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

The Thing in the Snow **Adams, Sean**

At the far reaches of the world, the Northern Institute sits in a vast expanse of ice and snow. Once a thriving research facility, its operations were abruptly shut down after an unspecified incident, and its research teams promptly evacuated. Now, it's home to a team of three caretakers – Gibbs, Cline, and their supervisor, Hart – and a single remaining researcher named Gilroy, who is feverishly studying the sensation of coldness. Their objective is simple: occupy the space, complete their weekly tasks, and keep the building in working order, in case research ever resumes. (Also: *never touch the thermostat. Also: never, ever go outside.*) The work isn't thrilling – test every door for excessive creaking, sit on every chair to ensure its structural integrity – but for Hart, it's the opportunity of a lifetime, a chance to hone his leadership skills and become the beacon of efficiency he always knew he could be. There's just one obstacle standing in his way: a mysterious object that has appeared out in the snow. Gibbs and Cline are mesmerised. They can't discern its exact shape and colour, nor if it's moving or fixed in place. But it is there. Isn't it? Whatever it might be, Hart thinks the thing in the snow is an unwelcome distraction, and probably a huge waste of time. Though, come to think of it, time itself has been a bit wonky lately. Weekends pass in a blur, and he can hardly tell day from night. Gravity seems less than reliable. The lights have been flickering weirdly, and he feels an odd thrumming sensation in his beard. Gibbs might be plotting to unseat him as supervisor, and Gilroy – well, what is he really doing, anyway? Perplexed and isolated – but most certainly not alone – Hart wrestles for control of his own psyche, as the thing in the snow beguiles his team, upends their work, and challenges their every notion of what is normal.

Absurdist sf HC \$52.99

Valhellions

Knight Watch 02

Akers, Tim

When John Rast signed up for Knight Watch, he expected it to be all fighting dragons and rescuing maidens. You know, hero stuff. But, instead, he's stuck patrolling game conventions and cosplayer competitions, looking for dangerous anachronisms and the villains who may be trying to exploit them. Fortunately, all that changes when an honest-to-goodness necromancer shows up wielding a weapon created by Nazi occultists and accompanied by some badass, evil Valkyries, hell-bent on kicking off the end of the world. John and the team will go to great lengths – even Minnesota – to find out who's responsible for all this and foil their plans. Also, there's a giant dog who thinks the moon is a ball. It's *epic*. The sequel to *Knight Watch* (PBK, \$26.95).

Urban fantasy PBK \$26.95

Wraithbound

Spiritbinder Saga 01

Akers, Tim

Since he was a boy, Rae Kelthannis has dreamed of being a stormbinder like his father, with an air elemental stitched into the fabric of his soul and the winds of heaven at his command. Those dreams died when his father, through no fault of his own, fell into disgrace and was banned by the justicars of the Iron Council. The family fled to the edge of the Ordered World, to live in fear in the shadow of encroaching Chaos. When Rae defies his father's orders and attempts to stitch an air elemental to his soul, he instead binds himself to a mysterious wraith. That's when things get complicated, and the world starts to fall apart around him. Literally. The first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$39.95

The Power

TV tie-in edition

Alderman, Naomi

All over the world women are discovering they have the power. With a flick of the fingers, they can inflict terrible pain – even death. Suddenly, every man on the planet finds they've lost control. The Day of the Girls has arrived – but where will it end? With this single twist, the four lives at the heart of Naomi Alderman's shocking and visceral novel are utterly transformed, and we look at the world in an entirely new light. What if the power to hurt were in women's hands? The iconic bestseller, winner of the Women's Prize, and soon-to-be-TV series, *The Power* is a truly extraordinary modern classic.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Thirsty Animals

Atalla, Rachelle

The world is running out of water.

With supply in the Scottish cities drying up, Aida is forced back home to live with her mum at their rural farm. For now, they are safe with just enough to get by. Yet, at the border, tensions are close to breaking point as more and more southerners chase the delusion that Scotland is an eternal spring – while fewer and fewer are allowed through. The service station where Aida works grows emptier with every day. Then, when suspicious strangers arrive at the farm asking for help, Aida and her family face a terrible decision. How much water can they afford to share? And then the taps are turned off. Now, they must survive, long enough for the rain to come.

Cli-fi thriller TP \$34.99

The Way Home

two Last Unicorn novellas

Beagle, Peter S

Sooz was an extraordinary little girl. She grew into an extraordinary woman, with a gift given to her by a unicorn, after a battle with a griffin. The gift is more

precious than she could have imagined but sets her on a dangerous path to rescue the sister she never knew she had from a land to which humans never go. But Sooz is no ordinary human. She may not be human, at all. The one thing this changeling child does know is love, and courage. Combining the Hugo award-winning novelette *Two Hearts* with brand new story 'Sooz', *The Way Home* returns us to the world of *The Last Unicorn*. Peter S Beagle brings the same humanity, poignancy and wisdom that makes his writing so magical.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Girl in the Mist

Bhagat, Vinaya

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

Horror TP \$29.99

The Shattered Skies

Cruel Stars trilogy 02

Birmingham, John

Centuries after they were defeated and exiled to dark space, The Sturm have returned. The Sturm, an empire of species purists, have returned from the farthest reaches of Dark Space to wage a war against what they call mutants and borgs: any human being with genetic or neural engineering. In a sneak attack on the galaxy-spinning networks, they overwhelmed almost all of humanity's defences, blasting dark code that transformed anyone connected to the system into a mindless psychotic killer. The Sturm's victory seemed complete, their final triumph inevitable, until one small band of intrepid, unlikely heroes struck back. Commander Lucinda Hardy and Admiral Frazer McLennan used the Armadalen Navy's final surviving warship to fend off the Sturm, destroying the massed power of

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an entire Attack Fleet. With brilliant tactics, this ragtag crew sent the Sturm running, managing to save Princess Alessia, the sole surviving heir to the gigantic Montanblanc Corporation and perhaps Earth's only remaining senator. Now, left with the remains of a fallen civilisation, they must work together to rebuild what was lost and root out the numberless enemies of Earth. The Sturm invaders remain vastly more powerful – and they may not be the only threat lurking in the darkness of space... The sequel to Birmo's *The Cruel Stars* (PBK, \$22.99), now in paperback.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

One For My Enemy Blake, Olivie

In New York City where we lay our scene, two rival witch families fight to maintain control of their respective criminal ventures. The Antonova sisters are beautiful, cunning, and ruthless, and their mother, known only as Baba Yaga, is the elusive supplier of premium intoxicants. On the other side, the influential Fedorov brothers serve their father, the crime boss known as Koschei the Deathless, whose enterprise dominates the shadows of magical Manhattan. For 12 years, they have coexisted in a fraught stalemate. But when bad blood brings both families to the precipice of disaster, fate intervenes with a chance encounter. Now, with deadly conflict on the horizon, everyone must choose a side. As the siblings struggle to stake their claim, fraying loyalties threaten to rot each side from the inside out.

