

Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

February 2023

Magic Tides

Kate Daniels: Wilmington Years 01

Ilona Andrews

Kate, Curran and their son, Conlan, have left Atlanta, vowing to keep a low profile, and are settling into a new city and new house... but some things never change! Magical mayhem is about to erupt when Kate undertakes the rescue of a kidnapped youth, while Curran guards the home front.

It should be a simple retrieval, but with monsters on land and sea, Kate's got her work cut out for her. Still, she's never let her blade dull or her purpose falter. And that low profile? It's about to wash away with the raging tides!

Paranormal romance novella | PBK | \$24.95



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What Price Victory?

Worlds of Honor 07

David Weber (editor)

The hottest military science fiction series of all time continues. The mission: to boldly explore David Weber's Honorverse and to deliver all the action, courage, derring-do, and pulse-pounding excitement of space naval adventure with tales set in a world touched by the greatness of one epic heroine – Honor Harrington.

Collecting new Honorverse tales by: Timothy Zahn and Thomas Pope, Jane Lindskold, Jan Kotouc, and Joelle Presby. Plus, 'First Victory', an all-new novella by David Weber, himself!

Space opera | HC | \$57.95



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Crowbones

World of the Others 03

Anne Bishop

Crowbones will gitcha if you don't watch out!

Deep in the territory controlled by the Others – shape-shifters, vampires, and even deadlier paranormal beings – Vicki DeVine has made a new life for herself running The Jumble, a rustic resort. When she decides to host a gathering of friends and guests for Trickster Night, at first everything is going well between the humans and the Others.

But then someone arrives dressed as Crowbones, the Crowgard bogeyman. When the impostor is killed along with a shape-shifting Crow, and the deaths are clearly connected, everyone fears that the real Crowbones may have come to The Jumble – and that could mean serious trouble.

To 'encourage' humans to help them find some answers, the Elders and Elementals close all the roads, locking in suspects and victims alike. Now Vicki, human police chief Grimshaw, vampire lawyer Ilya Sanguinati, and the rest of their friends have to figure out who is manipulating events designed to pit humans against Others – and who may have put Vicki DeVine in the crosshairs of a powerful hunter.

The Others urban fantasies have been consistently popular at Pulp over the years – start with *Written in Red* (PBK, \$24.95)

Urban fantasy | PBK | \$24.95



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Leviathan Falls

Expanse 09, final!

James S A Corey

'Interplanetary adventure the way it ought to be written' – *George R R Martin*.

The Laconian Empire has fallen, setting the thirteen hundred solar systems free from the rule of Winston Duarte. But the ancient enemy that killed the gate builders is awake, and the war against our universe has begun again.

In the dead system of Adro, Elvi Okoye leads a desperate scientific mission to understand what the gate builders were and what destroyed them, even if it means compromising herself and the half-alien children who bear the weight of her investigation. Through the wide-flung systems of humanity, Colonel Aliana Tanaka hunts for Duarte's missing daughter... and the shattered emperor himself.

And on the *Rocinante*, James Holden and his crew struggle to build a future for humanity out of the shards and ruins of all that has come before.

As nearly unimaginable forces prepare to annihilate all human life, Holden and a group of unlikely allies discover a last, desperate chance to unite all of humanity, with the promise of a vast galactic civilisation free from wars, factions, lies, and secrets if they win.

But the price of victory may be worse than the cost of defeat.

This series is a freaking juggernaut! Recommended! Start with *Leviathan Wakes* (PBK, \$22.99)

Space opera | PBK | \$22.99



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The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels

Dangerous Damsels 01

India Holton

The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels are no ordinary women... Full of pirates, thieves and ne'er-do-wells, they spend their days pickpocketing and blackmailing their way around the country – all before their afternoon tea.

But when Wisteria lady Cecilia Bassingwaite meets Ned Lightbourne, her world is set to change forever. Because he's a paid assassin and she's his next hit. Yet, when he lays eyes on the feisty, beautiful Cecilia, he's faced with a conundrum: Does he kill her... or fall in love with her?

Fantastical Victorian hijinks – much fun!

We expect the third of these, *The Secret Service of Tea and Treason* (PBK, \$22.99), around ANZAC Day. Can't wait!

Gaslamp fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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All Systems Red

Murderbot Diaries 01

Martha Wells

Winner: 2018 Hugo Award for Best Novella.

Winner: 2018 Nebula Award for Best Novella.

Winner: 2018 Alex Award.

Winner: 2018 Locus Award.

One of the Verge's Best Books of 2017.

A *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller.

