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Until next time, good reading!
Ron and Leanne

Extra Witchy

Fix-It Witches 03

Aguirre, Ann

After two failed marriages, Leanne Vanderpol is here for a good time, not for a long time. She only loves the witches in her coven, and she cares more about her career than happily ever after. A difficult past makes her skittish, and she doesn't trust relationships to stick. But when she decides to run for city council instead of wasting her talents cleaning up messes for the mayor's office, she fears her past could be used against her. Unless she can find the right husband to shore up her political career... Trevor Montgomery might have peaked in high school. He was popular then, and in college as well, but he parted away his future, met the wrong person, and everything fell apart. Now, he's jobless, dateless, and hopeless, at least, according to his toxic family. Then a chance meeting with the redhead of his dreams offers an unexpected ray of light just when he needs it most. Can a woman who doesn't believe in forever find true love with a man who's stopped believing in anything at all? The first two in this fun, new, popular series from Aguirre are *Witch Please* and *Boss Witch* (TP, \$24.99 each).

Paranormal romance TP \$24.99

Sweep of the Heart

Innkeeper Chronicles 06

Andrews, Ilona

Life is busier than ever for Innkeeper, Dina DeMille, and Sean Evans. But it's about to get even more chaotic when Sean's werewolf mentor is kidnapped. To find him, they must host an intergalactic spouse-search for one of the most powerful rulers in the Galaxy. Dina is never one to back down from a challenge. That is, if she can manage her temperamental Red Cleaver chef; the consequences of her favourite Galactic ex-tyrant's dark history; the tangled politics of an interstellar nation... and, oh, yes, keep the wedding candidates from a dozen alien species from killing each other. Not to mention the Costco lady. They say love is a battlefield; but Dina and Sean are determined to limit the casualties!

Urban fantasy TP \$35.95

Magic Tides

Kate Daniels: Wilmington Years 01, novella

Andrews, Ilona

Kate, Curran, and their son, Conlan have left Atlanta, vowing to keep a low profile, and are settling into a new city and new house...but some things never change! Magical mayhem is about to erupt when Kate undertakes the rescue of a kidnapped youth, while Curran guards the home front. It should be a simple retrieval, but with monsters on land and sea, Kate's got her work cut out for her. Still, she's

never let her blade dull or her purpose falter. And that low profile? It's about to wash away with the raging tides! Ilona Andrews invites you back to the Kate Daniels series, in this exciting new long novella featuring Kate, Curran, and Conlan, some familiar faces, some new friends, and all the special brand of chaos they create!

Paranormal romance TP \$24.95

A Dark Inheritance

Askwith, H F

Once I had four brothers. Three of them are dead. I am next. Felix Ashe is sure of only one thing. In 30 days, on his 18th birthday, he will die. He might be the only one convinced of this, but the gruesome deaths of his three brothers before him seem to point to only one thing: a curse, one doomed to stop anyone inheriting his family's incredible fortune. Felix doesn't care about money, or himself, particularly. It's hard to have a stake in the future, when you know you haven't got one. But he does care about his little brother Nick, very much. And when an opportunity to break the curse appears to present itself, it's impossible not to heed its dark call. Soon, long-buried secrets will take Felix to the darkest underbelly of Jazz-Age New York, to the far-flung wilds of the Yorkshire moors, and back again. And bound to everything is a deadly secret society – who will either be Felix's downfall... or his one chance at redemption. *The Great Gatsby* meets *The Inheritance Games*, perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo.

Dark fantasy PBK \$19.99

Hell Bent

Alex Stern 02

Bardugo, Leigh

Wealth. Power. Murder. Magic. Alex Stern is back, and the Ivy League is going straight to hell. Find a gateway to the underworld. Steal a soul out of hell. A simple plan, except people who make this particular journey rarely come back. But Galaxy 'Alex' Stern is determined to break Darlington out of purgatory – even if it costs her a future at Lethe and at Yale. Forbidden from attempting a rescue, Alex and Dawes can't call on the Ninth House for help, so they assemble a team of dubious allies to save the gentleman of Lethe. Together, they will have to navigate a maze of arcane texts and bizarre artefacts to uncover the societies' most closely guarded secrets, and break every rule doing it. But when faculty members begin to die off, Alex knows these aren't just accidents. Something deadly is at work in New Haven, and if she is going to survive, she'll have to reckon with the monsters of her past and a darkness built into the university's very walls. The sequel to Bardugo's *Ninth House* (PBK, \$22.99).

Dark fantasy TP \$32.99

Grime

Berg, Sibylle

Rochdale is a town in post-industrial Britain, but it could be anywhere on the digitalised, environmentally-decimated planet: a place devoid of hope, where poverty, violence, and squalor are the near-future consequences of decisions being made at this very moment. Four teenagers are haphazardly brought together by individual tragedy and a collective love of grime, the music genre that replaced punk as the sound of the angry and the dispossessed: martial-arts-obsessed Don(atella); Peter, a traumatised Polish boy; Karen, a tech-savvy girl with albinism; and Hannah, an orphan from Liverpool. Despite the increasingly sophisticated workings of an authoritarian surveillance state, the four set out to exact revenge on the people they hold responsible for their misery. But what starts out as a teen hit squad evolves into a makeshift family as the four kids attempt to create a home on the fringes – both physically and mentally – of society. *Grime* spent 25 weeks on European bestseller lists and won the Swiss Book Prize.

Dystopia TP \$48.95

The Girl in the Mist

Bhagat, Vinaya

When she loses her parents in a car accident in Boston, Diya Mathur's world collapses around her. As far as she knows, she's a young woman alone in the world now, her parents having been her only living relatives. Until a mysterious letter arrives from India, claiming to be from her extended family that she'd never heard of. Suddenly, Diya has a chance at being part of a family again. She decides to take time out of school and go to India to meet her newfound family. But soon after Diya arrives there is a spate of what appear to be animal attacks around her and her family. As bodies and tragedies pile up around her, Diya finds out more about the secrets her family is hiding, including the curse of the Chakwa – a shapeshifting trickster with the feet of a large beast – which legend has it, has been responsible for tragedies in her family for centuries. Diya's no longer sure that her parents' car crash was an accident. Will the monster that ruined her parents' life now destroy her happiness? Or will she manage to defeat it at its own game? With the help of her newly discovered friends and family, Diya must fight not just the monster from her nightmares, but also make sense of a fast-unravelling web of lies that makes up her life.

Horror TP \$29.99

The Stolen Heir

Stolen Heir 01

Black, Holly

Eight years have passed, since the Battle of the Serpent. But in the icy north, Lady Nore of the Court of Teeth has reclaimed the Ice Needle Citadel. There, she is using an ancient

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PBK = 'A' & 'B' format (standard size) paperback

TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperback

HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

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relic to create monsters of stick and snow who will do her bidding and exact her revenge. Suren, child queen of the Court of Teeth, and the one person with power over her mother, Lady Nore, fled to the human world. There, she lives feral in the woods. Lonely, and still haunted by the merciless torments she endured in the Court of Teeth, she bides her time by releasing mortals from foolish bargains. She believes herself forgotten until the storm hag, Bogdana chases her through the night streets. Suren is saved by none other than Prince Oak, heir to Elfhome, to whom she was once promised in marriage and who she has resented for years. Now 17, Oak is charming, beautiful, and manipulative. He's on a mission that will lead him into the north, and he wants Suren's help. But if she agrees, it will mean guarding her heart against the boy she once knew and a prince she cannot trust, as well as confronting all the horrors she thought she left behind. Return to the opulent world of Elfhome, filled with intrigue, betrayal, and dangerous desires, with this first book of a captivating new duology.

YA fantasy TP/HC \$27.99/\$32.99

The Broken Tower

Barrier Lands 02

Braffet, Kelly

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

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

Island of Time

Island of Time 01

Bunn, Davis

The Geneva branch of Interpol – the international agency tasked with policing magic and the arcane arts – is where careers go to die. Action is rare, as Switzerland banned magic 700 years ago. That's how Agent Jackson Burnett likes it. But then reports of an explosion lead Jackson to the home of businessman Bernard Bouchon. What's there is unfathomable: The family and their possessions have vanished into ash. Jackson's enigmatic new partner Luca Tami, a blind Talent able to perform magic, suspects powerful supernatural forces are at play. The family weren't killed... they've been erased from time. With all traces of the family disappearing, the case is hours away from being forgotten. How can Jackson solve a crime no one remembers happening?

He must find a way to remember. He must discover who is behind the spell and why. Dangerous magics are in use, and it's clear those controlling them won't let anyone stand in their way.

Urban fantasy TP \$39.95

Forbidden

Island of Time 02

Bunn, Davis

All wizard Chad Hagan wants is a quiet life. A loner, a runaway, and a failed apprentice Talent, Chad was kicked out of one Institute of Magic for fighting, then fled another when the head wizard's vice caused the death of his closest friend. He may want a quiet life but when he meets Kara Sedgewick, he realizes that is not an option... Kara has spent 20 years living a lie. Her mother was a gifted healer with powerful magical abilities, but not her. Or, so, the Institutes were led to believe... As Chad and Kara get close, they discover that their magical gifts, if combined, are dangerously powerful. And if they decide to forge this forbidden alliance, they could topple a system that has become rife with vicious infighting and sleaze. But this seems like a dangerous, if not impossible task. Can they face the Institutes and their global network of magical force and triumph? The sequel to *Island of Time* (TP, \$39.95).

Urban fantasy HC \$64.95

The Scarab Mission

Billion Worlds 02

Gambias, James L

Solana Sina is a scarab, salvaging wrecked and abandoned space habitats among the Billion Worlds of the 10th Millennium. She and an oddball crew – a raven, a cyborg, and a dinosaur – board the derelict colony Safdaghar hoping to score some loot before the colony gets catapulted into the outer reaches of the Solar System. But Solana and the scarabs come face-to-face with a gang of vicious pirates looking for slaves and treasure, and a mysterious stranger intent on preserving an explosive secret. Solana must overcome her own horrifying past to survive and escape before it's too late. But there's an even more dangerous threat lurking in the dark passages and ruined buildings of Safdaghar... The sequel to *The Godel Operation* (PBK, \$24.95).