Urban fantasy TP \$34.99

Silver in the Bone Bracken, Alexandra

Tamsin Lark is a Hollower – breaking into the ancient crypts of dark sorceresses in search of the treasures inside. Now, rumours are swirling about a powerful ring from Arthurian legend, a ring that could free her brother, Cabell from a curse. But they aren't the only ones who covet it... As word spreads, greedy Hollowers start circling, and many would kill to have the ring for themselves. Tamsin is forced into an alliance with her rival Emrys, the last person she wants to rely on. Together, they dive headfirst into a vipers' nest of dark magic, and expose a deadly secret with the power to awaken ghosts of the past and shatter her last hope of saving her brother... Driven by love, revenge and pure adrenaline, this is the stunning new novel from one of the top fantasy authors writing today. The first in a new series, inspired by Arthurian legend, and fuelled by love, revenge, and pure adrenaline

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

The Scourge Between Stars Brown, Ness

As acting captain of the starship *Calypto*, Jacklyn Albright is responsible for keeping the last of humanity alive, as they limp back to Earth from their forebears' failed colony on a distant planet. Faced with constant threats of starvation and destruction in the treacherous minefield of interstellar space, Jacklyn's crew has reached their breaking point. As unrest begins to spread throughout the ship's Wards, a new threat emerges, picking off crew members in grim, bloody fashion. Jacklyn and her team must hunt down the ship's unknown intruder if they

have any hope of making it back to their solar system alive.

Science fiction TP \$36.99

Infinity Gate

Pandominion 01

Carey, M R

Infinity is only the beginning.

The Pandominion: a political and trading alliance of a million worlds – except that they're really just the one world, Earth, in many different realities. And when an AI threat arises that could destroy everything the Pandominion has built, they'll eradicate it by whatever means necessary, no matter the cost to human life. Scientist Hadiz Tambuwal is looking for a solution to her own Earth's environmental collapse when she stumbles across the secret of inter-dimensional travel. It could save everyone on her dying planet, but now she's walked into the middle of a war on a scale she never dreamed of. And she needs to choose a side before it kills her. From the bestselling M R Carey comes a thrilling novel set in the multiverse – the tale of humanity's expansion across millions of dimensions, and the AI technology that might see it all come to an end...

Science fiction TP \$34.99

The House of Sorrowing Stars Gartwright, Beth

How do you heal a broken house? First, you unlock its secrets. Alone on an island, surrounded by flowers that shine as dusk begins to fall, sits an old, faded house. Rooms cannot be rented here and visits are only for those haunted by the memory of loss. When Liddy receives an invitation, she thinks there must be some mistake – she's never experienced loss. But with her curiosity stirred, and no other way to escape a life in which she feels trapped, she decides to accept. Once there, she meets Vivienne, a beautiful, austere woman whose glare leaves Liddy unsettled; Ben, the reserved gardener; and Raphael, the enigmatic keymaker. If Liddy is to discover her true purpose in the house, she must find the root of their sorrow – but the house won't give up its secrets so easily... A spellbinding and haunting literary fable of loss, perfect for fans of *The Binding* and *The Night Circus*.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Clytemnestra Casati, Costanza

This is the story of a daughter betrayed by her father. Who watches her sister be destroyed by violence and rape. Whose child is sacrificed to ensure her family's power. Who fights as fiercely as any warrior. Who falls in love with her husband's enemy. Who is hungry for otherworldly retribution against both men and gods... This is Clytemnestra, the most notorious heroine of the Ancient World. Know her name. Condemned by Homer and the Greek poets as a sexually faithless, deceitful, murderous woman, Clytemnestra's voice is obscured by the spiteful judgement of history. A judgement that refuses to see her strength and her cunning, her grief and her rage. If power isn't given to you, you have to take it, for yourself.

Myth retold TP \$32.99

The Way Spring Arrives and Other Stories

an anthology of Chinese science fiction and fantasy in translation from a visionary team of female & nonbinary creators

Chen, Yu

& Wang, Regina Kanyu (editors)

From an award-winning team of authors, editors, and translators comes a groundbreaking collection of short stories that explores the expanse of Chinese sf&f. In *The Way Spring Arrives and Other Stories*, you can dine at a restaurant at the end of the universe, cultivate to immortality in the high mountains, watch roses perform Shakespeare, or arrive at the island of the gods on the backs of giant fish to ensure that the world can bloom. Time travel to a winter's day on the West Lake, explore the very boundaries of death itself, and meet old gods and new heroes. Written, edited, and translated by a female and nonbinary team, these stories have never before been published in English and represent both the richly-complicated past and the vivid future of Chinese sf&f.

Chinese sf&f TP \$34.99

Escape Orbit

Eccentric Orbits 02

Chiles, Patrick

Five years ago, astronaut Jack Templeton took the spacecraft *Magellan* to the farthest reaches of our solar system, never to be heard from again. Until now. When the *Magellan* suddenly reappears, where an undiscovered planet was suspected to be, it poses more questions than answers. How did Jack survive, all this time? Can he make it back to Earth, before his life support runs out? And what is the object long thought to be the elusive 'Planet Nine'? In a race against time, Jack's former crewmate Traci Keene spearheads a desperate effort to outfit a rescue mission. But she has competition. Agencies of both American and foreign governments have their own agendas, and saving rogue astronauts isn't among them. And at the edge of all that is known, a gateway to the unknown awaits. The sequel to *Frozen Orbit* (PBK, \$26.95).

Space opera TP \$39.95

What the Hex Clare, Jessica

Penny Roundtree wants nothing more than to be a familiar to a witch. She's been a member of the Society of Familiars, ever since she was old enough to join the Fam. There's just a small problem – no one's hiring. Witches and warlocks are so long lived, there are far more familiars available than witches to train them. So, when an unorthodox arrangement to apprentice under the table to a forbidden warlock presents itself, she takes it. Willem Sauer is banned from having a familiar due to past transgressions, thereby limiting his magic-casting abilities. Unfortunately, for the surly, Prussian warlock, he has no choice but to work with enthusiastic Penny as a familiar. They immediately clash like dried roan horsehair and honeycomb gathered by moonlight (it's a terrible spell combination, ask anyone). Casting spells has delightful perks Penny never could have dreamed of, but also greater dangers. Someone is targeting Penny. Willem and Penny must

work together to catch their enemy, and if their ploy requires a little kissing on the side, who is to question the rules of magic?