A murderous android discovers itself in *All Systems Red*, a tense (*but: ALSO VERY FUNNY!*) science fiction adventure by Martha Wells that interrogates the roots of consciousness through Artificial Intelligence.

'As a heartless killing machine, I was a complete failure.'

In a corporate-dominated spacefaring future, planetary missions must be approved and supplied by the Company. Exploratory teams are accompanied by Company-supplied security androids, for their own safety.

But in a society where contracts are awarded to the lowest bidder, safety isn't a primary concern. On a distant planet, a team of scientists are conducting surface tests, shadowed by their Company-supplied `droid – a self-aware SecUnit that has hacked its own governor module, and refers to itself (though, never out loud) as 'Murderbot'.

Scornful of humans, all it really wants is to be left alone long enough to figure out who it is. But when a neighbouring mission goes dark, it's up to the scientists and their Murderbot to get to the truth.

Yes – we keep recommending this – and it keeps selling – and people keep coming back for more – hence it and others are back in our bestseller lists. Mwah!

(If you haven't read this yet – *WHY NOT?!?*)

[Science fiction novella](#) | [HC](#) | [\\$29.99](#)



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Fugitive Telemetry

Murderbot Diaries 06

Martha Wells

No, I didn't kill the dead human.

If I had, I wouldn't dump the body in the station mall.

When Murderbot discovers a dead body on Preservation Station, it knows it is going to have to assist station security to determine who the body is (was), how they were killed (that should be relatively straightforward, at least), and why (because apparently that matters to a lot of people – who knew?)

Yes, the unthinkable is about to happen: Murderbot must voluntarily speak to humans!

Again!

This sixth entry into the series is a standalone novella, set before *Artificial Condition*. If you haven't read the preceding books in Wells' fab series – then start with *All Systems Red* (HC, \$29.99).

[Science fiction novella](#) | [HC](#) | [\\$39.99](#)



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Beyond

Founding of Valdemar 01

Mercedes Lackey

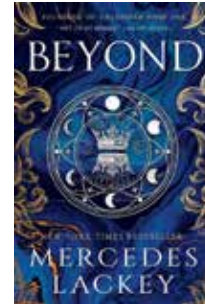
The long-awaited founding of Valdemar comes to life in this new series... now in paperback.

Within the Eastern Empire, Duke Kordas Valdemar rules a tiny, bucolic Duchy that focuses mostly on horse breeding. Anticipating the day when the Empire's exploitative and militant leaders would not be content to leave them alone, Kordas' father set out to gather magicians in the hopes of one day finding a way to escape and protect the people of the Duchy from tyranny.

Under the direction of the Emperor, mages have begun to harness the power of dark magics, including blood magic, the powers of the Abyssal Planes, and the binding and 'milking' of Elemental creatures. But then one of the Duchy's mages has a breakthrough. There is a way to place a Gate at a distance so far from the Empire that it is unlikely the Emperor can find or follow them, as they evacuate everyone that is willing to leave.

But time is running out, and Kordas has been summoned to the Emperor's Court. Can his reputation as a country bumpkin and his acting skills buy him and his people the time they need to flee? Or will the Emperor lose patience, invade to strip Valdemar of everything of worth, and send its conscripted people into the front lines of the Imperial wars?

Valdemar | PBK | \$19.99



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All the Murmuring Bones

A G Slatter

For fans of Naomi Novik and Katherine Arden, a dark gothic fairy tale from multi-award-winning Brisbane author, Angela Slatter.

'Harrowing and beautiful, this is the grim, fairy-tale gothic you've been waiting for' – *Christopher Golden, author of Ararat.*

Long ago Miren O'Malley's family prospered due to a deal struck with the mer: safety for their ships in return for a child of each generation.

But for many years the family have been unable to keep their side of the bargain and have fallen into decline. Miren's grandmother is determined to restore their glory, even at the price of Miren's freedom.

A spellbinding tale of dark family secrets, magic and witches, and creatures of myth and the sea; of strong women and the men who seek to control them.

This really is fantastic – highly recommended!

Gothic fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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A Big Ship at the Edge of the Universe

Salvagers 01

Alex White

A crew of outcasts tries to find a legendary ship before it falls into the hands of those who would use it as a weapon in this science fiction adventure series for fans of the Expanse and *Firefly*.

A washed-up treasure hunter, a hotshot racer, and a deadly secret society.

They're all on a race against time to hunt down the greatest warship ever built.

Some think the ship is lost forever, some think it's been destroyed, and some think

it's only a legend, but one thing's for certain: whoever finds it will hold the fate of the universe in their hands. And treasure that valuable can never stay hidden for long...

Space opera | PBK | \$22.99



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