Space opera TP \$39.95

Downfall

Inscape 03

Garey, Louise

The safety of InTech's residents is paramount. Insurrection will not be tolerated. Tanta and Cole may have stopped the mass murder of InTech's residents, but the cost was severe. Despite their efforts, Harlow 2.0 – the update to InTech's mind-based operating system – fed out. Now, its citizens are compliant zombies, and Tanta and her crew are trapped underground. All except for Fliss, who has no system to update. She alone can go outside; and it's Fliss, the crew are relying on to help get them out. For, only then, can they dismantle the damage Harlow 2.0 has done. If Tanta, Cole, and InTech's residents are to truly be free, it needs to be destroyed. But Tanta knows that task will put her on a collision course with the corporation that raised her, her oldest friends, and the woman

who was once her soulmate. And this last mission might ask more of her than she's able to give.

SF thriller TP \$32.99

Mr Breakfast Carroll, Jonathan

Graham Patterson's life has hit a dead end. His career as a comedian is failing. The love of his life recently broke up with him and he literally has no idea what to do next. With nothing to lose, he buys a new car and hits the road, planning to drive across country and hopefully figure out his next moves before reaching California. But, along the way, Patterson does something his old self would never have even considered: he gets tattooed by a brilliant tattoo artist in North Carolina. The decision sets off a series of extraordinary events that changes his life forever in ways he never could have imagined. Among other things, Patterson is gifted with the ability to see in real time three different lives that are available to him. The choice is his: The life he is leading right now, or two very different ones. In all of them there is love or fame and, of course, danger – because once he has chosen, there is no telling what will happen next.

Fantasy HC \$62.95

A Thousand Heatbeats

Gass, Kiera

'Love has a sound. It sounds like a thousand heartbeats happening at the same time.' Annika has lived a life of comfort and luxury as the Princess of Kadier – but now, after the death of her mother, she's weighted under the looming threat of a loveless marriage arranged by her cold father. Far outside the palace walls, on the outskirts of the land Annika's family has long ruled over, Lennox is waiting for his moment. His people displaced, his father gone, Lennox knows that it's up to him to lead his people into a battle to overthrow the Kadierian monarchy. After Annika and Lennox's worlds collide, they can't stop thinking of each other. Annika has waited her whole life to find out what love truly feels like – but could it be that she's found love with someone she can never have?

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Light Years from Home

Chen, Mike

Every family has issues. Most can't blame them on extra-terrestrials. Evie Shao and her sister, Kass, aren't on speaking terms. Fifteen years ago, on a family camping trip, their father and brother vanished. Their dad turned up days later, dehydrated and confused – and convinced he'd been abducted by aliens. Their brother, Jakob, remained missing. The women dealt with it very differently. Kass, suspecting her college-dropout twin simply ran off, became the rock of the family. Evie traded academics to pursue alien conspiracy theories, always looking for Jakob. When Evie's UFO network uncovers a new event, she goes to investigate. And discovers Jakob is back. He's different – older, stranger, and talking of an intergalactic war – but the tensions between the siblings haven't changed at all. If the family is going to come together to help Jakob, then Kass and Evie are going to have to fix their issues,

and fast. Because the FBI is after Jakob, and if their brother is telling the truth, possibly an entire space armada, too. The perfect combination of action, imagination and heart, *Light Years from Home* is a touching drama about a challenge as difficult as saving the galaxy: making peace with your family... and yourself.

Space opera TP \$39.95

The Lighthouse Witches

Cooke, C J

Upon the cliffs of a remote Scottish island stands a lighthouse. Strange and terrible events have happened here. It started with a witch hunt. Now, centuries later, islanders are vanishing. Liv Stay and her children don't believe in witches, or curses. But within months of arriving on the island, her daughter Luna is the only one of them left. Twenty years later, Luna's missing sister turns up out of the blue. She is exactly the girl Luna remembers. Same face. Same smile. Same age. Faced with the impossible, it's up to Luna to find out what really happened at the lighthouse, all those years ago.

Gothic thriller PBK \$22.99

Chicks in Tank Tops

anthology

Gordova, Jason (editor)

The chicks are back! Celebrating fearless and fearsome females; featuring all-new stories inspired by the classic Chicks in Chainmail series! A boy and his dog. A girl and her tank. Tropes have been with us throughout all of history. Any girl would gladly trade in her skimpy armour for a tank. While a little bit of chainmail can take a chick far, heavy armour can take one even farther. Besides, what's not to love about Chicks in Tank Tops? From pure near-future military science fiction to *Pride and Prejudice* with zombies, AI tanks, and true love! All-new stories by: Sharon Lee & Steve Miller, David Drake, Jody Lynn Nye, Kevin Ikenberry, Esther Friesner, Joelle Presby, Robert E Hampson, A C Haskins, Lydia Sherrer & David Sherrer, G Scott Huggins, Philip Wohlrab, Marisa Wolf, and Jason Cordova & Ashley Prior.

Military sf TP \$39.95

Isolation:

the horror anthology

Goxon, Dan (editor)

Lost in the wilderness, or alone in the dark, isolation remains one of our deepest held fears. This horror anthology from Shirley Jackson and British Fantasy Award finalist Dan Coxon calls on leading horror writers to confront the dark moments, the challenges that we must face alone: survivors in a world gone silent; the outcast shunned by society; the quiet voice trapped in the crowd; the lonely and forgotten, screaming into the abyss. Experience the chilling terrors of Isolation. Featuring stories by: Nina Allan, Laird Barron, Ramsey Campbell, M R Carey, Chikodji Emelumadu, Brian Evenson, Owl Goingback, Gwendolyn Kiste, Joe R Lansdale, Tim Lebbon, Alison Littlewood, Ken Liu, Jonathan Maberry, Michael Marshall Smith, Mark Morris, Lynda E Rucker, A G Slatter, Paul Tremblay, Lisa Tuttle, and Marian Womack.

Horror PBK \$19.99

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Abandon

Crouch, Blake

On Christmas Day in 1893, every man, woman, and child in a remote mining town disappeared, belongings forsaken, meals left to freeze in vacant cabins, and not a single bone found. Now, journalist Abigail Foster and her historian father have set out to explore the long-abandoned town and learn what happened. With them are two backcountry guides – along with a psychic and a paranormal photographer who are there to investigate rumours that the town is haunted. But Abigail and her companions are about to learn that the town's ghosts are the least of their worries. Twenty miles from civilisation, with a blizzard bearing down, they realise they are not alone. The ordeal that follows will test this small team past the breaking point as they battle the elements and human foes alike – and discover that the town's secrets still have the power to kill.

Horror TP \$41.95

The Lost Witch

Crutcher, Paige

1922. The town of Evermore off the coast of Ireland is under the protection of a Goddess. She has bestowed power upon village healer Brigid Heron to ensure the heart of magic within the Lough of Brionglóid – the lake of dreams – remains untouched. For the witches of Knight want to absorb its powerful energies and release the Damned from the Otherworld. Brigid has devoted her whole life to being Evermore's guardian, immersing herself in witchcraft, and sacrificing her own dreams. Until Luc Knightly, a trickster god with his own claim on the lough, offers Brigid her heart's desire in exchange for betraying her Goddess' trust. 2022. A century later, Evermore is under siege. The witches of Knight wield chaos magic, opening the rift between the island and the Otherworld wider every day. Beings born from folklore nightmares prey on the villagers, consuming their very humanity. Ophelia Gallagher, Brigid's descendant, and her fellow witch Finola McEntire do their best to keep the monsters and mayhem at bay. Brigid awakens in this world with no memory of how she travelled into the future, and why Evermore has been cursed. To seal the lough and stop the witches of Knight, she must work with Ophelia and Finola to help her remember the events of 100 years ago. But the knowledge she seeks lies with Luc Knightly himself – mysterious, handsome, and powerful – and the one who once upon a time granted Brigid her dearest wish – a daughter. To save Evermore, Brigid may have to lose her daughter – again...

Fantasy TP \$37.95

When Things Get Dark:

Stories inspired by Shirley Jackson, anthology

Datlow, Ellen (editor)

The Stoker Award-winning chilling anthology of 18 short stories in tribute to the genius of Shirley Jackson, collecting today's best horror writers. A collection of new and exclusive short stories inspired by, and in tribute to, Shirley Jackson. Shirley Jackson is a seminal writer of horror and mystery fiction, whose legacy resonates globally today. Chilling, human, poignant and strange, her stories have inspired a generation of

writers and readers. This anthology, edited by legendary horror editor Ellen Datlow, will bring together today's leading horror writers to offer their own personal tribute to the work of Shirley Jackson. Featuring stories by: Joyce Carol Oates, Josh Malerman, Carmen Maria Machado, Paul Tremblay, Richard Kadrey, Stephen Graham Jones, Elizabeth Hand, Kelly Link, Cassandra Khaw, Karen Heuler, Benjamin Percy, John Langan, Laird Barron, Jeffrey Ford, M Rickert, Seanan McGuire, Gemma Files, and Genevieve Valentine.

Shirley Jackson PBK \$19.99

The Hollow Kind

Davidson, Andy

When Nellie Gardner learns that she has inherited a turpentine estate from her long-lost grandfather, she throws everything she can think of in her pickup and flees to Georgia with her 11-year-old son, Max, in tow. August Redfern's 'estate' is a decrepit farmhouse on 1,000 acres of old pine forest, but Nellie sees it as the perfect refuge – a safe place to hide from her violent husband and the chance for a fresh start. But Max sees what his mother can't: Redfern Hill is no haven. Something lurks beneath the soil, ancient and hungry, with the power to corrupt hearts and destroy souls. And Nellie's return is about to wake it up.

