bates reveals the vivid truth about this historical culture. Bates has drawn on the latest archaeological findings to reconstruct the imaginative world of our past, revealing a culture with insights that may yet help us understand our own place in the world.

Tolkien (reference) PBK \$22.99

Cixin Liu's the Circle

Worlds of Cixin Liu graphic novel

Besse, Xavier

Xianyang, capital of the state of Qin, 227 BC. Before the great king, Ying Zheng – ruler of the state of Qin – stands the emissary of the state of Yan, Jing Ke. Charged with the attempted assassination of Zheng, Jing Ke has been sentenced to death. But the king recognises that the man who stands before him is not only noble, but highly intelligent, too, so he is spared, and instead made one of the king's advisors. Obsessed by the search for eternal life, Zheng sets his new advisor, a revered mathematics scholar, to apply his studies to this pursuit... Welcome to the Worlds of Cixin Liu, a series of graphic novels created by 35 artists – including writers, illustrators and colourists – from 13 countries, to salute the unique imagination of China's sf grandmaster.

Science fiction PBK \$32.99

Dirty Lying Faeries

Blackburry, Sabrina

When Thea Kanelos' best friend drags her to an art gala (that's definitely not her thing), she doesn't expect a chance encounter with Devin Grayson to change her life forever. The handsome stranger isn't just anyone – he's a powerful fae, charged with bringing Thea into his world. Believing that she's always been human, Thea must come to terms that everything she's known about herself up until now has been a lie. She's not human at all. She is a fae – funny, because she doesn't even believe in faeries. Thea soon discovers that she is powerful in her own right and, as cracks in the fae world begin to surface, she may be the only one who can end the conflict that plagues both sides.

Fantasy HC \$49.99

A Broken Blade

Halfing Saga 01

Blair, Melissa

My body is made of scars, some were done to me, but most I did to myself. Keera is a killer. As the King's Blade, she is the most talented spy in the kingdom. And the king's favoured assassin. When a mysterious figure moves against the Crown, Keera is called upon to hunt down the so-called Shadow. As she searches for answers, Keera is haunted by a promise she made long ago, one that will test her in every way. To keep her word, Keera must not only save herself, but an entire kingdom.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Alone With You in the Ether

Blake, Olivie

Chicago, sometime. Two people meet in the Art Institute, in the armoury section, quite by chance. Prior to their encounter, he is a doctoral student who manages his destructive thoughts with compulsive calculations about time travel; she is a bipolar counterfeit artist undergoing court-ordered psychotherapy. After their meeting, those things do not change. Everything else, however, is slightly different. Both obsessive, eccentric personalities, Aldo Damiani and Charlotte Regan struggle to be without each other from the moment they meet. The truth – that he is a clinically depressed, antisocial theoretician and she is a manipulative liar with a history of self-sabotage – means the deeper they fall in love, the more troubling their reliance on each other becomes.

Time travel TP \$32.99

The Atlas Six

Atlas 01

Blake, Olivie

Secrets. Betrayal. Seduction. Welcome to the Alexandrian Society. When the world's best magicians are offered an extraordinary opportunity, saying yes is easy. Each could join the secretive Alexandrian Society, whose custodians guard lost knowledge from ancient civilisations. Their members enjoy a lifetime of power and prestige. Yet, each decade, only six practitioners are invited – to fill five places. Contenders Libby Rhodes and Nico de Varona are inseparable enemies, cosmologists who can control matter with their minds. Parisa Kamali is a telepath, who sees the mind's deepest secrets. Reina Mori is a naturalist who can perceive and understand the flow of life itself. And Callum Nova is an empath, who can manipulate the desires of others. Finally, there's Tristan Caine, whose powers mystify even himself. Following recruitment by the mysterious Atlas Blakely, they travel to the Society's London headquarters. Here, each must study and innovate within esoteric subject areas. And if they can prove themselves, over the course of a year, they'll survive. Most of them. Originally a self-published sensation,

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this edition has been fully edited and revised, including gorgeous new illustrations. Perfect for fans of Naomi Novik's *Scholomance*.

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

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. 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 Sacorida, 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. This is a great series – hampered by the long waits between volumes! But we heartily recommend starting with *The Green Rider* (PBK, \$22.99) and taking it from there!

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

The Gap in the Curtain

Buchan, John

What begins as a straightforward holiday weekend for Sir Edward Leithen in a splendid stately home in the Cotswolds soon turns into something altogether different when one of Lady Flambard's other guests, the enigmatic Professor Moe, enlists the help of Leithen and his companions in a bizarre experiment to glimpse the future. For those who take part, the consequences are dramatic and Leithen's formidable powers of reasoning are brought to the fore. A reissue.

Classic sf PBK \$19.99

Knot of Shadows

Penric & Desdemona novellas 11

Bujold, Lois McMaster

When a corpse is found floating face-down in Vilnoc harbor that is not quite as dead as it seems, Temple sorcerer Penric and his chaos demon Desdemona are drawn into the uncanny investigation. Pen's keen questions will take him across the city of Vilnoc, and into far more profound mysteries, as his search for truths interlaces with tragedy. A pricey, signed and numbered, limited edition (due in January) from Subterranean Press – which probably will go out of print, on release.

Fantasy HC \$89.95

Loki

Burgess, Melvin

Step into the ancient fir-tree forests of Scandinavia and bear witness to legends as epic as those of the Greeks and the Romans. Loki, born within the heart of a fire in the hollow of a tree-trunk, arrives in Asgard as an outsider. Over time, he goes on to become one of Odin's closest allies and plays an integral role in the rise of the Golden Era of the Gods – and their eventual destruction. This book – from the perspective of Loki, the trickster god – charts the history of Norse mythology, starting with the creation of heaven and earth and leading to the eventual

downfall of the gods. This is a retelling of the cycle of Norse myths for modern times, written with the vividness and earthy, sometimes shocking humour for which this prize-winning author is famous.

Norse mythology TP \$32.99

Dead Man's Hand

Unorthodox Chronicles 01

Butcher, James J

On the streets of Boston, the world is divided into the ordinary Usuals, and the paranormal Unorthodox. And in the Department of Unorthodox Affairs, the Auditors are the magical elite, government-sanctioned witches with spells at their command and all the power and prestige that comes with it. Grimshaw Griswald Grimsby is... not one of those witches. After flunking out of the Auditor training program and being dismissed as 'not Department material', Grimsby tried to resign himself to life as a mediocre witch. But he can't help hoping he'll somehow, somehow, get another chance to prove his skill. That opportunity comes with a price when his former mentor, *aka* the most dangerous witch alive, is murdered down the street from where he works, and Grimsby is the Auditors' number one suspect... 'James J Butcher's debut novel is a brilliant urban fantasy about a young man who must throw out the magical rule book to solve the murder of his former mentor' – *publisher's blurb*.

Urban fantasy HC \$69.99

Fledgling

reissue

Butler, Octavia E

A young girl wakes up in the woods, gravely injured and alone, with no memory of what happened or who she is. As Shori heals, she realises that she isn't like the people around her, which leads to a shocking discovery. She is a 53-year-old vampire, and in terrible danger. To save herself, Shori must learn anew everything about the power and desires that she holds, the life that was stolen from her – and those who want her dead. The final ground-breaking novel from renowned, bestselling author Octavia E Butler.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Actual Star

Byrne, Monica

A journey untaken over two millennia and six continents – three powerful tales, 1,000 years apart, all of them converging in the same cave in the Belizean jungle. Braided together are the stories of a pair of teenage twins who ascend the throne of a Maya kingdom; a young American woman on a trip of self-discovery in Belize; and two dangerous charismatics vying for the leadership of a new religion, racing toward a confrontation that will determine the fate of the few humans left on Earth after massive climate change. In each era, a reincarnated trinity of souls navigates the entanglements of tradition and progress, sister and stranger, and love and hate – until all of their age-old questions about the nature of existence converge deep underground, where only in complete darkness can they truly see. 'A stone-cold masterpiece.' – *New Scientist*. From the author of the fantastic *The Girl in the Road* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Ivory Tomb

Rooks & Ruin 03

Caruso, Melissa

The Dark Days have returned. The Demon of Carnage mercilessly cuts through villagers and armies. The Demon of Corruption rots the land. The Serene Empire and the Witch Lords race towards war. And in the middle of it all stands Rxyander, the Warden of Gloamingard... To find answers, she'll have to return to where it all started... the black tower at the heart of Gloamingard. By blood the Door was opened and only by blood will the Dark Days end. *The Ivory Tomb* concludes the wildly original epic fantasy series bursting with intrigue and ambition, questioned loyalties, and broken magic that began with *The Obsidian Tower* (PBK, \$22.99). Caruso's fantasy is a perennial favourite at Pulp Fiction – recommended. (And, if you've not tried any of these at all (*what are you even doing?*), start with *The Tethered Mage* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Sacrifice

Chupeco, Rin

Alon, a local teenager, watches a production crew of an American documentary-style reality show set up on Kisapmata (called the 'Godseye' by the Americans), an island off the coast of the Philippines rumoured to be cursed. Two producers offer to pay them to be the crew's tour guide since other locals have refused to set foot on the island. Within minutes of their arrival, a sinkhole appears, revealing a mummified corpse entwined within a baleta tree growing underground. Rattled, the showrunner explains to Alon the purpose of the show: to investigate the island's legend of a Dreamer god that supposedly grants believers unspeakable powers in exchange for eight sacrifices. A mysterious journal they find on the island lends credit to the curse and poses a sinister riddle: *He who sleeps in the mouth is He who sleeps in the eye. The first to eat, the second to seed, the third to wear, the fourth to birth, the fifth to serve, the sixth to lure, the seventh to consume, the last to wake*. The roles of each seem to align with the known sacrifices. As the crew falls victim to the island's curse one-by-one, Alon must figure out a way to stop the Dreamer, before it destroys more than just the island.