Paranormal romance PBK \$24.99

The Book of Eve Clothier, Meg

Beatrice is the convent's librarian. For years, she has shunned the company of her sisters, finding solace only with her manuscripts. Then, one carnival night, two women, bleeding and stricken, are abandoned outside the convent's walls. Moments from death, one of them presses something into Beatrice's hands: a bewitching book whose pages have a dangerous life of their own. But men of the faith want the book destroyed, and a zealous preacher has tracked it to her door. Her sisters' lives – or her obsession. Beatrice must decide. The book's voice is growing stronger. An ancient power uncoils. Will she dare to listen? *The Binding* meets *The Handmaid's Tale* – Discovering a book of dark and ancient power, a convent librarian must defend it with her life. A beguiling tale, inspired by the undeciphered *Voynich* manuscript, perfect for fans of dark academia and historical feminist fiction.

Biblio-fantasy TP \$32.99

Tower of Silence

Saga of the Forgotten Warrior 04

Correia, Larry

The assassination of the Chief Judge has pushed the Capitol to the edge. The Great Extermination has spread to all the land. The casteless must be annihilated. Their only hope is the fallen Protector Ashok Vadal. But Vadal is being held prisoner on the island of Fortress. In order to save those who need him most, he must escape and find his way across the demon-infested sea and return to Thera, the prophet of an illegal and forgotten god. It is she, who has sent the Sons of the Black Sword to war against the warrior caste, hoping to buy time until Vadal's return. But as the chaos swirls, Grand Inquisitor Omand Vokkan launches a coup to install Lord Protector Devedas as his puppet king. Devedas has no intention of being anyone's puppet, but it may not matter. For Vokkan has struck a secret bargain with a demon. Vokkan will destroy the casteless for this ancient being; in exchange, he will be granted the power of the ancient gods. Ashok Vadal, Thera, and the Sons of the Black Sword face foes both human and supernatural, Byzantine political intrigue and bloody hand-to-hand combat. But Vadal is a warrior with a warrior's heart, and woe to those who would stand in his way – man, god, or demon! This military fantasy series begins with *Son of the Black Sword* (PBK, \$28.95).

Military fantasy HC \$57.95

Where It Rains in Color Griffendon, 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

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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...

Space opera TP \$32.99

Flint and Mirror

Crowley, John

As ancient Irish clans fought to preserve their lands and their way of life, the Queen and her generals fought to tame the wild land and make it English. Hugh O'Neill, lord of the North, dubbed Earl of Tyrone by the Queen, is a divided man: the Queen gives to Hugh her love, and her commandments, through a little mirror of obsidian which he can never discard; and the ancient peoples of Ireland arise from their underworld to make Hugh their champion, the token of their vow a chip of flint.

Historical fantasy TP \$39.95

The Best Horror of the Year, Volume Fourteen

Best Horror of the Year

Datlow, Ellen (editor)

For more than four decades, Ellen Datlow has been at the centre of horror. Bringing you the most frightening and terrifying stories, Datlow always has her finger on the pulse of what horror readers crave. Now, with the fourteenth volume of the series, Datlow is back again to bring you the stories that will keep you up at night. Encompassed in the pages of *The Best Horror of the Year* have been such illustrious writers as: Neil Gaiman, Stephen King, Stephen Graham Jones, Joyce Carol Oates, Laird Barron, Mira Grant, and many others. With each passing year, science, technology, and the march of time shine light into the craggy corners of the universe, making the fears of an earlier generation seem quaint. But this light creates its own shadows. *The Best Horror of the Year* chronicles these shifting shadows. It is a catalogue of terror, fear, and unpleasantness as articulated by today's most challenging and exciting writers.

Horror TP \$27.99

The Red Scholar's Wake

Xuya Universe

de Bodard, Alette

Xich Si: bot maker, data analyst, mother, scavenger. But those days are over, now – her ship has just been captured by the Red Banner pirate fleet, famous for their double – dealing and cruelty. Xich Si expects to be tortured to death – only for the pirates' enigmatic leader, Rice Fish, to arrive with a different and shocking proposition: an arranged marriage between Xich Si and herself. Rice Fish: sentient ship, leader of the infamous Red Banner pirate fleet, wife of the Red Scholar. Or, at least, she was the latter before her wife died under suspicious circumstances. Now, isolated

and alone, Rice Fish wants Xich Si's help to find out who struck against them and why. Marrying Xich Si means Rice Fish can offer Xich Si protection, in exchange for Xich Si's technical fluency: a business arrangement with nothing more to it. But as the investigation goes on, Rice Fish and Xich Si find themselves falling for each other. As the interstellar war against piracy intensifies and the five fleets start fighting each other, they will have to make a stand – and to decide what kind of future they have together... An exciting space opera and a beautiful romance, from an exceptional sf author.

Science fiction TP/HC \$34.99/\$49.99

Mystic Skies

Mystic trilogy 03

Denzel, Jason

The world is Changed. Fifty-four years have passed, since Crow Tallin, the catastrophic celestial event that merged Fayūn and the human world. One devastating result of that cataclysm is that most human babies are born fused with fay spirits. The Mystics of Kelt Apar, once beloved, are blamed for this worldwide phenomenon. On the island of Moth, the Barons have declared the Myst illegal and imprisoned all Mystics under house arrest. Under the watchful eyes of deadly Hunters, a much-older Pomella AnDone, now, lives as a prisoner at Kelt Apar with her granddaughter and apprentice Mia, as well as the rapidly declining High Mystic of Moth, Yarina Sineese. When the time comes to conduct the ceremony intended to pass the title of High Mystic from Yarina to her successor Vivianna, something goes horribly wrong, leaving the lineage of Mystics in doubt. With new rivals seeking to claim Moth for their own, Pomella must undergo a dangerous dreamwalk into the mind-bending and heart-wrenching Mystic Skies in order to learn the mystical name of the island, itself. In this epic conclusion to Jason Denzel's Mystic trilogy, which spans decades and timeless realms and dreams, Pomella must confront her greatest and most personal challenge yet. For the Deep mysteries of the world will reveal themselves only to the most powerful and dedicated of Mystics. The trilogy begins with *Mystic* (PBK, \$35.95).

