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

Deadly Ever After

Rivers of London graphic novel

Aaronovitch, Ben; et al
Illustrations – from a mysterious book of fairy tales, drawn in the late 1800s – are coming to life in the 21st century and causing havoc. The illustrations were originally painted by a Victorian artist called Jeter Day who disappeared one night in an enchanted forest, when he was spirited away by tree nymphs – never to be seen again... Now, with the enchantment accidentally broken by Olympia and Chelsea, daughters of the river goddess Mama Thames, Jeter, twisted by his time spent with the nymphs, has returned to our world, bitter and resentful. It is a world he neither recognises nor likes. All he wants is his life returned to him. Woe betide, any man who stands in his way. With Peter and Nightingale busy on another case, it falls to sisters Olympia and Chelsea, with the help of the Foxes, to stop Jeter and save the day.

Urban fantasy PBK \$27.99

Age of Ash

Kithamar trilogy 01

Abraham, Daniel
Kithamar is a centre of trade and wealth, an ancient city with a long, bloody history where countless thousands live, and their stories unfold. This is Alys'. When her brother is murdered, a petty thief from the slums of Longhill sets out to discover who killed him and why. But the more she discovers about him, the more she learns about herself, and the truths she finds are more dangerous than knives. Swept up in an intrigue, as deep as the roots of Kithamar, where the secrets of the lowest born can sometimes topple thrones, the story Alys chooses will have the power to change everything. From bestselling and critically-acclaimed author Daniel Abraham – one half of James S A Corey – comes a monumental epic fantasy trilogy that unfolds within the walls of a single great city, over the course of one tumultuous year, where every story matters, and the fate of the city is woven from them all. Now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Gods and Dragons

Wake the Dragon 03

Anderson, Kevin J
Two continents at war: the Three Kingdoms and Ishara have been in conflict for 1,000 years. But when an outside threat arises – the reawakening of a powerful ancient race that wants to remake the world – the two warring nations must somehow set aside generations of hatred to form an alliance against a far more deadly enemy.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Nightbirds

Armstrong, Kate J

Magic may be illegal in Simta, but you can find it if you know which whispers to heed. None as tantalising as the ones about the Nightbirds, Simta's best kept secret.

These privileged girls have the ability to gift their magic to others with a kiss – something the church would have them killed for. But protected by the Great Houses, their identities safe behind masks, the Nightbirds are well-guarded treasures. Matilde, Aesa, and Sayer spend their nights bestowing their unique brands of magic to well-paying clients. But this Season's Nightbirds find themselves at the heart of a political scheme that threatens their secrets and their safety. When they discover that their magic is far more than they were ever told, they see the carefully crafted Nightbird system for what it is: a gilded cage. Now, they must make a choice – to remain kept birds or take control, remaking the city that dared to clip their wings.

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

Not Your Ex's Hexes

Supernatural Singles 02

Asher, April
Rose Maxwell spent her whole life preparing to be the next Prima on the Supernatural Council. But now that she's stepped down, it's time for this witch to figure out who she is and start fresh. Rose is trying to focus on herself, and not think about her impulsive one-night stand with Damian Adams, a half-Demon Veterinarian who she can't get out of her head. Neither of them is looking for a relationship. When a misunderstanding requires Rose to complete community service hours at Damian's animal sanctuary it becomes impossible for them to ignore their attraction to each other. A friends-with-benefits, no feelings, no strings arrangement works perfectly for them both. After Rose stumbles her way into a supernatural bounty hunting situation, Damian finds himself back on the periphery of a world he thought he left behind. Damian doesn't approve of Rose becoming a Hunter, but if there's one thing he's learned about the stubborn witch, it was telling her not to do something was one sure-fire way to make sure she did it. There was only one other option – training her himself and hoping she changed her mind. But seeing Rose succeed awakens feelings Damian never knew he had... and shouldn't have. Because thanks to his ex's hex, he is unable to fall in love. If he does, he'll not only lose his heart – but his humanity.

Paranormal romance TP \$29.99

Lockdown Tales 2

collection

Asher, Neal

A collection of nine novelettes and stories from bestselling sf author Neal Asher (150,000 words of fiction, between them), all written during lockdown; including four that are original to this volume. Some of these thrilling and inventive narratives are set during the latter days of Neal's Polity universe, while others explore what comes next. Collecting: 'Lockdown Tales II: An Introduction'; 'Xenovore'; 'An Alien on Crete'; 'The Translator'; 'Skin'; 'Eels';

'The Host'; 'Antique Battlefields'; 'Moral Biology'; 'Longevity Averaging'. A follow-up to *Lockdown Tales* (TP, \$35.95).
Science fiction TP \$36.95

Antimatter Blues

Mickey7 02

Ashton, Edward

Summer has come to Niflheim. The lichens are growing, the six-winged bat-things are chirping, and much to his own surprise, Mickey Barnes is still alive – that last part thanks almost entirely to the fact that Commander Marshall believes that the colony's creeper neighbours are holding an antimatter bomb, and that Mickey is the only one who's keeping them from using it. Mickey's just another colonist now. Instead of cleaning out the reactor core, he spends his time these days cleaning out the rabbit hutches. It's not a bad life. It's not going to last. It may be sunny now, but winter is coming. The antimatter that fuels the colony is running low, and Marshall wants his bomb back. If Mickey agrees to retrieve it, he'll be giving up the only thing that's kept his head off of the chopping block. If he refuses, he might doom the entire colony. Meanwhile, the creepers have their own worries, and they're not going to surrender the bomb without getting something in return. Once again, Mickey finds the fate of two species resting in his hands. If something goes wrong this time, though, he won't be coming back. The sequel to *Mickey7* (TP, \$39.95).

Space opera HC \$62.95

Old Babes in the Wood: Stories

collection

Atwood, Margaret

Margaret Atwood has established herself as one of the most visionary and canonical authors in the world. This collection of 15 extraordinary stories – some of which have appeared in *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times Magazine* – explore the full warp and weft of experience, speaking to our unique times with Atwood's characteristic insight, wit, and intellect. The two intrepid sisters of the title story grapple with loss and memory on a perfect summer evening; 'Impatient Griselda' explores alienation and miscommunication with a fresh twist on a folkloric classic; and 'My Evil Mother' touches on the fantastical, examining a mother-daughter relationship in which the mother purports to be a witch. At the heart of the collection are seven extraordinary stories that follow a married couple across the decades, the moments big and small that make up a long life of uncommon love – and what comes after. Returning to short fiction for the first time since her 2014 collection *Stone Mattress*, Atwood showcases both her creativity and her humanity in these remarkable tales which by turns delight, illuminate, and quietly devastate.

Literary fiction HC \$45.00

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Atomic Anna

Barenbaum, Rachel

Three brilliant women. Two life-changing mistakes. One chance to reset the future.
In 1986, renowned nuclear scientist, Anna Berkova, is sleeping in her bed in the Soviet Union, when Chernobyl's reactor melts down. It's the exact moment she tears through time – and it's an accident. When she opens her eyes, she's landed in 1992 – only to discover Molly, her estranged daughter, shot in the chest. Molly, with her dying breath, begs Anna to go back in time and stop the disaster, to save Molly's daughter Raisa, and put their family's future on a better path. In '60s Philadelphia, Molly is coming of age as an adopted *refusenik*. Her family is full of secrets and a past they won't share. She finds solace in comic books, drawing her own series, Atomic Anna, and she's determined to make it as an artist. When she meets the volatile, charismatic Viktor, their romance sets her life on a very different course. In the '80s, Raisa, is a lonely teen and math prodigy, until a quiet, handsome boy moves in across the street and an odd old woman shows up claiming to be her biological grandmother. As Raisa finds new issues of *Atomic Anna* in unexpected places, she notices each comic challenges her to solve equations leading to one impossible conclusion: time travel. And she, finally, understands what she has to do. As these remarkable women work together to prevent the greatest nuclear disaster of the 20th century, they grapple with the power their discoveries hold. Just because you can change the past, does it mean you should?
Historical sf TP \$41.95

Death Lines:

Walking London's Horror History

Barnett, Lauren Jane

The first walking guide to London's role in the evolution of horror cinema, inspired by the city's dark histories and labyrinthine architectures. *Death Lines* is the first walking guide to London's role in the evolution of horror cinema, inspired by the city's dark histories, labyrinthine architectures, atmospheric streetscapes, and uncanny denizens. Its eight walks lead you on a series of richly researched yet undeniably chilling tours through Chelsea, Notting Hill, Westminster, Bloomsbury, Covent Garden, and the East End, along the haunted banks of the river Thames, and down into the depths of the London Underground railway. Each tour weaves together London's stories and takes the reader to magnificent, eerie, and sometimes disconcertingly ordinary corners of the city, unearthing the literature, legends, and history behind classics like *Peeping Tom* and *An American Werewolf in London*, and lesser-known works such as mind-control melodrama *The Sorcerers*; *Gorgo*, Britain's answer to Godzilla; tube terror *Death Line*; and Bela Lugosi's mesmerizing vehicle *The Dark Eyes of London*. Tinged with humour, social critique, and more than a few scares, *Death Lines* delights in revealing the hidden and often surprising relationship between the city and the dark cinematic visions it has evoked. Whether read on the streets or from the comfort of the grave, *Death Lines* is a treat for all cinephiles, horror fans, and lovers of London lore.
Reference TP \$32.99

The Crane Husband

novella

Barnhill, Kelly

'Mothers fly away like migrating birds. This is why farmers have daughters.'
A 15-year-old teenager is the backbone of her small Midwestern family, budgeting the household finances and raising her younger brother – while her mom, a talented artist, weaves beautiful tapestries. For six years, it's been just the three of them – her mom has brought home guests, at times, but none have ever stayed. Yet, when her mom brings home a six-foot-tall crane with a menacing air, the girl is powerless to prevent her mom letting the intruder into her heart, and her children's lives. Utterly enchanted and numb to his sharp edges, her mom abandons the world around her to weave the masterpiece the crane demands. In this stunning contemporary retelling of 'The Crane Wife' by the Newbery Medal-winning author of *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, one fiercely pragmatic teen, forced to grow up faster than was fair, will do whatever it takes to protect her family – and change the story. A 128pp, Tor.com novella. We expect to have this edition of *The Crane Husband* from our Australian distributors in late June, at a lower price.
Fantasy HC \$43.95

The Queen's Price

Black Jewels 12

Bishop, Anne

Zoey, a young Queen-in-training at SaDiablo Hall, is wounded... and vulnerable to taunts and criticism. When an opportunity arises to befriend a stranger seeking sanctuary at the Hall, she puts herself and others in danger by ignoring Daemona Yaslana's warning to back off. Meanwhile, the witch Jillian's family prepares for her Virgin Night, the rite of passage that assures a woman will retain her power and her Jewels. The trouble is Jillian secretly went through the ceremony already. Now she has to explain the omission of that detail to her powerful and lethal family. And the High Lord of Hell's daughter, Saetien, travels to Scelt to find out about Jaenelle Angelline's sister – and perhaps to discover truths about herself. With some guidance from Witch, these three young women will learn when to yield because it is right – and when to take a stand, even if they must pay the Queen's price.
Dark fantasy HC \$57.95

Book of Night

Black, Holly

In Charlie Hall's world, shadows can be altered, for entertainment and cosmetic preferences – but also to increase power and influence. You can alter someone's feelings – and memories – but manipulating shadows has a cost, with the potential to take hours or days from your life. Your shadow holds all the parts of you that you want to keep hidden – a second self, standing just to your left, walking behind you into lit rooms. And, sometimes, it has a life of its own. Charlie is a low-level comic artist, working as a bartender while trying to distance herself from the powerful and dangerous underground world of shadow trading. She gets by doing odd jobs for her patrons and the naive new money in her town at the edge of the Berkshires.

