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Ron and Leanne

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

The Stardust Thief

Sandsea trilogy 01

Abdullah, Chelsea

Neither here nor there, but long ago...

Loulie al-Nazari is the Midnight Merchant: a criminal who, with the help of her jinn bodyguard, hunts and sells illegal magic.

When she saves the life of a cowardly prince, she draws the attention of his powerful father, the sultan, who blackmails her into finding an ancient lamp. In a world where story is reality and illusion is truth, Loulie will discover that everything – her enemy, her magic, even her own past – is not what it seems, and she must decide who she will become in this new reality. A gripping tale of a legendary smuggler, a cowardly prince and a dangerous quest across the desert to find a magical lamp, inspired by stories from *One Thousand and One Nights*. The first in a trilogy.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy 2022

Adams, John Joseph

& Roanhorse, Rebecca (editors)

Today's readers of science fiction and fantasy have an appetite for stories that address a wide variety of voices, perspectives, and styles.* There is an openness to experiment and pushing boundaries, combined with the classic desire to read about spaceships and dragons, future technology and ancient magic, and the places where they intersect. Contemporary science fiction and fantasy looks to accomplish the same goal as ever – to illuminate what it means to be human.

With a diverse selection of stories chosen by series editor John Joseph Adams and guest editor Rebecca Roanhorse, *The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy 2022* explores the ever-expanding and changing world of contemporary science fiction and fantasy. Includes stories by Kelly Link, Karen Russell, and Rich Larson.

* *Allegedly*.

SF&F TP \$32.99

The Heretic Royal

Scarred Earth Saga 03

Aiken, G A

Ainsley Farmerson has always planned to break free of the family business – and the family drama. But what was once farming, smith working, and bickering over the dinner table has turned into open warfare between sisters. Sides have been taken, lives are on the line, and Ainsley has no doubt which sister must be queen. She'll do whatever is necessary to take down the soulless Beatrix. Even if that means joining forces with angry battle nuns, irritating monks, and overbearing centaurs. Beatrix must never be queen. So, whatever she has to do, whoever she has to destroy. Fast. Hard. And with absolutely no mercy...

Historical fantasy TP \$29.99

The Sword's Elegy

Sorcerer's Song 03

Anderson, Brian D

The doom of humankind has, at last, been realised. Belkar's prison is broken and his army is on the move. And while peril often brings out the best in us, it can also bring out the worst. In the end, it is not great power, terrible armies, or mighty warriors that will influence the course of fate, but two lovers and the unbreakable bond they share. All questions are answered. All mysteries revealed. And even Belkar will learn that fate, once tempted, cannot be denied.

Fantasy TP \$36.99

Apoca Lips

Xanth 47

Anthony, Piers

What's a single prince to do, when confronted with the baton of protagonism? Why, become the hero of his own story of course! And, in Xanth, that usually means embarking on a quest. For Prince Nolan Naga, there's only one thing missing from his life: a wife.

Nolan learns that the ideal bride for him does exist. She is Apoca of the Lips Tribe. From the Queendom of Thanx – a matriarchy that is the opposite of Xanth – she is a formidable woman, one whose very kiss can seduce a man into love slavery. But before a happily ever after, they'll have to team up to put an end to a curse that's causing every baby in Xanth to be born with the same magical talent, all while navigating through a realm plagued by endless puns. It could be the end of the world as we know it...

Comic fantasy HC/TP \$69.95/\$37.95

A Rip Through Time

Rip Through Time 01

Armstrong, Kelley

May 20, 2019: Homicide detective Mallory Atkinson is in Edinburgh to be with her dying grandmother. While out on a jog, one evening, Mallory hears a woman in distress. She's drawn to an alley, where she is attacked and loses consciousness.

May 20, 1869: Housemaid Catriona Mitchell had been enjoying a half day off, only to be discovered that night strangled and left for dead... exactly 150 years before Mallory is strangled in the same spot. When Mallory wakes up in Catriona's body in 1869, she must put aside her shock and adjust quickly to her new reality: life as a housemaid to an undertaker in Victorian Scotland. She soon discovers that her boss, Dr Gray, also moonlights as a medical examiner and has just taken on an intriguing case, the strangulation of a young man, similar to the attack on herself. Her only hope is that catching the murderer can lead her back to her modern life... before it's too late. The first in a new series.

Time travel mystery TP \$39.95

Mickey7

Mickey7 01

Ashton, Edward

Dying isn't any fun... but, at least, it's a living. Mickey7 is an Expendable: a disposable employee on a human expedition sent to colonise the ice world, Nifheim.

Whenever there's a mission that's too dangerous – even suicidal – the crew turns to Mickey. After one iteration dies, a new body is regenerated with most of his memories intact. On a routine scouting mission, Mickey7 goes missing and is presumed dead. By the time he returns to the colony base, his fate has been sealed. There's a new clone, Mickey8, reporting for Expendable duties. The idea of duplicate Expendables is universally loathed; and, if caught, they face being recycled into protein to feed a hungry colony. Meanwhile, life on Nifheim is getting worse, and the native species are growing curious about their new neighbours, which has Commander Marshall very afraid. Ultimately, the survival of both lifeforms will come down to Mickey7. That is, if he can just keep from dying for good. 'A brisk, spirited sci-fi romp... hugely enjoyable.' – *Max Barry*, author of *Providence*.

Science fiction TP \$39.95

The Pharmacist

Atalla, Rachelle

They're no longer allowed outside. All life is contained within four walls. But is the bunker a place of safety, or a ticking bomb? In the end, very few people made it to the bunker. Now, they wait there for the outside world to heal. Wolfe is one of the lucky ones. She's safe and employed as the bunker's pharmacist, doling out medicine under the watchful eye of their increasingly erratic and paranoid leader. But is it the place of greatest danger? When the leader starts to ask things of Wolfe, favours she can hardly say no to, it seems her luck is running out. Forming an unlikely alliance with the young Doctor Stirling, her troubled assistant Levitt, and Canavan – a tattooed giant of a man whose purpose in the bunker is a mystery – Wolfe must navigate the powder keg of life underground where one misstep will light the fuse. The walls that keep her safe also have her trapped. How much more is Wolfe willing to give, to stay alive?

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

Classic Ghost Stories:

Spooky Tales from Charles Dickens, H G Wells, M R James, and many more authors, various

A Vintage Classics selection of haunting tales by some of the masters of 19th-century literature. Do you believe in ghosts? Ghosts, spirits, spectres or spooks, we have always felt the presence of someone – or something – hovering in the darkest corners of our imaginations. The great writers of the 19th

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and early 20th century, from Elizabeth Gaskell to Rudyard Kipling, also produced some of the most influential ghost stories ever written, defining the genre for generations of writers to follow. Gathered in this thrilling collection are some of the most iconic Victorian ghost stories, from Charles Dickens' 'The Signalman' to M R James' 'A Warning to the Curious', alongside more unexpected contributions from masters of the form such as J S Le Fanu and H G Wells. You may think you don't believe in ghosts, but these stories will haunt you, nonetheless.

Ghost stories PBK \$22.99

Absynthe Bellecourt, Brendan P

Some it kills. Others it transforms. See beyond the illusion. The Great War has been over for years and a brave new world forged, one in which technology has delivered the future promised at the turn of the century. Liam grew up poor, but now, working for one of the richest families in Chicago, he reaps the benefits of his friendship with the family's son and heir. That's why he's at Club Artemis. It's a palace of art-deco delights and debauchery, filled to bursting with the rich and beautiful and tonight they're all drinking one thing. Absynthe. The green liquor rumoured to cause hallucinations, madness, even death. While the gilded youth sip the viridescent liquid, their brave new world is crumbling beneath its perfect surface. Their absynthe is no mere folly. Some it kills, others it transforms. But, in Liam, something different has taken place – he can see the world without its illusion. And it isn't the perfect world, the government want the people to believe... Decopunk PBK \$22.99

The Witches of Vardø Bergman, Anya

They will have justice. They will show their power. They will not burn. *Norway, 1662.* A dangerous time to be a woman, when even dancing can lead to accusations of witchcraft. When Zigri, desperate and grieving after the loss of her husband and son, embarks on an affair with the local merchant, it's not long before she is sent to the fortress at Vardø, to be tried and condemned as a witch. Zigri's daughter Ingeborg sets off into the wilderness to try to bring her mother back home. Accompanying her on this quest is Maren – herself, the daughter of a witch – whose wild nature and unconquerable spirit gives Ingeborg the courage to venture into the unknown, and to risk all she has to save her family. Also captive in the fortress is Anna Rhodius, once the King of Denmark's mistress, who has been sent to Vardø in disgrace. What will she do – and who will she betray – to return to her privileged life at court? These Witches of Vardø are stronger than even the King of Denmark. In an age weighted against them they refuse to be victims. They will have their justice. All they need do is show their power. 'In *The Witches of Vardø*, Anya Bergman summons a historic witch trial with breathtaking detail and immediacy. Utterly compelling, I could not put it down.' – *Hannah Kent.*

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

Crowbones

World of the Others 03
Bishop, Anne
Crowbones will gitcha, if you don't watch out! Deep in the territory controlled by the Others – shape-shifters, vampires, and even deadlier paranormal beings – Vicki DeVine has made a new life for herself running The Jumble, a rustic resort. When she decides to host a gathering of friends and guests for Trickster Night, at first everything is going well between the humans and the Others. But then someone arrives dressed as Crowbones, the Crowgard bogeyman. When the impostor is killed along with a shape-shifting Crow, and the deaths are clearly connected, everyone fears that the real Crowbones may have come to The Jumble – and that could mean serious trouble... Urban fantasy PBK \$24.95

High Noon on Proxima B anthology

Boop, David (editor)
Adventure! Danger! Revenge! And a mail-order robot gunslinger in a wedding dress? Only in the wildest parts of space could this happen. It's time, again, to get in your ramshackle rocket ship and journey to the universe's western territories with this follow-up to *Gunfight on Europa Station* (PBK, \$24.95). Meet the employees of a space bordello as they're drawn together to pull a con on a con. Or the crew filming a Western on a colony ship only to fight gravity and each other. Or a soldier on a backwater planet hiding from her past when it – and the military – finally tracks her down. Each voyage invokes the type of Western yarns you've loved before, but with a science fiction upgrade you'll get to enjoy anew. Taking you on this ride are another set of astounding space opera authors such as Walter Jon Williams, Susan R Matthews, Dayton Ward and Kevin Dilmore, Brenda Cooper, Milton Davis, Hank Swchaebler, Peter J Wacks, and more! Ten tales of the West... not as it was, but as it *might be!* Western-influenced TP \$39.95

Wormhole

Brown, Eric & Brooke, Keith
2110. Earth is suffering major resource shortages, and the impact of climate change is peaking, with much of the planet's equatorial regions turned to lifeless desert and populations displaced. Colonies have been established on Mars and the Moon, but these cannot hope to sustain any more than a scant population of hundreds of citizens. Attention has turned to the need to discover an extra-solar colony world. European scientists, using discoveries made at CERN, have identified the means of creating a wormhole in the space-time continuum, which would allow interstellar travel. However, to do so they must first physically transport one end of the wormhole to where they want it to be, so setting up a wormhole will always rely on physical travel, first of all. A ship is sent to Mu Arae, an earth-like planet discovered 10 years before. It is a journey that will take 80 years, the crew, who will eventually set up the wormhole on the planet, kept in suspended animation. But only a few years into the trip, catastrophe strikes, and the ship blows up en route, killing all aboard. *2190*, 80 years after the starship set out.