YA horror PBK \$19.99

The Night and Its Moon

Gj, Piper

Two orphans grow into powerful young women as they face countless threats to find their way back to each other. Farleigh is just an orphanage. At least, that's what the church would have the people believe, but beautiful orphans Nox and fae-touched Amaris know better. They are commodities for sale, available for purchase by the highest bidder. So, when the madam of a notorious brothel in a far-off city offers a king's ransom to purchase Amaris, Nox ends up taking her place – while Amaris is drawn away to the mountains, home of mysterious assassins. But the threat of war looms overhead, and the two are inevitably swept into a conflict between human and fae, magic and mundane. With strange new alliances, untested powers, and a bond that neither time nor distance could possibly break, the fate of the realms

lies in the hands of two orphans – and the love they hold for each other. The first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

The Wood Bee Queen

Gox, Edward

Somewhere in England, in a small town called Strange Ground by the Skea, Ebbie Wren is the last librarian and he's about to lose his job. Estranged from his parents, unable to make connections with anyone except the old homeless lady who lives near the library, Ebbie isn't quite sure what he's supposed to do next. His only escape from reality is his deep interest in local folklore, but reality is far stranger than Ebbie can dream. On the other side of the sky and the sea, the Queen of House Wood Bee has been murdered. Her sister has made the first move in a long game, one which will lead her to greatness, yet risk destruction for the entire Realm. But someone is playing for the heart of the Realm. Ebbie and small-time thief, Bek, are destined to unite. They must find a way to stop the destruction of House Wood Bee, save the Realm, and just maybe save themselves in the process. All victories come at a price. The Oldgods are rising. And they are watching...

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Silverweed Road

collection

Grook, Simon

There's a new horror behind every door... Welcome to Silverweed Road – a once quiet suburban street where nothing is quite as it seems. In this macabre collection of twisted tales, were-foxes prowl, a swimming pool turns predatory, a haunted urn plots revenge, and a darts player makes a deal with the devil himself. As the residents vanish, one by one, a sinister mystery slowly unveils, lurking in the Woods at the road's dead-end. Creepy, chilling, and witty by turn, *Silverweed Road* deals in love, loss, isolation, loneliness, obsession, greed, and revenge. Come take a walk through suburban hell. The neighbours will be dying to meet you... 'Plenty of creepy fun to be had' – *Guardian*.

Horror TP \$32.99

The Stranded

Stranded 01

Daniels, Sarah

Welcome to the *Arcadia*. Once a luxurious cruise ship, now it is home to the stranded. For 40 years, they have lived, and died, on the water. A place of extreme haves and have-nots, gangs and make-shift shelters, its people are tyrannised by a country they can see but can't get to. A country that says it doesn't want them. Esther is a loyal citizen, working flat-out for a rare chance to live a life on land. Nik is a rebel, intent on liberating the *Arcadia*, once and for all. Together, they will change the future... The first in a series.

YA dystopia PBK \$19.99

The Killing God

Great God's War 03

Donaldson, Stephen

They are coming. The kingdoms of Belleger and Amika had been fighting for generations. But then they learned of a terrible threat moving through them to destroy the Last Repository, an immense hidden library...

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The masterful conclusion of the Great God's War epic from the bestselling author of the *Chronicles of Thomas Covenant*. Book one is *Seventh Decimate* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$34.99

A History of Fear

Dumas, Luke

Grayson Hale, the most infamous murderer in Scotland, is better known by a different name: the Devil's Advocate. The 25-year-old American grad student rose to instant notoriety when he confessed to the slaughter of his classmate Liam Stewart, claiming the Devil made him do it. When Hale is found hanged in his prison cell, officers uncover a handwritten manuscript that promises to answer the question that's haunted the nation for years: was Hale a lunatic, or had he been telling the truth all along?

Horror HC \$57.95

A Wilderness of Stars

Ernshaw, Shea

If magic lives anywhere, it's in the stars...

Vega has lived in the valley her whole life – forbidden by her mother to leave the safety of its borders because of the unknown threats waiting for her in the wilds beyond. But after her mother dies, Vega sees the fabled twin stars in the sky, it's an omen she can no longer ignore, forcing her to leave the protective boundaries of the valley. What Vega keeps to herself is that she is the Last Astronomer – a title carried from generation to generation – and she is the only one who carries the knowledge of the stars. Knowledge that could hold the key to the cure. And, so, when locals spot the tattoo on Vega's neck in the shape of a constellation – the mark of an astronomer – chaos erupts as the threats her mother warned her about become all too real. On the run from the men who are hunting her, Vega – and her new friends, Cricket and Noah – will set out across the plains in search of the cure the stars speak of. But as the lines between friend and protector begin to blur, Vega must decide whether she will reveal or safeguard the sacred knowledge of the astronomer. Or if she will risk everything to try to save them all.

YA fantasy HC \$43.95

Leopard's Scar

Leopard 14

Feehan, Christine

The moment Meiling sees Gedeon, she knows he's a leopard shifter – just as she knows she can't trust him. As they strike up a working relationship that suits them both, Gedeon starts to rely on Meiling for just about everything. But when her hidden nature rises to the surface, the connection that links them shifts into an all-consuming desire. And neither will escape unmarked...

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Come Out, Come Out, Whatever You Are

Foxfield, Kathryn

*Welcome to the reality game show that'll scare you to death! Have you got what it takes to last the night? On the reality show *It's Behind You!*, five contestants competing for prize money must survive the night in the dark and dangerous Umber Gorge caves,*

rumoured to be haunted by the Puckered Maiden, a ghost who eats the hearts of her victims. But is it the malevolent spirit they should fear, or each other? As the production crew ramps up the frights, tensions rise and the secrets of the cast member start coming to light. Each of these teenagers has hidden motives for taking part in the show. But could one of them be murder?

YA horror TP \$26.95

This Broken World

Vortex of Worlds 01

Gannon, Charles E

Since boyhood, Druadaen expected he'd ascend to the command of an elite legion and become the leader his father predicted he would be. However, fate had something different in store. Assigned instead to a small group of outriders tasked with watching nearby kingdoms, Druadaen discovers that the world beyond his homeland is riddled with impossibilities. How do humanoid raiders, known as the Bent, suffer staggering losses and yet return as a vast horde every decade? How do multi-ton dragons fly? How have fossils formed in a world that sacristis insist has existed for only 10 millennia? Determined to solve these mysteries, Druadaen journeys into the dank warrens of the Bent, seeks out a dragon's lair, and ventures into long-buried ruins in search of ancient scrolls. But, whereas legends tell of heroes who encounter their greatest perils during just such forays into the unknown, Druadaen's most lethal enemies might lurk in even more unusual places: The temples and council chambers of his own homeland. The first in a new series.

Fantasy PBK \$26.95

The Witch and the Tsar

Gilmore, Olesya Salnikova

Yaga lives deep in the Russian forest, tending to any that call upon her for her healing potions and vast wisdom. She has been alone for centuries, with only her beloved animals for company. But, when Tsaritsa Anastasia, wife of Tsar Ivan Vasilyevich, shows up at Yaga's cottage on the brink of death, Yaga is compelled to travel with her to Moscow to keep her safe... *The Witch and the Tsar* upends the stories we know of Baba Yaga as the bony-legged witch of Slavic fairy tales and the stuff of nightmares. For beyond the rumours of her iron nose, fangs for teeth, and house on chicken legs, is the story of a woman so wise and strong that she has to be cloaked in lies to hide her true power.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Tales of the Greek Heroes

Puffin Clothbound Classics

Green, Roger Lancelyn

Discover the mysterious and exciting legends of the gods and heroes in Ancient Greece, from the adventures of Perseus, the labours of Heracles, the voyage of Jason and the Argonauts, to Odysseus and the Trojan wars. Roger Lancelyn Green's classic retelling of the adventures of the Greek Heroes has been in print for over 60 years and, now, a stunning Puffin Clothbound edition is available for readers and collectors.