But when a terrible figure from her past returns, Charlie's present life is thrown into chaos, and her future seems at best, unclear – and, at worst, nonexistent. Determined to survive, Charlie throws herself into a maelstrom of secrets and murder, setting her against a cast of doppelgangers, mercurial billionaires, shadow thieves, and her own sister – all desperate to control the magic of the shadows. With sharp angles and prose, and a sinister bent, Holly Black is a master of shadow and story stitching. Remember while you read, light isn't playing tricks in *Book of Night*, the people are. A stunning adult fiction debut by bestselling author Holly Black: a modern dark fantasy. 'Black is a master at world building.' – *The New York Times Book Review*. Now in paperback.
Dark fantasy PBK \$22.99

Bicycles and Broomsticks:

fantastical feminist stories about witches on bikes, anthology

Blue, Elly (editor)

A coven races – literally – to fight off the magic smog that threatens their city. A janitor at the last rocket launch site on a dying planet sends the rocket up with a special spell of comfort. Instead of casting the resiliency spell she asked for, a girl's grandmother teaches her to ride a bike. A midwife's bicycle is stolen, resulting in a fitting comeuppance. An urban witch falls for a bicycle mechanic and learns to reconcile her double life. Featuring work by Hester Dade, M Lopes da Silva, Monique Cuillerier, A P Howell, Ether Nepenthes, M A Blanchard, Kathleen Jowitz, G J Craddock, Gretchin Lair, and Emily Burton.
Cycling withes PBK \$22.99

Sam Gunn Jr

Bova, Ben

Intergalactic explorer, venture capitalist, and Casanova Sam Gunn may be gone, but his legacy lives on in his son, Sam Gunn Jr. In his first-ever adventure, Sam Gunn Jr sets off to fulfil his father's left-behind mission of interplanetary enterprising. He soon learns his father's shoes are tough to fill, but he is up for the task. Junior takes a journey through the stars, falling in love with beautiful women and leaving his unique mark everywhere he ventures. Soon, however, this trip through the universe takes a dangerous turn when Junior lands on Saturn and learns about a recent scientific discovery that will change everything, possibly forever. Will he be able to save the universe and live up to his father's name? Take an unforgettable ride through space, in master sci-fi author Ben Bova's final, completed novel!
Science fiction TP \$39.95

Destroyer of Light

Brissett, Jennifer Marie

The Matrix meets an Afro-futuristic retelling of *Persephone* set in a science fiction underworld of aliens, refugees, and genetic engineering. Having destroyed Earth, the alien conquerors resettle the remains of humanity on the planet of Eleusis. In the four habitable areas of the planet – Day, Dusk, Dawn, and Night – the haves and have nots, criminals and dissidents, and former alien conquerors irrevocably bind three stories: a violent warlord abducts a young girl from

the agrarian outskirts of Dusk leaving her mother searching and grieving; genetically modified-twin brothers desperately search for the lost son of a human/alien couple in a criminal underground trafficking children for unknown purposes; and a young woman with inhuman powers rises through the insurgent ranks of soldiers in the borderlands of Night. Their stories, often containing disturbing physical and sexual violence, skate across years, building to a single confrontation when the fate of all – human and alien – balances upon a knife's edge.

Science fiction

TP

\$39.95

Gold as Hell

Black Badge 01

Bruno, Rhett G & Castle, Jaime

In the West, there are worse things to fear than bandits and outlaws. Demons. Monsters. Witches. James Crowley's sacred duty as a Black Badge is to hunt them down and send them packing, banish them from the mortal realm for good. He didn't choose this life. No. He didn't choose life, at all. Shot dead in a gunfight many years ago, now he's stuck in purgatory, serving the whims of the White Throne to avoid falling to Hell. Not quite undead, though not alive either, the best he can hope for is to work off his penance and fade away. This time, the White Throne has sent him to investigate a strange bank robbery in Lonely Hill. An outlaw with the ability to conjure ice has frozen and shattered open the bank vault and is now on a spree, robbing the region for all it's worth. In his quest to track down the ice-wielder and suss out which demon is behind granting a mortal such power, Crowley finds himself, face to face, with hellish beasts, shapeshifters, and, worse... temptation. But the truth behind the attacks is worse than he ever imagined... The first in a series.
Weird West TP \$39.95

The Minuscule Mansion

of Myra Malone

Burges, Audrey

Once upon a time there was a house...
From her attic in the Arizona mountains, 34-year-old recluse Myra Malone blogs about a miniature mansion – a dolls' house – which captivates thousands of readers worldwide. Myra's stories have created legions of fans who breathlessly await every blog post, trade photographs of the Mansion rooms and swap theories about the enigmatic author. Myra, herself, is tethered to the Mansion by a strange magic she can't understand – rooms that appear and disappear overnight, music that plays in its corridors. Across the country, Alex Rakes, the 34-year-old heir of a custom-furniture business, encounters two Mansion fans trying to recreate a room. Alex is shocked to recognise a reflection of his own life mirrored back to him in minute scale. The room is his own bedroom, and the Mansion is his family's home, handed down from the grandmother who disappeared mysteriously when Alex was a child. Searching for answers, Alex begins corresponding with Myra. Together, the two unwind the lonely paths of their twin worlds – big and small – and trace the stories that entwined them, setting the stage for a meeting rooted in loss, but defined by love.
Magical realism TP \$34.99

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Witchy Eye

Witchy War 01

Butler, D J

Fifteen-year-old Sarah Calhoun has one bad eye and a natural talent for hexing. All she wants is to be left alone – especially by outsiders. But her world gets turned on its head when a Yankee wizard-priest tries to kidnap her. With the aid of Thalanes, a mysterious monk and one of the not-quite-human Firstborn, Sarah fights back. Then, Thalanes reveals to Sarah a secret heritage she never dreamed could be hers. Now, on a desperate quest with Thalanes to claim this heritage, Sarah is hunted by the Emperor's bodyguard of elite dragoons, as well as by darker things – shapeshifting Mockers and undead Lazars, and behind them a power more sinister still. If Sarah cannot claim her heritage, it may be the end of her, her family, and the world in which she is just beginning to find her place. A reissue of the first in the series.

Flintlock fantasy (reissue) TP \$37.95

Alien 3:

the unproduced screenplay

by William Gibson

Cadigan, Pat & Gibson, William

William Gibson's never-before-adapted screenplay for the direct sequel to *Aliens*, revealing the fates of Ripley, Newt, the synthetic Bishop, and Corporal Hicks. When the Colonial Marines vessel, *Sulaco*, docks with space station and military installation Anchorpoint, a new form of Xenomorph appears – written by Hugo Award-winning novelist and 'Queen of Cyberpunk' Pat Cadigan, based on Gibson's never-produced first draft. The *Sulaco* – on its return journey from LV-426 – enters a sector controlled by the 'Union of Progressive Peoples,' a nation-state engaged in an ongoing cold war and arms race.

UPP personnel board the *Sulaco* and find hypersleep tubes with Ripley, Newt, and an injured Hicks. A Facehugger attacks the lead commando, and the others narrowly escape, taking what remains of Bishop with them. The *Sulaco* continues to Anchorpoint, a space station and military installation the size of a small moon, where it falls under control of the military's Weapons Division. Boarding the *Sulaco*, a team of Colonial Marines and scientists is assaulted by a pair of Xenomorph drones. In the fight, Ripley's cryotube is badly damaged. It's taken aboard Anchorpoint, where Ripley is kept comatose. Newt and an injured Corporal Hicks are awakened, and Newt is sent to Gateway Station, on the way to Earth. The UPP sends Bishop to Anchorpoint, where Hicks begins to hear rumours of experimentation – the cloning and genetic modification of Xenomorphs. The kind of experimentation that could yield a monstrous hybrid... and, perhaps, even a Queen.

Alien PBK \$19.99

The Adventures of Amina al-Sirafi

Amina al-Sirafi 01

Chakraborty, Shannon

Amina al-Sirafi should be content. After a storied and scandalous career as one of the Indian Ocean's most notorious pirates, she's survived backstabbing rogues, vengeful

merchant princes, several husbands, and one actual demon to retire peacefully with her family to a life of piety, motherhood, and absolutely nothing that hints of the supernatural. But, when she's tracked down by the obscenely-wealthy mother of a former crewman; she's offered a job no bandit could refuse: retrieve her comrade's kidnapped daughter for a kingly sum. The chance to have one last adventure with her crew, do right by an old friend, and win a fortune that will secure her family's future forever? It seems like such an obvious choice that it must be God's will. Yet, the deeper Amina dives, the more it becomes alarmingly clear there's more to this job, and the girl's disappearance, than she was led to believe. For there's always risk in wanting to become a legend, to seize one last chance at glory, to savour just a *bit* more power... and the price might be your very soul. The first in a new series, from the author of the wonderful *Daevabad* trilogy.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Sun and its Shade

Night and its Moon 02

Gj, Piper

Nox's tear-filled words echo across the sand, as she and Amaris are torn apart. They've battled fiercely to find each other, again; and have barely reunited when Amaris is taken away by the queen's dragon. Injured and desperate, Amaris is forced to navigate her new surroundings with the help of Raascot's enigmatic general if she hopes to stay alive. At the same time, across the land and running out of options, Nox forms a partnership with the continent's league of peacekeeping assassins, begging their help to find Amaris and forge some stability between the kingdoms. As wounds heal and new relationships blossom, Nox and Amaris must confront impossible obstacles and stretch their magic to its limits if they are ever to create a world that might finally reunite them for good. The odds are narrow, the stakes are high, and one question remains: Is it fate, love, or something else entirely that binds these two women together?

The follow-up to *The Night and Its Moon* (TP, \$27.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

The Twisted Dead

Gravekeeper 03

Coates, Darcy

Keira is ready for a normal life. Though, to be fair, normal is a tall ask when your ability to see ghosts has landed you the job of groundskeeper in a small-town cemetery. Still, she has her new friends and is finally beginning to feel like she belongs. And, then, Keira receives an invitation to dinner at Dane Crispin'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 believes his home is haunted – and that the unquiet 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 him, draining his energy... and if she can't find a way to stop them, they threaten to overwhelm 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 darkness may be more than the chained spirits that become twisted beyond saving.