Gordon Kemp is a detective working in the cold case department in London. Usually, he works on cases closed... 10, 25 years earlier. Now, however, he has been assigned a murder investigation closed, unsolved, over 80 years ago. What he unearths will change history and threatens everything we know about what the powers that be have planned for Earth. The tragedy that befell the ship, 80 years before, is not what it seems; and the past and the present are radically different to what everyone on Earth believes. We made the journey. Why has it been kept a secret? SF mystery TP \$29.99

Spectral Sounds:

Unquiet Tales of Acoustic Weird Tales of the Weird
Burz-Labrande, Manon (editor)
From the ringing of a disconnected bell to footsteps in the halls of an abandoned house and the whisper of an unexplained voice in the ear, uncanny sounds are often the heralds of danger and terror in Gothic and supernatural fiction. Yet, when examining the range of stories which best manipulate our aural sense it is clear that there is more room to explore how significant sound is to our experience of fear. This new collection presents tales in which ghosts interact with the corporeal world through noise, bodiless voices wander through the ether, and the objects whose sounds we trust, like the telephone, betray us. Featuring obscure pieces, alongside some of the pioneers of the weird including B M Croker, Algernon Blackwood, H D Everett and Sheridan Le Fanu. Horror TP \$37.95

Fledgling

Butler, Octavia E
Reissue. A young girl wakes up in the woods, gravely injured and alone, with no memory of what happened or who she is. As Shori heals, she realises that she isn't like the people around her, which leads to a shocking discovery. She is a 53-year-old vampire, and in terrible danger. To save herself, Shori must learn anew everything about the power and desires that she holds, the life that was stolen from her – and those who want her dead. Octavia E Butler's extraordinary final novel. Dystopia (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Momenticon Galdecott, Andrew

The world has become a dangerous place: the atmosphere has turned toxic, destroying almost all life, and most of humanity too. Survivors live in domes protected by chitin shields, serving one or other of the last two great companies. A long period of uneasy collaboration between Tempestas and Genrich is about to end, and they have very different visions for mankind's future. Far from these centres of power stands the Museum Dome, home to mankind's finest paintings and artefacts and their curator, a young man, Fogg, who has laboured for three years, without a single visitor. Then a single mysterious pill – a *momenticon* – appears in the Museum and triggers a series of bewildering events, embroiling Fogg and his unexpected new companions in a desperate fight against the dark forces which threaten to overwhelm all that remains. And time is running out. 'Compelling and

enrapturing... captures the reader from the first page to the last. A five-star read' – *Grimdark Magazine.* Science fiction PBK \$24.99

Vampire Weekend Ghen, Mike

Being a vampire is far from glamorous... but it can be pretty punk rock. Everything you've heard about vampires is a lie. They can't fly. No murders allowed (the community hates that). And turning into a bat? Completely ridiculous. In fact, vampire life is really just a lot of blood bags and night jobs. For Louise Chao, it's also lonely, since she swore off family ages ago. At least, she's gone to decades of punk rock shows. And if she can join a band of her own (while keeping her... situation under wraps), maybe, she'll finally feel like she belongs, too. Then a long-lost teenage relative shows up at her door. Whether it's Ian's love of music or his bad attitude, for the first time in ages, Louise feels a connection. But as Ian uncovers Louise's true identity, things get dangerous – especially when he asks her for the ultimate favour. One that goes beyond just family... one that might just change everything vampires know, about life and death, forever. Urban fantasy TP \$39.95

Gwendy's Button Box

Gwendy's Button Box 01
Chizmar, Richard & King, Stephen
The small town of Castle Rock, Maine, has witnessed some strange events and unusual visitors over the years, but there is one story that has never been told... until now. There are three ways up to Castle View, from the town of Castle Rock: Route 117, Pleasant Road, and the Suicide Stairs. Every day in the summer of 1974, 12-year-old Gwendy Peterson takes the stairs, which are held by strong (if time-rusted) iron bolts and zigzag up the cliff-side. One day, while Gwendy catches her breath and listens to the shouts of the kids on the playground and the chink of an aluminium bat hitting a baseball, a stranger calls out to her. On a bench in the shade sits a man in a small, neat black hat. He offers Gwendy a mahogany box with coloured buttons. The buttons will produce gifts, such as chocolate which can make you slimmer. But he warns her that the gifts will be 'small recompense for the responsibility'. Horror (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Gwendy's Magic Feather

Gwendy's Button Box 02
Chizmar, Richard
Something evil has swept into the small Maine town of Castle Rock on the heels of the latest winter storm. Sheriff Norris Ridgewick and his team are desperately searching for two missing girls, but time is running out to bring them home alive. In Washington DC, 37-year-old Gwendy Peterson couldn't be more different from the self-conscious, teenaged girl who once spent a summer running up Castle Rock's Suicide Stairs. That same summer, she was entrusted – or some might say cursed – with the extraordinary button box by a mysterious stranger in a black suit. The seductive and powerful box offered Gwendy small gifts in exchange for its care, until the stranger

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eventually returned, promising Gwendy she'd never see the box again. Gwendy has never told a soul about the button box – not even her husband. But one day the button box shows up without warning and without the man in the black suit to explain what she is supposed to do with it. The curious reappearance of the box, along with the troubling disappearances in Castle Rock, leads Gwendy home again... where she just might be able to help rescue the missing girls and stop a dangerous man before he does something too terrible to contemplate...

Horror (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Gwendy's Final Task

Gwendy's Button Box 03

Chizmar, Richard & King, Stephen

When Gwendy Peterson was 12, a stranger named Richard Farris gave her a mysterious box for safekeeping. It offered treats and vintage coins, but it was dangerous. Pushing any of its seven coloured buttons promised death and destruction. Years later, the button box re-entered Gwendy's life. A successful novelist and a rising political star, she was once more forced to deal with the temptations that the box represented – an amazing sense of wellbeing, balanced by a terrifyingly dark urge towards disaster. With the passing of time, the box has grown ever stronger, and evil forces are striving to possess it. Once again, it is up to Gwendy Peterson – now, a United States Senator, battling the early symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease – to keep it from them. At all costs. But where can you hide something from such powerful entities? King and Chizmar join forces, again, with a powerful standalone novel that is also the final chapter in the Gwendy trilogy.

Horror PBK \$22.99

The Last Tale of the Flower Bride

Chokshi, Roshani

Once upon a time, a man who believed in fairy tales married a beautiful, mysterious woman named Indigo Maxwell-Casteneda. He was a scholar of myths. She was heiress to a fortune. They exchanged gifts and stories and believed they would live happily ever after – and in exchange for her love, Indigo extracted a promise: that her bridegroom would never pry into her past. But when Indigo learns that her estranged aunt is dying and the couple is forced to return to her childhood home, the House of Dreams, the bridegroom soon finds himself unable to resist. For within the crumbling manor's extravagant rooms and musty halls, there lurks the shadow of another girl: Azure, Indigo's dearest childhood friend, who disappeared without a trace. As the house slowly reveals his wife's secrets, the bridegroom will be forced to choose between reality and fantasy, even if doing so threatens to destroy their marriage... or their lives.

Gothic fantasy TP \$32.99

The Hollows

Church, Daniel

In a lonely village in the Peak District, during the onset of a once-in-a-lifetime snow storm, Constable Ellie Cheetham finds a body. The man, a local ne'er-do-well, appears

to have died in a tragic accident: he drank too much and froze to death. But the facts don't add up: the dead man is clutching a knife in one hand, and there's evidence he was hiding from someone. Someone who watched him die. Stranger still, an odd mark has been drawn onto a stone beside his body. The next victims are two families on the outskirts of town. As the storm rises and the body count grows, Ellie realises she has a terrifying problem on her hands: someone – or something – is killing indiscriminately, attacking in the darkness and using the storm for cover. The killer is circling ever closer to the village. The storm's getting worse... and the power's just gone out.

Horror TP \$29.99

The Book of Mars

an anthology of fact and fiction

Clark, Stuart (editor)

From Myth to Musk, astrology to astronomy, Dr Stuart Clark selects the very best writing about the Red Planet. From its very first sighting, Mars has been a source of fascination for humanity. Named for the Roman god of war, this red planet has been explored more than any other beyond Earth and continues to occupy a distinctive place in our imagination. It's an environment that may even foster life. In *The Book of Mars*, Dr Stuart Clark selects 100 pieces of writing about the planet. It is a collection that brings together fact and fiction, dreams and fears, centuries of observation and more recent feats of interstellar exploration. From classic writers of science fiction – Stanley G Weinbaum, Arthur C Clarke, H G Wells, Ray Bradbury, Pamela Sargent, Roger Zelazny – to distinguished experts in astronomy, astrobiology, and aerospace engineering; from Hugo and Nebula Award-winning authors – Kim Stanley Robinson, Mary Robinette Kowal – to trail-blazing journalists and science communicators; from Andy Weir's *The Martian* to Elon Musk's SpaceX programme, *The Book of Mars* is an extraordinary overview both of the Red Planet and of the way scientific investigation diffuses into culture.

Mars HC \$49.99

The Twisted Dead

Gravekeeper 03

Coates, Darcy

Hunted and haunted, all she wants is to put her mysterious past behind her and move forward with her new friends as Blighty Graveyard's groundskeeper. But then she receives an invitation to dinner at the local recluse's crumbling ancestral estate. The mansion is steeped in history that is equal parts complicated and bloody – and, at its centre, is the man who once tried to kill her, now begging for her help. Dane Crispin believes his home is haunted – and that the quiet dead clawing through the ancient house are after him. Unnerved but intrigued, Keira opens her second sight and discovers he's right: resentful spectres cling to Dane... and if she can't find a way to stop them, threaten to consume everything in their path. There's something dark happening in the world beyond most peoples' vision, and if Keira isn't able to sever the ties between the living and the dead, the chained spirits may not be the only things twisted beyond saving.

Horror TP \$24.99

The Story of the Hundred Promises

Cochrane, Neil

Trans sailor Darragh Thorn has made a comfortable life for himself among people who love and accept him. Ten years after his exile from home, though, his sister asks him to reconcile with their ailing father. Determined to resolve his feelings rather than just survive them, Darragh sets off on a quest to find the one person, who can heal a half-dead man: the mysterious enchanter who once gave him the magic he needed to become his true self. But, so far as anyone knows, no one but Darragh has seen the enchanter for a century, and the fairy tales that survive about them give more cause for fear than hope. In lush and evocative prose, and populated with magical trees and a wise fox, *The Story of the Hundred Promises* is a big-hearted fantasy suffused with queer optimism. A loose retelling of 'Beauty and the Beast'.

Fairy tales retold TP \$32.99

Leviathan Falls

Expanse 09, final!

Corey, James S A

The final novel in James S A Corey's *New York Times* bestselling sf series. The Laconian Empire has fallen, setting the 1,300 solar systems free from the rule of Winston Duarte. But the ancient enemy that killed the gate builders is awake, and the war against our universe has begun again. In the dead system of Adro, Elvi Okoye leads a desperate scientific mission to understand what the gate builders were and what destroyed them, even if it means compromising herself and the half-alien children who bear the weight of her investigation. Through the wide-flung systems of humanity, Colonel Aliana Tanaka hunts for Duarte's missing daughter... and the shattered emperor himself.

And, on the *Rocinante*, James Holden and his crew struggle to build a future for humanity out of the shards and ruins of all that has come before. As nearly unimaginable forces prepare to annihilate all human life, Holden and a group of unlikely allies discover a last, desperate chance to unite all of humanity, with the promise of a vast galactic civilisation free from wars, factions, lies, and secrets if they win. But the price of victory may be worse than the cost of defeat.

Now in paperback.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

The Phantom Scientist

graphic novel

Cousin, Robin

An isolated institute laid out in a Fibonacci sequence, hidden deep in the forest. Twenty-four labs. Twenty-four researchers. Until one of them disappears... When physicist Stéphane Douasy arrives to occupy the vacant 24th lab at the Institute for the Study of Complex and Dynamic Systems, an ominous problem rises in his wake: what has happened to his missing neighbour in Building F? When Stéphane's neighbours, a discouraged linguist and a computer scientist bent on predicting the future, discover that the missing researcher may have solved the *P versus NP*

problem – a coup in computer science, with revolutionary implications for everything from mathematics to philosophy – before vanishing, things turn stranger still, and even more menacing. Solving the mystery of the Institute and its devolution into mayhem and violence every seventh year quickly shifts from being an intellectual exercise to a matter of life and death. A mind-bending graphic novel that teases devious thrills from the mysteries of systems theory.

SF mystery HC \$55.00

Venco

Dimaline, Cherie

Métis millennial Lucky St James is barely hanging on when she learns she'll be evicted from the tiny Toronto apartment she shares with her cantankerous but loving grandmother Stella. But then one night, something strange and irresistible calls out to Lucky. She burrows through a wall to find a tarnished silver spoon, humming with otherworldly energy, etched with a crooked-nosed witch and the word *Salem*. Lucky is familiar with the magic of her indigenous ancestors, but she has no idea that the spoon connects her to a teeming network of witches across North America who have anxiously awaited her discovery. Enter VenCo, a front company fuelled by vast resources of dark money (its name is an anagram of 'coven') VenCo's witches hide in plain sight wherever women gather: Tupperware parties, Mommy & Me classes, suburban book clubs. Since colonial times, they have awaited the moment the seven spoons will come together and ignite a new era, returning women to their rightful power. But as reckoning approaches, a very powerful adversary is stalking their every move. He's Jay Christos, a roguish and deadly witch-hunter as old as witchcraft, itself. To find the last spoon, Lucky and Stella embark on a rollicking and dangerous road trip to the darkly magical city of New Orleans, where the final showdown will determine whether VenCo will usher in a new beginning... or remain underground forever.

Urban fantasy HC \$64.95

Meru

Alloy Era 01

Divya, S B

For five centuries, human life has been restricted to Earth, while post-human descendants called alloys freely explore the galaxy. But when the Earthlike planet of Meru is discovered, two unlikely companions venture forth to test the habitability of this unoccupied new world and the future of human-alloy relations. For Jayanthi, the adopted human child of alloy parents, it's an opportunity to rectify the ancient reputation of her species as avaricious and destructive, and to give humanity a new place in the universe. For Vaha, Jayanthi's alloy pilot, it's a daunting yet irresistible adventure to find success as an individual. As the journey challenges their resolve in unexpected ways, the two form a bond that only deepens with their time alone on Meru. But how can Jayanthi succeed at freeing humanity from its past when she and Vaha have been set up to fail? Against all odds, hope is human, too. The first in a new series.

Space opera TP \$29.99

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Raven Unveiled

Fallen Empire 03

Draven, Grace

Siora has been on the run for longer than she cares to remember, from her past and her gift. Born with the ability to see and speak to ghosts, she has heard their desperate pleas as an otherworldly predator stalks the dead amid the fertile killing fields of the collapsing Krael Empire. The creature's power and reach are growing with every soul it consumes, but Siora is preoccupied with her own troubles: namely an assassin who has sworn an oath of vengeance against her. Gharek of Cabast was once the right-hand man of the reviled empress but is now a wanted fugitive. Although his reasons for hunting Siora are viscerally personal, what Gharek can't anticipate is that when he finally does find her, she will hold the key to saving his world, or what's left of it. To make good on old debts and protect the vulnerable dead from a malevolent force, Gharek and Siora will both need to make an ally out of an enemy – and trust that will be enough to save each other.