Mythology HC \$27.99

Haunted by the Past

Ishmael Jones 11

Green, Simon R

Ishmael Jones knows all there is to know about solving mysteries. Together with his love and partner in crimes, Penny Belcourt, he specialises in cases of the weird and uncanny. Lucas Carr went to Glenbury Hall, an old country manor house turned hotel. He signed in at reception, took his key, and went upstairs to his room. But he never got there. Somehow, he vanished along the way, with not a single clue to suggest what might have happened to him. Lucas belonged to the same mysterious organisation that employs Ishmael and Penny, so they are sent in to solve the mystery. Does Lucas' disappearance have something to do with the organisation or the Hall's haunted past? Ishmael and Penny have to work their way through a series of mysterious clues and misleading suspects, uncovering secret after secret, before they finally arrive at a truth that no one suspected. The problem with history is that it's not always content to stay in the past.

Paranormal mystery HC \$55.00

Twenty-First-Century Tolkien:

What Middle-earth Means to Us Today

Groom, Nick

An engaging, original and radical reassessment of J.R.R. Tolkien, revealing how his visionary creation of Middle-Earth is more relevant now than ever before. What is it about Middle-Earth and its inhabitants that has captured the imagination of millions of people around the world? And why does Tolkien's visionary creation continue to fascinate and inspire us 85 years on from its first appearance? Delving deep into topics such as friendship, failure, the environment, diversity, and Tolkien's place in a post-COVID age, Nick Groom takes us on an unexpected journey through Tolkien's world, revealing how it is more relevant now, than ever before.

Tolkien reference HC \$39.99

The Art of John Harris:

Into the Blue

Volume II

Harris, John

This second volume from Titan Books is a collection of world-renowned visionary artist John Harris' unique paintings captures breath-taking, otherworldly vistas on a massive scale. *The Art of John Harris II: Into the Blue* is the third collection (second collection published by Titan) of world-renowned visionary artist John Harris' unique paintings that capture future worlds on a massive scale, from vast landscapes and towering cities to breath-taking vistas. Readers will get a unique insight into the creative process behind the worlds depicted in the paintings as Harris takes them on a journey from sketch to finished painting, as well as his striking covers for a variety of esteemed science fiction authors, including John Scalzi, Ben Bova, Jack McDevitt, Orson Scott Card, Ann Leckie, and many more. Beautiful.

SF art HC \$69.99

The White Devil

Left Hand of God 04

Hoffman, Paul

Welcome, those of you from the Old World.

Welcome to the New. Mankind's most reluctant hero – Thomas Cale – is back. Cale is through running from his enemies. He's survived the Sanctuary attempts to kill him. He's survived being betrayed by his greatest love. He's survived heaven, hell and everything in between. But then he stumbles into the kind of world events that not even a mercenary as wily as Cale can escape. Because, as the poets say, where Thomas Cale goes a funeral surely follows. The fate of humankind rests on Cale's decision. This series begins with *The Left Hand of God* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Keeper of Enchanted Rooms

Whimbrel House 01

Holmberg, Charlie N

Rhode Island, 1846. Estranged from his family, writer Merritt Fernsby is surprised when he inherits a remote estate in the Narragansett Bay. Though the property has been uninhabited for more than a century, Merritt is ready to call it home – until he realises he has no choice. With its doors slamming shut and locking behind him, Whimbrel House is not about to let Merritt leave. Ever. Hulda Larkin of the Boston Institute for the Keeping of Enchanted Rooms has been trained in taming such structures, in order to preserve their historical and magical significance. She understands the dangers of bespelled homes given to tantrums. She advises that it's in Merritt's best interest to make Whimbrel House their ally. To do that, she'll need to move in, too. Prepared as she is with augury, a set of magic tools, and a new staff trained in the uncanny, Hulda's work still proves unexpectedly difficult. She and Merritt grow closer as the investigation progresses, but the house's secrets run deeper than they anticipated. And the sentient walls aren't their only concern – something outside is coming for the enchantments of Whimbrel House, and it could be more dangerous than what rattles within. The first in a new series.

Historical fantasy TP \$24.99

Shades of Rust and Ruin

Howard, A G

Phoenix 'Nix' Loring knows her family is under a Halloween curse. When she was three, her parents tragically died on October 31st. Eleven years later, her twin sister Lark suffered a similar fate. Ever since, Nix has battled survivor guilt. She can't even find comfort in Clarey, Lark's boyfriend and the one person who understands her pain, because Nix's hidden feelings for him go far beyond friendship. All that remains are her sketches, where she finds solace among the goblins and faeries in her imaginary world of Mystique. When her depression starts affecting her ability to see colour, Nix all but gives up on her art, until her uncle goes missing on Halloween day. Hot on his trail, Nix and Clarey step through a portal, becoming trapped inside a decaying version of their town filled with Nix's own sketches come to life. As Nix and Clarey search for her uncle within the sinister and dangerous world

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of Mystique, Nix discovers there's more to her family curse and otherworldly artwork than she ever imagined—and unless she can solve the Goblin King's maze before the clock strikes midnight, her life won't be the only one the curse claims next.

YA fantasy HC \$27.99

Our Lady of Mysterious Ailments

Edinburgh Nights 02

Huchu, T L

Some secrets are meant to stay buried...

When Ropa Moyo discovered an occult underground library, she expected great things. She's really into Edinburgh's secret societies – but turns out they are less into her. So, instead of getting paid to work magic, she's had to accept a crummy unpaid internship. And her with bills to pay and a pet fox to feed. Then her friend Priya offers her a job on the side. Priya works at Our Lady of Mysterious Maladies, a very specialised hospital, where a new illness is resisting magical and medical remedies alike. The first patient was a teenage boy, Max Wu, and his healers are baffled. If Ropa can solve the case, she might earn as she learns – and impress her mentor, Sir Callander. Her sleuthing will lead her to a lost fortune, an avenging spirit and a secret buried deep in Scotland's past. But how are they connected? Lives are at stake and Ropa is running out of time. The second spellbinding book in the Edinburgh Nights series, following *The Library of the Dead* (PBK, \$19.99).

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Bridge Kingdom

Bridge Kingdom 01

Jensen, Danielle L

A warrior princess – Lara how 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 the series, followed by *The Traitor Queen* (PBK, \$22.99).

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 of the trilogy, following *The Traitor Queen* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Spacetime War

Johnson, Les

Humanity has finally made it to the stars. Colony worlds thrive and there is general peace among the settled systems. Until now. Matte black ships of an advanced design appear in colonial systems. Their drives and weapons are not extremely advanced beyond their Terran counterparts – just superior enough to be utterly devastating. Colonies and their populations are obliterated. Once-settled worlds are rendered radioactive wastelands. Earth herself lies defenceless before the marauding enemy. Standing against the invasion are two of humanity's finest starship captains: Winslow Price of the British Space Navy and Anika Ahuja of the Indian Space Forces. Compatriots. Fierce competitors. Former lovers. Now, they are on a quest that will plumb the scientific wells of existence, where the primordial knot of spacetime may be unravelling. Price and Ahuja are sworn to do whatever it takes to defend Earth and humanity from ultimate obliteration by an enemy that will not even speak its name. Even if it pushes each to the brink of life and death in battle. Even if it leads each beyond space and time – and to the edge of ultimate possibility!

Military sf PBK \$26.95

The Blackhouse

Johnstone, Carole

Robert Reid moved his family to Scotland's Outer Hebrides in the 1990s, driven by hope, craving safety and community, and hiding a terrible secret. But despite his best efforts to fit in, Robert is always seen as an outsider. And as the legendary and violent Hebridean storms rage around him, he begins to unravel, believing his fate on the remote island of Kilmeray cannot be escaped. For her entire life, Maggie MacKay has sensed something was wrong with her. When Maggie was five years old, she announced that a man on Kilmeray – a place she'd never visited – had been murdered. Her unfounded claim drew media attention and turned the locals against each other, creating rifts that never mended. Nearly 20 years later, Maggie is determined to find out what really happened, and what the islanders are hiding. But when she begins to receive ominous threats, Maggie is forced to consider how much she is willing to risk, to discover the horrifying truth.

Gothic thriller TP \$29.99

The Fairy Tellers:

a Journey into the Secret History of Fairy Tales

Jubber, Nicholas

The surprising origins and people behind the world's most influential magical tales: the people who told and re-shaped them, the landscapes that forged them, and the cultures that formed them and were in turn formed by them. *Who were the Fairy Tellers?* In this far-ranging quest, award-winning author Nicholas Jubber unearths the lives of the dreamers who made our most beloved fairy tales: inventors, thieves, rebels and forgotten geniuses who gave us classic tales such as 'Cinderella', 'Hansel and Gretel', 'Beauty and the Beast' and 'Baba Yaga'. From the Middle Ages to the birth of modern children's literature, they include a German apothecary's daughter, a Syrian youth running away from a career in the souk and a Russian dissident embroiled in a plot to kill the tsar. Following these and other unlikely protagonists, we travel from the steaming cities of Italy and the Levant, under the dark branches of the Black Forest, deep into the tundra of Siberia and across the snowy fells of Lapland. In the process, we discover a fresh perspective on some of our most frequently told stories. Filled with adventure, tragedy and real-world magic, this bewitching book uncovers the stranger lives behind the strangest of tales.