Horror HC \$44.99

When Life Gives

You Vampires

Slaying It 01

Duke, Gloria

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

Paranormal romance TP \$24.99

The Daughters of Izdihar

Alamaxa duology 01

Elsbai, Hadeer

Trapped in an arranged marriage to a man she does not love, Nehal dreams of attending the Weaving Academy. There, she can take control of her powers, bending any water to her will, and pursue a glorious future on the battlefield with the first all-female military regiment. Her husband, indifferent and secretive, is in love with another woman, a poor bookseller named Giorgina. Giorgina has her own secret. She is an earthweaver with dangerously uncontrollable powers. Her only solace comes from meetings with

the Daughters of Izdihar, a women's rights group fighting for freedom. They come from very different means, yet Nehal and Giorgina have more in common than they think.

Enticed by the group's enigmatic leader Malak Mamdouh, the two women are drawn into a web of politics, violence and threats of war as they find themselves fighting to earn – and keep – a lasting freedom. A powerful feminist fantasy set in an Egyptian-inspired world, with breathtaking elemental magic and Sapphic romance – perfect for fans of *The Jasmine Throne* (PBK, \$22.99) and *The Once and Future Witches* (PBK, \$22.99). The first in a duology.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Book of Stolen Dreams

Farr, David & Kister, Kristina

When Rachel and Robert are passed a stolen book by their librarian father, they have to go on the run and protect it at all costs. With their father captured and everyone hunting for the Book, they must uncover its secrets and track down the final, missing page. But the cruel and calculating Charles Malstain is on their trail. When the children discover the astonishing, magical truth about the Book, they resolve to do everything in their power to stop it falling into his hands. For if it does, he could rule forever.

Children's fantasy PBK \$16.99

External Forces

Marrowbone Spells 02

Fay, Shannon

London, 1958. By crafting magical outfits for his friend, Princess Katherine, cloth mage Paul Gallagher is getting ahead. It's not a seamless path. Not since the Virtuis Party came to power. The far-right faction is using criminals to create a protective barrier around England. The enchanted uniforms the prisoners wear may beget a demand for mages, but using luckless convicts as tools for warmongering reactionaries isn't Paul's dream for cloth magic. His road to success takes an even darker turn when the unexpected death of a member of the royal family plunges the country into chaos. The Virtuis Party is rising, its mysterious puppet master is gaining control, and Paul and his allies are prepared to do anything to protect the princess, the throne, and ultimately, the soul of the country. That means falling back on the innate magic Paul dreads using again. It's illegal, dangerous, and so potent it can raise the dead. But as the fate of the entire nation hangs by a thread, dire times call for extreme magic. The sequel to *Innate Magic* (TP, \$24.99).

Urban fantasy TP \$24.99

Dark Tarot

Carpathian 31

Feehan, Christine

Sandu Berdardi continues to exist only to protect his people. An ancient Carpathian, his entire long life has been dedicated to honour above all else. He knows his time has passed, especially since he has not been able to find his lifemate – the anchor to keep him sane in a world he no longer understands. But just as he truly starts to give up hope, a voice reaches out to him in the night and his world explodes into colour. Adalasia enters Sandu's mind seamlessly, as if she has been a part of him forever. While she can see the shape

of things to come in her deck of cards, her gift is both a blessing and a curse. The true course of Sandu's quest remains unclear, with danger waiting at every turn. She cannot see everything the future holds, but she does know it is a journey they will take together. By joining him, she will start them down a dangerous, seductive path from which there is no coming back...

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Master of Furies

Firemane Saga 03

Feist, Raymond E

War has swept across Marquensas. Ruthless raiders have massacred the inhabitants of Beran's Hill, including Gwen, the beloved wife of Declan Smith. Hollow of heart, his hopes burned to ashes, Declan swears to track down and destroy the raiders, an ambition shared by Baron Daylon Dumarch, whose family was massacred as they fled the capital. Meanwhile, Hava, whose gift for piracy has seen her acquire the treasure ship Borzon's Black Wake and the swift Azhante sailing vessel, *Queen of Storms*, and won her the name of 'the Sea Demon', is closing in on the whereabouts of those who unleashed the murderous hordes. Her husband, Hatushaly, the last remaining member of the ruling family of Ithrace, the legendary Firemanes, seeks to control the magical powers he has inherited. He is able now to visualise and even travel among the filaments of energies that power all existence: the furies. But will he be able to channel his magic in time to combat the deepest, darkest threat the world of Garn has ever faced? The Firemane Saga begins with *King of Ashes* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Grantville Gazette IX

Ring of Fire 32

Flint, Eric & Boyes, Walt

& Ward, Joy (editors)

Where were you, in 1632? When a cosmic disturbance hurls your town from 20th-century West Virginia back to 17th-century Europe – and into the middle of the Thirty Years War – you have to adapt to survive. And the natives of that time period, faced with American technology and politics, need to be equally adaptable. Here's a generous helping of more stories of Grantville, the American town lost in time, and its impact on the people and societies of a tumultuous age. Featuring stories by Eric Flint, Tim Sayeau, Robert Noxon, Griffin Barber, Bjorn Hasseler, Clair Kiernan, Margo Ryor, Mark Huston, Robert Waters, Phillip Riviezzo, Jack Carroll, Terry Howard, Tim Roesch, Sarah Hays, Mike Watson, Iver P Cooper, Kerry Offord, Rick Boatright, Brad Banner, Anne Keener, Jackie Britton Lopatin, Bjorn Hasseler, David Carrico.

Alternate history PBK \$26.95

Hollywood Monsters

Lilith 03

Fredsti, Dana

Lee Striga is an actress, movie stuntwoman, and demon hunter. All In Hollywood, supernatural creatures get all the best jobs in Hollywood go to the supernaturals. For a stuntman, it helps to be able to fly. For a romantic lead, it's an advantage to be an incubus or succubus, and if you smell Sulphur in your agent's office, you'll know

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why... Vampires, succubae, trolls, fallen angels, ghouls – anything that can take direction, be discreet, and not eat the extras. Fresh from filming *Voodoo Wars* in New Orleans, Lee returns to Los Angeles. Back at the Katz Family stunt ranch she finds animals of all kinds taking refuge on the grounds, and the supernatural creatures who populate Hollywood on edge to the point of violence. People are vanishing without a trace, and clues lead to a legendary mansion famous for its horrible deaths – the location for Lee's next film job.

Urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

Mission Critical

Terran Republic, shared universe

Gannon, Charles E & Barber, Griffin & Massa, Mike & Kennedy, Chris

Soldiers lost in time, 152 light-years from home, with a daunting task for survival... Taken from their planet and their century, they are not just the Lost Soldiers: they are Murphy's Lawless.

Major Rodger Y Murphy should have died when his helicopter crashed off the coast of Mogadishu in 1993. Instead, he woke up in 2125, 152 light-years from home. Murphy and 100 other 'Lost Soldiers' have been retrieved and awakened by two officers of the Consolidated Terran Republic: Trevor Corcoran and Richard Downing. Promising to return, Corcoran and Downing leave the 20th-century castaways with a daunting objective: establish a base of operations on the main world of R'Bak using local allies they have yet to recruit and enemy equipment they have yet to seize. They haven't been back yet. But the company of misfits and ne'er-do-wells who've taken the nickname Murphy's Lawless rise to the challenge! The first in a shared-universe series.

Military sf TP \$39.95

The Science of Witchcraft:

the Truth Behind Sabrina, Maleficent, Glinda, and More of Your Favourite Fictional Witches

Hafdahl, Meg & Florence, Kelly

A guide to the history of witchcraft through the stories and characters we all know and love. Reveal the spellbinding science behind the legends and lore surrounding fiction's most iconic witches, answering such questions as: what is the science behind divination and spellcraft? When did witchcraft begin to show up in literature and media? Has science made it possible to uncover the truth behind the powers of necromancy and employing familiars? How has witchcraft been thought of throughout the world? Through interviews, film and literary analysis, and bone-chilling discoveries, join Kelly and Meg as they learn about the complicated and rich science of witchcraft throughout the centuries and discover why now is the season of the witch!

Reference TP \$24.99

Will Do Magic for Small Change

Hairston, Andrea

Cinnamon Jones dreams of stepping on stage and acting her heart out like her famous grandparents, Redwood and Wildfire. But she's always been theatrically

challenged. That won't necessarily stop her! But her family life is a tangle of mysteries and secrets, and nobody is telling her the whole truth. Before her brother died, he gave Cinnamon *The Chronicles of the Great Wanderer* – a tale of a Dahomean warrior woman and an alien from another dimension who perform at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. They are a story of magic or alien science, but the connection to Cinnamon's past is unmistakable. When an act of violence wounds her family, Cinnamon and her theatre squad determine to solve the mysteries and bring her worlds crashing together. 'A beautifully multifaceted story... Highly recommended.' – *The New York Times*.