Fantasy romance TP \$32.99

Shield Maiden

Emmerichs, Sharon

Fryda has grown up hearing tales of her uncle, King Beowulf, and his spectacular defeat of the monstrous Grendel. Her one desire is to become a shield maiden in her own right, but a terrible accident during her childhood has thwarted this dream. Yet still, somehow, she feels an uncontrollable power begin to rise within herself. The last thing, Fryda wants, is to be forced into a political marriage, especially as her heart belongs to her lifelong friend, Theow. However, as foreign kings and chieftains descend upon her home to celebrate Beowulf's 50 years as the king of Geatland, the partnership begins to seem inevitable. That is, until, amidst the lavish gifts and drunken revelry, a discovery is made that threatens the safety of Fryda's entire clan and her own life. Incensed by this betrayal, Fryda resolves to fight for her people no matter the cost. As a queen should. As a shield maiden would. And as the perilous situation worsens, Fryda's powers seem only to grow stronger. But she is not the only one to feel the effects of her newfound battle-magic. For, buried deep in her gilded lair, a dragon is drawn to Fryda's untamed power, and is slowly awakening from a long, cursed sleep... *Shield Maiden* is a lush fantasy that is both epic and intimate. Refocusing the narrative on a fierce young woman reclaiming her power, it will upend everything you think you know about *Beowulf*.

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

Hex

Darkland Tales

Fagan, Jenni

It's the 4th of December 1591. On this, the last night of her life, in a prison cell several floors below Edinburgh's High Street, convicted witch Geillis Duncan receives a mysterious visitor – Iris, who says she comes from a future, where women are still persecuted for who they are and what they believe. As the hours pass and dawn approaches, Geillis recounts the circumstances of her arrest, brutal torture, confession and trial, while Iris

offers support, solace – and the tantalising prospect of escape. *Hex* is a visceral depiction of what happens when a society is consumed by fear and superstition, exploring how the terrible force of a king's violent crusade against ordinary women can still be felt, right up to the present day.

Witch hunts PBK \$19.99

Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries

Fawcett, Heather
Emily Wilde is good at many things: she is the foremost expert on the study of faeries; she is a genius scholar and a meticulous researcher who is writing the world's first encyclopaedia of faerie lore. But Emily Wilde is not good at people. So, when she arrives in the hardscrabble village of Hrafnsvik, Emily has no intention of befriending the gruff townsfolk. Nor does she care to spend time with another new arrival: her dashing and insufferably handsome academic rival Wendell Bumbleby. But as Emily gets closer to uncovering the secrets of the Hidden Ones – the most elusive of all faeries – she also finds herself on the trail of another mystery: who is Wendell Bumbleby, and what does he really want? To find the answer, she'll have to unlock the greatest mystery of all – her own heart. 'Forget dark academia: give me instead this kind of winter-sunshined, sharp-tongued and footnoted academia, full of field trips and grumpy romance' – *Freya Marske*, author of *A Marvellous Light*.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Recovery Road

Torpedo Ink 08

Feehan, Christine

Kir 'Master' Vasiliev doesn't care whether he lives or dies. He's a burnt-out shell with no one and nothing but his club. Whatever Torpedo Ink needs, Master will put himself in harm's way time after time. If he doesn't make it back, he's certain everyone will move on just fine. Investment banker Ambrielle Moore knows her own mind, and she's not willing to settle for anyone. So, when a second-rate gangster and his thugs try to coerce her into marriage – and giving up all of her family's money – she's having none of it. Until they turn to cold-blooded murder. Grieving and enraged, Ambrie is ready to go scorched earth on her captors when Master shows up anticipating a damsel in distress. But Ambrie is nothing like he expected, and everything he never knew he desired...

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

The Great Troll War

Last Dragonslayer Chronicles 04

Fforde, Jasper

Sixteen-year-old Jennifer Strange and her sidekick and fellow Orphan Tiger Prawns have been driven to the tip of the UnUnited Kingdoms – Cornwall – by the invasion of the Trolls. Their one defence is a six-foot-wide trench full of buttons, something which the Trolls find unaccountably terrifying (it's their clickiness). Worse than being eaten by Trolls, is the prospect of the Mighty Shandar requisitioning the Quarkbeast and using him to achieve supreme power and domination – an ambition that has been 400 years in the planning and which will ultimately leave the Earth a cold cinder, devoid of all life. Nothing has ever looked so

bleak; but Jennifer, assisted by a renegade vegan Troll, a bunch of misfit sorcerers, the Princess (or is she now the ruler?) of the UnUnited (or are they, now, United?) Kingdoms, and Tiger, must find a way to vanquish the most powerful wizard the world has ever seen, and along the way discover the truth about her parents, herself, and what is in the locked glovebox of her VW Beetle...

The long-awaited final instalment of the Last Dragonslayer Chronicles, demonstrating that with a small band of committed followers, a large tin of resolve and steely determination, almost anything can be achieved... This quartet begins with *The Last Dragonslayer* (PBK, \$17.99).
YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Growing Up Weightless

Ford, John M

A coming-of-age story against a backdrop of life on the Moon, a Philip K Dick award-winning novel. Matthias Ronay is a prodigy. He's talented, smart, imaginative, and he's never left the Moon. He dreams of more – of space, of adventure, of glory. Desperate to explore the galaxy further, he finds himself at odds with his father, Albin, a senior politician in the Lunar government. Albin has expectations for his son, for the legacy he has built on the Moon, and he expects Matthias to fall in line without question. While Matthias buries himself in computer games to simulate being anywhere but where he is, and Albin attempts to gain support for political plans that he wants to groom Matthias for, can they come to a solution that benefits them both? *Growing Up Weightless* is one of John M Ford's last novels, and another triumph of writing.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

The Silver Tracks

Reckless 04

Funke, Cornelia

Jacob and Fox may not have found Jacob's brother Will, but they have found something even more unexpected in the Mirrorworld: happiness. Just as they give up the search to enjoy their new life together, Will appears. But, now, Jacob isn't sure he can trust his own brother. Travelling with Jacob and Fox's deadly enemies, Will is on his way to Nihon, beautiful land of sea serpents and samurai, talking forests and magnificent foxes, in pursuit of another magical Mirror. The pair can only follow. If they are fortunate, what they find could save them. If they are not, they will find painful truths, terrible risks, and a greater danger than they could ever have imagined.

YA fantasy PBK \$17.99

Neuromancer

Gibson, William

Henry Dorsett Case is a low-level hustler, former hack and 'console cowboy' who crashed and burned. His nerves were damaged and thus cut off from the digital matrix, he slouches through life. Until he meets Molly, an augmented 'razorgirl', who offers him a deal on behalf of a shadowy man called Armitage. His nerves repaired and matrix access restored, in exchange for a single job. But it's not so simple – unless he completes the job, sacs of poison will explode inside him and cripple him again. And the job? That might be impossible.

The first novel to win the Hugo, Nebula, and Philip K Dick Awards, *Neuromancer* has become a seminal part of SF history, coining the term 'cyberspace', and lighting a fuse on the Cyberpunk movement. Part thriller, part warning, it is one of the 20th century's most potent visions of the future. A reissue with eye-catching new cover art.
SF Masterworks (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Dead Man Walking

Ishmael Jones 02

Green, Simon R

Ishmael Jones is called in to solve the mystery of a rogue secret agent who came in from the cold to spill all he knew, only to end up murdered in detention. Then, his body goes missing. Then other people start dying. Has the murdered agent risen from the dead to get his revenge? How can all this be happening in one of the most secure interrogation centres? As Ishmael and his partner Penny dig deeper into what's really going on, secrets are revealed and horrors are uncovered, but so many people are dying they have to wonder if anyone will be left to reveal the answer to. A reissue of the second in the Ishmael Jones series, following *The Dark Side of the Road* (TP, \$35.95).
Paranormal mystery (reissue) TP \$37.95

The Silence Project

Hailey, Carole

Monster. Martyr. Mother. On Emilia Morris' 13th birthday, her mother Rachel moves into a tent at the bottom of their garden. From that day on, she never says another word. Inspired by her vow of silence, other women join her and together they build the Community. Eight years later, Rachel and thousands of her followers around the world burn themselves to death. In the aftermath of what comes to be known as the Event, the Community's global influence quickly grows. As a result, the whole world has an opinion about Rachel – whether they see her as a callous monster or a heroic martyr – but Emilia has never voiced hers publicly. Until now. When she publishes her own account of her mother's life in a memoir called *The Silence Project*, Emilia also decides to reveal just how sinister the Community has become. In the process, she steps out of Rachel's shadow once and for all, so that her own voice may finally be heard.
Dystopia TP \$32.99

Weyward

Hart, Emilia

Kate, 2019: Kate flees London – abandoning everything – for Cumbria and Weyward Cottage, inherited from her great-aunt. There, a secret lurks in the bones of the house, hidden ever since the witch-hunts of the 17th century.
Violet, 1942: Violet is more interested in collecting insects and climbing trees than in becoming a proper young lady. Until a chain of shocking events changes her life forever.
Altha, 1619: Altha is on trial for witchcraft, accused of killing a local man. Known for her uncanny connection with nature and animals, she is a threat that must be eliminated. But Weyward women belong to the wild. And they cannot be tamed... Weaving together the stories of three women across five centuries, *Weyward* is an enthralling novel of female resilience and the transformative power of the natural world.
Witch hunts TP \$32.99

Pulp Fiction

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The Paradox Hotel

Hart, Rob

January Cole's job just got a whole lot harder. Not that running security at the Paradox was ever really easy. Nothing's simple at a hotel where the ultra-wealthy tourists arrive costumed for a dozen different time periods, all eagerly waiting to catch their 'flights' to the past. Or where proximity to the timeport makes the clocks run backward on occasion – and, rumour has it, allows ghosts to stroll the halls None of that compares to the corpse in room 526. The one that seems to be both there and not there. The one that somehow only January can see. On top of that, some very important new guests have just checked in. Because the US government is about to privatise time-travel technology – and the world's most powerful people are on hand to stake their claims. January is sure the timing isn't a coincidence. Neither are those 'accidents' that start stalking their bidders. There's a reason January can glimpse what others can't. A reason why she's the only one who can catch a killer who's operating invisibly and in plain sight, all at once. But her ability is also destroying her grip on reality – and as her past, present, and future collide, she finds herself confronting not just the hotel's dark secrets, but her own.

Time-travel thriller TP \$39.95

The Thorns Remain

Harwood, J J A

1919. In a Highland village forgotten by the world, the young people who remain – after war and flu – will soon head south to make something of themselves. Moira Jean and her friends venture to the forest for a last night of laughter before parting ways. Moira Jean is being left behind. She too planned to leave, once – but her lover died in France and, with him, her future. The friends light a fire and dance. But, with every twirl about the flames, strange new dancers thread between them, music streaming from the trees. The Fae have joined the dance. Suddenly, Moira Jean finds herself all alone, her friends spirited away. For the Fae feel left behind and forgotten too. Led by the darkly handsome Lord of the Fae, they are out to make themselves known, once more. Moira Jean must enter into a bargain with the Lord to save her friends – and fast, for the longer they spend with the Fae, the less like themselves they will be upon return. If Moira Jean cannot save her friends before Beltane, they will be lost forever... Bewitching, threaded with Highland charm, and sparkling with romance, this fairy tale will carry you away.

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

Anthem

Hawley, Noah

America spins into chaos as the last remnants of political consensus break apart. Against a background of environmental disaster and opioid addiction, debate descends into violence and militias roam the streets – while teenagers across the world seem driven to self-destruction, communicating by memes only they can understand. Yet, the markets still tick up and the super-rich, like Ty Oliver, fly above the flames in private jets. After the death of his daughter, Ty dispatches his son Simon to an Anxiety Abatement Centre. There, he encounters another boy called the Prophet. And the Prophet wants

him to join a quest. Before long, Simon is on the road with a crew of new comrades on a rescue mission as urgent as it is enigmatic. Suddenly heroes of their own story, they are crossing the country in search of a young woman held in a billionaire's retreat – and, just possibly, the only hope of escape from the apocalypse bequeathed to them by their parents' generation. Uncannily topical and, yet, as timeless as a Grimm's fairy tale, this is a novel of excoriating power, raw emotion and narrative verve, confirming Hawley as one of the most essential writers of our time.

Near-future thriller PBK \$22.99

The Second Great Dune Trilogy

Dune 04–6

Herbert, Frank

Collecting *God Emperor of Dune*, *Heretics of Dune*, *Chapter House Dune* and concluding the Dune Chronicles – one of the most influential sf series ever written. Herbert's evocative, epic tales are set on the desert planet Arrakis, the focus for a complex political and military struggle with galaxy-wide repercussions. More than 3,000 years have passed, since the events recorded in *Dune*. Only one link survives with those tumultuous times: the grotesque figure of Leto Atréides, son of the prophet Paul Muad'Dib, and now the virtually immortal God Emperor of Dune. He, alone, understands the future, and he knows with a terrible certainty that the evolution of his race is at an end unless he can breed new qualities into his species. But to achieve his final victory, Leto Atréides must also bring about his own downfall...