Fantasy reference PBK \$24.99

The Green Man

of Eshwood Hall

Kerr, Jacob

Eshwood Hall is a great English house surrounded by sprawling woods. In 1960, Izzy is 13, lives in the servants' quarters and doesn't go to school. Neglected by her parents, she spends her moments of freedom exploring the forest and the village beyond. The more she comes to understand the history of the place and her own situation, the stranger are the things she hears and sees. The most tantalising of these is the Green Man who inhabits the woods, and seems to know all about her, even those desires she has buried deep inside. A family story rooted in folk tale, *The Green Man of Eshwood Hall* shows us the power that the wild still holds on our imagination, and the shocking nightmares to which it can give rise. In the tradition of *Turn of the Screw* by Henry James and *The Little Stranger* by Sarah Waters.

Folk horror HC \$29.99

Something New

Under the Sun

Kleeman, Alexandra

What is really going on? Patrick Hamlin has come to Hollywood to see his novel be adapted for the screen, but why does he get the feeling that the film project is a smokescreen for something else? Does Cassidy Carter, the troubled starlet due to play the lead, know something he doesn't? And what is the truth about WAT-R, the synthetic water everyone drinks in LA? A bold, addictive and urgent new novel about capitalism, environmental collapse and our near future. 'Magnificent and stunning' – *Jeff VanderMeer*.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Beyond

Founding of Valdemar 01

Lackey, Mercedes

Within the Eastern Empire, Duke Kordas Valdemar rules a tiny, bucolic Duchy that focuses mostly on horse breeding. Kordas has lived his life looking over his shoulder. Under the direction of the Emperor, mages have begun to harness the power of dark magics. But then one of the Duchy's mages has a breakthrough, and discovers a way to place their people beyond the Emperor's reach. But time is running out, and Kordas has been summoned to the Emperor's Court. This new series explores the long-awaited tale of an era crucial to Valdemar's history – the original founding of the nation, itself, by the legendary Duke Valdemar.

Valdemar PBK \$19.99

Into the West

Founding of Valdemar 02

Lackey, Mercedes

Baron Valdemar and his people have found a temporary haven, but it cannot hold all of them, or for long. Trouble could follow on their heels at any moment, and there are too many people for Crescent Lake to support. Those who are willing to make a further trek, by barge, on into the West will follow him into a wilderness depopulated by war and scarred by the terrible magics of 1,000 years ago and the Mage Wars. But the wilderness is not as 'empty' as it seems. There are potential friends and rapacious foes... and someone is watching them. The sequel to *Beyond* (PBK, \$19.99), in this most recent of Lackey's Valdemar series.

Valdemar HC \$57.95

Shenanigans

Valdemar anthology

Lackey, Mercedes (editor)

This 16th anthology of short stories set in the beloved Valdemar universe features tales by debut and established authors, and a brand-new story from Lackey, herself.

Valdemar TP \$39.95

Station Eternity

Midsolar Murders 01

Lafferty, Mur

From idyllic small towns to claustrophobic urban landscapes, Mallory Viridian is constantly embroiled in murder cases that only she has the insight to solve. But outside of a classic mystery novel, being surrounded by death doesn't make you a charming amateur detective, it makes you a suspect and a social pariah. So, when Mallory gets the opportunity to take refuge on a sentient space station, she thinks she has the solution. Surely, the murders will stop if her only company is alien beings. At first, her new existence is peacefully quiet... and markedly devoid of homicide. But when the station agrees to allow additional human guests, Mallory knows the break from her peculiar reality is over. After the first Earth shuttle arrives, and aliens and humans alike begin to die, the station is thrown into peril. Stuck smack-dab in the middle of an extra-terrestrial whodunit, and wondering how in the world this keeps happening to her, anyway; Mallory has to solve the crime – and fast – or the list of victims could grow to include everyone on board...

SF mystery TP \$27.99

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Things Have Gotten Worse Since We Last Spoke and Other Misfortunes

collection

LaRocca, Eric

Three dark and disturbing horror stories from an astonishing new voice, including the viral-sensation tale of obsession, 'Things Have Gotten Worse Since We Last Spoke'.

A whirlpool of darkness churns at the heart of a macabre ballet between two lonely young women in an internet chat room in the early 2000s – a darkness that threatens to forever transform them once they finally succumb to their most horrific desires. A couple isolate themselves on a remote island in an attempt to recover from their teenage son's death, when a mysterious young man knocks on their door during a storm... And a man confronts his neighbour when he discovers a strange object in his backyard, only to be drawn into an ever-more dangerous game.

What have you done, today, to deserve your eyes? From Bram Stoker Award finalist Eric LaRocca, this is devastating, beautifully written horror from one of the genre's most cutting-edge voices; for fans of Kathie Koja, Clive Barker, and Stephen Graham Jones.

Horror HC \$29.99

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. A gripping, far-future retelling of *Beowulf* from an award-winning author, perfect for fans of Richard K Morgan.

Science fiction PBK \$24.99

The Ballad of Black Tom

LaValle, Victor

People move to New York looking for magic and nothing will convince them it isn't there. Charles Thomas Tester hustles to put food on the table, keep the roof over his father's head, from Harlem to Flushing Meadows to Red Hook. He knows what magic a suit can cast, the invisibility a guitar case can provide, and the curse written on his skin that attracts the eye of wealthy white folks and their cops. But when he delivers an occult tome to a reclusive sorceress in the heart of Queens, Tom opens a door to a deeper realm of magic and earns the attention of things best left sleeping. A storm that might swallow the world is building in Brooklyn. Will Black Tom live to see it break?

Dark fantasy HC \$29.99

The Anomaly

le Tellier, Herve

When flight Air France 006 enters a terrifying storm, the plane – inexplicably – duplicates. For every passenger on board, there are now two. Just one thing sets them apart. One plane leaves the storm in March. The other doesn't land until June. For world leaders, the emergence of the June flight raises serious alarms. No science, faith, or

protocol can explain this unprecedented event. But for the passengers, a bigger question is at stake. What happens to them, now that their life is shared? And as the doubles prepare to meet, only one thing is certain: life as they know it, will never be the same.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Queer Little Nightmares:

an Anthology of Monstrous

Fiction and Poetry, anthology

Ly, David & Zomparelli, Daniel

The fiction and poetry of *Queer Little Nightmares* reimagines monsters old and new through a queer lens, subverting the horror gaze to celebrate ideas and identities canonically feared in monster lit. Throughout history, monsters have appeared in popular culture as stand-ins for the non-conforming, the marginalised of society. Pushed into the shadows as objects of fear, revulsion, and hostility, these characters have long conjured fascination and self-identification in the LGBTQ+ community, and over time, monsters have become queer icons.

In *Queer Little Nightmares*, creatures of myth and folklore seek belonging and intimate connection, cryptids challenge their outcast status, and classic movie monsters explore the experience of coming out queerness. The characters in these stories and poems – the Minotaur camouflaged in a crowd of cosplayers, a pubescent werewolf, a Hindu revenant waiting to reunite with her lover, a tender-hearted kaiju, a lagoon creature aching for the swimmers above him, a ghost of Pride past – relish their new sparkle in the spotlight. Pushing against tropes that have historically been used to demonise, the queer creators of this collection instead ask: What does it mean to be (and to love) a monster? Contributors include Amber Dawn, David Demchuk, Hiromi Goto, jaye simpson, Eddy Boudel Tan, Matthew J Trafford, and Kai Cheng Thom.

Monsters TP \$29.99

Daphne

Malerman, Josh

It's the last summer for Kit Lamb: the last summer before college. The last summer with her high school basketball team, and with Dana, her best friend. The last summer before her life begins. But the night before the big game, one of Kit's players tells a ghost story about Daphne, a girl who went to their school many years ago and died under mysterious circumstances. Some say she was murdered, others that she died by her own hand. And some say that Daphne is a murderer herself. They also say that Daphne is still out there, obsessed with revenge, and will appear anytime someone thinks about her to kill again. After Kit hears the story, her teammates vanish, one by one, and Kit begins to suspect that the stories about Daphne are real... and to fear that her own mind is conjuring the killer. Now, it's a race against time, as Kit searches for the truth behind the legend and learns to face her own fears. Or else the summer of her lifetime will become the last summer of her life. Mixing a nostalgic coming-of-age story and an instantly iconic female villain with an innovative new vision of classic horror, this is an unforgettable thriller as only Josh Malerman could imagine it.