Epic fantasy TP \$43.95

Rubicon

Dewes, J S

Sergeant Adriene Valero wants to die. She can't. After enduring a traumatic resurrection, for the 96th time, Valero is reassigned to a special forces unit and outfitted with a cutting-edge virtual intelligence aid. They could turn the tide in the war against intelligent machines dedicated to the assimilation, or destruction, of humanity. When her VI suddenly achieves sentience, Valero is drawn into the machinations of an enigmatic major who's hell-bent on ending the war – by any means necessary. J S Dewes, author of *The Last Watch* (TP, \$32.99) and *The Exiled Fleet* (TP, \$34.99), returns with another sf space opera melding elements of Scalzi's *Old Man's War* (PBK, \$26.95) with *Edge of Tomorrow*. We expect to have this edition of *Rubicon* from our Australian distributors in July, at a lower price.

Space opera TP \$43.95

Barbarian's Prize

Ice Planet Barbarians 06

Dixon, Ruby

Tiffany doesn't care about all the attention she's getting from the alien men, but there is one particular hunter she can see herself with – if only she can find a way to move forward from the past... 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 PBK \$24.99

Wings Once

Cursed and Bound

Mythwoven 01

Drake, Piper J

My wings unbound, I am the Thai bird princess, the kinnaree, and no matter the cost, I will be free. Peeraphan Rahttana lives her life in Seattle, unaware of the complicated magical world spinning just beyond the shadows and mist... until a violent clash, outside her dance rehearsal, has her literally whisked off her feet. Her darkly-brooding rescuer, vampire Bennett Andrews, claims to represent a secret organisation dedicated to locating objects of myth and magic, tucking them safely away where they can do no harm – but he's too late to save Peeraphan from a deadly curse. Yet, Peeraphan isn't what she seems. Wings unbound, she's a Thai bird princess of legend... and while the curse won't kill her outright, it's only a matter of time. Determined, Bennett sweeps Peeraphan deeper into a supernatural world, far beyond anything she ever imagined, in a desperate bid to find a solution... and an explanation for the powers even she doesn't know how to define. Her world may have changed overnight, but Peeraphan knows one thing for certain: she can't go back to living as a human anymore. Not when she's felt what it's like to fly with Bennett by her side. She's determined to keep her wings and her freedom... and defy anyone who would try to take them from her again. *What would you save, if the world you knew disappeared and you could open your eyes to what exists just beyond?*

Urban fantasy TP \$37.95

The Keeper's Six

novella

Elliott, Kate

You never stop worrying about your kids, even when they're adults. It's been a year, since Esther set foot in the Beyond – the alien landscape stretching between worlds, crossing boundaries of space and time. She and her magical travelling party – her Hex – haven't spoken, since the Concilium banned them, from the Beyond, for a decade. But when she wakes in the middle of the night to her grown son's cry for help, the members of her Hex are the only ones she can trust to help her bring him back from wherever he has been taken. Esther will have to risk everything to find him. Undercover and hidden from the Concilium, she and her Hex will be tested by false dragon lords, a darkness so dense it can suffocate, and the bones of an old crime come back to haunt her. There are terrors that dwell in the space between worlds. A 208pp Tor.com novella.

Fantasy HC \$39.99

The Bone Wars

Pirates of Montana 01

Evan, Erin S

Rome, AD 306. Emperor Constantine converts the Roman Empire to Christianity. Over the next two decades, his armies destroy pagan idols across Europe and the Middle East. *England, AD 1830.* Palaeontologist Mary Anning writes to Sir Richard Owen, describing a fossil that she discovered in the cliffs of Lyme-Regis. She writes that the fossil is a large wing made of black bone. *Montana, AD 2023.* Sixteen-year-old Molly Wilder discovers a mysterious fossil while on a summer internship. The fossil has a large wing structure, horned skull, and black bones. Neither famed fossil-hunter Derek Farnsworth nor renowned palaeontologist Dr Sean Oliphant can place it, in a recognised dinosaur family. *For 65 million years, the Badlands of Montana have held a secret hidden in their depths...*

YA sf thriller TP \$35.95

Blackheart Ghosts

Blackheart Knights 02

Eve, Laure

A half-drowned stranger turns up at the door of Garad Gaheris, retired King's Champion, with a hell of a story to tell. The ex-knight may have uncovered a conspiracy involving the very highest echelons of London's elite. Current King's Champion Si Wyll, a master illusionist, still reeling from the betrayal of his lover and the death of his mentor, is poised to become the most dangerous man in London. Then a figure from his past surfaces, determined to blackmail him into a plot to change the balance of power for good. And the city's godchildren, those born with illegal magical abilities, have had enough of being put down – but who must die to ensure their ascension? 'A riveting tragedy of blood and desire. A masterwork of urban fantasy – and the coolest thing you'll read this year' – *Samantha Shannon* on *Blackheart Knights* (PBK, \$24.99).

Neo-noir fantasy TP \$34.99

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Harmony of Lies

Alice & Owen 02

Feehan, Brian

After being forced away for 17 years, Alice is finally home. But home isn't what she thought it would be, and every day the secrets she holds from her parents grow with weight. But how do you tell your mother and father that you're not normal? That the world is a far more dangerous place than they have ever known and you are anything but the small, innocent child that was torn from their arms all those years ago? Owen can't say goodbye, and Alice can't hold on to him tightly enough – as the pressures of danger and obligation grow stronger and stronger. With a broken heart, Owen is headed to San Francisco with his crew of musicians. But the Golden City is filled with history and secrets, and brutal deaths are just lying in wait for Owen and his people. To survive these trials and this city, Owen will need everything he has – even the broken parts he gave to Alice – to have any hope of doing the impossible one more time.

Paranormal romance PBK \$24.99

1637: the Coast of Chaos

Ring of Fire 34

Flint, Eric & Huff, Gorg & Goodlett, Paula

In 1632, an unexplained temporal and spatial phenomenon known as the Ring of Fire transported the blue-collar town of Grantville, West Virginia, smack dab in the middle of the Thirty Years War. When the dust settles, it becomes clear that the town of Grantville isn't going anywhere, and the can-do Americans of the 20th century begin altering the course of history forever. Five years later, the effects reach from the Old World to the New, but the course of exploration and colonisation looks much different than it did in our timeline. The French bought the English possessions in North America in 1633, but didn't do much with the uncivilised backwater, and now the new king of France, Gaston I, wants to seize the territory, and establish French control over it.

Alternate history PBK \$26.95

Witcha Gonna Do?

Flynn, Avery

Could it possibly get any worse than having absolutely no magical abilities when you're a member of the most powerful family of witches ever? It used to be that I'd say no, but then I keep getting set up on dates with Gil Connolly... whose hotness is only matched by his ego. Seriously. I can't stand him. Even if I also can't stop thinking about him (specifically kissing him) but we're going to pretend I never told you that part. So, yeah, my life isn't the greatest right now, but then it goes straight to the absolute worst hell when I accidentally make my sister's spell glitch and curse my whole family. And the only person who can help non-magical me break the spell? You guessed it. Gil the super-hot jerk. Now, we must work together, to save my family and outmanoeuvre some evil-minded nefarious forces bent on world domination. Oh, yeah, and we have to do all that while fighting against the attraction building between us because I may not be magical, but what's happening – between Gil and I – sure feels like it.