Science fiction HC \$79.99

World Running Down

Hess, Al

Valentine Weis is a salvager in the future wastelands of Utah. Wrestling with body dysphoria, he dreams of earning enough money to afford citizenship in Salt Lake City – a utopia where the testosterone and surgery he needs to transition is free, the food is plentiful, and folk are much less likely to be shot full of arrows by salt pirates. But earning that kind of money is a pipe dream, until he meets the exceptionally handsome Osric. Once a powerful AI in Salt Lake City, Osric has been forced into an android body against his will and sent into the wasteland to offer Valentine a job on behalf of his new employer – an escort service seeking to retrieve their stolen androids. The reward is a visa into the city, and a chance at the life Valentine's always dreamed of. But as they attempt to recover the 'merchandise', they encounter a problem: the android ladies are becoming self-aware, and have no interest in returning to their old lives. The prize is tempting, but carrying out the job would go against everything Valentine stands for, and would threaten the fragile found family that's kept him alive so far. He'll need to decide whether to risk his own dream, in order to give the AI a chance to live theirs.

Post-apocalypse TP \$39.95

The Gifts

Hyder, Liz

October 1840. A young woman staggers alone through a forest in Shropshire as a huge pair of impossible wings rip themselves from

her shoulders. Meanwhile, when rumours of a 'fallen angel' cause a frenzy across London, a surgeon desperate for fame and fortune finds himself in the grips of a dangerous obsession, one that will place the women he seeks in the most terrible danger...

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

Survive the Dome

Jackson, Kosoko

Jamal Lawson just wanted to be a part of something. As an aspiring journalist, he packs up his camera and heads to Baltimore to document a rally protesting police brutality after another Black man is murdered. But before it even really begins, the city implements a new safety protocol... the Dome. The Dome surrounds the city, forcing those within to subscribe to a total militarised shutdown. No one can get in, and no one can get out. Alone in a strange place, Jamal doesn't know where to turn... until he meets hacker Marco, who knows more than he lets on, and Catherine, an AWOL basic-training-graduate, whose parents helped build the initial plans for the Dome. As unrest inside of Baltimore grows throughout the days-long lockdown, Marco, Catherine, and Jamal take the fight directly to the chief of police. But the city is corrupt from the inside out, and it's going to take everything they have to survive.

YA dystopia TP \$29.99

Are You Happy Now?

Jameson, Hanna

They were waiting for life to get started. Then the world began to end. At a New York City wedding, on a sweltering summer night, four people are trying to be happy. Yun has everything he ever wanted, but somehow it's never enough. Emory is finally making her mark, but feels the shame more than the success. Andrew is trying to be honest, but has lied to himself his whole life. Fin can't resist falling in love, but can't help wrecking it all, either. And then the world begins to end. The four of them watch as one of the wedding guests sits down, and refuses to get back up. Soon, it's happening across the world. Is it a choice, or an illness? Because how can anyone be happy in a world where the only choice is to feel everything – or nothing at all?

SF thriller TP \$32.99

Bad Cree

Johns, Jessica

When Mackenzie wakes up with a severed crow's head in her hands, she panics. Only moments earlier, she had been fending off masses of birds in a snow-covered forest. In bed, when she blinks, the head disappears. Night after night, Mackenzie's dreams return her to a memory from before her sister Sabrina's untimely death: a weekend at the family's lakefront campsite, long obscured by a fog of guilt. But when the waking world starts closing in, too – a murder of crows stalks her every move around the city, she wakes up from a dream of drowning throwing up water, and gets threatening text messages from someone claiming to be Sabrina – Mackenzie knows this is more than she can handle alone. Travelling north to her rural hometown in Alberta, she finds her family still steeped in the same grief that she ran away to Vancouver to escape.

They welcome her back, but their shaky reunion only seems to intensify her dreams – and make them more dangerous. What really happened that night at the lake, and what did it have to do with Sabrina's death? Only a bad Cree would put their family at risk, but what if whatever has been calling Mackenzie home was already inside?

Horror TP \$29.99

Don't Fear the Reaper

Indian Lake trilogy 02

Jones, Stephen Graham

Four years after her tumultuous senior year, Jade Daniels is released from prison, right before Christmas, when her conviction is overturned. But life beyond bars takes a dangerous turn as soon as she returns to Proofrock. Convicted Serial Killer, Dark Mill South – seeking revenge for 38 Dakota men hanged in 1862 – escapes from his prison transfer due to a blizzard, just outside of Proofrock, Idaho. Dark Mill South's Reunion Tour began on December 12th, 2019, a Thursday. Thirty-six hours and 20 bodies later, on Friday the 13th, it would be over. The page-turning sequel to *My Heart Is a Chainsaw* (PBK, \$22.99), from bestselling author Stephen Graham Jones.

Horror PBK \$24.99

Destiny of the Dead

Shroud of Prophecy 02

Kade, Kel

The God of Death is tired of dealing with the living, so he's decided everyone should die. And he's found allies. The Berru, an empire of dark mages, has unleashed a terrifying army of monstrous lyksvight upon everyone with a pulse. While the wealthy and powerful, the kings and queens, abandon the dying world, one group of misfits says no more. Through dogged determination and the ability to bind souls to their dead bodies, Aaslo and his friends fight on. In the mountains of the far north, another bastion of defence is opened. Cherri, the avatar of a vengeful fire god, has united the survivors amongst her people and begun her own war on the invaders. Now, Aaslo and Cherri must find a way to unite their powers – one divine, the other profane – to throw back the monsters of the Berru, and challenge Death itself. The sequel to *Fate of the Fallen* (TP, \$36.99).

Epic fantasy TP \$43.95

Godkiller

Godkiller 01

Kaner, Hannah

You are not welcome here, godkiller... Kissen's family were killed by zealots of a fire god. Now, she makes a living killing gods, and enjoys it. That is until she finds a god she cannot kill: Skedi, a god of white lies, has somehow bound himself to a young noble, and they are both on the run from unknown assassins. Joined by a disillusioned knight on a secret quest, they must travel to the ruined city of Blenraden, where the last of the wild gods reside, to each beg a favour. Pursued by demons, and in the midst of burgeoning civil war, they will all face a reckoning – something is rotting at the heart of their world, and only they can be the ones to stop it. The first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Pulp Fiction

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The Seventh Queen

Warrior Witch 02

Kelly, Greta

The Empire of Vishir has lost its ruler, and the fight to save Seravesh from the Roven Empire is looking bleak. Moreover, Askia has been captured by power-hungry Emperor Radovan, who plans on making her his wife simply so he can take her magic as his own, killing her in the process. Aware of his ex-wives' fates, Askia must find a means of avoiding this doom, not only for the sake of Seravesh, but now for Vishir as well. She must put both nations first and remember Ozura's advice: you must play the game in order to survive. Askia was born a soldier, but now it's time to become a spy. But it's hard to play a game where the only person who knows the rules wants to kill her.

And time is a factor. The jewel Radovan has put around her neck will pull her power from her in 30 days. Worse, Vishir might not even have that long, as the two heirs to the throne are on the verge of civil war. Without any hope for help from the south, without any access to her magic, alone in a hostile land, Askia is no closer to freeing her people than she was when she fled to Vishir. In the clutches of a madman, the only thing she's close to, is death. Yet, she'd trade her life for a chance to save Seravesh. The problem: she may not have that choice. The sequel to *The Frozen Crown* (TP, \$32.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Realm of the Deathless

High & Faraway 03

Keyes, Greg

The Curse shaped Aster's life from birth. At first, she believed her father was its only victim, and determined to save him from it. In doing so she learned that the Curse had stricken everyone in the magical realms known as the Kingdoms – and that, in an attempt to protect her, her father had himself created it. Now, he is dead, a victim of his own sorcery. But the Curse has not ended with him. Her father's actions, his dread spell, were only the shadows cast by a much deeper, older conflict, which is now unwinding the universe itself. As the sun fades and the stars wink out, Aster must follow a clue from her dead father to the highest, furthest domain – beyond the fairy-tale kingdoms, through fantastic and terrifying realms of gods and demons, to the very source of reality, the beginning and ending of everything. There, she might finally set things right. Her path is narrow, and the sacrifices necessary for even a tiny chance at success are unacceptable. For the Curse has also released a rot at the very heart of the High and Faraway, an evil more ancient than time itself. It is against this unwavering malevolence that Aster, Errol, Billy, Dusk, and Delia must pit themselves. They must do so without their friend Veronica, a girl murdered decades before and brought back to life by Aster's magic. For as Veronica discovers her own vast power, she stares into the face of the enemy and sees in it her true self... The first in this wonderful series is *The Reign of the Departed* (TP, \$35.95).

Fantasy TP \$24.99

What Moves the Dead Kingfisher, T

A gripping and atmospheric retelling of Edgar Allan Poe's classic 'The Fall of the House of Usher'. When Alex Easton, a retired soldier, receives word that their childhood friend Madeline Usher is dying, they race to the ancestral home of the Ushers in the remote countryside of Ruritania. What they find there is a nightmare of fungal growths and possessed wildlife, surrounding a dark, pulsing lake. Madeline sleepwalks and speaks in strange voices at night, and her brother Roderick is consumed with a mysterious malady of the nerves. Aided by a redoubtable British mycologist and a baffled American doctor, Alex must unravel the secret of the House of Usher before it consumes them all.

Horror PBK \$19.99

Sherlock Holmes and Count Dracula

Classified Dossiers 01

Klaver, Christian

1902. Sherlock Holmes' latest case begins with a severed finger. With no signs of decomposition and an adverse reaction to silver, it is the most perplexing mystery, yet – one that relates to their next client – and the moment Sherlock's and Watson's lives are irrevocably changed. A Transylvanian nobleman called Count Dracula arrives at Baker Street seeking Sherlock's help, for his beloved wife Mina has been kidnapped. But Dracula is a client like no other and Sherlock and Watson must confront – despite the wild, unbelievable notion – the existence of vampires. And, before long, Sherlock, Watson and their new vampire allies must work together to banish a powerful enemy growing in the shadows... The first in a new series.

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

Under the Whispering Door Klune, T J

Welcome to Charon's Crossing. The tea is hot, the scones are fresh, and the dead are just passing through. When a reaper comes to collect Wallace from his own sparsely-attended funeral, Wallace is outraged. But he begins to suspect she's right, and he is, in fact, dead. Then, when Hugo – owner of a most peculiar tea shop – promises to help him cross over, Wallace reluctantly accepts the truth. Yet, even in death, he refuses to abandon his life – even though Wallace spent all of it working, correcting colleagues and hectoring employees. He'd had no time for frivolities like fun and friends. But as Wallace drinks tea with Hugo, and talks to his customers, he wonders if he was missing something. The feeling grows as he shares jokes with the resident ghost, manifests embarrassing footwear and notices the stars. So, when he's given one week to pass through the door to the other side, Wallace sets about living a lifetime, in just seven days. Now in paperback, from the author of joyous bestseller, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Empire of the Vampire

Empire of the Vampire 01

Kristoff, Jay

It has been 27 long years since the last sunrise. Ever since, vampires have waged war against humanity building their eternal empire even as they tear down our own. Gabriel de León, half man, half monster, and last remaining silversaint – a sworn brother of the holy Silver Order dedicated to defending the realm from the creatures of the night – is all that stands between the world and its end. Imprisoned by the very monsters he has vowed to destroy Gabriel is forced to tell his story – a story of legendary battles and forbidden love, of faith lost and friendships won, of the War of the Blood and the Forever King and the quest for humanity's last remaining hope: The Holy Grail. The first in Kristoff's newest series, now in paperback. Dark fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Wilderwomen

Lang, Ruth Emmie

Five years ago, Nora Wilder disappeared. The older of her two daughters, Zadie, should have seen it coming, because she can literally see things coming. But not even her psychic abilities were able to prevent their mother from vanishing, one morning. Zadie's estranged younger sister, Finn, can't see into the future, but she has an uncannily good memory, so good that she remembers not only her own memories, but the echoes of memories other people have left behind. On the afternoon of her graduation party, Finn is seized by an 'echo' more powerful than anything she's experienced before: a woman singing a song she recognises, a song about a bird... When Finn wakes up alone in an aviary with no idea of how she got there, she realises who the memory belongs to: Nora. Now, it's up to Finn to convince her sister that not only is their mom still out there, but that she wants to be found. Against Zadie's better judgement, she and Finn hit the highway, using Finn's echoes to retrace Nora's footsteps and uncover the answer to the question that has been haunting them for years: Why did she leave? But the more time Finn spends in their mother's past, the harder it is for her to return to the present, to return to herself. As Zadie feels her sister start to slip away, she will have to decide what lengths she is willing to go to find their mother – knowing that if she chooses wrong, she could lose them both for good.

Urban fantasy HC \$49.99

The Girl and the Moon

Book of the Ice 03

Lawrence, Mark

The green world overwhelms all of Yaz's expectations. Everything seems different but some things remain the same: her old enemies are still bent on her destruction. The Corridor abounds with plenty and unsuspected danger. To stand a chance against the eyeless priest, Eular, and the god-like city-mind, Seus, Yaz will need to learn fast and make new friends. The Convent of Sweet Mercy, like the Corridor itself, is packed with peril and opportunity. Yaz needs the nuns' help – but first they want to execute her. The fate of everyone squeezed between the Corridor's vast walls, and ultimately the fate of those labouring to survive out on ice itself, hangs from the moon, and the battle to save the

moon centres on the Ark of the Missing, buried beneath the emperor's palace. Everyone wants Yaz to be the key that will open the Ark – the one the wise have sought for generations. But, sometimes, wanting isn't enough. The third and final volume in the Book of Ice trilogy – which begins with *The Girl and the Stars* (PBK, \$19.99) – now in paperback.