Horror PBK \$24.99

Servants of War

Age of Ravens 01

Correia, Larry & Diamond, Steve

Horror in the trenches! The war between Almacia and the Empire of Kolakovia is in its 100th year. Casualties heap even higher, on both sides, as the conflict leaves no corner of the world untouched. Illarion Glaskov's quiet life on the fringes of the empire is thrown into chaos when tragedy strikes his village. When he is conscripted into the Tsarist military, he is sent to serve in The Wall – an elite regiment, piloting suits of armour made from the husks of dead golems. But the great war is not the only – or even the worst – danger facing Illarion, as he is caught in a millennia-old conflict between two goddesses. In order to triumph, he must survive the ravages of trench warfare, horrific monsters from another world, and the treacherous internal politics of the country he serves. The first in a new series.

Military fantasy PBK \$26.95

Where it Rains in Colour

Crittendon, Denise

Lileala has just been named the Rare Indigo – beauty among beauties – and is about to embrace her stardom, until something threatens to change her whole lifestyle and turn the planet of Swazembi upside down. Colonised by the descendants of Earth's West-African Dogon Tribe, the planet of Swazembi is a blazing, colour-rich utopia and famous vacation centre of the galaxy. No one is used to serious trouble in this idyllic, peace-loving world, least of all the Rare Indigo. But Lileala's perfect, pampered lifestyle is about to be shattered. The unthinkable happens and her glorious midnight skin becomes infected with a mysterious disease. Where her skin should glisten like diamonds mixed with coal, instead it scabs and scars. On top of that, she starts to hear voices in her head, and everything around her becomes confusing and frightening. Lileala's destiny, however, goes far beyond her beauty. While searching for a cure, she stumbles upon something much more valuable. A new power awakens inside her, and she realises her whole life, and the galaxy with it, is about to change...

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Frontier

Curtis, Grace

Earth, the distant future: climate change has reduced our verdant home into a hard-scrabble wasteland. Saints and sinners, lawmakers and sheriffs, travellers and gunslingers and horse thieves abound. People are as diverse and divided as they've ever been – except in their shared suspicions when a stranger comes to town. One night, a ship falls from the sky, bringing the planet's first visitor in 300 years. She's armed, she's scared... and she's looking for someone. Love, loss, and gunslinging in this dazzling debut novel by Grace Curtis. For fans of Mary Robinette Kowal and Becky Chambers,

Frontier is a heartfelt, queer romance in a high-noon standoff with our planet's uncertain future – full of thrills, a love story, and laser guns.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Barbarian's Prize

Ice Planet Barbarians 06

Dixon, Ruby

It's hard, being the most popular girl on the ice planet. The alien men are falling all over themselves to impress me in the hopes that I'll take them to my furs. But they don't know my secrets. And they don't realise that behind my smile, I just wish they'd take their courting presents and their competitions for my affection and go away. I want to be left alone. But on a planet where women are a scarcity, that won't be happening. If I had to choose a mate... it'd be someone with a gorgeous blue body, big horns, and the most intense gaze ever. Someone who knows the truth of what happened to me and why I don't like attention. Patient, handsome Salukh knows my secrets. He knows why I have nightmares and why I don't trust anyone. He's willing to let me 'experiment' with him. I can use him. Take what I need from him to work through my trauma. He's been a good friend and the best shoulder to cry on. There's one small problem. When it comes to us, he doesn't just want to be my friend. He wants to be my forever. And, day by day, he's getting harder to resist...

SF romance TP \$24.99

Ravensong

Fay, Gayla

Neve has spent lifetimes defending the mortal world against the legions of hell, with her two sisters. Unfortunately, for Neve, in this lifetime, she is the only one of the Morrigan – a triad of Irish war gods – still stuck in high school and still without her full power. She's been counting down the days until her 18th birthday, when she finally gets to shed the pretences of humanity and grow into her divine power. But then she meets Alexandria. And Alexandria is as determined to force Neve into some semblance of teenage normalcy as she is haunted by her own demons – both figurative and literal. As they grow closer, Neve decides that humanity – and, perhaps, love – isn't so detestable after all. Which makes it all the more dangerous when she realises that something in Hell wants Alexandria, and it's be up to Neve and her sisters to save her before Alexandria's past catches up to all of them.

YA fantasy HC \$43.95

The Two Doctors Górski

novella

Fellman, Isaac

Annae, a brilliant graduate student in psychiatric magic and survivor of academic abuse, can't stop reading people's minds. This is how she protects herself, by using her abilities to know exactly how her colleagues view her. This is how she escapes the torturous experience of her own existence. When Annae moves to England to rebuild her life and finish her studies under the seminal magician Marec Górski – infamous for bringing to life a homunculus made from his unwanted better self – she sees, inside his head, a man who is both a destructive

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force to everyone around him, and her mirror image. For Annae to survive, she'll need to break free of a lifetime of conditioning to embody her own self and forge her own path. *The Two Doctors Görski* is a dazzling contemporary fantasy and an exploration of reclaiming personal power in the aftermath of abuse by Lambda Award-winning author Isaac Fellman. A 176pp, Tor.com novella. Fantasy TP \$34.99

The Neil Gaiman Reader: selected fiction, collection **Gaiman, Neil**

A captivating collection of fiction from one of the world's most beloved writers, introduced with a foreword by Booker Prize-winning author, Marlon James. With a writer as prolific as Neil Gaiman, where do you begin? Or how do you know what to try next? Spanning his career to date, this collection of ambitious, ground-breaking, and endlessly imaginative fiction will be your guide. Curated within this book are nearly 50 of Gaiman's short stories and novellas, interspersed with excerpts from his five novels for adults – *Neverwhere*, *Stardust*, *American Gods*, *Anansi Boys*, and *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*. It is both an entryway to his oeuvre and a literary trove Gaiman fans old and new will return to, time and again. Start where it suits you. There aren't any rules. *Neil Gaiman. With stories, come possibilities.* Fantasy TP \$39.99

Into the Vortex

Vortex of Worlds 02

Gannon, Charles E

A little bit of knowledge can be a dangerous thing... but knowing the full truth might get you killed. Druadaen, Outrider for the once-mighty Dunarran Consensium, has proven that there are irreconcilable contradictions between magic and physics on Arrdanc, the world of his birth. And what is his reward, for this important discovery, made against all odds and at considerable personal risk? Exile – organised and compelled by nervous temple hierarchs. However, Druadaen remains determined to uncover what several ancient persons and beings have urged him to seek: 'the truth of the world' – which might only be gained by travelling beyond it. Indeed, the mysterious Lady of the Mirror speculates that he might find the answers by journeying to the other side of her unusual looking glass: a reflective, ethereal portal that she calls a 'shimmer'. But there's a catch: because the mysterious portal only allows a single person to pass through, Druadaen must leave his companions behind. Unfortunately, once he has, they discover that the 'shimmer' only allows travellers to leave Arrdanc, not return to it. So, his friends, led by stalwart swordsman Ahearn, resolve to find another means by which they can retrieve Druadaen – and with him, the truth of the world. There's just one small problem with their quest: the closer they come to finding a solution, the more obvious it becomes that various powers on Arrdanc don't want them to succeed. In fact, they'd rather Druadaen doesn't return, at all. So much so that they might kill both him and his friends in order to prevent it. The sequel to *This Broken World* (PBK, \$26.95). Historical fantasy HC \$55.00

Dead Country

Craft Wars 01

Gladstone, Max

Since her village chased her out with pitchforks, Tara Abernathy has resurrected gods, pulled down monsters, averted wars, and saved a city, twice. She thought she'd left her dusty little hometown, forever. But that was before her father died. As she makes her way home to bury him, she finds a girl – as powerful and vulnerable and lost as she once was. Saving her from raiders twisted by the God Wars, Tara changes the course of the world. *Dead Country* is the first book in the Craft Wars series, a tight sequence of novels that will bring the sprawling saga of the Craft to its end, and the perfect entry point to this incomparable world. The first in the Craft Sequence is *Three Parts Dead* (TP, \$41.95). *We expect to have this edition of Dead Country from our Australian distributors in June, at a lower price.* Fantasy TP \$39.95

Road of Bones

Golden, Christopher

Surrounded by barren trees in a snow-covered wilderness with a dim, dusky sky forever overhead, Siberia's Kolyma Highway is 1,200 miles of gravel-packed permafrost within driving distance of the Arctic Circle. A narrow path where drivers face such challenging conditions as icy surfaces, limited visibility, and an average temperature of -60 degrees, fatal car accidents are common. But motorists are not the only victims of the highway. Known as the Road of Bones, it is a massive graveyard for the former Soviet Union's gulag prisoners. Hundreds of thousands of people worked to death, and left where their bodies fell, consumed by the frozen elements and ploughed beneath the permafrost road. Fascinated by the history, documentary producer Felix 'Teig' Teigland is in Russia to drive the highway, collecting ghost stories and local legends, along the way. Only, when Teig and his team reach their destination, they find an abandoned town, save one catatonic nine-year-old girl – and a pack of predatory wolves, faster and smarter than any wild animals should be. Pursued by the otherworldly beasts, Teig's companions confront even more uncanny and inexplicable phenomena along the Road of Bones. It is a harrowing journey that will push Teig beyond endurance and force him to confront the sins of his past. Supernatural thriller PBK \$19.99

Piñata

Gout, Leopoldo

It was supposed to be the perfect summer. Carmen Sanchez is back in Mexico, supervising the renovation of an ancient abbey. Her daughters Izel and Luna, too young to be left alone in New York, join her in what Carmen hopes is a chance for them to connect with their roots. Then, an accident at the worksite unearths a stash of rare, centuries-old artefacts. The disaster costs Carmen her job, cutting the family trip short. But something malevolent and unexplainable follows them home to New York, stalking the Sanchez family and heralding a coming catastrophe. And it may already be too late

to escape what's been awakened... They were worshiped by our ancestors. Now, they are forgotten. Soon, they'll make us remember. Horror HC \$62.95

The Midnight Library

Haig, Matt

Nora's life has been going from bad to worse. Then, at the stroke of midnight on her last day on earth she finds herself transported to a library. There, she is given the chance to undo her regrets and try out each of the other lives she might have lived. Which raises the ultimate question: with infinite choices, what is the best way to live? Now in paperback. Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Iron Princess

Hambly, Barbara

Something is amiss with the world's magic. Spells don't work the way they used to – when they work at all. Only the powers of the Crystal Mages remain as they were, powers founded on the use of the mystical element *adamis*, the harvesting of which has enslaved the peoples of the Twilight Lands. They need a hero. At the same time, ravenous beasts have begun to appear, legendary creatures that seem to be proof against any magic. And Clea Stylachos, granddaughter of a great sage of the Twilight people, has reason to fear that the Crystal Mages, instead of seeking to defeat these insanely destructive monsters, are attempting to weaponise them in their quest for power. Clea's only hope to save her people is a wizard who retains his power, one who will not betray her, either to the great merchant houses or to the all-entangling web of the Crystal Mages. But that wizard – Ithrael the Cursed, destroyer of a city and magically imprisoned to suffer undying, unremitting torment – wants nothing to do with saving the world, helping a hero, or unravelling the terrible secret at the heart of the Crystal Mages' plans. From the slums and tunnels of the slave-city of Morne, to the watery wilderness of the Twilight lands, to the halls of her father's palace and the spell-soaked mysteries of the Crystal Mages' House of Glass, Clea works to untwist the deadly riddles of magic and monsters – to free her mother's disenfranchised people from slavery under her father's conquering forces. To save her mageborn brother from the Crystal Mages' power; to control a sorcerer legendary for his deed of evil; to keep her own small band of friends one step ahead of her father's troops and the Crystal Order's spells. She is the Iron Princess, and she knows she must prevail, or die. But at what cost to herself? Dark fantasy TP \$41.95