Paranormal romance TP \$27.99

The Warden

Warden 01

Ford, Daniel M

There was a plan. She had the money, the connections, even the brains. It was simple: become one of the only female necromancers, earn as many degrees as possible, get a post in one of the grand cities... then, prove she's capable of greatness. The funny thing about plans is that they are seldom under your control. Now, Aelis de Lenti, a daughter of a noble house and recent graduate of the esteemed Magisters' Lyceum, finds herself in the far-removed village of Lone Pine. Mending fences, matching wits with goats, and serving people who want nothing to do with her. But, not all is well in Lone Pine, and as the villagers – Aelis is reluctantly getting to know – start to behave strangely, Aelis begins to suspect that there is far greater need for a Warden of her talents, than she previously thought. Old magics are restless, and an insignificant village on the farthest border of the kingdom might hold secrets far beyond what anyone expected. Aelis might be the only person standing between one of the greatest evils ever known and the rest of the world. A non-stop, action-adventure story, this first in a series is perfect for fans who have always wanted their *Twin Peaks* to have some wizards.

Fantasy crime HC \$57.95

The Sandman

Book Five, graphic novel

Gaiman, Neil

Neil Gaiman's award-winning masterpiece *The Sandman* continues here, filled with the art from the medium's most gifted talent. *Sandman Book Five* collects *Sandman Midnight Theatre*, *Sandman Endless Nights*, and *Sandman: The Dream Hunters!* *Sandman Midnight Theatre* takes place in the late 1930s. A mysterious suicide leads the Golden Age Sandman (Wesley Dodds) to a dark circle of mystics known as the Order of Ancient Mysteries. The Order holds a number of disturbing secrets... and the greatest of these is Morpheus, the imprisoned Dream King! In *Sandman Endless Nights* Neil Gaiman explores the seven brothers and sisters of the Endless, Destiny, Death, Dream, Desire, Despair, Delirium, and Destruction. *Sandman: The Dream Hunters* is a love story, set in ancient Japan. Telling the story of a humble young monk and a magical, shape-changing fox who find themselves romantically drawn together. As their love blooms, the fox learns of a devilish plot by a group of demons to steal the monk's life. With the aid of Morpheus, the King of All Night's Dreamings, the fox must use all of her cunning and creative thinking to foil this evil scheme and save the man that she loves.

Fantasy PBK \$69.99

The Ice Ghost

Rewilding Report 02

Gear, Kathleen O'Neal

In the brutal Ice Age, caused by the ancient Jemen war, many archaic human species, including Denisovans and *Homo erectus*, hover on the verge of extinction. There seems no way out, until the greatest Neanderthal holy man, Trogon, has a vision. Legends say the truce that ended the old war left one hostage in the hands of the victorious rebels: the godlike Jemen leader known as the

Old Woman of the Mountain. According to Trogon's vision, only one person knows the location of that burial cave. Trogon must capture young Quiller and force her to lead him there... for the Old Woman may not be dead. She may only have been in stasis for 1,000 summers, and when reawakened she will save them from oblivion. But according to the Denisovans – Quiller's people – Trogon is the most powerful witch alive. He's up to something evil that will surely spell their destruction. He must be stopped, before it's too late. Quiller's best friend Lynx must brave towering glaciers, dire wolves, and prides of giant lions in the hope of saving her and stopping Trogon. The sequel to *The Ice Lion* (TP, \$39.95).

Cli-fi TP \$39.95

Chaos and Flame

Gratton, Tessa

& Ireland, Justina

When Darling Seabreak's family were murdered by the ruthless House Dragon, she swore she'd get revenge. And as a deadly assassin, there's no one she'd rather take out than their bloodthirsty war general, Talon Goldhoard. Talon Goldhoard has no problem defending his lands from threats – even ones he hates, like the whispers of madness that surround his brother, the High Prince. So, when he battles a ferocious girl who looks exactly like the one Caspian has painted obsessively, repeatedly, for years, Talon knows he must capture her alive – and find out exactly what kind of a threat she really is. What Talon is unprepared for is the thrilling chaos that Darling will bring into his life. With the world they both know appearing to catch fire all around them, these unlikely allies must navigate a game of power, betrayal, destiny – and love – that neither of them could ever have expected.

YA romantasy PBK \$19.99

The New One

Green, Evie

For Tamsyn and Ed, life is tough. They both work long hours for very little money and come home to their moody, rebellious daughter, Scarlett. After a tragic accident leaves Scarlett comatose, with little chance of recovery, Tamsyn and Ed are out of options – until a lifeline emerges in the form of an unusual medical trial. In exchange for the very best treatment for Scarlett, a fully-furnished apartment, and a limitless spending account, the family must agree to move to Switzerland, and welcome an artificial copy of their daughter into their home. Suddenly, their life is transformed. Tamsyn and Ed want for nothing, and the AI replacement, Sophie, makes it feel just like having their daughter back – except, without all the bad parts. Sophie is engaged, happy, and actually wants to spend time with her parents. But things take a turn for the worse – when Scarlett makes a very real recovery, and the family discovers that the forces behind their new life are darker than they ever could have imagined.

SF thriller TP \$37.95

Not of This World

Gideon Sable 04

Green, Simon R

The Preserve in Bath – the British Area 51 – is the secret government dumping ground for all things supernatural, and out of space. It is one of the most heavily-guarded places in the world. However, it's not what protects it that makes it so dangerous, but the things that are inside... Gideon Sable – master thief, con artist, and self-proclaimed vigilante – faces a challenge he can't refuse. His client, the former Head of the British Rocketry Group, Professor Neil Sharpe, wants him to break into the Preserve. Once inside, Gideon and his crew of supernatural misfits can get any mystical artefact they desire out of the Preserve's collection. The catch? To reach it, they must go through the treacherous Box Tunnel complex and, not only face trained guards and booby traps, but steal something that can't normally be stolen – a ghost! Sharpe's obscure motive leaves Gideon uncertain and suspicious. The only thing he knows, for sure, is that he can steal anything with just the right amount of preparation – but will he be prepared enough to face whatever the Preserve holds, or will he find himself a permanent part of the government's collection?