Grimdark fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Word for World is Forest Le Guin, Ursula K

A world of peaceful aliens conquered by bloodthirsty yumens, their existence is irrevocably altered. Forced into servitude, the Athsheans find themselves at the mercy of their brutal masters. Desperation causes the Athsheans to retaliate against their captors, abandoning their strictures against violence. In defending their lives, they endanger the very foundations of their society. Every blow against the invaders is a blow to the core of Athsheans' culture. And once the killing starts, there is no turning back. Winner of the 1973 Hugo award for Best Novella, and nominated for many others, *The Word for World is Forest* is part of Le Guin's Hainish Cycle. It explores a future history of Earth and pacifistic ideals in its depictions of violence, colonialism, and resistance.

A reissue with eye-catching new cover art. SF Masterworks (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Only a Monster

Len, Vanessa

Don't forget the rule. No one can know what you are. What we are. You must never tell anyone about monsters. Only a monster would kill a hero. Right?

Joan Chang-Hunt has just learned the truth: her family are monsters, with terrifying, hidden powers. And there is a legendary monster slayer, who will do anything to destroy her family. To save herself and her family, Joan will have to do what she fears most: embrace her own monstrosity. Because, in this story... she is not the hero. Dive deep into hidden worlds dwelling in the shadows, where beautiful monsters with untold powers walk among humans, and secrets are the most powerful weapon of all. And the line between monster and hero is razor thin. A dazzlingly-addictive YA fantasy by a hugely-talented Australian author, now in paperback. *Only a Monster* was a great success, here at Pulp, in its earlier format.

YA urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

Remembrance of Earth's Past

Three-Body Problem trilogy omnibus

Liu, Cixin

Imagine a universe patrolled by numberless and nameless predators. Imagine what might happen to any civilisation unwise enough to broadcast its location. This is Cixin Liu's Three-Body Problem trilogy. Weaving a complex web of stratagem, subterfuge, philosophy and physics across light-years of space and 18.9 million years of time, this tale of humanity's struggle to reach the stars is a visionary masterpiece of unprecedented scale and momentum. Available now in a single volume, collecting: *The Three-Body Problem*, *The Dark Forest*, and *Death's End*. 'This series will soon become a Netflix series... so, get in on the ground floor, while you still can' – *Esquire*.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$59.99

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The Night Eaters

She Eats the Night 01, graphic novel
Liu, Marjorie & Takeda, Sana
Chinese American twins, Milly and Billy, are having a tough time. On top of the multiple failures in their personal and professional lives, they're struggling to keep their restaurant afloat. Luckily their parents, Ipo and Keon, are in town for their annual visit. Having emigrated from Hong Kong, before the twins were born, Ipo and Keon have supported their children through thick and thin and are ready to lend a hand – but they're starting to wonder, has their support made Milly and Billy incapable of standing on their own? When Ipo forces them to help her clean up the house next door – a hellish and rundown ruin that was the scene of a grisly murder – the twins are in for a nasty surprise. A night of terror, gore, and supernatural mayhem reveals that there is much more to Ipo and her children than meets the eye.

Horror PBK \$39.99

The Cage of Dark Hours

Five Penalties 02
Lostetter, Marina
Krona and her Regulators survived their encounter with Charbon, the long-dead serial killer who returned to their city, but the illusions of their world were shattered forever. Allied with an old friend they will battle the elite who have ruled their world with deception, cold steel, and tight control of the magic that could threaten their power, while also confronting beasts from beyond the foggy barrier that binds their world. Now, they must follow every thread to uncover the truth behind the Thalo, once thought of as only a children's tale, who are the quiet, creeping puppet masters of their world. The follow-up to Lostetter's *The Helm of Midnight* (TP, \$43.95).

Epik fantasy HC \$62.95

Black Dove

McAdam, Colin
In a tall and narrow house, on a stained and busy street, live 12-year-old Oliver and his father, a story-loving writer. Haunted by the ghost of his alcoholic mother, Oliver finds comfort in his father's impromptu tales: the *Black Dove*, an elusive flower that gives strength; the girl who consumes it as she battles attackers and yearns for happier realms. Stories where lonely souls keep searching despite their losses and grief. Running from a bully one night, Oliver hides in a junk shop owned by an enigmatic man. Soon, instead of hiding in the janitor's closet after school, Oliver spends afternoons in the shop, a cavernous place full of storied oddities and grubby wonders where creatures rise up from the basement. A snake in the shape of a boy. A hunter named Night, part panther, part hound, who proves to Oliver that the world holds invisible wonder. Wanting to forget his mother, afraid of his own genes, constantly harassed by bullies, Oliver joins the shop owner in experimenting with dangerous forms of genetic editing. Meanwhile, he meets the girl from across the street, and their friendship grows in a neighbourhood where magic is real, where murderers gather, and where the darker consequences of fantasies play out.

Horror HC \$55.00

The Secret of Life

McAuley, Paul
2026: Something is growing in the Pacific Ocean. 'The Slick' appears to be a strange, fungus-like organism, but its DNA is unlike anything else on the planet. Rumours start to fly. Was life discovered deep beneath the Martian icecaps on a recent Chinese space mission? If it was, no one is confirming it, but could that same life now be spreading through the ocean and threatening Earth's entire food chain? Brilliant scientist Dr Mariella Anders is recruited to join an urgent NASA mission to Mars to see if she can uncover the truth of this organism, but this is no straightforward investigation. Corporate powers are committed to exploiting the secrets of the Slick for profit; radical eco-terrorists strike out against rampant genetic engineering; and a second Chinese mission to Mars at the same time has its goals shrouded in mystery. The secret of life on Earth and Mars might be found on the red planet, but who can Mariella trust with the truth, once it's found? And what price will she have to pay for it?

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

Village in the Sky

Alex Benedict 09
McDevitt, Jack
Centuries after a war with the Mutes, the first aliens to be encountered by humankind, a startling new discovery in the far reaches of the Orion Nebula appears. On a planet with conditions favourable to life, explorer vessel *The Columbia* comes across a small town seemingly inhabited by an intelligent species not yet discovered. But when a highly publicised follow-up mission is sent to make contact mere months later, the entire town has vanished, leaving no trace – or such is presumed to be the case until Alex Benedict and his archaeological crew show up to investigate. Officially, their mission is to find concealed artefacts that may have been left behind, but the team's real goal is to solve the mystery of how these aliens disappeared so rapidly – and why. By turns, terrifying and miraculous, the answers raise the stakes for every member on board as they look to make their mark on history. Nebula Award-winning author Jack McDevitt, whom Stephen King has called 'the logical heir to Isaac Asimov and Arthur C Clarke', brings back Alex, Chase, and Gabe for another brilliantly-crafted sf mystery.

Spare opera HC \$62.95

Love Will Tear Us Apart

Stranger Times 03
McDonnell, G K
Love can be a truly terrible thing. Marriages are tricky at the best of times, especially when one of you is dead. Vincent Banecroft, the irascible editor of *The Stranger Times*, has never believed his wife died, despite emphatic evidence to the contrary. Now, against all odds, it seems he may actually be proved right; but what lengths will he go to in an attempt to rescue her? With Banecroft distracted, the shock resignation of assistant editor, Hannah Willis, couldn't have come at a worse time. It speaks volumes that her decision to reconcile with her philandering ex-husband is only marginally less surprising than Banecroft and his wife getting back together. In this time of

crisis, is her decision to swan off to a fancy new-age retreat run by a celebrity cult really the best thing for anyone? As if that wasn't enough, one of the paper's ex-columnists has disappeared, a particularly-impressive trick... seeing as he never existed, in the first place. Floating statues, hijacked ghosts, homicidal cherubs, irate starlings, Reliant Robins and, quite possibly, several deeply sinister conspiracies; all in all, a typical week for the staff of *The Stranger Times*. This fun series begins (LOL, *strangely* enough) *The Stranger Times* (PBK, \$19.99).

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

Spelunking Through Hell: a Visitor's Guide to the Underworld

Incryptid 11
McGuire, Seanan
It's been 50 years since the crossroads caused the disappearance of Thomas Price, and his wife, Alice, has been trying to find him and bring him home ever since, despite the increasing probability that he's no longer alive for her to find. Now that the crossroads have been destroyed, she's redoubling her efforts. It's time to bring him home, dead or alive. Preferably alive, of course, but she's tired; and, at this point, she's not that picky. It's a pan-dimensional crash course in chaos, as Alice tries to find the rabbit hole, she's been missing for all these decades – the one that will take her to the man she loves. Who are her allies? Who are her enemies? And if she manages to find him, will he even remember her, at this point? It's a lot for one cryptozoologist to handle. The next in the fabulous Incryptid series. McGuire is always recommended!

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.95

The Brides of Maracoor

Another Day 01
Maguire, Gregory
'Out of Oz' isn't 'gone for good'. Elphaba's granddaughter, Rain, has washed ashore on a foreign island. Comatose from crashing into the sea, Rain is taken in by a community of single women committed to obscure devotional practices. As the mainland of Maracoor sustains an assault by a foreign navy, the island's civil-servant overseer struggles to understand how an alien arriving on the shores of Maracoor could threaten the stability and wellbeing of an entire nation. Is it myth or magic at work, for good or for ill? Maguire's new trilogy will follow this green-skinned girl from the island outpost into the uncharted badlands of Maracoor before she learns how, and becomes ready, to turn her broom homeward, back to her family and her lover, back to Oz...

Fantasy TP \$27.99

Daphne Malerman, Josh

It's the last summer for Kit Lamb: The last summer before college. The last summer with her high school basketball team, and with Dana, her best friend. The last summer before her life begins. But the night before the big game, one of the players tells a ghost story about Daphne, a girl who went to their school many years ago and died under mysterious circumstances. Some say she was murdered, others that she died by her own hand. And some say that Daphne is a murderer,

herself. They also say that Daphne is still out there, obsessed with revenge, and will appear to kill again anytime someone thinks about her. After Kit hears the story, her teammates vanish, one by one, and Kit begins to suspect that the stories about Daphne are real... and to fear that her own mind is conjuring the killer. Now, it's a race against time, as Kit searches for the truth behind the legend and learns to face her own fears – before the summer of her lifetime becomes the last summer of her life.

Horror TP \$32.99

Garth Marengi's TerrorTome

Marengi, Garth
Dare you crack open the TerrorTome? (Mind the spine.) When horror writer Nick Steen gets sucked into a cursed typewriter by the terrifying Type-Face, Dark Lord of the Prolix, the hellish visions inside his head are unleashed for real. Forced to fight his escaping imagination – now, *leaking out of his own brain* – Nick must defend the town of Stalkford from his own fictional horrors, including avascular-necrosis-obsessed serial killer Nelson Strain and Nick's dreaded thropleganger, the Dark Third. Can he and Roz, his frequently incorrect female editor, hunt down these incarnate denizens of Nick's rampaging *imaginata* before they destroy Stalkford, outer Stalkford and possibly slightly further? From the twisted genius of horror master Garth Marengi – *Frightnerman, Darkscribe, Doomsage* (plus *Man-Shee*) – come three dark tales from his long-lost, multi-volume epic: *TerrorTome. Can a brain leak?* (Yes, it can.)

Horror HC \$45.00

Hell House Matheson, Richard

For over 20 years, Belasco House has stood empty. Its shadowed walls have witnessed scenes of almost unimaginable horror and depravity. Two previous expeditions to investigate its secrets met with disaster, the participants destroyed by murder, suicide, or insanity. Now, a new investigation brings four strangers to the forbidding mansion who are determined to probe Belasco House for the ultimate secrets of life and death. Each has his or her own reason for daring the unknown torments and temptations of the mansion, but can any soul survive what lurks within the most haunted house on Earth? A lost horror classic, originally published in 1971, from the author of *I Am Legend* (PBK, \$22.99). 'Hell House is the scariest haunted house novel ever written. It looms over the rest the way the mountains loom over the foothills.' – *Stephen King*.

Horror (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Wild and Wicked Things May, Francesca

In the aftermath of World War I, a naïve woman is swept into a glittering world filled with dark magic, romance, and murder in this lush and decadent debut. On Crow Island, people whisper, real magic lurks just below the surface. Neither real magic nor faux magic interests Annie Mason. Not after it stole her future. She's only on the island to settle her late father's estate and, hopefully, reconnect with her long-absent best friend, Beatrice, who fled their dreary lives for a

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more glamorous one. Yet, Crow Island is brimming with temptation, and the biggest one may be her enigmatic new neighbour. Mysterious and alluring, Emmeline Delacroix is a figure shadowed by rumours of witchcraft. And when Annie witnesses a confrontation between Bea and Emmeline at one of the island's extravagant parties, she is drawn into a glittering, haunted world. A world where the boundaries of wickedness are tested, and the cost of illicit magic might be death.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Deep Man **Mersault, Michael**

The Galactic Imperium of the Myriad Worlds slumps into centuries of decadent peace enabled by a flood of advanced technology from the mysterious nonhuman 'Shapers'. Among the great Families, only the once-mighty clan of Sinclair-Maru remembers the maxims of the warrior Emperor, Yung I, ready to defend the Imperium from any threat. Stubbornly clinging to the Honour Code, Family prodigy Saef Sinclair-Maru finds himself in command of an outmoded, under-equipped frigate of the Imperial Fleet. With spies and assassins on every side, trusting only in his considerable skill and the bizarre competence of his companion, Inga, Saef must complete his mission, restore the greatness of his Family, and uncover the chilling plot meant to extinguish humanity's light from the galaxy. Mersault's debut was very popular here at Pulp, in its earlier edition. Recommended.