The Moon and the Desert

Hampson, Robert E

Glenn Armstrong Shepard had his sights set on going to Mars as a flight surgeon, but a training accident on the Moon left him crippled. Now he has a new plan: to be fitted with bionic prosthetics and come back even stronger. Fate and the Space Force have other plans, and Glenn is grounded. Another doctor – his ex-fiancée – takes his place, and Glenn will have to fight to prove he can be an astronaut, once more... Science fiction TP \$39.95

A Witch's Guide to Fake Dating a Demon **Hawley, Sarah**

Mariel Spark is prophesied to be the most powerful witch seen in centuries of the famed Spark family, but to the displeasure of her mother, she prefers baking to brewing potions and gardening to casting hexes. When a spell to summon flour goes very wrong, Mariel finds herself staring down a demon – one she inadvertently summoned for a soul bargain. Ozroth the Ruthless is a legend among demons. Powerful and merciless, he drives hard bargains to collect mortal souls. But his reputation has suffered ever since a bargain went awry – if he can strike a bargain with Mariel, he will earn back his deadly reputation. Ozroth can't leave Mariel's side until they complete a bargain, which she refuses to do (turns out, some humans are attached to their souls). But the witch is funny. And curvy. And disgustingly yet endearingly cheerful. Becoming awkward roommates quickly escalates when Mariel, terrified to confess the inadvertent summoning to her mother, blurts out that she's dating Ozroth. As Ozroth and Mariel struggle with their opposing goals and maintaining a fake relationship, real attraction blooms between them. But Ozroth has a limited amount of time to strike the deal, and if Mariel gives up her soul, she'll lose all her emotions – including love – which will only spell disaster for them both. Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Moths

Hennigan, Jane

Forty years ago, the world changed. Toxic threads left behind by mutated moths infected men and boys around the globe. Some were killed quietly in their sleep, others became crazed killers, wildly dangerous and beyond help. All seemed hopeless. But humanity adapted, healed, and moved on. Now, matriarchs rule, and men are kept in specially treated dust-free facilities for their safety and the good of society, never able to return to the outside. Mary has settled into this new world and takes care of the male residents at her facility. But she still remembers how things used to be and is constantly haunted by her memories. Of her family, of her joy, of... him. Now, the world is quiet again, but only because secrets are kept safe in whispers. And the biggest secret of all? No one wants to live inside a cage... Dystopia TP \$39.95

The Foreign Exchange

Mambo Reina 02

Henry, Veronica G

After solving a crime blamed on Vodou in New Orleans' French Quarter, Vodou priestess turned amateur detective Reina Dumond has returned to her benevolent work as a healer. But when her friend and enigmatic client Evangeline 'Vangie' Stiles comes to her for a spell, Mambo Reina quickly realises what Vangie really needs is a sleuth. Something is amiss in the Stilese's marriage. Five thousand dollars has inexplicably appeared, in the bank account Vangie shares with her scam-artist husband, Arthur... and she smells trouble. So, does Reina. Especially when her investigation

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into Arthur's likely new con leads to murder. Considering the manner of death and the signs on the victim's body, Reina recognises it for what it is: ritual magic of the *vodousant* kind. As Reina digs deeper, she encounters a conspiracy exploiting vulnerable youth – one of whom may have abilities just like hers. With the help of her friends Darryl and Tyka, Reina must hone her ever-evolving skills to uncover a mystery that reaches further than she imagined. The sequel to *The Quarter Storm* (TP, \$24.99).

Dark fantasy TP \$29.99

The God of Endings

Holland, Jacqueline

Collette LeSange has been hiding a dark truth: She is immortal. In 1834, Collette's grandfather granted her the gift of eternal life; and, since then, she has endured centuries of turmoil and heartache. Now, almost 150 years later, Collette is a lonely artist running an elite fine art school for children in upstate New York. But her life is suddenly upended by the arrival of a gifted child from a troubled home, the return of a stalking presence from her past, and her own mysterious, growing hunger for blood.

Paranormal HC \$62.95

Moon Witch, Spider King

Dark Star trilogy 02

James, Marlon

Sogolon the Moon Witch proved a worthy adversary to Tracker as they clashed across a mythical African landscape in search of a mysterious boy who disappeared. Sogolon, now, takes centre stage and gives her own account of what happened to the boy, and how she plotted and fought, triumphed, and failed as she looked for him. It's also the story of a century-long feud – seen through the eyes of a 177-year-old witch – which Sogolon had with the Aesi, chancellor to the king. It is said that Aesi works so closely with the king that together they are like the eight limbs of one spider. Aesi's power is considerable – and deadly. It takes brains and courage to challenge him, which Sogolon does for reasons of her own. Both a brilliant narrative device, as well as a fascinating battle between different versions of empire, *Moon Witch, Spider King* delves into Sogolon's world, as she fights to tell her own story. Part adventure tale, part chronicle of an indomitable woman who bows to no man, it is a fascinating novel that explores power, personality, and the places where they overlap. The sequel to the spectacular *Black Leopard, Red Wolf* (PBK, \$22.99), now in paperback, from the Man Booker Prize-winning author.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Road to Neverwinter

Dungeons & Dragons:
Honor Among Thieves, film tie-in

Johnson, Jaleigh

Edgin Darvis' life is a mess. All that he has left are his lute, his dashing good looks, and... not much else. After a chance encounter with badass bruiser Holga, Edgin is forced to take a hard look at his bad choices. But the road to redemption is long, and paved with unforeseen expenses. Fortunately, the world is full of rich foils

begging to be parted from their money. And, so, Edgin and Holga do what any sensible entrepreneurs would do – they form a crew. Joined by a charming rogue, Forge Fitzwilliam, and Simon, a sorcerer with an intense inferiority complex, the team sets out to line their pockets with both well-earned and ill-gotten gold. Together, Edgin's crew battles monsters across the realms: gnoll raiders, fey witches, and more fall beneath their sharp weapons and sharper wit. But when they encounter a new, more sophisticated villain, keen blades and piercing blue eyes may not be enough. Their target? Torlinn Shrake, a wealthy eccentric known for abusing his servants and hosting lavish parties. The plan? Play dress up, sneak into the Shrake estate, and fill their pockets with as much loot as they can carry. The catch? Shrake is hiding a terrible secret: one that could endanger the lives of everyone, Edgin has come to care for – even if the loot is too good to pass up. An official prequel to the new film *Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves*.

Dungeons & Dragons TP \$32.99

The Observer Effect

Joseph Bridgeman 03

Jones, Nick

Time calls the shots. Unwitting time traveller Joseph Bridgeman is adjusting to life in the present and wondering if his travelling days are behind him. But when he's contacted by the Continuum, an organised group of time travellers based in the future, he learns his career is just getting started. The Continuum needs Joe's help. One of their operatives is missing, last seen in 19th-century Paris, and they believe Joe's ability to see the past might be the only way to find him. Teamed up with Gabrielle Green, an acerbic, wisecracking traveller, Joe heads back to 1873 on his most dangerous mission yet, one that will take him deep inside a burning opera house. But how will Joe succeed when his new companion clearly hates his guts, the missing traveller disappears the second anyone sets eyes on him, and a familiar foe threatens to trap them in the past for good? With help on hand from his best friend, Vinny, and mysterious clues hidden in his sister Amy's paintings, Joe must hone his gift, develop new skills, and figure out a way to complete his mission before the blazing inferno comes crashing down around them, all.

Time travel TP \$37.95

Burrowed

Kaley, Mary Baader

If you had to endure a debilitating condition of body or mind, which would you choose? In this world, everyone suffers. In the distant future, a genetic plague has separated humanity in two – Subterraneans who live in underground burrows to protect their health, and strong surface-dwelling Omniterraneans. Zuzan Cayan, a brilliant Subter girl with 'light blindness', is about to leave the safety of her burrow and earn a living. With her low life expectancy, however, her options are slim. That is until she's offered the chance of a lifetime to study the population's broken genetic code, fix the divide and reunite the world, once

again. But when a new virus turns fatal for the Omnits, Zuzan must find a cure or humanity won't simply remain separate, it will become extinct. With enemies on all sides, Zuzan must hold on to the light at the end of the tunnel – or risk the world falling into darkness.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Curator

King, Owen

At first glance, the world has not changed: the trams on the boulevards, the grand hotels, the cafés abuzz with conversation. The street kids still play on the two great bridges that divide the city, and the smart set still venture down to the Morgue Ship for an evening's entertainment. Yet, it only takes a spark to ignite a revolution. For young Dora, a maid at the university, the moment brings liberation. She finds herself walking out with one of the student radicals, Robert, free to investigate what her brother Ambrose may have seen at the Institute for Psyical Research before he died. But it is another establishment that Dora is given to look after, the Museum of the Worker. This strange, forgotten edifice is occupied by waxwork tableaux of miners, nurses, shopkeepers, and other disturbingly lifelike figures. As the revolution and counter-revolution outside unleash forces of love, betrayal, magic and terrifying darkness, Dora's search for the truth behind a mystery that she has long concealed will unravel a monstrous conspiracy and bring her to the very edge of worlds. A Dickensian fantasy of illusion and charm where cats are revered as religious figures, thieves are noble, scholars are revolutionaries, and conjurers the most wonderful criminals. Internal line drawings are by our fave local artist and author, Kathleen Jennings.

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

Nettle and Bone

Kingfisher, T

This isn't the kind of fairy tale where the princess marries a prince. It's the one where she kills him. Marra never wanted to be a hero. As the shy, convent-raised, third-born daughter, she escaped the traditional fate of princesses, to be married away for the sake of an uncaring throne. But her sister wasn't so fortunate – and after years of silence, Marra is done watching her suffer at the hands of a powerful and abusive prince. Seeking help for her rescue mission, Marra is offered the tools she needs, but only if she can complete three seemingly impossible tasks: build a dog of bones; sew a cloak of nettles; and capture moonlight in a jar. But, as is the way in tales of princes and witches, doing the impossible is only the beginning. Hero, or not – now joined by a disgraced ex-knight, a reluctant fairy godmother, an enigmatic gravewitch, and her fowl familiar – Marra might finally have the courage to save her sister, and topple a throne. *'Nettle and Bone* is the kind of book that immediately feels like an old friend. Fairy-tale mythic resonance meets homey pragmatism in this utterly delightful story. It's creepy, funny, heartfelt, and full of fantastic characters I absolutely loved!' – *Melissa Caruso*, author of *The Tethered Mage*.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Plutoshine

Kissick, Lucy

Terraforming – the megascale-engineering of a planet's surface to one more Earth-like – is now commonplace across the Solar System, and Pluto's is set to be the most ambitious transformation yet. Four billion miles from the Sun and -200 degrees, what this worldlet needs is light and heat. Through captured asteroids and solar mirrors, humanity's finest scientists and engineers are set to deliver them. What nobody factored in was a saboteur – but who, and why? From the start, terraformer Lucian is intrigued by nine-year-old Nou, silent since a horrifying incident that shook the base and upended her family into chaos. If he could reach her; perhaps, he could understand what happened that day – and what she knows about the secrets of Pluto. Nou possesses unspoken knowledge that could put a stop to the terraforming. Gripped by her fears, unable to trust her family, there is no one she can talk to. Only through Lucian's gentle friendship will she start to rediscover her voice – and what she has to say could transform our understanding of the Universe. We've had raves from our sf-loving regulars on *Plutoshine*, now in paperback.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

A Wrinkle in Time

L'Engle, Madeleine

When Charles Wallace Murry goes searching through a 'wrinkle in time' for his lost father, he finds himself on an evil planet where all life is enslaved by a huge pulsating brain known as 'It'. How Charles, his sister Meg, and friend Calvin find and free his father makes this a very special and exciting mixture of fantasy and science fiction, which all the way through is dominated by the funny and mysterious trio of guardian angels known as Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Who and Mrs Which. A reissue of an iconic novel that continues to inspire millions of fans around the world.