Horror TP \$32.99

The House at Phantom Park Masterton, Graham

In this abandoned hospital, pain lives on... and it wants revenge. St Philomena's military hospital has been abandoned for over three years. Now, Lilian Chesterfield, who works for one of the most successful building companies in England, is in charge of developing it into a luxury housing complex. But as soon as she and her colleagues start work in the Jacobean-style mansion, their dream turns into a nightmare. They hear screaming from wards full of empty beds. They hear doors slamming and find cutlery scattered over the kitchen floor. Then they see faces peering at them from the mullioned windows. Lilian is pragmatic – she doesn't believe in the supernatural. But just when she's put her mind at rest by scouring the mansion from top to bottom and finding nothing, a former patient of St Philomena's arrives with a warning. The hospital is haunted. And it is haunted by something a thousand times more terrifying than ghosts...

Horror TP \$32.99

An Accident of Stars

Manifold Worlds 01

Meadows, Foz

When Saffron Coulter stumbles through a hole in reality, she finds herself trapped in Kena – a magical realm on the brink of civil war. It's there that her fate becomes intertwined with that of three very different women: Zech, the fast-thinking acolyte of a cunning, powerful exile; Viya, the spoiled, runaway consort of the empire-building ruler, Vex Leoden; and Gwen, an Earth-born worldwalker whose greatest regret is putting Leoden on the throne. But Leoden has allies, too, and chief among them is the Vex'Mara Kadeja, a dangerous ex-priestess who shares his dreams of conquest. Pursued by Leoden and aided by the Shavaktiin – a secretive order of storytellers and mystics – the rebels flee to Veksh, a neighbouring matriarchy ruled by the fearsome Council of Queens. Saffron is out of her world and out of her depth, but the further she travels, the more she finds herself bound to her friends with ties of blood and magic. Can one girl – and an accidental worldwalker at that – really be the key to saving Kena? Or will she die trying? Portal fantasy grows up in this immersive series kick off, featuring 'a life-changing adventure... compelling characters and a fascinating world' – *Martha Wells*.

A new edition.

Portal fantasy (reissue) TP \$27.99

The Citadel of Forgotten Myths

Elric Saga 01.5

Moorcock, Michael

Elric's back! The most famous creation of perhaps the most influential writer of fantasy, since Tolkien, returns in this standalone adventure of empires, dragons, and swords. Elric and his constant companion Moonglum return in this new novel, set within the early days of Elric's wanderings. They ride again to investigate the history of their empire, Melniboné, and its dragons, known as the Phroon. The estranged emperor of the Melniboné empire, Elric is struggling with his nature and the constant thirst of his

soul-sucking sword, Stormbringer. He wants his dying empire to thrive, but is he up to the task of renewing his failing people? Recruiting his best friend Moonglum, he hunts across his lands for the great Citadel of Forgotten Myths, seeking the answers to the nature of the dragons of the Young Kingdoms, and hope that the decline can be averted. But others have their own plans, and the journey will not be easy. Taking place between the first and second book in the Elric Saga, *The Citadel of Forgotten Myths* is perfect for long-time fans and those new to this epic fantasy series.

Elric TP \$32.99

Cixin Liu's the Devourer

Worlds of Cixin Liu graphic novel

Morvan, J D & Yang, Weilin (illustrator)

Members of the Earth Protection Force circle the planet's atmosphere, neutralising threats before they come close enough to cause harm. Most days the threats come in the form of asteroids or meteorites, inanimate bodies set on a trajectory thousands of years ago – but not today. Instead, a great crystal sent by a faraway alien intelligence has been intercepted. It carries a simple message: The Devourer approaches. The Devourer consumes planets, gorging itself on their inhabitants and plundering the land, only stopping once nothing living remains. Soon, the first Devourer ship enters the solar system and Earth's fate is sealed. Sealed, that is, unless humanity can fight – and win... Welcome to the Worlds of Cixin Liu, a series of graphic novels created by 35 artists – including writers, illustrators and colourists – from 13 countries, to salute the unique imagination of China's sf grandmaster.

Science fiction PBK \$32.99

Nona the Ninth

Locked Tomb quartet 03

Muir, Tamsyn

Tamsyn Muir's bestselling Locked Tomb series continues, with *Nona the Ninth*... Her city is under siege. The zombies are coming back. And all Nona wants is a birthday party. In many ways, Nona is like other people. She lives with her family, has a job at her local school, and loves walks on the beach and meeting new dogs. But Nona's not like other people. Six months ago, she woke up in a stranger's body, and she's afraid she might have to give it back. The whole city is falling to pieces. A monstrous blue sphere hangs on the horizon, ready to tear the planet apart. Blood of Eden forces have surrounded the last Cohort facility and wait for the Emperor Undying to come calling. Their leaders want Nona to be the weapon that will save them from the Nine Houses. Nona would prefer to live an ordinary life with the people she loves, with Pyrrha and Camilla and Palamedes, but she also knows that nothing lasts forever. And, each night, Nona dreams of a woman with a skull-painted face... 'You will love Nona, and Nona loves you.' – *Alix E Harrow*. The hardcover edition has finally arrived, although we still have stock of the trade paperback (\$34.99) – and, of *Gideon and Harrow*, too!

Space fantasy HC \$44.99

Pulp Fiction

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The High Mountain Court

Five Crowns of Okrith 01

Mulford, A K

Nineteen-year-old Remy knows she is the last red witch alive, and she is determined to stay that way. But the Northern Court King who slaughtered her family has other plans and intends to hunt her kind until none remain. When four fae warriors enter her tavern refuge, Remy tries to flee, but her magic isn't strong enough to stop the obstinate – and handsome – Prince Hale of the Eastern Kingdom. He claims he wants to stop a war with the Northern Court before his kingdom succumbs to the same fate as Remy's.

In order to do that, he needs a red witch... and Remy is the only one left. Yet, even as she finds herself drawn to him, she does not know if she can trust him. But, for the chance to save herself, her people, and rid the world of a murderous tyrant, Remy must put her faith in Hale and his companions on a dangerous quest to find lost relics... and discover if she is ready to secure her legacy. The first book of the Five Crowns of Okrith series – we expect sequels to arrive in quick succession.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

The Symmetry of Stars

Myers, Alex

Beyond the stars, two gods vie for rule of the world. One stands for Nature – the belief that everything is stamped in flesh from the start. The other, Nurture – the belief that all is potential, that the true self is coaxed out through love and living. And, so, they take a bet. Each immortal selects a set of twins as their champions. The twins that prevail in contest will decide which immortal rules... In a westerly valley, a girl and boy are born to a noble family, to be raised by a mysterious teacher – ready to love and instruct them in everything, regardless of society's expectations... To the east, a woman washes ashore on an island inhabited only by a sorcerer. With her final breaths, she gives birth to twins. These two are raised with careful neglect by the sorcerer – surrounded not with love but with danger, magic and wildness. Society expects these children to become men and women. But the immortals care nothing for human norms and raise the twins according to their own ends.

Which twins will prevail? What truly matters in determining who a person will become? Taking the epic Italian legend of Orlando Furioso as his starting point, Alex Myers unravels a tale of fate, of East and West, of twinship and of heroic self-affirmation; once more translating a classic into a multilayered new story sure to delight fans of *Uprooted* and *The Bear and the Nightingale*.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Thistlefoot

Nethercott, GennaRose

The Yaga siblings – Bellatine, a young woodworker, and Isaac, a wayfaring street performer and con artist – have been estranged since childhood, separated both by resentment and by wide miles of American highway. But when they learn that they are to receive a mysterious inheritance, the siblings are reunited – only to discover that their bequest isn't land or money, but something far stranger: a sentient house on chicken legs. Thistlefoot, as the house is

called, has arrived from the Yagas' ancestral home in Russia – but not alone. A sinister figure known only as the Longshadow Man has tracked it to American shores, bearing with him violent secrets from the past: fiery memories that have hidden in Isaac and Bellatine's blood for generations. As the Yaga siblings embark with Thistlefoot on a final cross-country tour of their family's travelling theatre show, the Longshadow Man follows in relentless pursuit, seeding destruction in his wake. Ultimately, time, magic, and legacy must collide – erupting in a powerful conflagration to determine who gets to remember the past and craft a new future. In the tradition of modern fairy tales, like Neil Gaiman's *American Gods* and Naomi Novik's *Uprooted*, comes a sweeping epic rich in Eastern European folklore – a debut novel about the ancestral hauntings that stalk us, and the uncanny power of story.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Shadows

North, Alex

You knew a teenager like Charlie Crabtree. A dark imagination, a sinister smile – always on the outside of the group. Some part of you suspected he might be capable of doing something awful. Twenty-five years ago, Crabtree did just that, committing a murder so shocking that it's attracted that strange kind of infamy that only exists on the darkest corners of the internet – and inspired more than one copycat. Paul Adams remembers the case, all too well: Crabtree – and his victim – were Paul's friends. Paul has slowly put his life back together. But, now, his mother, old and suffering from dementia, has taken a turn for the worse. Though every inch of him resists, it is time to come home. It's not long before things start to go wrong. Paul learns that Detective Amanda Beck is investigating another copycat that has struck in the nearby town of Featherbank. His mother is distressed, insistent that there's something in the house. And someone is following him. Which reminds him of the most unsettling thing about that awful day 25 years ago. It wasn't just the murder. It was the fact that, afterward, Charlie Crabtree was never seen again...