Military sf PBK \$26.95

Wrath

Moalem, Sharon & Kraus, Daniel
The story of Sammy, a lab rat instilled with human genes whose supersized intelligence helps him to engineer his escape into the world outside the lab: a world vastly ill-equipped to deal with the menace he represents. Modified through advances that have boosted his awareness of humankind's cruelty in the name of science, and endowed with a rat's natural proclivity to procreate regularly, Sammy has the potential to sire a rodent army capable of viciously overwhelming the human race. The key to Sammy's capture and humanity's salvation may be 10-year-old Dallas Underhill, whom Sammy temporarily adopts. But while Dallas and Sammy bond, time is running out for humankind: once Sammy sires his progeny, the exponential proliferation of his kind could spell the end of the world.

SF horror HC \$44.99

Wild Massive **Moore, Scotto**

Welcome to the Building, an infinitely tall skyscraper in the centre of the multiverse, where any floor could contain a sprawling desert oasis, a cyanide rain forest, or an entire world. Carissa loves her elevator. Up and Down she goes, content with the sometimes chewy food her reality fabricator spits out, as long as it means she doesn't have to speak to another living person. But when a mysterious shapeshifter from an ambiguous world lands on top of her elevator, intent on stopping a plot to annihilate hundreds of floors, Carissa finds herself stepping out

of her comfort zone. She is forced to flee into the Wild Massive network of theme parks in the Building – where technology, sorcery, and elaborate media tie-ins combine to form impossible ride experiences, where every guest is a VIP, the roller coasters are frequently safe; and, if you don't have a valid day pass, the automated defence lasers will escort you from being alive. Wild Massive: The #1 destination for interdimensional war. Rate us on VacationAdvisor™! We expect to have this edition of *Wild Massive* from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.

SF mystery HC \$62.95

The Flight of the Aphrodite **Morden, S J**

Strange radio signals are coming from Jupiter's largest moons. A natural phenomenon, or something else? Commander Mariucci and his hand-picked research team know they will have to muster all of their expertise, creativity and teamwork to survive the very harshest of conditions in orbit around the king of planets. But when they intercept a peculiar radio transmission, they have to investigate. Nothing should work in these impossible conditions, so what is sending the signal... and why? With a degrading ship and crew at breaking point, there's every chance they will tear themselves apart before they ever find the answer to the ultimate question – are we alone in the universe? And, more importantly – what do we do, if we aren't?

Space opera PBK \$22.99

The Tatami Galaxy **Morimi, Tomihiko**

Our protagonist, an unnamed junior at a prestigious university in Kyoto, is on the verge of dropping out. After rebelling against the dictatorial jock president of the film club, he and his worst and only friend, the diabolical creep Ozu, are personas non grata on campus. For two years, our protagonist has made all the wrong decisions, and now he's about to make another mistake. He and Ozu are preparing for revenge – a fireworks attack at the film club's welcoming party for new members. Then, a chance encounter with a self-proclaimed god sets the confused and distraught young man on a new course. Destiny will bring him together with Akashi, the blunt but charming sophomore he has a crush on – if he's brave enough to make a move. Yet, our protagonist cannot get beyond his profound disillusionment and the moment is lost. But what if there's a universe, where he did join the club of his dreams, ditched Ozu for good, and was confident enough to get the girl? A realm of possibility opens up for our protagonist as time rewinds, and from the four-and-a-half-mat tatami floor of his dorm room, he is plunged into a series of adventures that will take him to four parallel universes. In each universe, he is given the opportunity to start over as a freshman, in search of a rose-coloured campus life. The inspiration behind the much-loved anime series, Tomihiko Morimi's contemporary classic is a fantastic journey through time and space, where a half-eaten *castella* cake, a photograph from Rome, and a giant cavity in a wisdom tooth hold the keys to self-discovery.

Science fiction HC \$45.00

The Rogue Crown

Five Crowns of Okri 03

Mulford, A K

Determined to unmask the truth behind her queen's murder, Briata Catullus sets out to defeat the witch hunters and keep her princess from their clutches. But when she arrives at the Western Court, things are even worse than she feared among the fae. She is greeted by secret plots and scheming courtiers, an inconvenient prophecy and a princess who does not wish to be saved by any one, much less Bri. However, as the threat of the witch hunters grows, the two find they must work together if they want to survive. But Bri is determined to forge her own path and not allow for distraction – even if that distraction happens to be a princess. Bri has a duty to the crown, a duty to the Western Court, and a duty to her destiny to fulfil... but what about the duty to her heart? The third in this new epic fantasy series, which begins with *The High Mountain Court* (TP, \$29.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Devouring Darkness

Heirs of Chicagoland 04

Neill, Chloe

As the only vampire ever born, not made, and the daughter of two very powerful Chicago vampires, Elisa Sullivan always knew her life was going to be... unusual. But she always wanted to make her own way in the world, likely away from her famous family. Then supernatural politics – and, perhaps, a bit of destiny – intervened, and Elisa had to steady her nerves and sharpen her steel, to fight for the city of Chicago. Luckily, Connor Keene, son of the North American Pack Leader, is right by her side. Elisa and some of the paranormal Ombudsmen she works with agree to escort a troubled sorcerer to Chicago for training, but they inadvertently set in motion a scheme of long-awaited magical vengeance. The city may pay an arcane price it can't afford, unless Elisa and her team rise to the challenge.

Paranormal romance PBK \$24.99

Pulling the Wings Off Angels

novella

Parker, K J

Long ago, a wealthy man stole an angel and hid her in a chapel, where she remains imprisoned, to this day. That's the legend, anyway. A clerical student who's racked up gambling debts to a local gangster is given an ultimatum – deliver the angel his grandfather kidnapped or forfeit various body parts in payment. And, so, begins a whirlwind theological paradox – with the student at its centre – in which the stakes are the necessity of God, the existence of destiny – and the nature of angels. A 144pp, Tor.com novella.

Fantasy PBK \$29.99

The Wicked Remain

Grimrose Girls 02

Pohl, Laura

Nani, Yuki, Ella, and Rory have discovered the truth about the curse that's left a trail of dead bodies at Grimrose. But the four still know nothing of its origins, or how to stop the cycle of doomed fates. And each girl harbors her own secret. One is learning why she was brought to the school. One struggles to keep her new and deadly power under control. One knows exactly how much

time she has left. And one, trying to escape her dark destiny, will come even closer to fulfilling it. Can the girls change their own stories and break the curse? Or must one of them die to end it forever? The sequel to *The Grimrose Girls* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA fantasy TP \$19.99

Self-Portrait with Nothing **Pokwatka, Aimee**

If a picture paints a thousand worlds...

Abandoned as an infant on the local veterinarian's front porch, Pepper Rafferty was raised by two loving mothers; now, at 36 is married to the stable, supportive Ike. She's never told anyone that, at 15, she discovered the identity of her biological mother. That's because her birth mother is Ula Frost, a reclusive painter famous for the outrageous claims that her portraits summon their subjects' doppelgängers from parallel universes. Researching the rumours, Pepper couldn't help but wonder: Is there a parallel universe, in which she is more confident, more accomplished, better able to accept love? A universe, in which Ula decided she was worth keeping? A universe, in which Ula's rejection didn't still hurt too much to share?

Science fiction HC \$44.99

Even Though I Knew the End

novella

Polk, C L

A magical detective dives into the affairs of Chicago's divine monsters to secure a future with the love of her life. An exiled augur, who sold her soul to save her brother's life, is offered one last job before serving an eternity in hell. When she turns it down, her client sweetens the pot by offering up the one payment she can't resist – the chance to have a future where she grows old with the woman she loves. To succeed, she is given three days to track down the White City Vampire, Chicago's most notorious serial killer. If she fails, only hell and heartbreak await.

This Sapphic period piece will dazzle anyone looking for mystery, intrigue, romance, magic, or all of the above. A 144pp, Tor.com novella. 'Stylish supernatural noir with a heart and a thrumming pulse. I devoured it.'

– Laini Taylor.

Fantasy noir HC \$34.99

Stolen Skies

Vickery & Castine 03

Powers, Tim

Sebastian Vickery has learned something about UFOs that he shouldn't have – and Naval Intelligence, desperate to silence him, orders his old partner, Agent Ingrid Castine, to trap him. But Castine risks career, liberty, and maybe even life to warn Vickery – and, now, they're fugitives on the run from both the US government and agents of the Russian GRU Directorate, which has its own uses for the UFO intelligence. With the unlikely aid of a renegade Russian agent, a homeless Hispanic boy, and an eccentric, old Flat-Earther, Vickery and Castine must find an ancient relic that spells banishment to the alien species, and then summon the thing and use it against them – in a Samson-like confrontation that looks likely to kill them as well.

Urban fantasy PBK \$26.95

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Arch-Conspirator Roth, Veronica

Outside the last city on Earth, the planet is a wasteland. Without the genes of the fallen, humanity will end. Antigone's parents have been murdered, leaving her father's throne vacant. Passing into the Archive should be cause for celebration, but with her militant uncle Kreon rising to claim her father's vacant throne, all Antigone feels is rage. When he welcomes her and her siblings into his mansion, Antigone sees it for what it really is: a gilded cage, where she is a captive as well as a guest. But her uncle will soon learn that no cage is unbreakable. And neither is he. A razor-sharp and beautifully heart-rending reimagining of a classic, from bestselling author Veronica Roth. A 128pp, Tor.com novella.

Dystopia HC \$29.99

The Destroyer of Worlds

Lovecraft Country 02

Ruff, Matt

Summer, 1957. Atticus Turner and his father, Montrose, travel to North Carolina, where they plan to mark the centennial of their ancestor's escape from slavery by retracing the route he took into the Great Dismal Swamp. But an encounter with an old nemesis turns their historical re-enactment into a real life-and-death pursuit. Back in Chicago, George Berry fights for his own life. Diagnosed with cancer, he strikes a devil's bargain with the ghost of Hiram Winthrop, who promises a miracle cure – but to receive it, George will first have to bring Winthrop back from the dead. Meanwhile, 15-year-old Horace Berry, reeling from the killing of a close friend, joins his mother, Hippolyta, and her friend Letitia Dandridge on a research trip to Nevada for The Safe Negro Travel Guide. But Hippolyta has a secret – and far more dangerous – agenda that will take her and Horace to the far end of the universe and bring a new threat home to Letitia's doorstep. Hippolyta isn't the only one keeping secrets. Letitia's sister, Ruby, has been leading a double life as her white alter ego, Hillary Hyde. Now, the supply of magic potion she needs to transform herself is nearly gone, and a surprise visitor throws her already tenuous situation into complete chaos. Yet, these troubles are soon eclipsed by the return of Caleb Braithwhite. Stripped of his magic and banished from Chicago, he's found a way back into power and is ready to pick up where he left off. But, first, he has a score to settle... The sequel to the massively-popular *Lovecraft Country* (PBK, \$19.99).

Cthulhuiana HC \$62.95

Elektra Saint, Jennifer

The House of Atreus is cursed. A bloodline tainted by a generational cycle of violence and vengeance. This is the story of three women, their fates inextricably tied to this curse, and the fickle nature of men and gods. *Clytemnestra* – The sister of Helen, wife of Agamemnon – her hopes of averting the curse are dashed when her sister is taken to Troy by the feckless Paris. Her husband raises a great army against them and determines to win, whatever the cost. *Cassandra* – Princess of Troy, and cursed by Apollo to see the future, but never to be believed when she speaks of it. She is

powerless in her knowledge that the city will fall. *Elektra* – The youngest daughter of Clytemnestra and Agamemnon, Elektra is horrified by the bloodletting of her kin. But can she escape the curse, or is her own destiny also bound by violence? A spellbinding new retelling of the Trojan War, drawn from the perspective of the fearless women at the heart of it all.

Myth retold PBK \$22.99

The Color of Dragons Salvatore, R A & Lewis, Erika

Magic needs a spark. And Maggie's powers are especially fickle. With no one to help her learn to control her magic, the life debt that she owes stretches eternally over her head, with no way to repay it. Until she meets Griffin, the king's champion, infamous for hunting down the draignochs that plague their kingdom. Neither has any idea of the destiny that they both carry, or that their meeting will set off a chain of events that will alter every aspect of the life they know – and all of history, thereafter.

YA fantasy TP \$19.99

Seven Empty Houses

collection

Schweblin, Samanta

The seven houses in these seven stories are strange. A person is missing, or a truth, or memory; some rooms are enticing, some unmoored, others empty. But in Samanta Schweblin's tense, visionary tales, something always creeps back in: a ghost, a fight, trespassers, a list of things to do before you die, or the fallibility of parents.