YA fantasy (reissue) PBK \$17.99

Into the West

Founding of Valdemar 02

Lackey, Mercedes

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

Valdemar HC \$34.99

Forever Maps

graphic novel

Lagace, Michael

& Hristov, Todor (illustrator)

In 1794, a young man named John is given a map. Curious, he follows it, and when he arrives at the end, he finds a similar map.

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This leads him to another, and then another, and on and on. Determined to find something, anything, else, he continues to follow these strange maps, all over the country. Decades later, he learns that as long as he follows them, he doesn't seem to get older... and it's not until nearly a century later that he realises, when he stops, time begins to catch up with him. Torn between family and immortality, John must continually choose between living forever and having a life worth living.

Science fiction TP \$33.95

Seven Mercies

Seven Devils 02

May, Elizabeth & Lam, Laura

After an ambush leaves the Novantae resistance in tatters, the survivors scatter across the galaxy. Wanted by two great empires, the bounty on any rebel's head is enough to make a captor filthy rich. And the seven devils? Biggest score of them all. To avoid attacks, the crew of Zelus scavenge for supplies on long-abandoned Tholosian outposts. Not long after the remnants of the rebellion settle briefly on Fortuna, Ariadne gets a message with unimaginable consequences: the Oracle has gone rogue. In a planned coup against the Empire's new ruler, the AI has developed a way of mass programming citizens into mindless drones. The Oracle's demand is simple: the AI wants One's daughter back at any cost. Time for an Impossible to Infiltrate mission: high chance of death, low chance of success. The devils will have to use their unique skills, no matter the sacrifice, and pair up with old enemies. Their plan? Get to the heart of the Empire. Destroy the Oracle. Burn it all to the ground. The second book in a feminist space opera duology, following *Seven Devils* (PBK, \$24.99).

Space opera PBK \$24.99

Earthsea:

the first four books

le Guin, Ursula

A superb four-part fantasy, comparable with the work of Tolkien and C S Lewis, the Earthsea books follow the fortunes of the wizard Ged, from his childhood to an age where magic is giving way to evil. As a young dragonlord, Ged, whose use-name is Sparrowhawk, is sent to the island of Roke to learn the true way of magic. A natural magician, Ged becomes an Archmage and helps the High Priestess Tenar escape from the labyrinth of darkness. But as the years pass, true magic and ancient ways are forced to submit to the powers of evil and death... A reissue of one of the greatest fantasy sequences of our time from an inspirational author.

YA fantasy (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Scout's Progress

Liaden Universe 06

Lee, Sharon & Miller, Steve

All of her life, Aelliana Caylon has lived by the rules of her overbearing brother, the head of the Caylon family. Though she is a brilliant mathematician, he has convinced her that she has no worth beyond what value she might have in an arranged marriage. Then, on a dare, she plays a game of chance – and wins a starship. It is her way to escape her home, her planet, her drab life – if she can

qualify as a pilot. Enter the accomplished Scout and Master Pilot, known only as Daav. Aelliana hires him as her instructor. She finds him gifted teacher. He finds her a quick study. And they also find an unexpected attraction, one that could have dangerous repercussions for them both... A reissue of a classic of the Liaden Universe!

Space opera (reissue) PBK \$26.95

Library of the Sapphire Wind

Over Where 01

Lindskold, Jane

Since they've never seen humans before, Xerak, Vereez, and Grunwold think their mentors must be monsters when Meg, Peg, and Teg shimmer into being within the circle of Hettua Shrine. Despite doubts on all sides, the three young inquisitors join forces with their unlikely mentors and begin a search for the Library of the Sapphire Wind, destroyed years before. If they find it, will they also find answers, or is this only the first stage in their search? The first in a duology, now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$26.95

Sisters of Midnight

Sisters of Shadow 03

Livesey, Katherine

She couldn't work out if it was the world that had changed, or herself... When lightning shatters the darkness into a blazing jigsaw of panic and pain, Lily and her friends realise they've been transported through the jaws of the wild storm right to the gates of Midnight Manor, home of High Priestess of the Shadow Sect herself, Hecate Winter. But as a swarm of figures in hooded golden cloaks surrounds them it soon becomes clear: the real enemy was never hewn from the shadows but hidden in the light. A notorious legion of exorcists from beyond their borders, the Brotherhood of Light have been secretly abducting them for generations and indoctrinating them into believing there are good witches and bad witches, all subordinate to the whims of their oppressors. Now, it's up to them to build a sisterhood strong enough to survive the sunrise. The third and final spellbinding instalment in the Sisters of Shadow trilogy, which begins with *Sisters of Shadow* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Boy with a Bird in His Chest

Lund, Emme

Though Owen Tanner has never met anyone else who has a chatty bird in their chest, medical forums would call him a Terror. From the moment Gail emerged between Owen's ribs, his mother knew that she had to hide him away from the world. After a decade spent in isolation, Owen takes a brazen trip outdoors and his life is upended forever. Suddenly, he is forced to flee the home that had once felt so confining and hide in plain sight with his uncle and cousin in Washington. There, he feels the joy of finding a family among friends; of sharing the bird in his chest and being embraced fully; of falling in love and feeling the devastating heartbreak of rejection before finding a spark of happiness in the most unexpected place; of living his truth regardless of how hard

the thieves of joy may try to tear him down. But the threat of the Army of Acronyms is a constant, looming presence, making Owen wonder if he'll ever find a way out of the cycle of fear.

Magical realism TP \$26.99

The Discord of Gods

A Chorus of Dragons 05

Lyons, Jenn

The end times have come. Relos Var's final plans to enslave the universe are on the cusp of fruition. He believes there's only one being in existence that might be able to stop him: the demon Xaltorath. As these two masterminds circle each other, neither is paying attention to the third player on the board, Kihrin. Unfortunately, keeping himself classified in the 'pawn' category means Kihrin must pretend to be everything the prophecies threatened he'd become: the destroyer of all, the sun eater, a mindless, remorseless plague upon the land. It also means finding an excuse to not destroy the people he loves (or any of the remaining Immortals) without arousing suspicion. Kihrin's goals are complicated by the fact that not all of his 'act' is one. His intentions may be sincere, but he's still being forced to grapple with the after effects of the corrupted magic ritual that twisted both him and the dragons. Worse, he's now tied to a body that is the literal avatar of a star – a form that is becoming increasingly, catastrophically unstable. All of which means he's running out of time. After all, some stars fade – but others explode. The fifth and final book in Jenn Lyons' epic fantasy series *A Chorus of Dragons*, which starts with *The Ruin of Kings* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Backpacking Through Bedlam

Incryptid 12

McGuire, Seanan

Reunion, noun:

1. The state of being united again.

Reconciliation, noun:

1. An act of reconciling, as when former enemies agree to an amiable truce.

2. The process of making consistent or compatible.

3. See also 'impossible'.

Alice Price-Healy gave up her life, for 50 years, to focus completely on the search for her missing husband. The danger of focus like that is that it leaves little room for thinking about what happens after... and, now that she's finally managed to find Thomas, she has no idea what she's supposed to do next. The fact that he comes with a surrogate daughter, who may or may not have some connection to Alice's recently-adopted grandson, is just icing on the complicated cake. So, the three of them are heading for the most complicated place in the universe: they're going home. But things on Earth have changed, while Alice, Thomas, and Sally have been away. The Covenant of St George, antagonised by Verity's declaration of war and Sarah's temporary relocation of an entire college campus, is trying to retake North America from the cryptids and cryptozoologists who've been keeping the peace for the past 100 years. And they're starting in New York. Alice and company have barely been back for an hour,

before the Ocean Lady and the Queen of the Routewitches are sending them to New York to help. They find themselves embroiled in the politics of dragons, kidnappings... and, of course, the most dangerous people of all: family. Getting 'back to normal' may be the hardest task Alice has undertaken, yet.

Urban fantasy TP \$37.95

The Cognomina Codex

Reincarnationist Papers 02

Maikranz, D Eric

Evan Michaels is back in a new life as a Syrian refugee. When strange memories of his former lives lead him back to Zurich, headquarters of his old family of fellow reincarnationists, the Cognomina, he must reacquire their trust to re-join their ranks. On the last leg of this journey, he is intercepted by an excommunicated member of the Cognomina who holds some serious grudges. She's on a mission to wipe out large portions of the world's population to save the planet from destruction. She proposes a union of the Cognomina and her own group of reincarnationists, but her true goals are dark indeed, and her resources are vast. Evan finds himself at the start of a war between two factions of immortal beings, each with a radically different vision for life on earth. The sequel to *The Reincarnationist Papers* (TP, \$35.95).

Fantasy noir TP \$37.95

Feed Them Silence

novella

Mandelo, Lee

What does it mean to 'be-in-kind' with a nonhuman animal? Or in Dr Sean Kell-Luddon's case, to be in-kind with one of the last remaining wild wolves? Using a neurological interface to translate her animal subject's perception through her own mind, Sean intends to chase both her scientific curiosity and her secret, lifelong desire to experience the intimacy and freedom of wolfishness. To see the world through animal eyes; smell the forest, thick with olfactory messages; even taste the blood and viscera of a fresh kill. And, above all, to feel the belonging of the pack. Sean's tireless research gives her a chance to fulfil that dream, but pursuing it has a terrible cost. Her obsession with work endangers her fraying relationship with her wife. Her research methods threaten her mind and body. And the attention of her VC funders could destroy her subject, the beautiful wild wolf whose mental world she's invading. A 112pp, Tor.com novella. *We expect to have this edition of Feed Them Silence from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Science fiction HC \$45.95

Drowning Practice

Meginnis, Mike

One night, everyone on Earth has the same dream – a dream of being guided to a watery death by a loved one on November 1. When they wake up, most people agree: after Halloween, the world will end. In the wake of this haunting dream and saddled with its uncertainty, Lyd and her daughter, Mott, navigate a changed world, wrestling with how to make choices when you really don't know what comes next. Embarking on a quixotic road trip, filled with a collection

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of unexpected and memorable characters, Lyd and Mott are determined to live out what could be their final months as fully as possible. But how can Lyd protect Mott and help her achieve her ambitions in a world where inhibitions, desires, and motivations have become unpredictable, and where Mott's dangerous and conniving father has his own ideas about how his estranged family should spend their last days?