Horror PBK \$26.95

The Scavenger Door

Finder Chronicles 03

Palmer, Suzanne

Fergus is back on Earth at last, trying to figure out how to live a normal life. However, it seems the universe has other plans for him. When his cousin sends him off to help out a friend, Fergus accidentally stumbles across a piece of an ancient alien artifact that some very powerful people seem to think means the entire solar system is in danger. And, since he's the one who found it, they're certain it's also his problem to deal with. With the help of his newfound sister, friends both old and new, and some enemies, too, Fergus needs to find the rest of the artifact and destroy the pieces before anyone can reassemble the original and open a multidimensional door between Earth and a vast, implacable, alien swarm. Problem is, the pieces could be anywhere on Earth, and he's not the only one out searching. The first in this series is *Finder* (PBK, \$24.95).

Space opera PBK \$26.95

Gixin Liu's the Butterfly

Worlds of Cixin Liu graphic novel

Panosian, Dan

Bombs fall through the night sky and the city of Belgrade burns. Its citizens huddle in basements, terrified for their lives. In the heart of the city, two men keep watch from a rooftop. But they are not afraid. For they have a plan. Scientist Aleksandar has developed a program that can trigger major atmospheric change across the world – and he needs his friend Reznik's help to run it. If they can find the right point, Aleksandar believes they might trigger a change powerful enough to disrupt the destruction of his country. Like the fluttering of a butterfly's wings can create hurricanes at thousands of miles' distance, Aleksandar's actions will have far-reaching repercussions. But will they be enough? Welcome to the Worlds of Cixin Liu, a series of graphic novels created by 35 artists – including writers, illustrators and colourists – from 13 countries, to salute the unique imagination of China's sf grandmaster.

Science fiction PBK \$32.99

The Masque of the Red Death

Poe, Edgar Allan

Arguably America's most influential short story writer, Edgar Allan Poe's tales of suspense never fail to spook and amaze. Gathered in this selection are his very best horror stories, including the gothic *tour de force* 'The Fall of the House of Usher', the other-worldly 'The Masque of the Red Death', and the murderous 'The Tell-Tale Heart'.

Classic horror HC \$22.9

Every Star a Song

Ascendance 02

Posey, Jay

Mankind has spread itself across the galaxy, building a near-utopia ruled by the Ascendance, with order maintained by their wielding of the Deep Language of the cosmos. Rebellions can be wiped out and planets destroyed with a single word. Elyth, former Ascendance agent, is on the run. Lost after her discoveries of corruption in the system, she longs for the simplicity and blind dedication of her life as an agent. But Elyth is quickly tracked and cornered by the Ascendance. However, they aren't there for punishment. Instead, they offer her a deal... Elyth agrees to join a team of elite agents exploring a new planet in order to clear her name and re-join the fold. But things soon start to go awry. Strange sounds are heard in the wilderness, horrifying creatures are seen stalking the forests, and even the landscape itself seems to change during the night. As expedition members start dying, two things become clear: the planet is awake, and it is speaking back. The sequel to *Every Sky a Grave* (PBK, \$22.99).

Space opera PBK \$22.99

Sword-Bearer

Tiger & Del 08

Roberson, Jennifer

Tiger and Del have settled into semi-retirement to raise their daughter, establishing a school for those who wish to become sword-dancers, part of a highly ritualised rite in which specially trained sword-fighters are hired to settle feuds among rich and powerful desert princes.

Death-dances are few and far between; the goal is simply to win within the confines of 'the circle'. But Tiger is an outcast, a man who attained the highest level of achievement at the training school he attended faster than anyone before him, only to voluntarily break all oaths in order to save Del. By doing so, he made himself a target of men formerly his colleagues, now sworn enemies. He is constantly challenged to death-dances where rules, and oaths, no longer apply. Now, with the world around them falling victim to a malignant Northern-born magic, Tiger gathers Del and his adult son, Neesha, to end the magic threatening the world – and discovers, along the journey, yet another element of magecraft within himself. Yet, even as Tiger learns more about his gifts, Del comes face to face with the daughter she left behind so many years before. *Sword-Bearer* marks a return to the vivid world of Jennifer Roberson's highly popular *Sword-Dancer* saga, featuring iconic characters Tiger – the South's most famous and gifted sword-dancer – and Del, a Northern-born woman and expert sword-singer.

Fantasy TP \$39.95

The Starless Crown

Moonfall 01

Rollins, James

A gifted student foretells an apocalypse. Her reward is a sentence of death. Fleeing into the unknown, she is drawn into a team of outcasts: A broken soldier, who once again takes up the weapons he's forbidden to wield and carves a trail back home. A drunken prince, who steps out from his beloved brother's shadow and claims a purpose of his own. An imprisoned thief, who escapes the crushing dark and discovers a gleaming artefact – one that will ignite a power struggle across the globe. On the run, hunted by enemies old and new, they must learn to trust each other in order to survive in a world evolved in strange, beautiful, and deadly ways, and uncover ancient secrets that hold the key to their salvation. But with each passing moment, doom draws closer. *Who will claim the Starless Crown?* The first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Gixin Liu's For the

Benefit of Mankind

Worlds of Cixin Liu graphic novel

Ruberg, Sylvain & Montlló,

Miki (illustrator)

Earth. Our home. The sole planet within our solar system capable of sustaining human life. A truly unique ecosystem. Unique, that is, but for the three other identical Earths, each housing their own human race. For years, we have thrived on the world our creators made for us, the superior species of our ecosystem. But no longer. For the Elder Brothers – humans like us, only more advanced – have announced their plans to colonise our Earth. They will permit us to remain, as their pets, on a landmass tucked away at the bottom of the planet, with a subsidy to live upon which is based on the assets of our Earth's poorest citizen. If we are to survive, there must be a dramatic redistribution of wealth. Anyone who does not accept will be 'processed'. For the benefit of mankind. Welcome to the Worlds of Cixin Liu, a series of graphic novels created by

Pulp Fiction

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35 artists – including writers, illustrators and colourists – from 13 countries, to salute the unique imagination of China's sf grandmaster.

Science fiction PBK \$32.99

Worlds Long Lost

anthology

Ruocchio, Christopher & Korsgaard, Sean C W (editors)

The universe is older and more alien than we can ever understand. We were not alone. The farther we push into the universe, the more obvious it becomes. The signs are everywhere: canals and pyramids on Mars, old roads on the moons of Jupiter, ruined cities on worlds about the nearer stars. The galaxy once teemed with life, or so it seems. Which begs the question: What happened to it all? These stories explore the ruins of lost civilisations, solve ancient mysteries... and awaken horrors from beyond the dawn of time. Featuring stories by Orson Scott Card, Griffin Barber, Adam Oyebanji, Jessica Maguire, Patrick Chiles, and an all-new entry in the Sun Eater universe from editor Christopher Ruocchio.

Space opera TP \$35.95

Showtime

Ruszin, Ricky

College student Jordan Jones' life hasn't been the same since his grandmother, the person who loved and understood him most, died in Matthew Manson's ruse of an act on *Talent Now!* – a nationally-televised talent show. When Jordan discovers his grandparents' television allows him to travel to the past, opportunity trumps fear: a chance to not only save his grandmother from an untimely death, but to exact revenge against the man who caused it. But as Jordan investigates the massacre – and man – that claimed his grandmother's life, he discovers an awful truth: just because the past allows him entry doesn't mean it will allow him to leave.

SF thriller TP \$41.95

Cast in Eternity

Chronicles of Elntra 18

Sagara, Michelle

When Corporal Kaylin Neya is assigned front desk duty – a task hated by every Hawk – the only thing she can look forward to besides an endless stream of complaints is visits from a dotty old woman. She always brings baked goods along with information passed on by her friends... who happen to be ghosts no one else can see. But then the old woman's invisible friends have news about Severn Handred: his unusual weapon has caught their attention. Concerned, Kaylin accompanies the woman home because she has a few questions to ask these so-called ghosts. Sadly, Kaylin can also see them. And she can see other spirits in the woman's house as well – four children who've been trapped there for decades. When Kaylin looks into the deaths in the records at the Halls of Law, something doesn't add up. Factor in a building that isn't supposed to exist, and nothing makes sense. But Kaylin is a Hawk, and she's determined to free the trapped ghosts of the children, even if she's suddenly landed in the middle of the bad kind of Barrani history. Someone doesn't want the past to be uncovered, and they're perfectly

willing to destroy Kaylin, if it preserves the secrets of the dead...