Supernatural heist HC \$64.95

The Hunger of the Gods

Bloodsworn Saga 02

Gwynne, John

Lik-Rifa, the dragon god of legend, has been freed from her eternal prison. Now she plots a new age of blood and conquest. As Orka continues the hunt for her missing son, the Bloodsworn sweep south in a desperate race to save one of their own – and Varg takes the first steps on the path of vengeance. Elvar has sworn to fulfil her blood oath and rescue a prisoner from the clutches of Lik-Rifa and her dragonborn followers, but first she must persuade the Battle-Grim to follow her. Yet, even the might of the Bloodsworn and Battle-Grim cannot stand alone against a dragon god. Their hope lies within the mad writings of a chained god. A book of forbidden magic with the power to raise the wolf god Ulfrir from the dead... and bring about a battle that will shake the foundations of the earth. The sequel to *The Shadow of the Gods* (PBK, \$22.99), now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Forever War

Haldeman, Joe

One of the very best, must-read sf novels of all time. Private William Mandella is a reluctant hero in an interstellar war against an unknowable and unconquerable alien enemy. But his greatest test will be when he returns home. Relativity means that for every few months' tour of duty, centuries have passed on Earth – isolating the combatants ever more from the world for whose future they are fighting. The Earth he knew is dead. The one he returns to... unrecognisable. Winner of the Nebula, Locus, and Hugo awards, *The Forever War* was the first title selected for the SF Masterworks series when it launched in 1999. Inspired by Haldeman's experience in the Vietnam War, it has been seen as a critical work of anti-war sf. A reissue with eye-catching new cover art.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

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Tell Me an Ending Harkin, Jo

The promise at *Nepenthe* is simple: they will erase the memories you cannot live with. After the procedure, psychologist Noor will assess you for two things: your mental wellbeing, and the successful erasure of the memory. But there is no assessment if you choose to delete the memory of the *Nepenthe* procedure itself. If you do that, you're on your own. And what if one day, out of the blue, your memory is offered back to you – would you want to remember what you've chosen to forget? A *New York Times* sf book of the year. Bioengineering PBK \$22.99

The Valkyrie Heartfield, Kate

Brynhild is a Valkyrie: shieldmaiden of the Allfather, chooser of the slain. But, now, she too has fallen, flightless in her exile. Gudrun is a princess of Burgundy, a daughter of the Rhine, a prize for an invading king – a king whose brother Attila has other plans, and a dragon to call upon. And in the songs to be sung, there is another hero: Sigurd, a warrior with a sword sharper than the new moon. As the legends tell, these names are destined to be lovers, fated as enemies. But here on Midgard, legends can be lies... For not all heroes are heroic, nor all monsters monstrous. And a shieldmaiden may yet find that love is the greatest weapon of all. Myth retold TP \$32.99

To Battersea Park Hensher, Philip

An order is issued. A population may not meet, or touch or speak to each other. They stay inside, and the reality of a few streets in a capital city emerges. An underground river is discovered; an urban grove of pomeloes emerges. The imagination reaches out, and makes sense of the world. By the sea, two men walk into a future of uncertain violence. There is time now to see the human dramas within 100 yards (an abduction, a quiet breakdown, an outbreak of violence, a young mind beginning to stretch itself); to wait for the weather to change; to understand that what lies underneath this part of the city are seasonally wet pastures and woodlands. 'What a writer he is!' – *Philip Pullman*. Pandemic TP \$24.99

The Infinite Hoffmann, Ada

Time is running out for the planet Jai. The artificially-intelligent Gods who rule the galaxy have withdrawn their protection from the chaos-ravaged world, just as their most ancient enemy closes in. For Yasira Shien, who has devoted herself to the fragile planet's nascent rebellion, it's time to do or die – and the odds are overwhelming. Enter Dr Evianna Talirr. Talirr, the visionary who decimated the planet and began its rebellion, is not a woman to be trusted. But she's returned with an unsettling prophecy: the only way to save Jai is for Yasira to die. Yasira knows it can't be that simple. But as she frantically searches for other options, what she finds will upend everything she knew about the Gods, the galaxy she lives in, and herself.

The final instalment of the Philip K Dick Award-nominated series, which begins with *The Outside* (PBK, \$22.99). Science fiction TP \$34.99

The Secret Service of Tea and Treason

Dangerous Damsels 03
Holton, India
When rumours circulate that a group of dastardly pirates plan to assassinate the Queen, Alice is immediately assigned to the case. However, she won't be working alone. Enter Daniel Bixby. Unflappable master spy and Alice's greatest rival. Together, they must assume the identity of husband and wife in order to infiltrate a perilous pirate party. Alice is determined to remain professional. This is work after all. But when an attraction starts to grow, there may be more at stake than just the throne... A party of swashbucklingly evil pirates. Two rival spies. One fake marriage. What could possibly go wrong...? The riotously funny and joyfully romantic third book of the *Dangerous Damsels* series; it starts with *The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels* (PBK, \$22.99). Fantasy PBK \$22.99

A Brief History of Living Forever

Kalfar, Jaroslav
When Adéla discovers she has a terminal illness, she leaves behind her native Czech village for a chance at reuniting in America with Tereza, the daughter she gave up at birth, decades earlier. But the country Adéla experienced, as a young woman – when she eloped with a filmmaker, and starred in his cult sci-fi movie – has changed, entirely. In 2030, America is ruled by an authoritarian government increasingly closed off to the rest of the world. Tereza, the star researcher for VITA, a biotech company hell-bent on discovering the key to immortality, is overjoyed to meet her mother, with whom she forms an instant, profound connection. But when their time together is cut short by shocking events, Tereza must uncover VITA's alarming activity in the wastelands of what was once Florida, and persuade the Czech brother, she's never met, to join her in this odds-defying adventure. From the critically acclaimed author of *Spaceman of Bohemia* (PBK, \$24.99). Science fiction TP \$32.99

A House with Good Bones Kingfisher, T

'Mum seems off.' Her brother's words echo in Sam Montgomery's ear as she turns onto the quiet North Carolina street where their mother lives alone. She brushes the thought away as she climbs the front steps. Sam's excited for this rare, extended visit, and looking forward to nights with just the two of them, drinking boxed wine, watching murder mystery shows, and guessing who the killer is long before the characters figure it out. But stepping inside, she quickly realises home isn't what it used to be. Gone is the warm, cluttered charm her mum is known for; now the walls are painted a sterile white. Her mum jumps at the smallest noises and looks over her shoulder even when she's the only person in the room. And when Sam steps out back to clear her head, she finds

a jar of teeth hidden beneath the magazine-worthy rose bushes, and vultures are circling the garden from above. To find out what's got her mum so frightened in her own home, Sam will go digging for the truth. But some secrets are better left buried. A haunting Southern Gothic from an award-winning master of suspense, *A House with Good Bones* explores the dark, twisted roots lurking just beneath the veneer of a perfect home and family. Gothic fantasy PBK \$24.99