Dystopia TP \$43.95

Eclipse the Moon

Starlight's Shadow 02

Mihalik, Jessie

Kee Ildez has been many things: hacker, soldier, bounty hunter. She never expected to be a hero; but when a shadowy group of traitors start trying to goad the galaxy's two superpowers into instigating an interstellar war, Kee throws herself into the search to find out who is responsible – and stop them. Digging up hidden information is her job, so hunting traitors should be a piece of cake, but the primary suspect spent years in the military, and someone powerful is still covering his tracks. Disrupting their plans will require the help of her entire team, including Varro Runkow, a Valovian weapons expert who makes her pulse race. Quiet, grumpy, and incredibly handsome, Varro watches her with hot eyes but ignores all of her flirting; so, Kee silently vows to keep her feelings strictly platonic. But that vow will be put to the test when she and Varro are forced to leave the safety of their ship and venture into enemy territory alone. Cut off from the rest of their team, they must figure out how to work together – and fast – because a single misstep will cost thousands of lives. The sequel to *Hunt the Stars* (TP, \$29.99).

Space opera TP \$29.99

Your Wish Is My Command

graphic novel

Mohamed, Deena

The story of three people who are navigating a world where wishes are literally for sale. Mired as they are in bureaucracy and the familiar prejudices of our world, the wishes that are more expensive are more likely to work as intended. Three wishes sold at an unassuming kiosk in Cairo link Aziza, Nour, and Shokry, changing their perspectives as well as their lives. Aziza learned early that life can be hard, but when she loses her husband and manages to procure a wish, she finds herself fighting unreasonable regulations and inequality for the right to have – and make – that wish. Nour is a privileged college student who secretly struggles with depression and must decide whether or not to use their wish to try to 'fix' this depression. And, finally, Shokry must grapple with his religious convictions as he decides how to help a friend who doesn't want to use their wish. Although their stories are fantastical, each of these people wrestles with the very real challenge of trying to make their most deeply-held desires come true. Set in a Cairo where wishes can be bought and sold, *Your Wish is My Command* is a fantastical, feminist debut from a young Egyptian talent.

Fantasy HC \$39.99

The Bone Orchard

Mueller, Sara A

Charm is a witch, and she is alone. The last of a line of conquered necromantic workers, now confined within the yard of regrown bone trees at Orchard House, and the secrets of their marrow. Charm is a prisoner, and a survivor. Charm tends the trees and their clattering fruit for the sake of her children, painstakingly grown and regrown with its fruit: Shame, Justice, Desire, Pride, and Pain. Charm is a whore, and a madam. The wealthy and powerful of Boreguard come to her house to buy time with the girls who aren't real. Except on Tuesdays, which is when the Emperor himself lays claim to his mistress, Charm, herself. But, now – Charm is also the only person who can keep an empire together, as the Emperor summons her to his deathbed, and charges her with choosing which of his awful, faithless sons will carry on the empire – by discovering which one is responsible for his own murder. If she does this last thing, she will finally have what has been denied her since the fall of Inshil – her freedom. But if she does, she will also be betraying the ghosts past and present that live on within her heart. Charm must choose. Her dead Emperor's will, or the whispers of her own ghosts. Justice for the empire, or her own revenge.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

The Sinister

Booksellers of Bath

Left-Handed Booksellers of London 02

Nix, Garth

There is often trouble of a mythical sort in Bath. The booksellers who police the Old World keep a careful watch there, particularly on the entity who inhabits the ancient hot spring. Yet, this time, it is not from Sulis Minerva that trouble starts. It comes from the discovery of a sorcerer's map, leading left-handed bookseller Merlin into great danger. A desperate rescue is attempted by his sister, the right-handed bookseller Vivien, and their friend, art student Susan Arkshaw, who is still struggling to deal with her own recently-discovered magical heritage. The map takes the trio to a place separated from this world, maintained by deadly sorcery performed by an Ancient Sovereign and guarded by monstrous living statues of Purbeck marble. But this is only the beginning, as the booksellers investigate centuries of disappearances and deaths and try to unravel the secrets of the murderous Lady of Stone, a serial killer of awesome powers. If they do not stop her, she will soon kill again. And, this time, her target is not an ordinary mortal. A wintry return to the somewhat-alternate 1980s' England of *The Left-Handed Booksellers of London* (PBK, \$19.99) – which we loved! Recommended.

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

The Prison Healer

Prison Healer 01

Noni, Lynette

Here at Zalindov, the only person you can trust is yourself. Seventeen-year-old Kiva Meridan has spent the last 10 years fighting for survival in the notorious death prison, Zalindov, working as the prison healer. When the Rebel Queen is captured, Kiva is charged with keeping the terminally ill woman alive long enough for her to undergo

the Trial by Ordeal: a series of elemental challenges against the torments of air, fire, water, and earth, assigned to only the most dangerous of criminals. Then a coded message from Kiva's family arrives, containing a single order: *Don't let her die. We are coming.* Aware that the Trials will kill the sickly queen, Kiva risks her own life to volunteer in her place. If she succeeds, both she and the queen will be granted their freedom. But no one has ever survived. With an incurable plague sweeping Zalindov, a mysterious new inmate fighting for Kiva's heart, and a prison rebellion brewing, Kiva can't escape the terrible feeling that her trials have only just begun. The first in a new series.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Angel Maker

North, Alex

Growing up in a beautiful house in the English countryside, Katie Shaw lived a charmed life. At the cusp of graduation, she had big dreams, a devoted boyfriend, and a little brother she protected fiercely. Until the day a violent stranger changed the fate of her family forever. Years later, still unable to live down the guilt surrounding what happened to her brother, Chris, and now with a child of her own to protect, Katie struggles to separate the real threats from the imagined. Then she gets the phone call: Chris has gone missing and needs his big sister once more. Meanwhile, Detective Laurence Page is facing a particularly gruesome crime. A distinguished professor of fate and free will has been brutally murdered, just hours after firing his staff. All the leads point back to two old cases: the gruesome attack on teenager Christopher Shaw, and the despicable crimes of a notorious serial killer who, legend had it, could see the future.

Horror HC \$62.95

The Mimicking of Known Successes

novella

Older, Malka

On a remote, gas-wreathed outpost of a human colony on Jupiter, a man goes missing. The enigmatic Investigator Mossa follows his trail to Valdegeld, home to the colony's erudite university – and Mossa's former girlfriend, a scholar of Earth's pre-collapse ecosystems. Pleiti has dedicated her research and her career to aiding the larger effort towards a possible return to Earth. When Mossa unexpectedly arrives and requests Pleiti's assistance in her latest investigation, the two of them embark on a twisting path in which the future of life on Earth is at stake – and, perhaps, their futures, together. A 176pp, Tor.com novella. *We expect to have this edition of The Mimicking of Known Successes from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

SF mystery HC \$45.95

The Magician's Daughter

Parry, H G

Off the coast of Ireland sits a legendary island hidden by magic. A place of ruins and ancient trees, sea-salt air and fairy lore, Hy-Brasil is the only home Biddy has ever known. Washed up on its shore as a baby,

Biddy lives a quiet life with her guardian, the mercurial magician Rowan. A life she finds increasingly stifling. One night, Rowan fails to return from his mysterious travels. To find him, Biddy must venture into the outside world for the first time. But Rowan has powerful enemies – forces who have hoarded the world's magic and have set their sights on the magician's many secrets. Biddy may be the key to stopping them. Yet, the closer she gets to answers, the more she questions everything she's ever believed about Rowan, her past, and the nature of magic itself. Perfect for fans of Genevieve Cogman and Diane Wynne Jones.

Fantasy PBK \$22.9

The Unadulterated Cat

the Amazing Maurice edition

Pratchett, Terry & Jolliffe, Gray

From the worldwide phenomenon Sir Terry Pratchett, via the unquestionable wisdom of the *Amazing Maurice*, herein is contained everything you'll ever need to know to identify the real, unadulterated cat. Unadulterated Cats are becoming an endangered species as more and more of us settle for those boring mass-produced cats the Ad Men sell us – the pussies that purr into their gold-plated food bowls on the telly. But the Campaign for Real Cats sets out to change all that by helping us to recognise a true, unadulterated cat when we see one. For example: real cats have ears that look like they've been trimmed with pink shears; real cats never wear flea collars... or appear on Christmas cards... or chase anything with a bell in it; real cats do eat quiche. And giblets. And butter. And anything else left on the table, if they think they can get away with it. Real cats can hear a fridge door opening two rooms away... Featuring 50 illustrations and artwork from the creative minds behind the *Amazing Maurice* film, rediscover Sir Terry's wit and wisdom and re-educate yourself on how to separate Real Cats from the riff raff.

Discworld HC \$34.99

Old Country

Query, Matthew & Harrison

The ranch was our dream home. Nestled in the arms of a valley below the Teton mountains, acres upon acres of wilderness, our nearest neighbours over a mile away... Beautiful, serene – isolated. Perfect. Until, naturally, the only neighbours for miles turned out to be crazy and delivered us a dire warning: The valley is cursed. Every season a spirit will manifest itself in increasingly disturbing ways, starting with an eerie light in the pond, and will kill you if you don't light a fire and – We made them leave then. Put it to the back of our minds and went about living our new, nearly perfect, lives. Then, spring came, and so did the light... An instant classic horror novel.

Horror PBK \$22.99

Eversion

Reynolds, Alastair

A small group of intrepid explorers are in search of a remote and mysterious artefact. It's a well-funded expedition, well organised, which is lucky as they're sailing north of Bergen on the schooner *Demeter*, searching for a narrow inlet which will lead

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them to a vast uncharted lake – and their goal – Until disaster strikes. Doctor Silas Coade wakes from disturbing dreams, on the steamship *Demeter*, in pursuit of an extraordinary find, almost too incredible and too strange to believe – secreted within a lagoon in the icy inlets of Patagonia. But as they come in sight of their prize, he and the crew see they are not the first to come so far: there is a wreck ahead, and whatever ruined it may threaten them as well – Shaking off his nightmares, Doctor Silas Coade joins his fellow exploders on the deck of the zeppelin *Demeter* and realises something has already gone dangerously wrong with their mission. If any of them are to survive, then he will have to take the exploration – and their lives – into his own hands... *Eversion* is a superb, original, gothic sf novel unlike anything else you've read. Strap in for the smartest, most mind-bending, edge-of-the-seat read of the year.

Gothic SF PBK \$22.99

Fevered Star

Between Earth & Sky 02

Roanhorse, Rebecca

The great city of Tova is shattered. The sun is held within the smothering grip of the Crow God's eclipse, but a comet that marks the death of a ruler and heralds the rise of a new order is imminent. The Meridian: a land where magic has been codified and the worship of gods suppressed. How do you live when legends come to life, and the faith you had is rewarded? As sea captain, Xiala is swept up in the chaos and currents of change, she finds an unexpected ally in the former Priest of Knives. For the Clan of Matriarchs of Tova, tense alliances form as far-flung enemies gather and the war in the heavens is reflected upon the earth. And for Serapio and Naranpa, both now living avatars, the struggle for free will and personhood in the face of destiny rages. How will Serapio stay human when he is steeped in prophecy and surrounded by those who desire only his power? Is there a future for Naranpa in a transformed Tova without her total destruction? The sequel to *Black Sun* (TP, \$39.95).