Fantasy HC \$44.99

Back in a Spell

Witches of Thistle Grove 03

Harper, Lana

Even though she won't deny her love for pretty (and pricey) things, Nineve Blackmoore is almost painfully down to earth and sensible, by Blackmoore standards. But after a year of nursing a broken heart inflicted by the fiancée who all but ditched her at the altar, the powerful witch is sick of feeling down and ready to try something drastically different: a dating app. At her best friend Jessa's urging, she goes on a date with Morty Gutierrez, the nonbinary, offbeat soul of spontaneity and owner of the Shamrock Cauldron. Their date goes about as well as can be expected: awkward and terrible. To make matters worse, once Morty discovers Nina's last name, he's far from a fan; it turns out that the Blackmoores have been bullishly trying to buy the Shamrock, out from under Morty and his family. But when Morty begins developing magical powers – something that usually only happens to committed romantic partners, once they officially join a founding family – at the same time as Nina's own magic surges beyond her control, Nina must manage Morty's rude awakening to the hidden magical world, uncover its cause, and face the intensity of their own burgeoning connection.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Cackle

Harrison, Rachel

All her life, Annie has played it nice and safe. After being unceremoniously dumped by her long-time boyfriend, Annie seeks a fresh start. She accepts a teaching job that moves her from Manhattan to a small village upstate. Her new home is picturesque and perfect. The people are all friendly and warm. Her new apartment is lovely too, minus the oddly persistent spider infestation. Then Annie meets Sophie. Beautiful, charming, magnetic Sophie, who takes a special interest in Annie, who wants to be her friend. More importantly, she wants Annie to stop apologising and start living for herself. That's how Sophie lives. Annie can't help but gravitate toward the self-possessed Sophie, wanting to spend more and more time with her, despite the fact that the rest of the town seems... a little afraid of her. And, okay. Sophie's appearance is uncanny and ageless, her mansion in the middle of the woods feels a little unearthly, and she does seem to wield a certain power... but she couldn't be... could she?

Paranormal PBK \$19.99

Weird World War IV

anthology

Hazlett, Sean Patrick (editor)

What if there were a war after Armageddon? How would the survivors emerging from World War III's radioactive slag heaps fight in this conflict? Would they wage it with sticks and stones... and sorcery? Or would they use more refined weapons, elevating warfare to an art and unleashing bureaucratic nightmares worse than death? Would they struggle against themselves or interdimensional invaders? What horrors from the desolate darkness might slither into the light? Wipe away the ashes of civilisation and peer into a pit of atomic glass to witness the haunting visions of World War IV from today's greatest minds in science fiction, fantasy, and horror. Contributors include: Jonathan Maberry; Steven Barnes; D J Butler; Brad R Torgersen; Martin L Shoemaker; T C McCarthy; Eric James Stone; Stephen Lawson; Freddy Costello and Michael Z Williamson; Laird Barron; Nick Mamatas; Brian Trent; Erica L Satifka; Kevin Andrew Murphy; Maurice Broadus and Rodney Carlstrom; David VonAllmen; Deborah A Wolf; Nina Kiriki Hoffman; Julie Frost; Weston Ochse; and John Langan.

Military sf PBK \$26.95

Across the Nightingale Floor

Tales of the Otori 01

Hearn, Lian

In his fortress at Inuyama, the murderous warlord Iida Sadamu surveys his famous nightingale floor. Constructed with exquisite skill, it sings at the tread of each human foot. No assassin can cross it unheard. Brought up in a remote village among the Hidden, a reclusive and spiritual people, Takeo has learned only the ways of peace. Why, then, does he possess the deadly skills that make him so valuable to the sinister Tribe? These supernatural powers will lead him to his violent destiny within the walls of Inuyama – and to an impossible longing for a girl who can never be his. His journey is one of revenge and treachery, beauty and magic, and the passion of first love. *Reissued to celebrate 21 years of Otori.*

Historical fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Grass for His Pillow

Tales of the Otori 02

Hearn, Lian

In the ancient lands of the Otori, in a time of war and famine, the fate of the young lovers Otori Takeo and Shirakawa Kaede hangs in the balance. Takeo, heir to the great Otori clan, has pledged his life to the secret Tribe. To follow their brutal directions and become their most deadly assassin he must deny the spiritual vows of his peaceful upbringing, his birthright of wealth, land and power – and his love for Kaede. If he turns his back on the Tribe they will kill him. Forced to take a path that leads him to extreme danger Takeo grows from boy to man. Kaede, heiress to vast lands, is now the valuable pawn of ruthless warlords. She must use her intelligence, beauty and cunning to assert her place in a world of all-powerful men – who must never suspect the dangerous secret she hides. *Reissued to celebrate 21 years of Otori.*

Historical fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Brilliance of the Moon

Tales of the Otori 03

Hearn, Lian

Otori Takeo's future is uncertain. If he is to reclaim his Otori heritage, he must fight for it – but his army is untrained and Takeo, despite his legendary skills as an assassin, knows nothing of warfare. Can he defeat those who seek to destroy him, and so bring peace to the Three Countries? To take what is rightfully his, Takeo must conquer the warlord Arai Daiichi and the nobleman Lord Fujiwara, but every step is fraught with danger for him and his great love, Shirakawa Kaede. Their destinies are determined by forces beyond their control. *Reissued to celebrate 21 years of Otori.*

Historical fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Harsh Cry of the Heron

Tales of the Otori 04

Hearn, Lian

Lord Otori Takeo and his consort Kaede have ruled for over 16 years. The Three Countries are rich, peaceful and prosperous. The sacred birds, the Houou, nest at Terayama and a fabled creature, the Kirin, has appeared on their shores. Heaven seems to smile on them. Yet, their very success has drawn them to the attention of the distant Emperor and his general, the warlord Saga Hideki, who covet the wealth of the Three Countries, especially Takeo's heir, his eldest daughter Shigeko, now of marriageable age. At the same time, the renegade Tribe family, the Kikuta, seek revenge on Takeo for the murder of their leader. Everything Takeo and Kaede have achieved is threatened. *Reissued to celebrate 21 years of Otori.*

Historical fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Heaven's Net is Wide

Tales of the Otori 05

Hearn, Lian

Lord Shigeru, heir to the Otori clan, faces hostility from the ambitious Iida family. His training as a warrior has prepared him for leadership, but fate and Shigeru's youthful determination bring the Three Countries to war, and he must endure defeat at the battle of Yaegahara and its brutal consequences. Shigeru waits for the moment when he can win back the Middle Country and be with the woman he loves, the Lady Maruyama. But his life is under constant threat. He has friends among the assassins of the Tribe who will not only protect him but will reveal the existence of a boy in a remote mountain village. A boy who is of the sect known as the Hidden, who might prove to be 'the unexpected move that opens up the whole game'. *Reissued to celebrate 21 years of Otori.*

Historical fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

How to Sell a Haunted House

Hendrix, Grady

Louise's parents have passed away, and she's returning to the small Southern town where she grew up to get their house ready to sell. It means she'll have to spend time with her younger brother – and their old grudges make that a terrifying prospect. But childhood hurts pale in comparison to the dangers posed by what still lives inside the house.

Horror PBK \$24.99

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Echo

Heuvel, Thomas Olde

Travel journalist and mountaineer Nick Grevers awakes from a coma to find that his climbing buddy, Augustin, is missing and presumed dead. Nick's own injuries are as extensive as they are horrifying. His face wrapped in bandages and unable to speak, Nick claims amnesia – but he remembers everything. He remembers how he and Augustin were mysteriously drawn to the Maudit, a remote and scarcely documented peak in the Swiss Alps. He remembers an ominous sense that they were not alone. He remembers something waiting for them... Sam Avery wants to be glad that Nick is alive and coming home, but the accident has stirred up memories that Sam thought were long buried. Soon, he realises that it isn't just the trauma of the accident that haunts Nick. Something has awakened inside of him, something that endangers the lives of everyone around him...

Horror PBK \$22.99

Burning Roses

Huang, S L

Rosa, also known as Red Riding Hood, is done with wolves and woods. Hou Yi the Archer is tired, and knows she's past her prime. They would both rather just be retired, but that's not what the world has ready for them. When deadly sunbirds begin to ravage the countryside, threatening everything they've both grown to love, the two must join forces. Now, blessed and burdened with the hindsight of middle age, they begin a quest that's a reckoning of sacrifices made and mistakes mourned, of choices and family and the quest for immortality. A gorgeous fairy tale of love and family, of demons and lost gods, for fans of Zen Cho and Neon Yang. We expect to have this edition of *Burning Roses* from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.

Fairy tales retold TP \$37.95

The Endless Song

Tales of the Forever Sea 02

Johnson, Joshua Phillip

After setting fire to the Forever Sea and leaving the surface world behind, Kindred Greyreach dives below to find a Seafloor populated by roving bands of scavengers. Among them, Kindred discovers a familiar face working to save the Sea from the continued spread of the Greys and the ravages of the world above. But when Kindred finds herself at odds with a faction below the Sea, she and her friends will have to use every power available to them – including their link to the surface world – to forestall disaster. Meanwhile, above, a boy named Fritch, son of the Baron of the Borders, finds himself caught in a dangerous political crisis as survivors from Arcadia and the Once-City arrive on the Mainland. As monsters from the depths of the Sea begin to surface near the Mainland's shores, Fritch must also navigate a crisis closer to home. As Fritch, his family, and their allies search for solutions, the truth they seek may lay hidden in old stories and long-held family secrets. Above and below, Fritch and Kindred must work together to save themselves, their loved ones, and the Forever Sea itself. The sequel to *The Forever Sea* (PBK, \$22.99).

Environmental fantasy HC \$55.00

Several People Are Typing

Kasulke, Calvin

It's working from home, as you've never seen it before – as Gerald finds himself at ones and zeros inside his company's Slack chat – in this hilarious debut novel – narrated entirely in the app's #channels. Is it still WFH, when you're now just binary code? Whilst working on a spreadsheet for a New York-based PR firm, Gerald has his consciousness uploaded into his company's Slack channel. He posts for help, but his colleagues assume it's an elaborate joke to exploit the new working-from-home policy, and now that Gerald's productivity is through the roof, his bosses are only too happy to let him work from... wherever he says he is. Faced with the looming abyss of a disembodied life online, Gerald enlists co-worker Pradeep to care for his body and Slackbot, the service's AI assistant, to help him navigate his new digital reality. But when Slackbot discovers a world (and an empty body) outside the app, will it hijack a ride into the 'real' world? Meanwhile, Gerald's co-workers are scrambling to stem a company PR catastrophe like no other, their CEO suspects someone is sabotaging his office furniture, and if Gerald gets to work from home, all the time, why can't everyone? Hilarious, irreverent, and wholly original, *Several People Are Typing* is the perfect remedy for any idle fingers waiting to doom scroll: a satire of both the virtual office and contemporary life, and a perfect antidote to the way we live #now.