Woman, Eating Kohda, Claire

Lydia is hungry. She's always wanted to try sashimi, ramen, onigiri with sour plum stuffed inside – the food, her Japanese father liked to eat. And then there is bubble tea and the vegetables grown by the other young artists at the London studio space she is secretly squatting in. But Lydia can't eat any of this. The only thing she can digest is blood, and it turns out that sourcing fresh pigs' blood in London – where she is living, away from her vampire mother, for the first time – is much more difficult than she'd anticipated. Then there are the humans: the people at the gallery she interns at, the strange men who follow her after dark, and Ben, a goofy-grinned artist she is developing feelings for. Lydia knows that they are her natural prey, but she can't bring herself to feed on them. If Lydia is to find a way to exist in the world, she must reconcile the conflicts within her – between her demon and human sides, her mixed ethnic heritage, and her relationship with food, and, in turn, humans. Before any of this, however, she must eat. Horror PBK \$22.99

Lone Women Lavalle, Victor

Adelaide Henry carries an enormous steamer trunk with her, wherever she goes. It's locked, at all times. Because when the trunk opens, people around Adelaide start to disappear... The year is 1915, and Adelaide is in trouble. Her secret sin killed her parents, forcing her to flee California in a hellfire rush and make her way to Montana as a homesteader. Dragging the trunk with her at every stop, she will become one of the 'lone women' taking advantage of the government's offer of free land, for those who can tame it – except that Adelaide isn't alone. And the secret, she's tried so desperately to lock away, might be the only thing that will help her survive the harsh territory. Historical horror HC \$55.00

Untethered Sky Lee, Fonda

novella
From World Fantasy Award-winning author, Fonda Lee, comes an epic fantasy fable about the pursuit of obsession at all costs. Ester's family was torn apart, when a manticore killed her mother and baby brother, leaving her with nothing but her father's painful silence and a single, overwhelming need to kill the monsters that took her family. Ester's path leads her to the King's Royal Mews, where the giant rocs of legend are flown to hunt manticores by their brave and dedicated rukkers. Paired with a fledgling roc named Zahra, Ester finds purpose and

acclaim by devoting herself to a calling that demands absolute sacrifice and a creature that will never return her love. The terrifying partnership between woman and roc leads Ester, not only on the empire's most dangerous manticore hunt, but on a journey of perseverance and acceptance. A 160pp Tor.com novella. *We expect to have this edition of Untethered Sky from our Australian distributors later this year, at a lower price.* Fantasy HC \$49.95

Loki's Ring Leicht, Stina

Gita Chithra, the captain of the intergalactic ship *The Tempest*, is used to leading her crew on simple retrieval and assistance missions. But when she receives a frantic distress call from Ri, the AI she trained from inception – making her like a daughter to Gita – she knows she's in for something much more dangerous. Ri is trapped in the depths of Loki's Ring, an artificial alien-made solar system, and says everyone in the vicinity has been infected and killed by a mysterious contagion. Gita and her team investigate, only to discover horrors at every turn, and are soon stranded themselves, leaving them vulnerable to infection and attack. Forced to call on an old friend to help them out of this mess, Gita must succeed or risk losing everyone she's ever loved. Space opera TP \$41.95

The Last Wild Horses Lunde, Maja

Mikhail lives in Russia in 1881. When a skeleton of a rare wild horse is brought to him, the zoologist plans an expedition to Mongolia to find the fabled Przewalski horse, a journey that tests not only his physicality, but his heart. In 1992, Karin – alongside her troubled son Mathias, and several Przewalski horses – travels to Mongolia to re-introduce the magnificent horses to their native land. The veterinarian has dedicated her life to saving the breed from extinction, prioritising the wild horses, even over her own son. Europe's future is uncertain in 2064, but Eva is willing to sacrifice nearly everything to hold onto her family's farm. Her teenage daughter implores Eva to leave the farm and Norway; but a pregnant, wild mare Eva is tending is about to foal. Then, a young woman named Louise unexpectedly arrives on the farm, with mysterious intentions that will either bring them all together, or devastate them one by one. Dystopia PBK \$22.99

Son of the Poison Rose Maberry, Jonathan

The Silver Empire is in ruins. War is in the wind. Kagen and his allies are on the run from the Witch-king. Wild magic is running rampant everywhere. Spies and secret cabals plot from the shadows of golden thrones. Kagen Vale is the most wanted man in the world, with a death sentence on his head and a reward for him – dead or alive – that would tempt a saint. The Witch-king has new allies who bring a terrible weapon – a cursed disease that drives people into a murderous rage. If the disease is allowed to spread, the whole of the West will tear itself apart. In order to build an army of resistance

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fighters and unearth magical weapons of his own, Kagen and his friends have to survive attacks and storms at sea, brave the haunted wastelands of the snowy north, fight their way across the deadly Cathedral Mountains, and rediscover a lost city filled with cannibal warriors, old ghosts, and monsters from other worlds. Along with his reckless adventurer brothers, Kagen races against time to save more than the old empire... if he fails the world will be drenched in a tsunami of bloodshed and horror. The sequel to *Kagen the Damned* (TP, \$36.99).

Grimdark fantasy TP \$36.99

Swan Song

McCannon, Robert

Facing down an unprecedented malevolent enemy, the US government responds with a nuclear attack. Soon, America as it was is gone forever, and now every citizen – from the president of the United States to the homeless on the streets of New York City – will fight to stay alive. In a wasteland born of rage and fear, populated by monstrous creatures and marauding armies, Earth's last survivors are drawn into the final battle between good and evil, which will decide the fate of humanity: Sister, who discovers a strange and transformative glass artefact in the destroyed Manhattan streets... Joshua Hutchins, the pro wrestler who takes refuge from the nuclear fallout at a Nebraska gas station... and Swan, a young girl possessing special powers, who travels alongside Josh to a Midwest town where healing and recovery can begin with her extraordinary gifts. But the ancient force behind the world's devastation is scouring the walking wounded for recruits to build its relentless army, beginning with Swan, herself...

Post-apocalyptic horror TP \$49.95

Lost in the Moment and Found

Wayward Children 08, novella

McGuire, Seanan

Welcome to the Shop Where the Lost Things Go. If you ever lost a sock, you'll find it here. If you ever wondered where your favourite toy from childhood ended up, it's probably sitting on a shelf in the back. And the headphones that you swore that, this time, you'd keep safe? You guessed it... Antoinette has lost her father. Metaphorically. He's not in the shop, and she'll never see him again. But when Anty finds herself lost (literally, this time), she finds that however many doors open for her, leaving the Shop for good might not be as simple as it sounds. Childhood and innocence, once lost, can never be found. The next in McGuire's hugely-popular novella series.