Fantasy TP \$37.95

The Dao of Drizzt

collection

Salvatore, R A

For over 30 years, Drizzt Do'Urden has been one of the most important characters in fantasy literature. Throughout his novels, Drizzt has written down his thoughts about life and love, the nature of good and evil, the joys (and frustrations) of family, and so much more. Growing up in the chaos of Menzoberranzan, one young drow elf tries to make sense of the conflict between the traditions he must serve and the protestations of his own conscience. To lay bare the injustices he sees and to strengthen his own resolve to follow the ethical call of his heart, Drizzt Do'Urden is both an agent of action and self-reflection. These, his writings, become critical to his salvation, the way in which he makes sense of a world that to him makes little sense at all. The impact of his words, of his meditation, of his inward determination will carry him forward, forcing upon him decisions that others would consider noble, perhaps, but surely foolhardy... impossible even. But to Drizzt, the only choice is to do what is true and right. These journal entries, then, show the struggle between what has always been and what should be, where the courage to transcend the many obstacles of societal expectations and entrenched power – if nowhere else, then in the soul of an idealist. They were written to help Drizzt understand himself. But the universal truths will resonate with readers throughout the Realms. Bound together for the first time, the collected wisdom and philosophy of Drizzt is a beautifully-packaged gift book – complete with deckled edges, faux-leather cover, and an introduction by bestselling fantasy author Evan Winter – for his biggest fans and readers wanting to learn about this iconic figure.

Fantasy HC \$69.99

The Making of Middle-earth:

the Worlds of Tolkien

and the Lord of the Rings

Snyder, Christopher A

This volume is, perhaps, the most in-depth exploration ever undertaken of Tolkien's world. Accessible but authoritative, and fully illustrated, it is now being reissued with a stunning new cover treatment and updated commentary on new books, films, games, and shows. *The Making of Middle-earth*, originally published in 2013 and richly illustrated with photographs and artwork, was the first to connect all the threads of influence on Tolkien that infused his creation of Middle-earth – from the languages, poetry, and mythology of medieval Europe and ancient Greece and Rome to the halls of Oxford and the battlefields of World War I. Snyder examines the impact of these works on our modern culture, from 1960s' counterculture to fantasy publishing, gaming, music, and beyond. The reissue has a gorgeous, updated cover design with a custom illustration on foil-stamped faux cloth and additional pages of material covering new developments.

Tolkien HC \$49.99

Fantastic Paintings of Frazetta

Spurlock, J David

Frazetta took the sex and violence of the pulp fiction of his youth and added even more action, fantasy and potency, but rendered with a panache seldom seen outside of major works of Fine Art. Despite his fantastic subject matter, the quality of Frazetta's work has not only drawn comparisons to the most brilliant of illustrators, Maxfield Parrish, Frederic Remington, Norman Rockwell, N C Wyeth – but, even to the most brilliant of fine artists including Rembrandt and Michelangelo. Major Frazetta works sell for millions of dollars, breaking numerous records. This innovator's work has not only inspired generations of artists, but also movies and directors including the Conan films, *John Carter of Mars*, the sensationally successful Lord of the Rings trilogy, Robert Rodriguez' films including *From Dusk Till Dawn*, Ralph Bakshi films, the epic, award-winning *Game of Thrones* series, Tim Burton's *Sleepy Hollow*, Disney's animated Tarzan films, Francis Ford Coppola's *Apocalypse Now*, and George Lucas' Star Wars series. The *Forbes* magazine article 'Schwarzenegger's Sargent' led with the line, 'Which artist helped make Arnold governor?' Frank Frazetta, the Rembrandt of barbarians.'

Fantasy art HC \$72.99

Tomorrow's Parties:

Life in the Anthropocene, anthology

Strahan, Jonathan

Twelve visions of living in a climate-changed world. We are living in the Anthropocene – an era of dramatic and violent climate change featuring warming oceans, melting icecaps, extreme weather events, habitat loss, species extinction, and more. What will life be like in a climate-changed world? In *Tomorrow's Parties*, science fiction authors speculate how we might be able to live and even thrive through the advancing Anthropocene. In 10 original stories by writers from around the world, an interview with celebrated writer Kim Stanley Robinson, and a series of intricate and elegant artworks by Sean Bodley, *Tomorrow's Parties* takes rational optimism as a moral imperative, or at least a pragmatic alternative to despair. In these stories – by writers from the United Kingdom, the United States, Nigeria, China, Bangladesh, and Australia – a young man steals from delivery drones; a political community lives on an island made of ocean-borne plastic waste; and a climate change denier tries to unmask 'crisis actors'. Climate-changed life also has its pleasures and epiphanies, as when a father in Africa works to make his son's dreams of 'Viking adventure' a reality, and an IT professional dispatched to a distant village encounters a marvellous predigital fungal network. Contributors include Pascall Prize for Criticism-winner James Bradley, Hugo Award-winners Greg Egan and Sarah Gailey, Philip K Dick Award-winner Meg Elison, and bestselling author Daryl Gregory.

Cli-fi TP \$34.99

Heart of the Sun Warrior

Celestial Kingdom 02

Tan, Sue Lynn

The stunning conclusion to the Celestial Kingdom duology. An unspeakable terror is sweeping across the realm as the Celestial Emperor tightens his grip on power. The fragile peace Xingyin fought so hard for, when freeing her mother, is under threat. Forced to flee her home, Xingyin ventures into the unexplored lands of the Immortal Realm to seek aid in her fight, but, with alliances shifting quicker than the tides, she has to overcome past grudges and enmities to forge a new path forward, seeking aid where she never imagined. Xingyin must uncover the truth of her heart and claw her way through devastation – to rise against evil before it destroys everything she holds dear, and the worlds she has grown to love... even if doing so demands the greatest price of all. The stunning sequel to *Daughter of the Moon Goddess* (PBK, \$22.99) delves deeper into beloved Chinese mythology, concluding the epic story of Xingyin – the daughter of Chang'e and the mortal archer Houyi – as she battles a grave new threat to the realm, in this powerful tale of love, sacrifice, and hope.

Silkpunk TP \$32.99

Children of Memory

Children of Time 03

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

On Imir, Captain Holt founded a new colony on an empty world. In the process, he created hope and a new future for humanity. But generations later, his descendants are struggling to survive. As harvests worsen and equipment fails, strangers appear in a town where everyone knows their neighbour. Now, the inexplicable lurks in the woods and the community fears it's being observed – that they're not alone. They'd be right, as explorers from the stars had arrived in secret to help this lost outpost. Confident of their superior technology, and overseen by the all-knowing construct of Doctor Avrana Kern, they begin to study their long-lost cousins from Earth. Yet, the planet hides deeper mysteries. It seems the visitors aren't the only watchers. And when the starfarers discover the scale of their mistake, it will be far too late to escape. This award-winning space opera series begins with *Children of Time* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction TP \$34.99

Jackdaw

novella

Thompson, Tade

A powerful literary novella about obsession, the creation of art and the many ways in which the urge to make can also turn into an urge to destroy. In this shocking – and, at times, darkly comic – novella, a psychiatrist, hired to write a short piece on Francis Bacon, becomes obsessed with the artist, his life, and the characters who surrounded him. As he become consumed with the need to understand Bacon, and to create his own art, his grip on reality becomes increasingly tenuous, and he is haunted by disturbing figures. This short, bold piece of fiction, explores how the passion needed to create art can also destroy the artist.

Literary fiction HC \$27.99

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Neom Tidhar, Lavie

Machines roam the desert in search of purpose; works of art can be deadlier than weapons, and improbable love transcends the sands of time. The city known as Neom is many things to many beings, human or otherwise. Neom is a tech wonderland for the rich and beautiful; an urban sprawl along the Red Sea; and a port of call between Earth and the stars. In the desert, young orphan Elias has joined a caravan, hoping to earn his passage off-world from Central Station. But the desert is full of mechanical artefacts, some unexplained and some unexploded. Recently, a wry, unnamed robot has unearthed one of the region's biggest mysteries: the vestiges of a golden man. Childhood affection is rekindling between loyal shurta-officer Nasir and hardworking flower-seller Mariam. But Nasu, a deadly terror-artist, has come to the city with missing memories and unfinished business. Just one robot can change a city's destiny with a single rose – especially when that robot is in search of lost love. From the multi-award-winning universe of *Central Station* (PBK, \$24.99) a complex desert-city of the future's inhabitants rediscover passion, while at the brink of revolution.