Cyberpunk PBK \$22.99

Hex Appeal

Kate Johnson

It's just a bunch of hocus pocus...

Essie Winterscale lives in a huge and ever-changing house in the village of Good Winter, in deepest, darkest Essex. She lives with various witches of various ages, one of whom is still a bit salty about being hanged in the 1700s, one who keeps accidentally casting fertility spells, and one who knits things that create the future. All Essie ever wanted was to have a normal life but, in the end, she found herself drawn back to Beldam House because she just can't stop her witchiness (although the ability to instantly chill wine is pretty awesome, even she has to admit). Into this coven of chaos stumbles gorgeous, clueless Josh, their new landlord – and he's just discovered his tenants haven't paid rent, since the 1700s! As Josh is drawn further into the lives of the inhabitants of Beldam House, Essie is determined to keep him at broomstick's length. That is, until a family secret, lying hidden for centuries, puts Josh firmly under her spell...

Paranormal romance TP \$29.99

We Are All Witches:

'Bad' Women to Live Your Life By

Kidd, Mairi

The voices of healers, seers, and enchantresses have been hidden for generations. In this new collection from Mairi Kidd, their narrative is reclaimed as we delve into the world of women from history, mythology, and folklore whose magical connections carved out a place for them as contemporary icons. Weaving fact and fiction in a melodic portrayal of folklore,

strength, and femininity, Mairi Kidd invites readers to examine their beliefs, investigate the past and find power in the virtues of modern witchcraft. As stories of suspected witches, healers, and those revelling in the power of magic are told, we imagine the lives of these women, not as unlucky victims but instead fascinating individuals whose experiences have previously been omitted from Scotland's colourful history now challenging the status quo. As we journey through 16 short stories of women involved in the supernatural, folklore, and healing, from 'social witches' who are accused of betraying their communities to those who use their powers to cure others and malevolent spirits such as 'Nanny' in *Tam O'Shanter*, we find reflections in modern life and lessons on everything from gender politics in the workplace and reproductive rights to ableism during the COVID-19 pandemic. *We Are All Witches* reinvigorates women from the past and encourages us to find our own inner sorcerer.

Witches' history HC \$34.99

Daughter of the Pirate King

Daughter of the Pirate King 01

Levenseller, Tricia

Seventeen-year-old Alosa, daughter of the feared Pirate King, is on a mission. She must retrieve an ancient hidden map, the key to a legendary treasure trove. The catch? Alosa needs to conceal her considerable combat skills and allow herself to be captured by her enemies, giving her the perfect opportunity to search their ship. More than a match for the ruthless pirate crew, Alosa has only one thing standing between her and the map: her captor, the unexpectedly clever and unfairly attractive first mate, Riden. But luckily, she has a few tricks up her sleeve – and no lone pirate can stop the Daughter of the Pirate King.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Daughter of the Siren Queen

Daughter of the Pirate King 02

Levenseller, Tricia

Alosa's mission is finally complete. Not only has she recovered all three pieces of the map to a legendary hidden treasure, but the pirates who originally took her captive are now prisoners on her ship. First mate Riden, still unfairly attractive and unexpectedly loyal, is a constant distraction, but now he's under her orders. And she takes great comfort in knowing that the villainous Vordan will soon be facing her father's justice. When Vordan exposes a secret her father has kept for years, Alosa and her crew find themselves in a deadly race with the feared Pirate King. Despite the danger, Alosa knows they will recover the treasure first... After all, she is the daughter of the Siren Queen.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Now She is Witch

Logan, Kirsty

Some of what they say about witches is true. *She dug her mother's grave in the poison garden, so it would stay hidden...* Lux has lost everything when Else finds her, alone in the woods. Her family, her lover, her home – all burned. The world is suspicious of women like her, neither maiden nor mother. But Lux is cunning; she knows how to exploit

people's expectations, how to blend into the background. And she knows a lot about poisons. Else has not found Lux by accident. She needs her help to seek revenge against the man who wronged her, and together they pursue him north. But on their hunt they will uncover dark secrets that entangle them with dangerous adversaries.

Paranormal TP \$32.99

Poor Man's Sky

Rich Man's Sky 02

McCarthy, Wil

The Lunar monastery taught people how to live in space... and then one of its students was murdered. *Who owns the future?* Homicide detective Raimy Vaught is a losing contestant in the biggest reality show ever: the colonisation of Mars. Brother Michael is a Benedictine monk who just wants to help the future happen. Andrei Bykhovski is an asteroid miner desperately escaping indentured servitude. Bridget Tobin is a hydroponic farmer studying the greenhouses of Luna. But when a fellow Mars contestant drops dead at a Lunar monastery, these four souls will find themselves on a collision course with forces far beyond the control of trillionaires or nation states. As labour disputes erupt across cislunar space, the actions of individual people will determine whose future will prevail... and whose will perish. A follow-up to *Rich Man's Sky* (PBK, \$24.95).

Science fiction HC \$55.00

Lost in the Moment and Found

Wayward Children 08, novella

McGuire, Seanan

Welcome to the Shop Where the Lost Things Go. *If you ever lost a sock, you'll find it here. If you ever wondered about a favourite toy from childhood... it's probably sitting on a shelf in the back. And the headphones that you swore this time you'd keep safe? You guessed it...* Antoinette has lost her father. Metaphorically. He's not in the Shop, and she'll never see him again. But when Antsy finds herself lost (literally, this time), she discovers that however many doors open for her, leaving the Shop for good might not be as simple as it sounds. And stepping through those doors exacts a price. We expect to have this edition of *Lost in the Moment and Found* from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.

Fantasy HC \$49.95

Tear

McKeen, Erica

Frances is quiet and reclusive, so much so that her upstairs roommates sometimes forget she exists. Isolated in the basement, and on the brink of graduating from university, Frances herself starts to question the realities of her own existence. She can't remember there being a lock on the door at the top of the basement stairs – and yet, when she turns the knob, the door won't open. She can't tell the difference between her childhood memories, which bloom like flowers in the dark basement, and her dreams. Worse still, she can't ignore the very real tapping sound now coming – insistently, violently – threatening to break through her bedroom wall.

Horror TP \$29.99

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Ghostwritten

collection

Malfi, Ronald

Books can be deadly... Four standalone horror novellas set in a shared universe! In *The Skin of Her Teeth*, a cursed novel drives people to their deaths. A delivery job turns deadly in *The Dark Brothers' Last Ride*. In *This Book Belongs to Olo*, a lonely child has dangerous control over an unusual pop-up book. A choose-your-own adventure game spirals into an uncanny reality in *The Story*. Full of creepy, page-turning suspense, these collected novellas are perfect for fans of Paul Tremblay, Stephen King, and Joe Hill.

Horror PBK \$22.99

Bindle Punk Bruja Mesa, Desideria

Yo soy quien soy. I am who I am. Luna – or depending on who's asking, Rose – is the white-passing daughter of an immigrant mother who has seen what happens to people from her culture. This world is prejudicial, and she must hide her identity in pursuit of owning an illegal jazz club. Using her cunning powers, Rose negotiates with dangerous criminals as she climbs up Kansas City's bootlegging ladder. Luna, however, runs the risk of losing everything if the crooked city councilmen and ruthless mobsters discover her ties to an immigrant boxer community that secretly houses witches. Last thing she wants is to put her entire family in danger. But this *bruja* with ever-growing magical abilities can never resist a good fight. With her new identity, Rose, an unabashed flapper, defies societal expectations all the while struggling to keep her true self and witchcraft in check. However, the harder she tries to avoid scrutiny, the more her efforts eventually capture unwanted attention. Soon, she finds herself surrounded by greed and every brand of bigotry – from local gangsters who want a piece of the action and businessmen who hate her diverse staff to the Ku Klux Klan and Al Capone. Will her earth magic be enough to save her friends and family As much as she hates to admit it, she may need to learn to have faith in others – and learning to trust may prove to be her biggest ambition, yet. *Boardwalk Empire* meets *The Vanishing Half* with a touch of earth magic in this sexy and action-packed historical fantasy set in the luminous Golden Twenties, inspired by an ancient Mexican folktale, from debut author Desideria Mesa.

Jazz-age fantasy TP \$32.99

Honor and Shadows

Starlight's Shadow 0.5, prequel short story

Mihalik, Jessie

Captain Octavia Zarola needs an infusion of credits – fast – if she's going to keep her close-knit bounty hunting crew paid and fed. Tracking down an escaped embezzler on a backwater planet should be a piece of cake, but bounties are rarely as easy as they seem. As the crew closes in on their quarry, the hunt becomes entangled with a local criminal overlord, and Tavi will have to decide what's more important: money or honor, and how much she's willing to risk for either one. *Honor and Shadows* is a 10,000-word prequel novelette, set just before the start of *Hunt the Stars* (TP, \$29.99).