Dread tales HC \$34.99

Secret Identity Segura, Alex

It's 1975 and the comic book industry is struggling, but Carmen Valdez doesn't care. She's an assistant at Triumph Comics, which doesn't have the creative zeal of Marvel, nor the buttoned-up efficiency of DC, but it doesn't matter. Carmen is tantalisingly close to fulfilling her dream of writing a superhero book. That dream is nearly a reality, when one of the Triumph writers enlists her help to create a new character, which they call 'The Lethal Lynx', Triumph's first female hero. But her colleague is acting strangely and asking to keep her involvement a secret. And then he's found dead, with all of their scripts turned into the publisher without her name. Carmen is desperate to piece together what happened to him, to hang on to her piece of the Lynx, which turns out to be a runaway hit. But that's complicated by a surprise visitor from her home in Miami, a tenacious cop who is piecing everything together too quickly for Carmen, and the tangled web of secrets and resentments among the passionate eccentrics, who write comics for a living.

Comicbook noir TP \$41.95

The Heroines Shepperson, Laura

In Athens, crowds flock to witness the most shocking trial of the ancient world. The royal family is mired in scandal. Phaedra, young bride of King Theseus, has accused her stepson, Hippolytus of rape. He's a prince, a talented horseman, a promising noble with his whole life ahead of him. She's a young and neglected wife, the youngest in

a long line of Cretan women with less than savoury reputations. The men of Athens must determine the truth. Who is guilty, and who is innocent? But the women know truth is a slippery thing. After all, this is the age of heroes and the age of monsters. There are two sides to every story, and theirs has gone unheard. Until now.

Myth retold TP \$32.99

Storm Echo Psy-Changeling Trinity 06

Silence has fallen. The Psy are free to feel emotion. Free to love. But Silence was never a prison for Ivan Mercant. The biggest threat to his future lies dormant in his brain – a psychic monster that wants only to feed. And, now, the brutal leash he's kept on that monster is slipping. He prepared for this day, for the end of Ivan Mercant... but that was before he met Lei. As primal as she is human, this wild changeling brings colour into his life, laughter to his soul. Then the dream shatters in a rain of blood, in silent bodies in the snow. Lei is gone. Vanished without a trace... until, he meets strangely familiar eyes across a busy San Francisco street. Soleil Bijoux Garcia is a healer who has lost everything. She exists in a world of desolate aloneness... 'til the day she finds herself, face to face, with a lethal stranger. The animal who is her other half knows this man, but her memories are tattered fragments. Sorrow and a need for vengeance are all that drive her. Her mission? To kill the alpha of the Dark River leopard pack. But fate has other plans. Soon, a deadly soldier who believes himself a monster and a broken healer might be all that stand between life and death for the entire Psy race...

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Vows of Empire

Bloodright trilogy 03

Skrutskie, Emily

Gal and Ettian have never been farther apart. Once, they were roommates and best friends, each suffocating under a secret of galactic consequence. When Gal's came to light – that he was heir to the Umber Empire and all of its brutal conquest – the two were forced to flee their military academy, fall in with a brewing rebellion to reclaim the Archon Empire from Umber's grasp, and face their long-held feelings for each other. Then the rebellion discovered Gal's identity and to save his life, Ettian had no choice but to unveil his own secret: that he was the long-lost heir to the Archon throne. With Gal as a political prisoner, Ettian began the fight to restore his own empire – and to open Gal's eyes to the possibility of a galaxy reclaimed from Umber's greed. But just when Gal was starting to come around, a team of Umber operatives rescued him from Archon's clutches and dragged him home to take up his crown. Now, separated for the first time and in full command of the might of their respective forces, the star-crossed rulers find themselves truly at odds. And with the war reaching a tipping point, the time has finally come for Gal and Ettian to confront what they owe their empires, their friends, and each other if they're ever to forge a universe where the two of them can be together.

YA space opera TP \$39.95

Sister, Maiden, Monster Snyder, Lucy A

A virus tears across the globe, transforming its victims in nightmarish ways. As the world collapses, dark forces pull a small group of women together. Erin, once quiet and closeted, acquires an appetite for a woman and her brain. Why does forbidden fruit taste so good? Savannah, a professional BDSM switch, discovers a new turn on: committing brutal murders for her eldritch masters. Mareva, plagued with chronic tumours, is too horrified to acknowledge her divine role in the coming apocalypse, and as her growths multiply, so too does her desperation. 'Absolutely recommended for readers of the cosmic and gloriously horrific.' — *Seanan McGuire*.

Post-apocalyptic horror TP \$39.95

Wolf Takes the Lead

Billionaire Wolf 04

Spear, Terry

Billionaire wolf Derek Spencer may have a rocky history with she-wolves, but there's no one better to take as his date to the latest gala than the wolf he's had his eye on ever since she applied to be his bodyguard – the remarkable Kate Hanover. Kate checks all the boxes for his perfect mate: she's smart, sexy, and business savvy, not to mention one of the best bodyguards around. But ever since Derek gave his bodyguard position to another wolf, Kate has been avoiding him. It's only when she reluctantly agrees to be his date to the gala that she realises why: the attraction between the two alpha wolves is undeniable, but Kate doesn't want to end up as one of the billionaire's many flings. The more time Kate and Derek spend together, the more they are in danger... of falling deeply in love.

Paranormal romance PBK \$24.95

Harbinger

Elfhome 05

Spencer, Wen

Elfhome continues! The war against the oni heats to a flashpoint even as Tinker learns that the enemy has a dangerous new weapon, the naetka. What's more, the Stone Clan has sent its most famous warlords, the Harbingers, to take control of the allied war effort. Are these elves friends or foes? Tinker's newfound baby siblings are up for grabs. The babies, though, are wood sprites and aren't going to take things lying down. *Team Mischief, go!* Spencer's Elfhome series is always recommended.

Urban fantasy PBK \$26.95

The Kiss Curse

Sterling, Erin

Magic doesn't always play by the rules. Gwyn Jones is perfectly happy with her life in Graves Glen. She's formed a powerful new coven with her family; she's running a successful witchcraft shop, Something Wicked; and she's mentoring some of the younger witches in town. As Halloween approaches, there's only one problem – Llewellyn 'Wells' Penhallow. Wells has come to Graves Glen for two reasons: to re-establish his family's connection to the town and to make a new life for himself, away from his father. But when he opens a magic shop of his own, just across the street from Gwyn's, he quickly learns that going up

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against her won't be as easy as he thought... especially after an accidentally magic-inspired – and very hot – kiss. While Gwyn and Wells are fully committed to their witchy rivalry, they soon find themselves thrown together once again to deal with the sudden appearance of a mysterious new coven and Gwyn's growing concern that something – or someone – is messing with her magic... From the author of *The Ex Hex* (PBK, \$22.99).

Paranormal romance TP \$22.99

The Tyranny of Faith

Empire of the Wolf 02

Swan, Richard

A Justice's work is never done. The Battle of Galen's Vale is over, but the war for the Empire's future has just begun. Concerned by rumours that the Magistratum's authority is waning, Sir Konrad Vonvalt returns to Sovla to find the capital city gripped by intrigue and whispers of rebellion. In the Senate, patricians speak openly against the Emperor, while fanatics preach holy vengeance on the streets. Yet, facing down these threats to the throne will have to wait, for the Emperor's grandson has been kidnapped – and Vonvalt is charged with rescuing the missing prince. His quest will lead him – and his allies Helena, Bressinger and Sir Radomir – to the southern frontier, where they will once again face the puritanical fury of Bartholomew Claver and his templar knights – and a dark power far more terrifying than they could have imagined. The follow-up to Swan's amazing debut, *The Justice of Kings* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Cicada

Tan, Shaun

Cicada work in tall building. Data entry clerk. Seventeen year. No sick day. No mistake. Tok Tok Tok!

Cicada works in an office, dutifully toiling day after day for unappreciative bosses and being bullied by his co-workers. But, one day, cicada goes to the roof of the building, and something truly extraordinary happens...

A story for anyone who has ever felt unappreciated, overlooked or overworked, from Australia's most acclaimed picture book creator. This is Shaun Tan's first author-illustrator book in five years, and his most important and moving fable since *The Arrival*. Now in paperback.

Fantasy art PBK \$17.99

Fractured Infinity

Tavares, Nathan

Film-maker Hayes Figueiredo is struggling to finish the documentary of his heart, when handsome physicist Yusuf Hassan shows up, claiming Hayes is the key to understanding the Envisioner – a mysterious device that can predict the future. Hayes is taken to a top-secret research facility where he discovers his alternate self from an alternate universe created the Envisioner, and sent it to his reality. Hayes studies footage of the other him, he discovers a self he doesn't recognize, angry and obsessive, and footage of Yusuf... as his husband. As Hayes finds himself falling for Yusuf, he studies the parallel universe and imagines the perfect life they will live together. But their lives

are inextricably linked to the other reality, and when that couple's story ends in tragedy Hayes realises he must do anything he can to save Yusuf's life. Because there are infinite realities, but only one Yusuf. With the fate of countless realities and his heart in his hands, Hayes leads Yusuf on the run, tumbling through a kaleidoscope of universes trying to save it all. But even escaping into infinity, Hayes is running out of space – soon he will have to decide how much he's willing to pay to save the love of his life. A thrilling race across the multiverse to save the infinite Earths – and the love of your life – from total destruction. Perfect for fans of *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August* (PBK, \$22.99) or *The Time Traveller's Wife* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction PBK \$19.99

The Bite

Taylor, Z W

When Charlotte escapes her abusive relationship, she flees in the middle of the night with nothing but the cash in her pocket, and the paper map leading her north to Alaska. She sheds her old self along the way – dying her hair, scrubbing off her fake California tan, pawning all the jewellery her ex, Nate, bought her over the years. None of it was worth anything if she couldn't stay alive. Alone in the Alaskan forest, Charlotte feels safe, at last. Even if she's lost. Even if she's only got a burner phone that lost its last bar miles ago, and even if she missed her turn and can't find the cabin she was promised by a friend. Tucked into a sleeping bag in the backseat of 'Ted' – her ancient 4-Runner – she's finally living life on her own terms. But that feeling is short lived. In the middle of the woods, Charlotte's attacked, brutally, and unforgivingly – and a lone wolf bites her leg. And it's a bite that will change her life, forever.

Paranormal thriller TP \$41.95

Africa Risen: a New Era of Speculative Fiction

anthology

Thomas, Sheree Renée; Ekpeki, Oghenechovwe Donald; Knight, Zelda (editors)

A group of cabinet ministers query a supercomputer containing the minds of the country's ancestors. A child robot on a dying planet uncovers signs of fragile new life. A descendant of a rain goddess inherits her grandmother's ability to change her appearance – and, perhaps, the world. Created in the legacy of the award-winning anthology series *Dark Matter*, *Africa Risen* celebrates the vibrancy, diversity, and reach of African and Afro-Diasporic sf&f and reaffirms that Africa is not rising – it's already here.

Speculative fiction HC \$49.99

The Best of World SF, Volume 2

anthology

Tidhar, Lavie

Twenty-nine new short stories – including eight original and exclusive additions – representing the state of the art in international science fiction. Navigating around the globe, *The Best of World SF Volume 2* features writers from Bahrain,

Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Greece, Grenada, India, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. Each story has been selected by World SF expert and award-winning author Lavie Tidhar. Taking us into space Mars at first, then the stars and then back to a strange, transformed Earth via AI, gods, aliens, and the undead, the collection traces the ever-changing meaning of the genre from some of the most exciting voices writing today. This is not a retrospective of what science fiction around the world used to look like. This is a snapshot of what some of it looks like, now. And it's never been more exciting.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

The Young H G Wells:

Tomalin, Claire

A fascinating journey into the early life of H G Wells, the father of science fiction, from one of Britain's best biographers. How did the first 40 years of H G Wells' life shape the father of science fiction? From his impoverished childhood in a working-class English family, to his determination to educate himself at any cost, to the serious ill health that dominated his twenties and thirties, his complicated marriages, and love affair with socialism, the first 40 years of H G Wells' extraordinary life would set him on a path to become one of the world's most influential writers. The sudden success of *The Time Machine* and *The War of the Worlds* transformed his life and catapulted him to international fame; he became the writer who most inspired Orwell and countless others, and predicted men walking on the moon, 70 years before it happened. In this remarkable, empathetic biography, Claire Tomalin paints a fascinating portrait of a man like no other, driven by curiosity and desiring reform, a socialist and a futurist whose new and imaginative worlds continue to inspire today.

Biography PBK \$24.99

No Gods, No Monsters

Convergence Saga 01

Turnbull, Cadwell

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

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

It Came from the Closet:

Queer Reflections on Horror

Vallese, Joe (editor)

Through the lens of horror – from *Halloween* to *Hereditary* – queer and trans writers consider the films that deepened, amplified, and illuminated their own experiences. Horror movies hold a complicated space in the hearts of the queer community: historically misogynist, and often homo- and transphobic, 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.

Essays on Horror TP \$39.99

Night of Demons and Saints

Sisters Grimm 02

van Praag, Menna

After the battle with their demon father ends in a devastating loss, the Grimm sisters are separated. But, now three years later, as their 21st birthday approaches, dark fate brings them together, once more. For Goldie, this birthday is overshadowed by sorrow. She cannot forget the outcome of that battle, the devastating tragedy that has wreaked havoc on her already turbulent waking life. While her sisters have thrown themselves into their own endeavours, Goldie has grown distant and inconsolable. Driven by grief, she devises a diabolical plan using a human sacrifice to resurrect what she has lost. When Liyana unexpectedly discovers what Goldie intends to do, she agrees to help if Goldie will try another way, without sacrificing a life. Returning to Everwhere, they combine their powerful magic to bring back what Goldie has lost. But something goes terribly wrong, and Scarlet is showing signs of being possessed by an evil spirit. With their lives at stake, the sisters realise they must confront their personal trauma, make amends with the past, and once again prepare for a demonic fight to come. On the night of their birthday, battle ensues... and tragedy strikes, once more. The sequel to *The Sisters Grimm* (PBK, \$22.99).