Fantasy TP \$41.95

The This

Roberts, Adam

A brand-new social media phenomenon, which hides a terrible secret. A far-future war between the hive AIs and humanity. And a connection... *The This* is the new social media platform everyone is talking about. Allow it to be injected into the roof of your mouth, and it will grow into your brain, allow you to connect with others without even picking up your phone. Its followers are growing. Its detractors say it is a cult. But for one journalist, hired to do a puff-piece interview with their CEO, it will change the world forever. Adan just wants to stay at home with his smart-companion *Elegy* – phone, friend, confidante, sex toy. But when his mother flees to Europe and joins a cult, leaving him penniless, he has to enlist in the army. Sentient robots are invading America, but it seems Adan has a surprising ability to survive their attacks. He has a purpose, even if he doesn't know what it is. And, in the far future, war between a hivemind of AIs and the remnants of humanity is coming to its

inevitable end. But one woman has developed a weapon which might change the course of the war. It's just a pity she's trapped, in an inescapable prison on a hivemind ship.

Science fiction PBK \$24.99

A River Enchanted

Elements of Cadence 01

Ross, Rebecca

Two childhood enemies must team up to discover why girls are going missing from their clan. Enchantments run deep on the magical Isle of Cadence. The capricious spirits that live there find mirth in the lives of the humans who call the land home, but that mischief turns to malevolence as girls begin to go missing. Adaira, heiress of the east, knows the spirits only answer to a bard's music, enticing them to return the missing girls. But there's only one bard capable of drawing the spirits forth by song: her childhood enemy, Jack Tamerlaine. He hasn't stepped foot on Cadence in 10 long years, content to study music at the Mainland university. But as Jack and Adaira reluctantly work together it becomes apparent the trouble with the spirits is far more sinister than first thought and an older, darker secret lurks beneath the surface, threatening to undo them all. The first in a series, now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Time Trials

Rothman, M A & Butler, D J

Marty Cohen was a gifted linguist and student of ancient military strategy who stepped away from academic Egyptology and opened a woodworking shop. Away from the bitter politics and petty rivalries, he's happy to take care of his people, play the occasional war game, and try to make a good life. Then mysterious visions begin to rob him of sleep. Soon after they start, he gets summoned back to Egypt: an off-the-grid dig funded by an eccentric financier has discovered texts that may be the earliest Egypt has produced, and they'll pay Marty silly amounts of cash just to fly out and take one little look. Marty turned his back on the academia game; but he's a small business owner who must make payroll during a recession, and he can't say no to the money. But the texts open doors to more visions and to an astonishing journey: the ragtag team of archaeologists finds itself in protohistoric North Africa, a drying land dominated by monsters, where humanity is badly in need of champions. And behind the war against the monster overlords lies a greater struggle: Marty and his team have been chosen to be champions of all Earth and to run a gauntlet on humanity's behalf. Failure will mean extinction. The first in a LitRPG-related series.

Time travel HC \$55.00

Kingdoms of Death

Sun Eater 04

Ruocchio, Christopher

Hadrian Marlowe is trapped. For nearly a century, he has been a guest of the Emperor, forced into the role of advisor, a prisoner of his own legend. But the war is changing. Mankind is losing. The Cielcin are spilling into human space from the fringes, picking their targets with cunning precision. The Great Prince Syriani Dorayaica is uniting their clans, forging them into an army

and threat the likes of which mankind has never seen. And the Empire stands alone. Now, the Emperor has no choice but to give Hadrian Marlowe once his favourite knight one more impossible task – journey across the galaxy to the Lothrian Commonwealth and convince them to join the war. But not all is as it seems, and Hadrian's journey will take him far beyond the Empire, beyond the Commonwealth, impossibly deep behind enemy lines. The fourth in this great cross-genre series, now in paperback.

Space fantasy PBK \$22.99

Ashes of Man

Sun Eater 05

Ruocchio, Christopher

Hadrian Marlowe continues down a path that can only end in fire. The galaxy is burning. With the Cielcin united under one banner, the Sollan Empire stands alone after the betrayal of the Commonwealth. The Prophet-King of the Cielcin has sent its armies to burn the worlds of men, and worse, there are rumours... whispers that Hadrian Marlowe is dead, killed in the fighting. But it is not so. Hadrian survived with the help of the witch, Valka, and together they escaped the net of the enemy having learned a terrible truth: the gods that the Cielcin worship are real and will not rest until the universe is dark and cold. What is more, the Emperor himself is in danger. The Prophet-King has learned to track his movements as he travels along the borders of Imperial space. Now, the Cielcin legions are closing in, their swords poised to strike off the head of all mankind. The first in this great cross-genre series is *Empire of Silence* (PBK, \$24.99).

Space fantasy TP \$32.99

Nothing But the Rain

novella

Salman, Naomi

The rain in Aloisville is never ending, and no one can remember when it started. There's not much they can remember. With every drop that hits their skin, a bit of memory is washed away. Stay too long in the wet, and you'll lose everything you used to be. By the time Laverne begins keeping a journal, the small town she calls home has been irreparably changed. Every drop of water is dangerous, from leaky faucets to the near-constant rainfall, and a careless trip outside can mean a life down the drain. With mysterious forces preventing escape, calls for rebellion seem to be on every resident's lips. But Laverne has no interest in fighting. She has no interest in rebellion. She just wants to survive. A 96pp, Tor.com novella. *We expect to have this edition of Nothing But the Rain from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Apocalypse TP \$37.95

Skyward Flight

novella collection

Sanderson, Brandon

Collecting *Sunreach*, *ReDawn*, and *Evershore*. Journey with Skyward Flight to Detritus – humanity's final refuge from the hostile Galactic Superiority government. In *Skyward*, Spensa Nightshade became a starfighter pilot in the Defiant Defence Force's Skyward Flight to battle Superiority forces. In *Starsight* she impersonated the

alien Alanik to infiltrate a Superiority space station and steal their hyperdrives. And, in *Cytomic*, she travelled the strange dimension of the Nowhere to discover the secrets of the planet-destroying Delvers and unlock her own Cytomic powers. As she is stuck in the Nowhere, Spensa's companions FM and Jorgen in Skyward Flight are left on Detritus with a new mandate: figure out how to use the hyperdrives, so that humanity can escape the planet and find allies among other species oppressed by the Superiority. First, comes a distress call from Minister Cuna and other diones on the abandoned outpost of Sunreach. Alanik's people on the planet ReDawn and the Kitsen from the planet Evershore also need Skyward Flight's aid in their desperate battles. The tales of FM, Alanik, and Jorgen combine to expand the universe of the bestselling Skyward series to new action-packed heights. Once you've claimed the stars, can you keep them free?

Space opera PBK \$24.99

The Invisible Life

of Addie LaRue

Schwab, V E

When Addie La Rue makes a pact with the devil, she trades her soul for immortality. But there's always a price – the devil takes away her place in the world, cursing her to be forgotten by everyone. Addie flees her tiny hometown in 18th-century France, beginning a journey that takes her across the world, learning to live a life where no one remembers her, and everything she owns is lost and broken. Existing only as a muse for artists throughout history, she learns to fall in love anew every single day. Her only companion on this journey is her dark devil with hypnotic green eyes, who visits her each year on the anniversary of their deal. Alone in the world, Addie has no choice but to confront him, to understand him, maybe to beat him. Until one day, in a second-hand bookstore in Manhattan, Addie meets someone who remembers her. Suddenly thrust back into a real, normal life, Addie realises she can't escape her fate forever. Perfect for fans of Audrey Niffenegger and Kate Atkinson. Now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Immortality: a Love Story

Anatomy duology

Schwartz, Dana

Hazel Sinnett is alone. She's half convinced the events, of the year before – the immortality, Beecham's vial – were a figment of her imagination. She doesn't even know if Jack is alive or dead. All she can really do is run her free clinic, helping people, and maintaining Hawthornden Castle as it starts to decay around her. When saving a life leads to her arrest, Hazel seems doomed to rot in prison until a message intervenes: Hazel has been specifically requested to be the personal physician of Princess Charlotte, the sickly daughter of King George IV. Soon, Hazel is dragged into the glamour and romance of a court where everyone has something to hide, especially the ladies of the princess' close circle, who never seem to stay hurt for long... Meanwhile, Jack Currer has been trying to find a way to die. He's been travelling across the Atlantic, hoarding any information that could cure his immortality and let him spend a normal life

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with Hazel. When he hears that Beecham has died, he immediately goes to London, to find out how he achieved it – and reunites with Hazel, once again. As their search for the immortality cure entangles them more and more with the British court, Hazel and Jack realise that a life together is not the only thing at stake. Malicious forces are at work in the monarchy, and they are very interested in living forever... The sequel to *Anatomy: A Love Story* (PBK, \$17.99).
Gothic mystery TP \$22.99

A Day of Fallen Night Shannon, Samantha

Tunuva Melim is a sister of the Priory. For 50 years, she has trained to slay wyrms – but none have appeared, since the Nameless One; and the younger generation is starting to question the Priory's purpose. To the north, in the Queendom of Inys, Sabran the Ambitious has married the new King of Hrôth, narrowly saving both realms from ruin. Their daughter, Glorian, trails in their shadow – exactly where she wants to be. The dragons of the East have slept for centuries. Dumai has spent her life in a Seiikinese mountain temple, trying to wake the gods from their long slumber. Now, someone from her mother's past is coming to upend her fate. When the Dreadmount erupts, bringing with it an age of terror and violence, these women must find the strength to protect humankind from a devastating threat. Intricate and epic, *A Day of Fallen Night* sweeps readers back to the world of *A Priory of the Orange Tree* (PBK, \$22.99), showing us a course of events that shaped it, for generations to come. Highly recommended.
Fantasy TP \$34.99

The Phantom

Rise of the Warlords 03

Showalter, Gena

As the son of a war god, Roux Pyroesis has suffered unending pain – he's caused it, too, dispatching his foes with alarming ease. Now, he's tasked with cutting out the heart of a powerful queen who rules an ancient prison realm inhabited by the most vicious immortal females in existence. Blythe the Undoing is a decorated harpy warrior determined to annihilate Roux, the invader who killed her beloved consort. Nothing will stop her. Even if she must trap herself for eternity by sneaking into the brutal realm and taking the crown, pitting herself against the merciless male she's sworn to despise. Having never known desire, Roux is ill prepared for the stunning beauty who challenges him at every turn. For the survival of his army, duty comes first. Always. But what happens when the flames of Blythe's hatred burn out and she craves him, too... but only one of them can live?
Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Gold People