Space opera TP \$24.95

Battle of the Linguist Mages Moore, Scotto

Isobel is the Queen of the medieval rave-themed VR game Sparkle Dungeon. Her prowess in the game makes her an ideal candidate to learn the secrets of 'power morphemes' – unnaturally dense units of meaning that warp perception when skilfully pronounced. But Isobel's reputation makes her the target of a strange resistance movement led by spellcasting anarchists, who may be the only thing stopping the cabal from toppling California over the edge of a terrible transformation, with 40 million lives at stake. Time is short for Isobel to level up and choose a side – because the cabal has attracted much bigger and weirder enemies than the anarchist resistance, emerging from dark and vicious dimensions of reality and heading straight for planet Earth! 'It reads like *Snow Crash* had a dance-off with *Gideon the Ninth*, in a world where language isn't a virus from outer space, it's a goddamn alien invasion.' – *Charles Stross*.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

Science Fiction:

Voyage to the Edge of Imagination

Morgan, Glyn

A compelling, fully illustrated account of the worldwide phenomenon of science fiction as depicted in film, literature and art, and the scientific advances and imagination behind it. Drawing on a wide range of examples from the literary and visual canons – short stories, novels, films, television programmes, video games, graphic novels, artworks and more – in both cult and popular culture, this extensively illustrated book examines how science fiction has provided a human response to science, exploring every reaction from complacency to exhilaration, and from hope to terror. Across five chapters this volume reviews the role played by science fiction in exploring our world and a multitude of ideas about our relationship with the human condition. This encompasses a fascinating range of themes – machines, travel, aliens (the Other), communication, threats, and anxiety. Featuring a range of essays by experts on the subject as well as interviews with well-known science-fiction authors and reproductions of classic ephemera, graphics, and objects throughout, it also focuses on the darker elements of this fascinating genre – the anxieties, fears, dystopias, monsters, and apocalypses that have populated science fiction from the beginning. Ultimately, science fiction asks what makes us human, and what lies in the future to test, threaten, and even destroy humanity. This publication has these questions at its core, making it especially relevant for a contemporary readership in an age preoccupied with the climate emergency, the coronavirus pandemic, the development of nuclear missiles and military technologies, and other global challenges.

Reference HC \$64.99

The Forgotten Garden Morton, Kate

On the eve of the first world war, a little girl is found abandoned on a ship to Australia. A mysterious woman called the Authoress had promised to look after her, but the Authoress has disappeared without a trace. In 1930, on the night of her 21st birthday, Nell

O'Connor learns a secret that will change her life forever. Decades later, she embarks upon a search for the truth that leads her to the windswept Cornish coast and the strange and beautiful Blackhurst Manor. Upon Nell's death, her granddaughter, Cassandra, comes into an unexpected inheritance. Cliff Cottage and its forgotten garden are notorious amongst the Cornish locals for the secrets they hold, and it is here that Cassandra will finally uncover the truth about her family and solve the century-old mystery of a little girl lost.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Witches' Blade

Five Crowns of Okriih 02

Mulford, A K

Eighteen-year-old Ruadora Dammacus, now, possesses the Immortal Blade, a powerful artefact that might be enough to overthrow the cruel oppression threatening the land. Yet, when Rua discovers the Northern Court King's uncle is not only alive but has cast a curse on the blue witch army, she realises that the battle has only just begun. Venturing into the enemy's court, Rua finds herself working closely with the young king. Her problems are mounting, and the handsome – and perhaps evil – royal is only one of them. With the eyes of her newfound family on her, Rua must prove herself worthy of the Immortal Blade if she is to break the spell over the blue witches. But the greatest challenge she will face is her growing connection to the Northern King and what it could mean for her people... and her heart. The sequel to *The High Mountain Crown* (TP, \$29.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Saha

Nam-Joo, Cho

In a country called 'Town', Su is found dead in an abandoned car. The suspected killer is presumed to come from the Saha Estates. Town is a privatised country, controlled by a secretive organisation known as the Seven Premiers. It is a society clearly divided into the haves and have-nots and those who have the very least live on the Saha Estates. Among their number is Jin-Kyung, a young woman whose brother, Dok-yung, was in a relationship with Su and quickly becomes the police's prime suspect. When Dok-yung disappears, Jin Ky-ung is determined to get to the bottom of things. On her quest to find the truth, though, she will uncover a reality far darker and crimes far greater than she could ever have imagined. At once a dystopian mystery and devastating critique of how we live now, Saha lifts the lid on corruption, exploitation and government oppression, while, with deep humanity and compassion, showing us the lives of those who, through no fault of their own, suffer at the hand of brutal forces far beyond their control.

Dystopian mystery TP \$32.99

Anno Dracula

signed 30th anniversary edition

Newman, Kim

It is 1888 and Queen Victoria has remarried, taking as her new consort the Wallachian Prince, infamously known as Count Dracula. His polluted bloodline spreads through London as its citizens increasingly choose to become vampires. In the grim backstreets of Whitechapel, a killer known as 'Silver Knife'

is cutting down vampire girls. The eternally-young vampire Genevieve Dieudonné and Charles Beauregard of the Diogenes Club are drawn together as they both hunt the sadistic killer, bringing them ever closer to England's most bloodthirsty ruler, yet. A signed deluxe hardcover edition with sprayed edges and ribbon marker of the trailblazing alternate history vampire novel, with a brand-new introduction from Neil Gaiman, and exclusive additional material from the author. Horror fans will not want to miss this.

Anno Dracula HC \$37.99

Goliath

Onyebuchi, Tochi

In the 2050s, Earth has begun to empty. Those with the means and the privilege have departed the great cities of the United States for the more comfortable confines of space colonies. Those left behind salvage what they can from the collapsing infrastructure. As they eke out an existence, their neighbourhoods are being cannibalised. Brick by brick, their houses are sent to the colonies, what was once a home now a quaint reminder for the colonists of the world that they wrecked. A primal biblical epic flung into the future, *Goliath* weaves together disparate narratives – a space-dweller looking at New Haven, Connecticut as a chance to reconnect with his spiralling lover; a group of labourers attempting to renew the promises of Earth's crumbling cities; a journalist attempting to capture the violence of the streets; a marshal trying to solve a kidnapping – into a richly urgent mosaic about race, class, gentrification, and who is allowed to be the hero of any history. We expect to have this edition of *Goliath* from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.

Science fiction TP \$41.95

Little Thieves

Owen, Margaret

Once upon a time, there was a horrible girl... Vanja Schmidt knows that no gift is freely given, not even a mother's love. The adopted goddaughter of Death and Fortune, Vanja has long made her own way in the world as the dutiful servant of Princess Gisele. Until a year ago, when her otherworldly mothers demanded payment for their care, and Vanja decided to steal her future back... by stealing Gisele's life. With the help of an enchanted string of pearls, Vanja transformed into her former mistress and took her place, leaving the real Gisele a penniless nobody. Now, Vanja leads a lonely but lucrative double life as princess and jewel thief, charming the nobility while emptying their coffers to fund her great escape. Until, one heist away from freedom, Vanja crosses the wrong god and is cursed to turn into jewels, stone by stone. With a feral guardian half-god, Gisele's sinister fiancé, and an overeager junior detective on her tail, Vanja has just two weeks to pull off her biggest grift yet, or she risks losing more than her freedom – she could lose her life. In this delightfully irreverent retelling of 'The Goose Girl', Margaret Owen crafts an unputdownable tale about stolen lives, thorny truths, and the wicked girls at the heart of both.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

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Garlic and the Witch

graphic novel

Paulsen, Bree

Garlic loves spending time with Witch Agnes, Carrot, and her new friend, the Count, who has proven to be a delightful neighbour to the village of vegetable people rather than a scary vampire. But despite Agnes' best attempts to home-brew a vegetarian blood substitute for Count, the ingredient she needs most can only be found at the Magic Market, far from the valley. Before she knows it, with a broomstick in hand, Garlic is nervously preparing for a journey. But Garlic is experiencing another change too – finger by finger, she appears to be turning human. Witch Agnes assures her that this is normal for her garden magic, but Garlic isn't so sure that she's ready for such a big change. After all, changes are scary... and what if she doesn't want to be human, after all? A charmingly-illustrated, standalone companion to *Garlic and the Vampire* (PBK, \$16.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$16.99

No Gods for Drowning

Piper, Hailey

The old gods have fled, and the monsters they had kept at bay for centuries now threaten to drown the city of Valentine, hunting mankind as in ancient times. In the midst of the chaos, a serial killer has begun ritually sacrificing victims, their bodies strewn throughout the city. Lilac Antonis wants to stop the impending destruction of her city by summoning her mother, a blood god – even if she has to slit a few throats to do it. But evading her lover Arcadia and her friends means sneaking, lying, and even spilling the blood of people she loves. Alex and Cecil of Ace Investigations have been tasked with hunting down the killer, but as they close in – not knowing they're hunting their close friend Lilac – the detectives realise the gods may not have left willingly. As flooding drags this city of cars and neon screaming into the jaws of sea demons and Arcadia struggles to save the people as captain of the evacuation team, Lilac's ritual killings at last bear fruit, only to reveal her as a small piece in a larger plan. The gods' protection costs far more than anyone has ever known, and Alex and Cecil are running out of time to discover the true culprit behind the gods' disappearance before an ancient divine murder plot destroys them all. Part dark fantasy, part noir detective story, and unlike anything you've read before, from an author whose imagination knows no boundaries.

Supernatural thriller TP \$32.99

Expect Me Tomorrow

Priest, Christopher

A petty thief who called himself John Smith was arrested in 1877, for theft through fraudulent behaviour. He was convicted and sent to prison. In 1852, Adler and Adolf Beck's father died on a glacier, and their lives separated. One became a respected climate scientist; the other a globally renowned opera singer, or so he claimed. They remained in touch, to share details of the mysterious voices only they could hear. In 2050, Charles Ramsey also has a twin. Greg is a climate journalist. Charles used to be a police profiler, but his redundancy leads

to him being sent home with an experimental chip in his head. His brother urges him to explore a little-known aspect of their family history. All these people are connected, impossibly, inexorably. All their lives will intersect. And the climate of their world will keep on changing.

Science fiction HC \$49.99

The Collectors

His Dark Materials story

Pullman, Philip

A brand-new His Dark Materials story which delves into the past of Mrs Coulter...