Dark fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Severed Thread

Bone Spindle 02

Vedder, Leslie

Having woken the sleeping prince, Briar Rose, Fi, and Shane still have a curse to break, and a terrifying foe to face: the Spindle Witch. If they can defeat her, the land of Andar will be free again. The three journey to the secret city of Everlynd, and all the

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while Fi is fighting her feelings for Briar, while he is fighting the ever-growing pull of the Spindle Witch. On the way, they are ambushed by Red, the girl who Shane can't stop flirting with and arguing with. The girl in the service of the Spindle Witch. After an accident, the two are forced to work together. But then they're captured by a pack of Witch Hunters. Will Red finally pick the right side? Packed with kick-ass fight scenes and featuring two romantic storylines, this retelling of 'Sleeping Beauty' is the breathtaking sequel to *The Bone Spindle* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Union Vernon, Leah

A thousand years in the future, a Black elite class reigns. The lower classes toil in the fields or scrape by in blighted cities, serving their rulers in a cruel, divided world. Among the Elites is 18-year-old Avi Jore, born to a powerful father and destined to rule. But as she comes of age, Avi cannot help but notice the injustices in her world – the treatment of enslaved workers, the oppression of the lower classes. Her disillusionment grows when she meets Saige Wilde, a mixed-race enslaved girl whose only goal is escaping beyond the borders of their brutal nation. When Saige saves Avi from an assassination attempt, their paths become intertwined in ways they never imagined. As Saige plots her path to freedom, Avi tries to enact change from the inside. But it's a complicated endeavour, fraught with danger and malice. Together, their efforts could spark a revolution – and underscore the staggering power of friendship.

Dystopia TP \$24.99

Blood Circus Victoire, Camila

At the end of the 21st century, climate change and famine almost ended humanity – until the discovery of the Klujns, a barbaric, humanoid species with strangely coloured eyes and even stranger abilities. Their crystal claws and bones fertilise barren soil, and their tender meat is a super-protein. Klujns are both humans' saviours and natural-born enemies, meant to be hunted and used. When 16-year-old Ava finds herself on the wrong side of a military fence erected to protect the North American Territory, she's captured by Klujns and made to participate in the Blood Race, a macabre tradition where young human hostages compete to the death for Klujn amusement. At first, she is terrified, but as Ava observes Klujn behaviour that contradicts what she's learned, she begins to wonder: Are Klujns as different as she was led to believe? And, as she fights for her life, does it matter?

Dystopia HC \$43.95

Into the Riverlands

Singing Hills Cycle 03, novella

Vo, Nghi

Wandering cleric Chih of the Singing Hills travels to the riverlands to record tales of the notorious near-immortal martial artists who haunt the region. On the road to Betony Docks, they fall in with a pair of young women far from home, and an older couple

who are more than they seem. As Chih runs headlong into an ancient feud, they find themselves far more entangled in the history of the riverlands than they ever expected to be. Accompanied by Almost Brilliant, a talking bird with an indelible memory, Chih confronts old legends and new dangers alike as they learn that every story – beautiful, ugly, kind, or cruel – bears more than one face. A 112pp, Tor.com novella.

Fantasy HC \$34.99

What Price Victory?

Worlds of Honor 07

Weber, David (editor)

The hottest military science fiction series of all time continues. The mission: to boldly explore David Weber's Honorverse and to deliver all the action, courage, derring-do, and pulse-pounding excitement of space naval adventure with tales set in a world touched by the greatness of one epic heroine – Honor Harrington. Collecting new Honorverse tales by Timothy Zahn and Thomas Pope, Jane Lindskold, Jan Kotouč, and Joelle Presby. Plus 'First Victory', an all-new novella by David Weber!

Space opera HC \$55.00

The Way of Shadows

Night Angel 01

Weeks, Brent

The perfect killer has no friends. Only targets. For Durzo Blint, assassination is an art. And he is the city's most accomplished artist, his talents required from alleyway to courtly boudoir. For Azoth, survival is precarious. Something, you never take for granted. As a guild rat, he's grown up in the slums, and learned the hard way to judge people quickly – and to take risks. Risks like apprenticing himself to Durzo Blint. But to be accepted, Azoth must turn his back on his old life and embrace a new identity and name. As Kylar Stern, he must learn to navigate the assassins' world of dangerous politics and strange magics – and cultivate a flair for death. The first instalment in an astonishing and epic tale of magic, violence and revenge. A reissue, in advance of the first instalment of Brent Weeks' new Kylar Chronicles, expected in May.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Shadow's Edge

Night Angel 02

Weeks, Brent

Kylar has rejected the assassin's life. In the wake of the Godking's violent coup, both his master and his closest friend are dead. His friend was Logan Gyre, heir to Cenaria's throne, but few of the ruling class survive to mourn his loss. So, Kylar is starting over: new city, new companions, and new profession. But when he learns that Logan might be alive, trapped and in hiding, Kylar faces an impossible choice. He could give up the way of shadows forever, and find peace with his young family. Or Kylar could succumb to his flair for destruction, the years of training, to save his friend and his country – and lose all he holds precious. A reissue in advance of the first instalment of Brent Weeks' new Kylar Chronicles, expected in May.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Beyond the Shadows

Night Angel 03

Weeks, Brent

A new queen has usurped the throne and is leading Cenaria into disaster. The country has become a broken realm with a threadbare army, little food, and no hope. Kylar Stern plans to reinstate his closest friend Logan as King, but can he really get away with murder. In the north, the Godking's death has thrown Khalidor into civil war. To gain the upper hand, one faction attempts to raise the goddess Khali herself. But they are playing with volatile powers, and trigger conflict on a vast scale. Seven armies will converge to save – or destroy – an entire continent. Kylar has finally learnt the bitter cost of immortality, and is faced with a task only he can complete. To save his friends – and, perhaps, his enemies – he must assassinate a goddess. Failure will doom the south. Success will cost him everything he's ever loved. A reissue in advance of the first instalment of Brent Weeks' new Kylar Chronicles, expected in May.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Nocturne

Wees, Alyssa

Grace has always wanted to be a ballerina, ever since she first peered through the windows of the Near North Ballet company. The elegance of the dance seemed transcendent to an immigrant child of the working poor. So, when she is orphaned, it is to the ballet that she flees. Years later, Grace is on the verge of becoming the company's new prima ballerina – though, she is beginning to realise that achieving her long-held dream may not be the triumph she once envisioned. Then Grace attracts the attention of the enigmatic Master La Rosa, and realises that the world may not be as small or constricted as she had come to fear. But who is her mysterious patron, and what does he want from her? As Grace begins to unlock the Master's secrets, she discovers that there may be another way entirely to achieve the transcendence she has always sought. In this gorgeous and haunting fantasy, set in 1930s' Chicago, a talented ballerina finds herself torn between her dreams and her desires, when she's pursued by a secretive patron who may be more than he seems.

Historical urban fantasy TP \$32.99

Damnable Tales:

a Folk Horror Anthology

Wells, Richard (editor)

These are damnable tales, selected and beautifully illustrated by Richard Wells. This richly-illustrated anthology gathers together classic short stories from masters of supernatural fiction including M R James, Sheridan Le Fanu, and Arthur Machen; alongside lesser-known voices in the field, including Eleanor Scott and Margery Lawrence; and popular writers less bound to the horror genre, such as Thomas Hardy and E F Benson. They stalk the moors at night, the deep forests, cornered fields and dusky churchyards, the narrow lanes and old ways of these ancient places, drawing

upon the haunted landscapes of folk-horror. These 22 stories take the reader beyond the safety and familiarity of the town into the isolated and untamed wilderness of unholy rights, witches' curses, sinister village traditions and ancient horrors.

Folk horror TP \$34.99

Imperium Restored

Praxis 03

Williams, Walter Jon

Star-crossed lovers Gareth Martinez and Caroline Sula have decisively beaten the forces of the corrupt Zanshaa government. It seems all there's left to do is to travel to the capital of Zanshaa to reunite the empire, under the banner of the Restoration. Before they can sweep up the pieces, though, it's revealed that any advance would spring an enemy trap. To make things worse, their opponents have more resources than Martinez and Sula could have imagined, and a superior force is now aimed at the heart of the Restoration. But before Martinez and Sula can contend with the gathering enemy forces, a surprising act of violence on Sula's part threatens their relationship – and damages their trust. Hurt and confused, Martinez sends Sula into exile, while he tries to recover from his broken heart. Somehow, these two lovers must repair their relationship in order to defeat this new enemy threat... especially when more than love is at stake.

The first in the Praxis series is *The Accidental War* (TP, \$29.99).

Space opera TP \$32.99

If this Book Exists, You're in the Wrong Universe

John Dies at the End 04

Wong, David (aka Pargin, Jason)

If the broken neon signs, shuttered storefronts, and sub-standard housing didn't tip you off, you've just wandered into the city of 'Undisclosed'. You don't want to be caught dead here, because odds are you just might find yourself rising from the grave. That hasn't stopped tourists from visiting – to check out the unusual phenomena that hangs around our town, like radioactive fallout. Interdimensional parasites feeding on human hosts, paranormal cults worshipping demonic entities, vengeful teenage sorcerers, we've got it all. Did I mention the possessed toy? It's a plastic football-sized egg that's supposed to hatch an adorable, colourful stuffed bird when a child 'feeds' it, through a synchronised smartphone app. What's actually inside is an otherworldly monstrosity that's enticing impressionable wayward youth into murdering folks and depositing their body parts inside the egg... as if it's a hungry piggy bank, to trigger the end of the world. That's where Dave, John, and Amy come in. They face supernatural threats, so the rest of us don't have to – and, sometimes, even earn a couple of bucks to do so. But between the bloody ritual sacrifices and soul-crushing nightmares, our trio realises this apocalypse is way above their pay grade. The first in this cult series is *John Dies at the End* (TP, \$34.99).

Cosmic horror PBK \$22.99

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Two Can Play That Game
Yong, Leanne

Sam Khoo has one goal in life: create cool indie games. She's willing to do anything to make her dream come true – even throw away a scholarship to university. All she needs is a super-rare ticket to a game design workshop and she can kick start her career. So, when Jay Chua, aka Jerky McJerkface, sneakily grabs the last ticket, it's war. Knowing how their Australian-Malaysian community works, Sam issues him an ultimatum: put the ticket on the line in a *1v1* competition of classic video games, or she'll broadcast his duplicity to everyone. Thank you, Asian Gossip Network. Meeting in neutral locations, away from the eyes and ears of nosy aunties and uncles, Sam and Jay connect despite themselves. It's a puzzle that Sam's not sure she wants to solve. But when her dream is under threat, will she discover that there is more than one way to win? 'Utterly charming. I loved this story about the intersection of culture, romance and nerdiness!' – *Michelle Law*.

YA gaming romance PBK \$19.99

Grimson Reign

Blood Heir trilogy 03

Zhao, Amélie Wen

The Red Tigress, Ana Mikhailov, has returned to Cyrilia, but the country she once called home has fallen under a dark rule. Across the land, the Empress Morganya is tightening her grip on Affinites and non-Affinites, alike. Ana dealt a blow to the Empress when she and her allies turned back Morganya's troops, but she couldn't stop Morganya from gaining possession of a dangerous new weapon with the power to steal Affinities. Ana's forces are scattered, and her alliance with the rebel group, the Red Cloaks, is becoming more frayed by the day. What's worse, she's lost her Affinity to blood and without it, Ana barely knows who she is anymore – or if she has the strength to defeat Morganya. Morganya's reign of terror is close to crushing the nation Ana was born to rule. And now Ana will finally face the sinister empress, but will she survive? Will anyone? And will her Empire welcome her back to the throne, or turn her out to survive on her own.

The Affinites and Non-Affinites of Cyrilia will determine Ana's future, if Morganya doesn't kill her first. The conclusion of the trilogy which began with *Blood Heir* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

**Song of Silver,
Flame Like Night**

Song of the Last Kingdom 01

Zhao, Amélie Wen

Once, Lan had a different name. Now, she goes by the one the Elantian colonisers gave her when they invaded her kingdom, killed her mother, and outlawed her people's magic. She spends her nights as a songgirl in Haak'gong, a city transformed by the conquerors, and spends her days scavenging for remnants of the past. For anything that might help her understand the strange

mark burned into her arm by her mother, in her last act before she died. No one can see the mysterious mark, an untranslatable Hin character, except Lan. Until the night a boy appears at the teahouse, and saves her life. Zen is a practitioner – one of the fabled magicians of the Last Kingdom, whose abilities were rumoured to be drawn from the demons they communed with. Magic believed to be long lost. Magic to be hidden from the Elantians, at all costs. Both Lan and Zen have secrets buried deep within. Fate has connected them, but their destiny remains unwritten. Both hold the power to liberate their land. And both hold the power to destroy the world. The first in an epic new fantasy duology, inspired by Chinese mythology.

Mythic fantasy TP \$32.99