Science fiction TP \$27.99

The Complete Tolkien Companion Tyler, J E A

For all those who journey to Middle Earth, here is the definitive guide to its lands, legends, histories, languages and people. *The Complete Tolkien Companion* explains, translates, and links every single reference – names, dates, places, facts, famous weapons, even food and drink – to be found in J R R Tolkien's world, which includes not only *The Hobbit* and the Lord of the Rings, but also *The Silmarillion* and many other posthumously published works. A detailed explanation of the various Elvish writing systems, together with maps, charts, and genealogical tables, bring the remarkable genius of Tolkien and the unforgettable world and wonder of Middle Earth to life with focus and accuracy. First published in 1976, this is an indispensable accompaniment for anyone who embarks on the reading journey of a lifetime.

Tolkien HC \$49.99

Fault Tolerance

Space Opera 03

Valdes, Valerie

Nothing wrecks Captain Eva Innocent's vacation plans quite like an anonymous threat to vaporise billions of people. Hundreds of monoliths have suddenly materialised in space, broadcasting the same looped message: surrender or be exterminated. Is the universe being epically spammed? And how is Eva, commander of a beat-up cargo ship, supposed to prevent it? As panic spreads, a mystery message sends Eva to find answers, in a system that hasn't been explored in all of recorded history. With the crew of *La Sirena*

Negra, a score of psychic cats, a feline-phobic robot, and a superweapon she has no clue how to use, Eva prepares to battle the unknown. But, first, she has to defeat the known: mercenary Tito Santiago, whose idea of a clean fight is a shower before kill time. His mission is to ensure Eva doesn't succeed at hers. If anything goes wrong, the universe is doomed. But if everything goes according to Eva's plans – wait, when does that ever happen? This fun series begins with *Chilling Effect* (PBK, \$22.99).

Space opera TP \$29.99

Summer's End

Van Stry, John

Fresh out of college with his Ship Engineer 3rd-Class certificate, Dave Walker's only thought is to try to find a berth on a corporate ship plying the trade routes between the many habs, orbitals, and moons in the Solar System. The problem for Dave, however, isn't his straight C average. It's that his stepfather, a powerful Earth Senator he's never met, wants him dead. Forced to take the first berth he can find, Dave ends up on the Iowa Hill, an old tramp freighter running with a minimal crew and nearing the end of its useful life, plying the routes that the corporations ignore and visiting the kinds of places that the folks on Earth pretend don't exist. Between the assassins, the criminals, and the pirates he needs to deal with, Dave is discovering that there are a lot of things out there that he still needs to learn. But there's one hard lesson he learned long ago that he's being forced to remember: how to be ruthless.

Science fiction TP \$37.95

Lower Arisen

Black Dagger Brotherhood 20

Ward, J R

Possessed by the demon Devina, Balthazar is once again on the hunt for the Book of Spells and fighting an undeniable attraction to a woman. As a thief, he has stolen a lot of things... but he never thought his heart would be taken by another. Especially not a human. As a homicide detective, Erika Saunders knows there is something otherworldly going on in Caldwell, New York. Mutilated bodies that cannot be explained are all over her case list and then there are her nightmares. When Devina's wish for true love is finally granted, Balthazar and Erika unwittingly become the gateway for the rebirth hunted by shadows and captivated by a mysterious man who is both a suspect and a saviour. of an old enemy of the Brothers. Will the very thing that brings them together lead to the ultimate destruction of the Brotherhood? Or will they have to lose everything in order to save the race's most sacred defenders?

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

That Was Now, This Is Then

Long Time 02

Williamson, Michael Z

Then: First Lieutenant Sean Elliott and nine other mixed-service US soldiers on a convoy in Afghanistan suddenly found themselves and their MRAP vehicle thrown back to

Earth's Palaeolithic Age. And they were not alone. Displaced Romans, Neolithic Europeans, and others showed up as well. Some would be allies. Some became deadly foes. *Now*: Scientists from an almost unimaginably far future need the survivors' advice and support to reconnoitre and ultimately recover other groups displaced in time. The problem is not all of those other groups want to be recovered or even understand where they are. Prehistory is an ugly place, fascinating to visit, but no place for a civilised person to live. But the future, gorgeous as it is, has a darker side that dampens the appeal. In the end, only inventiveness, grit, and a thirst for freedom from the fickle tides of time can keep Sean and the displaced Americans alive and on a path to finally find a place – and a time – to call home. A follow up to *A Long Time Until Now* (PBK, \$26.95).

Military sf PBK \$26.95

The Last Dreamwalker

Woods, Rita

In the wake of her mother's passing, Layla Hurley unexpectedly reconnects with her mother's sisters, women she hasn't been allowed to speak to, or of, in years. Her aunts reveal to Layla that a Gullah-Geechee island, off the shore of South Carolina, now belongs to her. As Layla digs deeper into her mother's past and the mysterious island's history, she discovers that the terrifying nightmares that have plagued her throughout her life and tainted her relationship with her mother and all of her family, is actually a power, passed down through generations of her Gullah ancestors. She is a Dreamwalker, able to inhabit the dreams of others – and to manipulate them. As Layla uncovers increasingly dark secrets about her family's past, she finds herself thrust into the centre of a potentially deadly, decades-old feud fought in the dark corridor of dreams.

Fantasy HC \$49.99

The Future Is Female! Volume Two, the 1970s:

More Classic Science Fiction
Stories by Women

Yaszek, Lisa (editor)

In the 1970s, feminist authors created a new mode of science fiction in defiance of the 'baboon patriarchy' – Ursula Le Guin's words – that had long dominated the genre, imagining futures that are still visionary. In this sequel to her ground-breaking 2018 anthology *The Future is Female! 25 Classic Science Fiction Stories by Women from Pulp Pioneers to Ursula K Le Guin* (HC, \$59.99), SF-expert Lisa Yaszek offers a time machine back to the decade when far-sighted rebels changed science fiction forever with stories that made female community, agency, and sexuality central to the American future. Here are 23 wild, witty, and wonderful classics that dramatise the liberating energies of the 1970s: Sonya Dorman, 'Bitching It' (1971); Kate Wilhelm, 'The Funeral' (1972); Joanna Russ, 'When It Changed' (1972);

Nebula Award; Miriam Allen deFord, 'A Way Out' (1973); Vonda N McIntyre, 'Of Mist, and Grass, and Sand' (1973); *Nebula Award*; James Tiptree Jr, 'The Girl Who Was Plugged In' (1973); *Hugo Award*; Kathleen Sky, 'Lament of the Keeku Bird' (1973); Ursula K Le Guin, 'The Day Before the Revolution' (1974); *Nebula & Locus Awards*; Eleanor Arnason, 'The Warlord of Saturn's Moons' (1974); Kathleen M Sidney, 'The Anthropologist' (1975); Marta Randall, 'A Scarab in the City of Time' (1975); Elinor Busby, 'A Time to Kill' (1977); Raccoona Sheldon, 'The Screwfly Solution' (1977); *Nebula Award*; Pamela Sargent, 'If Ever I Should Leave You' (1974); Joan D Vinge, 'View from a Height' (1978); M Lucie Chin, 'The Best Is Yet to Be' (1978); Lisa Tuttle, 'Wives' (1979); Connie Willis, 'Daisy, In the Sun' (1979).

Classic SF HC \$74.99

The Second Chronicles of Amber

Zelazny, Roger

The legacy of Amber continues, spanning worlds and generations, magic and technology, in the struggle for the throne. Merlin is a Prince of Chaos and Amber, Corwin's son and heir. He has grown up knowing that his legacy is to one day follow in his father's footsteps, live up to his father's legend. When Corwin goes missing, that day comes far sooner than he could ever have expected. Merlin must find his own identity as the ruler of the worlds, and discover what kind of King he wants to be. Will he be a warrior like his father, or embrace his own path as a hacker-magician? A generation after Corwin's rise to the throne, Merlin is aided by powers beyond anything Corwin could have imagined. The epic magic from *The Chronicles of Amber* (PBK, \$24.99) is wielded alongside sentient computers, a vorpal sword, and the ghosts of those who came before. Featuring the Locus award-winning *Trumps of Doom*, the Locus nominated *Blood of Amber* and *Sign of Chaos*, and the final two novels *Knight of Shadows* and *Prince of Chaos*, *The Second Chronicles of Amber* continues the epic story of Amber and the Shadow worlds.

SF Masterworks PBK \$26.99

Iron Widow

Zhao, Xiran Jay

The boys of Huaxia dream of the celebrity status that comes with piloting Chrysalises – giant transforming robots that battle the aliens beyond the Great Wall. No one cares that their female co-pilots must serve as concubines and sacrifice their lives. When 18-year-old Zetian offers herself up as a concubine-pilot, her plan is to assassinate the man responsible for her sister's death. But on miraculously emerging from the cockpit unscathed, after her first battle, she has a new plan. The time has come to overturn the entire patriarchal military system. A reissue of Zhao's triumphant debut.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$14.99