'But the thing is,' said Horley, 'they didn't know each other at all. Never heard of each other. It wasn't about the makers. Only about the works.' On a dark winter's night in 1970, Horley and Grinstead huddle for warmth in the Senior Common Room of a college in Oxford. Conversation turns to the two impressive works of art that Horley has recently added to his collection. What the two men don't know is that these pieces are connected in mysterious and improbable ways; and they are about to be caught in the crossfire of a story which has travelled time and worlds.

YA fantasy HC \$16.99

Gutter Child

Richardson, Jael

Set in an imagined world in which the most vulnerable are forced to buy their freedom by working off their debt to society, *Gutter Child* uncovers a nation divided into the privileged Mainland and the policed Gutter. As part of a social experiment led by the Mainland government, Elimina Dubois is one of just one of hundreds babies taken from the Gutter and raised in the land of opportunity. But when her Mainland mother dies, Elimina finds herself alone, a teenager forced into an unfamiliar life of servitude, unsure of who she is and where she belongs. Sent to an academy with new rules and expectations, Elimina befriends children who are making their own way through the Gutter System in whatever way they know how. But when her life takes yet another unexpected turn, Elimina will discover that what she needs more than anything may not be the freedom she longed for, after all. *Gutter Child* reveals one young woman's journey through a fractured world of heartbreaking disadvantages and shocking injustices. As a modern heroine in an altered but all-too-recognisable reality, Elimina must find the strength within herself to forge her future in defiance of a system that tries to shape her destiny.

Fantasy TP \$41.95

A Fire Endless

Elements of Cadence 02

Ross, Rebecca

Both the human and faerie realms threatened by an immortal enemy, whose defeat can only come through fire, song, and heartrending sacrifice. *East and west. Humans and spirits.* The tenuous balance of the Isle of Cadence is under threat from Bane, the spirit of the north wind. In the west, Adaira struggles to find her place. And, though magic blooms there, the spirits suffer beneath Bane's harsh power, felt in every gust of wind. In the east, Jack Tamerlaine is adrift without Adaira, until he acquires a mission destined to lead him back

to her. But among the Tamerlaines sickness is spreading and Torin desperately strikes a bargain with the spirits – a folly at any time. With their very land at risk, all will need to join together to confront Bane. Yet, none can challenge the north wind without paying a terrible price, and the sacrifice required may be more than they can bear... The stunning sequel to *A River Enchanted* (PBK, \$22.99).
Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Poison Season

Rutherford, Mara

Leelo has spent her entire life on Endla, coexisting with the bloodthirsty Forest and respecting the poisonous lake that protects her island from outsiders who seek to destroy it. But as much as Leelo cares for her community, she struggles to accept that her younger brother will be exiled by his next birthday, unless he gains the magic of enchanted song so vital to Endla. When Leelo sees a young outsider on the verge of drowning in the lake, she knows exactly what she's supposed to do. But in a moment that will change everything, Leelo betrays her family, her best friend, and Endla by making an unthinkable choice. Discovery could lead to devastating consequences for both Leelo and the outsider, Jaren, but as they grow closer, Leelo realises that not all danger comes from beyond the lake – and they can only survive if Leelo is willing to question the very fabric of her society, her people, and herself.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

City of Nightmares

Schaeffer, Rebecca

Face your fear... or become your nightmare. Ever since her sister became a man-eating spider and slaughtered her way through town, 19-year-old Ness has been terrified – terrified of some other Nightmare murdering her, and terrified of ending up like her sister. Because in Newham, the city that never sleeps, dreaming means waking up as your worst fear. Whether that means becoming a Nightmare that's monstrous only in appearance, or transforming into a twisted, unrecognisable creature that terrorises the city, no one is safe. Ness will do anything to avoid becoming another victim, even if that means lying low among the Friends of the Restful Soul, a questionable organisation that may or may not be a cult. But being a member of this maybe-cult has a price. In order to prove herself, Ness cons her way into what's supposed to be a simple job for the organisation – only for it to blow up in her face. Literally. Tangled up in the aftermath of an explosive assassination, now Ness and the only other survivor – a Nightmare boy who Ness suspects is planning to eat her – must find their way back to Newham and uncover the sinister truth behind the attack, even as the horrors of her past loom ominously near.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

Where Black Stars Rise

novella

Shammas, Nadia & Enger, Marie

Dr Amal Robardin, a newly-licensed therapist who recently immigrated to Brooklyn from Beirut, is treating her first patient: Yasmin, who is schizophrenic. The two get off to a rocky start, and as Yasmin's night terrors

increase and the looming figure at the foot of her bed creeps closer every night, Amal begins to worry that she's out of her depth. Convinced that what she is experiencing is not a delusion, Yasmin becomes obsessed with Robert Chambers' *The King in Yellow*. Messages she finds in the book lead Yasmin to flee her home, seeking answers she can't find in therapy. Distracted over Yasmin's sudden disappearance, Amal attempts to retrace her patient's last steps – and accidentally slips through dimensions, ending up in Carcosa, the King in Yellow's realm. Trapped and determined to find her way out, Amal enlists the help of a mysterious guide, but is he a friend... or her tormentor? A 128pp, Tor.com novella.
Horror TP \$34.99

The Hopkins Manuscript

Penguin Modern Classics

Sherriff, R C

Edgar Hopkins is a retired maths teacher in his mid-50s with a strong sense of self-importance, whose greatest pride in life is winning poultry breeding contests. When not meticulously caring for his bantam, Edgar is an active member of the British Lunar Society. Thanks to that affiliation, Edgar becomes one of the first people to learn the moon is on a collision course, headed towards Earth. Members of the society are sworn to secrecy but eventually the moon looms so large in the sky that the government can no longer deny the truth. It's during these final days that Edgar befriends two young siblings and writes what he calls *The Hopkins Manuscript* – a testimony juxtaposing the ordinary and extraordinary as Edgar and the villagers dig trenches and play cricket before the end of days. For fans of the popular and award-winning Netflix movie *Don't Look Up*, a prescient, rediscovered speculative novel about how a small English village prepares for the end of the world. First published in 1939, as the world was teetering on the brink of global war, R C Sherriff's classic speculative novel is a timely and powerful warning from the past that captures the breadth of human nature in all its complexity.
Classic sf PBK \$22.99

The Face of the Waters

Silverberg, Robert

Deep in the future, natives of the planet Hydros, an ocean planet whose inhabitants live on artificial floating islands, force the entire human population of the island of Sorve into exile, leaving the outcasts to ponder their fate, their past, and the true purpose of humanity. After a human offense against the natives of Hydros, the human population of the island of Sorve are ordered to leave. Forbidden on all other islands, in a flotilla of ships they seek the semi-mythical island of the Face of the Waters. During their journey they are forced to learn more about themselves, leading to questions about both religion and the purpose of Man. At the end of the novel Robert Silverberg addresses what it means to be human, and explores what unites and divides humanity. 'This is hard sf done right.' – *Publishers Weekly* (starred review). This new edition, published with the author's full support, brings Silverberg's brilliant novel back into the must-read, sf canon, after decades of being out of print.
Science fiction TP \$27.99

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Family Business

Sims, Jonathan

When Diya Burman's best friend Angie dies, it feels like her own life is falling apart. Wanting a fresh start, she joins Slough & Sons – a family firm that cleans up after the recently deceased. Old love letters. Porcelain dolls. Broken trinkets. Clearing away the remnants of other people's lives, Diya begins to see things. Horrible things. Things that get harder and harder to write off as merely her grieving imagination. All is not as it seems with the Slough family. Why won't they speak about their own recent loss? And who is the strange man that keeps turning up at their jobs? If Diya's not careful, she might just end up getting buried under the family tree...

Horror TP \$32.99

Christmas Wolf Surprise

Red Wolf 03

Spear, Terry

Red wolf shifter Maverick Wilding is preoccupied with managing the Christmas activities that make the reindeer at his ranch so popular during the holidays, until a run-in with werewolf hunters causes the worst sort of trouble for his kind. Gina Hutton is out on a Bigfoot adventure in the forest with her brother James when she is suddenly immersed in an adventure far more dangerous and surprising than she ever could have imagined. When she falls head over heels, she is torn between the new world of wolves she is discovering and the world she must leave behind.

Paranormal romance PBK \$19.99

Queen of Myth and Monsters

Adrian X Isolde 02

St Clair, Scarlet

Isolde, newly-crowned queen, has finally found a king worthy of her, in the vampire Adrian. But their love for each other has cost Isolde her father and her homeland. With two opposing goddesses playing mortals and vampires against one another, Isolde is uncertain who her allies are in the vampire stronghold of Revekka. Now, as politics in the Red Palace grow more underhanded, inexplicable monster attacks plague the villages, and a deadly crimson mist threatens all of Cordova, Isolde must trust in the bond she's formed with Adrian, even as she learns troubling information about his complicated past. The sequel to *King of Battle and Blood* (PBK, \$24.99).

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.99

The Death of Jane Lawrence

Starling, Caitlin

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

and fears Jane is an apparition, come to haunt him. By morning, Augustine is himself again, but Jane knows something is deeply wrong at Lindridge Hall, and with the man she has so hastily bound her safety to. Set in a dark-mirror version of post-war England, Caitlin Starling crafts a new kind of gothic horror from the bones of the beloved canon.

Gothic fantasy PBK \$19.99

Quantum of Nightmares

New Management 02

Stross, Charles

It's a brave new Britain under the New Management. The Prime Minister is an eldritch god of unimaginable power. Crime is plummeting, as almost every offense is punishable by death. And everywhere you look, there are people with strange powers, some of which they can control, and some, not so much. Hyper-organised and formidable, Eve Starkey defeated her boss, the louche magical adept and billionaire Rupert de Montfort Bigge, in a supernatural duel to the death. Now, she's in charge of the Bigge Corporation, just in time to discover the lethal trap Rupert set for her long ago... Wendy Deere is investigating unauthorised supernatural shenanigans. She swore to herself she wouldn't again get entangled with Eve Starkey's bohemian brother Imp and his crew of transhuman misfits. Yeah, right. Mary Macandless has powers of her own. Right now, she's pretending to be a nanny in order to kidnap the children of a pair of famous, Government-authorised adepts. These children have powers of their own, and Mary Macandless is in way over her head. All of these stories will come together, with world-bending results... The first in this Laundry Files-spinoff series is *Dead Lies Dreaming* (PBK, \$22.99).