Smith, Tom Rob

The world has fallen. Without warning, a mysterious and omnipotent force has claimed the planet for their own. There are no negotiations, no demands, no reasons given for their actions. All they have is a message: humanity has 30 days to reach the one place on Earth where they will be allowed to exist... Antarctica. Here, are the journeys of a handful of those who endure

the frantic exodus to the most extreme environment on the planet. But their goal is not merely to survive the present. Because as they cling to life on the ice, the remnants of their past swept away, they must also confront the urgent challenge: can they change and evolve rapidly enough to ensure humanity's future? Can they build a new society in the sub-zero cold?
Post-apocalypse TP \$32.99

Snow Crash

30th anniversary edition

Stephenson, Neal

In the Metaverse – cyberspace home to avatars and software daemons – there is a new drug available: Snow Crash. A cyberdrug that reduces avatars in the digital world to dust, it also infects users in real life, leaving them in a vegetative state. This is bad news for Hiro, a freelance hacker and the Metaverse's best swordfighter, and mouthy skateboard courier Y T. Together, investigating the Infocalypse, they trace back the roots of language itself to an ancient Sumerian priesthood and find they must race to stop a shadowy virtual villain, hell-bent on world domination. The 30th anniversary edition of the modern classic that popularised the term 'metaverse', exploring (in an eerily-prescient way) computer science, the advance of technology, wealth inequality, politics, and philosophy. We (here, at Pulp Fiction) are a little uncertain where those 30 years have gone; but if you haven't yet read *Snow Crash*, now is the perfect time.
Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Blood of the Serpent

Conan the Barbarian

Stirling, S M

Conan the Barbarian, the world's most famous fantasy hero, returns in an all-new novel tied directly to the famous works by his legendary creator, Robert E Howard. Set early in his life, Conan has left his northern homeland to cut a bloody swath across the legendary Hyborian Age. A mercenary, a soldier, a thief, and a pirate, he faces conquering armies, malicious sorcerers, and monstrous creatures – against which he wields, only, the sword held in his powerful grasp. A superstar of novels, short fiction, comics, video games, films, and an upcoming Netflix series, his adventures have inspired many of the most popular authors of the 20th and 21st centuries. A brand-new, illustrated standalone novel, this is the first in a new series.
Conan HC \$39.99

City of Last Chances

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

There has always been a darkness to Ilmar, but never more so, than now. The city chafes under the heavy hand of the Pallesen occupation, the chokehold of its criminal underworld, the boot of its factory owners, the weight of its wretched poor and the burden of its ancient curse. What will be the spark that lights the conflagration? Despite the city's refugees, wanderers, murderers, madmen, fanatics and thieves, the catalyst, as always, will be the Anchorwood – that dark grove of trees, that primeval remnant, that portal, when the moon is full, to strange and

distant shores. Ilmar, some say, is the worst place in the world and the gateway to a thousand worse places. Ilmar, City of Long Shadows. City of Bad Decisions. City of Last Chances. Tchaikovsky's triumphant return to fantasy with a darkly inventive portrait of a city under occupation and on the verge of revolution. 'A wonderful twisty stew of a book with a cast of fascinating characters, set against the brilliantly-realised city of Ilmar.' – *Django Wexler*.
Fantasy TP \$32.99

How to be Remembered Thompson, Michael

Some lives are simply unforgettable... On an ordinary night in an ordinary year, Tommy Llewellyn's doting parents wake in a home without toys or nappies, without photos of their baby scattered about, and without any idea that the small child asleep in his cot is theirs. That's because Tommy is a boy destined to never be remembered. On the same day, every year, everyone around him forgets he exists, and he grows up enduring his own universal Reset. That is, until something extraordinary happens: Tommy Llewellyn falls in love. Determined to finally carve out a life for himself and land the girl of his dreams, Tommy sets out on a mission to trick the universe and be remembered. But legacies aren't so easily won, and Tommy must figure out what's more important – the things we leave behind or the people we bring along with us. A heart-warming, poignant, and ultimately-inspiring novel about the important things in life.
Fantasy TP \$32.99

Fear No Darkness

Ghost Squadron 04

Thomson, Eric

The Commonwealth is teetering on its last legs. But will it go down gently, or dissolve into a civil war as brutal as any in human history? That is the dilemma Colonel Zack Decker and Ghost Squadron face as they're tapped to protect a last-ditch effort to salvage a possibility of peace. And that last ditch effort is being held on Decker's home planet, a place he left long ago to put as many light years as possible between himself and a family who disapproved of his becoming a Marine. Yet, things are not what they seem, and between his family and ardent secessionists wanting to end the Commonwealth, Decker has his hands full. However, he's sworn an oath and intends to keep it because he's still one of the Few...
Military sf TP \$36.95

The Lies of the Ajungo

Forever Desert 01, novella

Utomi, Moses Ose

Prepare to enter the Forever Desert. *They say there is no water in the City of Lies. They say there are no heroes in the City of Lies. They say there are no friends beyond the City of Lies. But would you believe what they say in the City of Lies?* In the City of Lies, they cut out your tongue when you turn 13, to appease the terrifying Ajungo Empire and make sure it continues sending water. Tutu will be 13, in three days, but his parched mother won't last that long. So, Tutu goes to his oba and makes a deal: she provides water for his mother; in exchange, he will travel out into the desert,

and bring back water for the city. Thus begins Tutu's quest for the salvation of his mother, his city, and himself. *The Lies of the Ajungo* opens the curtains on a tremendous world, and begins the epic fable of the Forever Desert. With every word of this 96pp, Tor.com novella, Moses Ose Utomi weaves magic. *We expect to have this edition of The Lies of the Ajungo from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*
Fantasy HC \$43.95

Sundial

Ward, Catriona

You can't escape the desert. You can't escape Sundial. Rob fears for her daughters. For Callie, who collects tiny bones and whispers to imaginary friends. For Annie, because of what Callie might do to her. Rob sees a darkness in Callie, one that reminds her of the family she left behind. Desperate to keep Annie safe, she decides to take Callie back to her childhood home, to Sundial, deep in the Mojave Desert. And, there, she will have to make a terrible choice. Callie is afraid of her mother. Rob has begun to look at her strangely. To tell her secrets about her past that both disturb and excite her. And Callie is beginning to wonder if only one of them will leave Sundial alive... A stunning novel exploring the toxicity of the mother-daughter bond, and the power of the past to twist the present.

Gothic PBK \$22.99

Briar Girls

Wells, Rebecca Kim

Lena has a secret: the touch of her skin can kill. Cursed by a witch before she was born, Lena has always lived in fear and isolation. But after a devastating mistake, she and her father are forced to flee to a village near the Silence, a mysterious forest with a reputation for luring people into the trees, never to be seen again... Until the night an enigmatic girl stumbles out of the Silence and into Lena's sheltered world. Miranda comes from the Gather, a city in the forest brimming with magic. She is on a quest to wake a sleeping princess, believed to hold the key to liberating the Gather from its tyrannical ruler – and she offers Lena a bargain. If Lena assists her on her journey, Miranda will help her break the curse. Mesmerised by Miranda and her promise of a new life, Lena jumps at the chance. But the deeper into the Silence she goes, the more she suspects she's been lied to – about her family's history, her curse, and her future. As the shadows close in, Lena must choose who to trust and decide whether it's more important to have freedom... or power.
YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Horned God:

Weird Tales of the Great God Pan
Tales of the Weird

Wheatley, Michael (editor)

Many writers in the early 20th century particularly were fascinated by Pan as a figure of unbridled vivacity and pagan ecstasy, but also associated the god and folk hero with a sense of danger and even horror. *The pipe music shrilled suddenly around her, seeming to come from the bushes at her very feet, and at the same moment the great beast slewed round and bore directly*

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down upon her. In 1894, Arthur Machen's landmark novella *The Great God Pan* was published, sparking a resurgence of literary fascination with the figure of the pagan goat god. Tales from a broad spectrum of writers from E M Forster to prolific pulpsters, such as Grege Le Spina, took the god's rebellious and chaotic influence as their subject, spinning beguiling tales of society turned upside down and the forces of nature compelling protagonists to ecstatic heights or bizarre dooms. Selecting an eclectic cross-section of tales and short poems from this boom of Pan-centric literature, many first published in the influential *Weird Tales* magazine, this new collection examines the roots of a cultural phenomenon and showcases Pan's potential to introduce themes of queer awakening and celebrations of the transgressive into the thrillingly weird stories in which he was invoked.

Tales of the Weird TP \$37.95

The Foxglove King

Nightshade Crown 01

Whitten, Hannah

When Lore was 13, she escaped a cult in the catacombs beneath the city of Dellaire. And in the 10 years since, she's lived by one rule: don't let them find you. Easier said than done, when her magic ties her to the

city. Mortem is a magic born from death, and it's a high-priced and illicit commodity in Dellaire. Lore has made a living running poisons for the city's underbelly, but when a run goes wrong she's captured by the king and expects to be sent to the pyre. But the king has different plans. Lore is thrust into the Sainted King's glittering court, where no one can be believed and even fewer can be trusted. Guarded by Gabriel, a duke turned monk, and continually running up against Bastian, the king's ne'er-do-well heir, Lore tangles in politics, religion, and forbidden romance as she attempts to navigate a debauched and opulent society. But the life she left behind in the catacombs is catching up with her. And even as Lore makes her way through the Sainted court above, danger from below draws ever closer. The first in a new trilogy from the author of *For the Wolf* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Crown of Bones

Amassia 01

Wilder, A K

Raise. Your. Phantom. In a world on the brink of the next Great Dying, no amount of training can prepare us for what is to come. A young heir will raise the most powerful phantom in all of Baiseen. A dangerous

High Savant will do anything to control the nine realms. A mysterious and deadly Mar race will steal children into the sea. And a handsome guide with far too many secrets will make me fall in love. My name is Ash. A lowly scribe meant to observe and record. And, yet, I might be destined to surprise us all... The first in a series.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

The Scarlet Circus

collection

Yolen, Jane

A rakish fairy meets the real Juliet, behind Shakespeare's famous tragedy. A jewellery artist travels to the past to meet a successful silversmith. The addled crew of a ship at sea discovers a mysterious merman. More than one ignored princess finds her match in the most unlikely men. From ecstasy to tragedy, with love blossoming shyly, love at first sight, and even love borne of practical necessity – beloved fantasist Jane Yolen's newest collection celebrates romance in all its glory. This bewitching assemblage, with an original introduction from Brandon Sanderson, is an ideal read for anyone who appreciates witty, compelling, and classic romantic fantasy.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Jewel Box: Stories

collection

Yu, E Lily

Angels, monsters, and bees. Birdwatchers, emperors, and prison wardens. These and more populate the 22 new and old stories from award-winning author E Lily Yu, collected for the first time here in her debut short story collection. From her early innovative work that won her the Astounding Award for Best New Writer, such as 'The Cartographer Wasps and the Anarchist Bees', to recent short fiction such as 'Small Monsters', E Lily Yu's writing has continued to garner award nominations and recognition from the literary community for its faceted beauty, cutting edge, and uplifting heart. Collecting award-winning stories from across her career alongside brand-new pieces, *Jewel Box* rings with stories of delight and tales of tremendous weight. By turns, bittersweet and boundary-breaking, poignant, and profound, this collection of stories sing, as the oldest stories do, of what it means to be alive in this strange, terrible, beautiful world.

Speculative fiction HC \$55.00