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

Saving Time

Time Police 03

Taylor, Jodi

Life is good for Team Weird, now heroes and fully fledged Time Police officers. Luke can't wait to bear arms. Jane has a date. And Matthew still hasn't had his hair cut. But Time waits for no one and neither do criminal masterminds. A major threat to the Timeline is looming, one far deadlier than mere idiots who want to change history. And when a familiar face becomes a Very Important Lead, will conflicting family loyalties spell trouble for Team Weird? One missing. One guilt ridden. And one facing the end of their Time Police career, before it's even begun. Not so good then, after all.

Time travel PBK \$22.99

About Time

Time Police 04

Taylor, Jodi

After their heroic efforts to safeguard the Acropolis and prevent the Paris Time-Stop, the Time Police have gone from zero to hero in but a single bound. Then one fateful mission to apprehend a minor criminal selling dodgy historical artefacts blows up in all their faces. An officer is attacked within TPHQ. A prisoner is murdered. And investigations are about to lead to the one place where no officer can legally tread. Worst of all, trouble is brewing for Team

Weird as a surprise revelation tears the team apart. For Commander Hay, battling to keep the Time Police afloat in a sea of storms, this will turn out to be a very long day.

Time travel TP \$32.99

Lute

Thorne, Jennifer

On the idyllic island of Lute, every seventh summer, seven people die. No more, no less. Lute and its inhabitants are blessed, year after year, with good weather, good health, and good fortune. They live a happy, superior life, untouched by the war that rages all around them. So, it's only fair that every seven years, on the day of the tithe, the island's gift is honoured. Nina Treadway is new to The Day. A Florida girl by birth, she became a Lady through her marriage to Lord Treadway, whose family has long protected the island. Nina's heard about The Day, of course. Heard about the horrific tragedies, the lives lost, but she doesn't believe in it. It's all superstitious nonsense. Stories told to keep newcomers at bay and youngsters in line. Then The Day begins. And it's a day of nightmares, of grief, of reckoning. But it is also a day of community. Of survival and strength. Of love, at its most pure and untamed. When The Day ends, Nina – and Lute – will never be the same.

Horror HC \$44.99

The Reason for the Darkness of the Night:

Edgar Allan Poe and the Forging of American Science

Tresch, John

We all think we know Poe – the most popular American writer around the world, dissolute puzzle maker, pioneer of detective fiction, and author of haunting, atmospheric verse. But what if there was another side to the man who wrote 'The Raven' and 'The Fall of the House of Usher'? What if Poe were as well known for his speculations about the birth of the universe or his 'Sonnet – to Science'? In *The Reason for the Darkness of the Night: Edgar Allan Poe and the Forging of American Science*, John Tresch offers a bold new life of one of the 19th century's most iconic writers. By shining a spotlight on a time when the line between speculative endeavours and scientific inquiry was blurred, Tresch reveals Poe to have been much more than a practitioner of science fiction – in fact, he was an avid commentator on scientific developments, publishing and circulating in literary *milieux* that also played host to lectures and demonstrations by the era's most prominent scientists, semi-scientists, and pseudo-intellectual rogues. As one newspaper put it, 'Mr Poe is not merely a man of science – not merely a poet – not merely a man of letters. He is all combined; and perhaps he is something more'. Beginning with his study of mathematics and engineering at West Point, and taking us through the tumultuous years leading up to publication of 'The Raven', Tresch shows that Poe nurtured a fascination with science from his earliest days as a writer. In works such as 'A Descent into the Maelstrom' and 'Mesmeric Revelation', Poe explored subjects ranging from the physics of vortices to occult psychology, later turning his attention to the origins of the universe in a dazzling lecture that would win

the admiration of Albert Einstein and other 20th century physicists. Throughout, he lived and suffered for his ideas, and remained a figure of brilliant contradiction: he gleefully exposed the hoaxes of the era's pseudo-scientific fraudsters even as he perpetrated hoaxes, himself. *The Reason for the Darkness of the Night* is the richest portrait yet, of a writer whose life is synonymous with mystery and an entertaining, erudite tour of the world of American science just as it was beginning to come into its own.

Poe TP \$34.99

The Wolf is Mine

SWAT 13

Tyler, Paige

The stakes are higher than ever for the Special Wolf Alpha Team... Werewolf Connor Malone is looking for a missing and endangered teammate. Things get much worse when he and his SWAT team realise they're up against a powerful creature they might not be able to defeat... Then Connor encounters Kat Davenport, a powerful witch who needs the SWAT team's help to defeat the wicked warlock who cursed her. And when she and Connor are thrown together again, there will be no denying the connection they already share, and the white-hot chemistry that sizzles between them.

Paranormal romance PBK \$24.95

It Came from the Closet:

Queer Reflections on Horror

Vallese, Joe (editor)

Horror movies hold a complicated space in the hearts of the queer community: historically misogynist, and often homophobic, the genre has also been inadvertently feminist and open to subversive readings. Common tropes – such as the circumspect and resilient 'final girl', body possession, costumed villains, secret identities, and things that lurk in the closet – spark moments of eerie familiarity and affective connection. Still, viewers often remain tasked with reading themselves into beloved films, seeking out characters and set pieces that speak to, mirror, and parallel the unique ways queerness encounters the world. *It Came from the Closet* features 25 essays by writers speaking to this relationship, through connections both empowering and oppressive. From Carmen Maria Machado on *Jennifer's Body*, Jude Ellison S Doyle on *In My Skin*, Addie Tsai on *Dead Ringers*, and many more, these conversations convey the rich reciprocity between queerness and horror.

Horror reference TP \$44.99

A Call to Insurrection

Manticore Ascendant 04

Weber, David & Zahn, Timothy & Pope, Thomas

Yesterday, the Star Kingdom of Manticore was a small, unimportant interstellar backwater with no navy, but today, Manticore has become a target. The Star Kingdom isn't certain who is attacking it or why, but Queen Elizabeth I knows she has to find out. She knows that whatever some of her subjects think, Manticore needs a navy. And it needs allies – friends like the dynamic Republic of Haven and the Andermani Empire. It needs their trade... and to learn from their more experienced and powerful navies.

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Officer Travis Long and his wife, Lisa, must acquire that experience. And Travis' brother, the inexperienced diplomat Gavin, Earl Winterfall, must build those alliances. They've been sent to the Andermani Empire to do just that, for their navy is one of the most potent and experienced fleets in the galaxy. But the Andermani have problems of their own: their Emperor's death has triggered insurrection, and their navy is locked in civil war. The Manticoran visitors are in the path of the storm, and before they can accomplish anything else, Travis, Lisa, and Gavin first have to survive. The first in this series is *A Call to Duty* (PBK, \$24.95).
Space opera PBK \$26.95

The Wicked in Me

Devil's Cradle 01

Wright, Suzanne

Meet Wynter and Cain... No one really knows what they are. Only that they're the first civilisation. Aeons, they call themselves. They're immortal. Powerful. Secretive.

And they'll come for her. Witch Wynter Dellavale knows that, for certain. Because, in unfairly trying to execute her, they started a chain of events they're struggling to stop. Needing safety, she flees to Devil's Cradle, the home of monsters. A place for the outcasts, the fugitives, the crazies. A place ruled by the Ancients, seven beings who were once banished by the Aeons. Among the Ancients is the infamous Cain, brother of Abel and embodiment of jealousy – who, on another note, wants her in his bed. There's a heavy price for the safety the Ancients offer, but Wynter will have to pay it. She can't take on the Aeons alone. And she has no intention of dying – been there, done that. Not that she'll be the easy prey the Aeons are expecting. They have no knowledge of the... thing that lives inside her. You see, when witches are brought back from the afterlife, they don't always come back the same. And they don't always come back alone. The first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Genesis of Misery

Nullvoid Chronicles 01

Yang, Neon

It's an old, familiar story: a young person hears the voice of an angel saying they have been chosen as a warrior to lead their people to victory in a holy war. But Misery Nomaki (she/they) knows they are a fraud. Raised on a remote moon colony, they don't believe in any kind of god. Their angel is a delusion, brought on by hereditary space exposure. Yet, their survival banks on mastering the holy mech they are supposedly destined for, and convincing the Emperor of the Faithful that they are the real deal. The deeper they get into their charade, however, the more they start to doubt their convictions. What if this, all of it, is real? A reimagining of Joan of Arc's story given a space-opera, giant-robot twist, the Nullvoid Chronicles is a story about the nature of truth, the power of belief, and the interplay of both in the stories we tell ourselves – from the author of the *Tensorate Series* (TP, \$39.99).
Space opera HC \$44.99

The Butcher

Young, Laura Kat

When Lady Mae turns 18, she'll inherit her mother's job as the Butcher: dismembering Settlement Five's guilty residents as payment for their petty crimes. An index finger taken for spreading salacious gossip, a foot for blasphemy, no one is exempt from punishment. But one day Winona refuses to butcher a six-year-old boy. So, their leaders – known as the Deputies – come to Lady Mae's house, and, right there in the living room, murder her mother for refusing her duties. Within 24 hours, now alone in the world, Lady Mae begins her new job. But a chance meeting years later puts her face to face with the Deputy that murdered her mother. Now, Lady Mae must choose: will she flee, and start another life in the desolate mountains, forever running? Or will she seek vengeance for her mother's death, even if it kills her?

Dystopia PBK \$22.99