Portal fantasy HC \$39.99

In Ascension

MacInnes, Martin

Leigh grew up in Rotterdam, drawn to the waterfront as an escape from her unhappy home life and volatile father. Enchanted by the undersea world of her childhood, she excels in marine biology, travelling the globe to study ancient organisms. When a trench is discovered in the Atlantic Ocean, Leigh joins the exploration team, hoping to find evidence of the earth's first life forms – what she instead finds calls into

question everything we know about our own beginnings. Her discovery leads Leigh to the Mojave Desert and an ambitious new space agency. Drawn deeper into the agency's work, she learns that the Atlantic trench is only one of several related phenomena from across the world, each piece linking up to suggest a pattern beyond human understanding. Leigh knows that to continue working with the agency will mean leaving behind her declining mother and her younger sister, and faces an impossible choice: to remain with her family, or to embark on a journey across the breadth of the cosmos.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Sea of Tranquillity

Mandel, Emily St John

Edwin St Andrew is 18 years old, when he crosses the Atlantic by steamship, exiled from English polite society following an ill-conceived diatribe at a dinner party. He enters the forest, spellbound by the beauty of the Canadian wilderness, and suddenly hears the notes of a violin echoing in an airship terminal – an experience that shocks him to his core. Two centuries later, a famous writer, named Olive Llewellyn, is on a book tour. She's travelling all over Earth, but her home is the second moon colony, a place of white stone, spired towers, and artificial beauty. Within the text of Olive's bestselling pandemic novel lies a strange passage: a man plays his violin for change in the echoing corridor of an airship terminal as the trees of a forest rise around him. When Gaspary-Jacques Roberts, a detective in the black-skied Night City, is hired to investigate an anomaly in the North American wilderness, he uncovers a series of lives upended: the exiled son of an aristocrat driven to madness, a writer trapped far from home as a pandemic ravages Earth, and a childhood friend from the Night City who, like Gaspary himself, has glimpsed the chance to do something extraordinary that will disrupt the timeline of the universe. The award-winning author of *Station Eleven* and *The Glass Hotel*, Emily St John Mandel returns with a novel of time travel and metaphysics that precisely captures the reality of our current moment. *Sea of Tranquillity* is virtuoso performance that is as human and tender as it is intellectually playful. Now in paperback.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Mystical Murders of Yin Mara

Maradaine Saga story 01, novella

Maresca, Marshall Ryan

Two academics risk their lives and their careers to determine the cause of a series of inexplicable deaths... Phadre Golmin and Jiarna Kay are perfectly matched. Both astounding intellects, sharing a passion for academic pursuits and each other. Traveling from the University of Maradaine to Trenn College in Yin Mara, they are excited for the opportunity to study magical and mystical theory with the famed Professor Salarmin. So, when they come across a dead body that defies all logic, they should leave it alone. But Phadre and Jiarna tasted adventure in Maradaine, so the discovery of similar victims, paired with their scientific curiosity, makes the situation far too intriguing to ignore. Knowing that they alone have the

knowledge to unravel the mystery, Phadre and Jiarna are determined to resolve it, no matter the cost to their academic careers. This 159pp novella is the first in a new Maradaine sequence of short fiction.

Fantasy PBK \$22.95

Hultichia

Maradaine Saga story 02, novella

Maresca, Marshall Ryan

A mysterious and disturbing summons brings Aurien Pemmick, an untested deacon of the Church of Druthal, across the border to a peculiar and disquieting kingdom: Kellirac. Despite being in this antiquated and superstitious place, Pemmick is determined to root out the truth behind the summons. But Kellirac proves to be a place of dangers beyond the natural realm, especially since Pemmick arrives on the eve of Hultichia: a sacred night where the locals claim the dead will walk. Pemmick's faith is tested against Kellirac superstition, even as his mission threatens to drag him into madness, on the darkest night of his life. This 94pp novella is the second in a new Maradaine sequence of short fiction.

Fantasy PBK \$19.95

The Marriage Act

Marrs, John

Britain. The near future. A right-wing government believes it has the answer to society's ills – the Sanctity of Marriage Act, which actively encourages marriage as the norm, punishing those who choose to remain single. But four couples are about to discover just how impossible relationships can be when the government is monitoring every aspect of our personal lives – monitoring every word, every minor disagreement... and will use every tool in its arsenal, to ensure everyone will love, honour, and obey. What if marriage was the law? Dare you disobey? *Black Mirror* meets thriller, with a dash of Naomi Alderman's *The Power*, in this dark, high-concept novel.

Dystopian thriller TP \$34.99

Time's Raven

Eternity Loop 02

Merriman, Eileen

What's done cannot be undone. Don't forget. Having broken the rules against time travel, Indigo is in trouble with everyone, but at least the problem of Billy Raven has been solved – hasn't it? Indigo isn't totally sure. She's not sure about a lot of things: whether Rigel will choose her over Brie, where Andromeda comes from and what the mysterious Eternity Loop is. She will find out soon enough. It is only a matter of time. Can you escape an eternal loop? The gritty, fast-paced, thought-provoking Eternity Loop series begins with *Indigo Moon* (PBK, \$19.99).

Time travel PBK \$19.99

Highball

graphic novel

Moore, Stuart

& Harper, Fred (illustrator)

Meet Highball, ace pilot of the Earth Space Corp. He's the best shot in the galaxy, except for one big problem: he can only hit the target, when he's dead drunk... In the far future, Earth's finest pilot, call-sign HIGHBALL, finds himself caught between

two alien races: the arrogant, cerebral Mentok and the fierce, birdlike Q'k'q'r'r'kkk. In his one-man Byter ship, Highball must defuse an alien bomb and survive against a vicious enemy. But Highball has a deadly weakness: He can only hit the target when he's stone drunk. In his quest to save the galaxy, Highball stumbles headfirst into obstacles such as nefarious space enemies, fellow pilots, the maddening bureaucracy of Space Corp – and, of course, his own shameful inadequacies! *Highball* collects all five issues of the comic book series written by Stuart Moore (*The Zodiac Legacy*) with art by Fred Harper (*Snelson: Comedy is Dying*), and colours by Lee Loughridge.

Humorous sf TP \$39.95

Blind Spots

Mullen, Thomas

Seven years ago, everyone in the world went blind in a matter of months. Technology helped people adjust to the new normal, creating a device that approximates vision, downloading visual data directly to people's brains. But what happens... when someone finds a way to hack it, and change what people see? Homicide detective Mark Owens has been on the force, since before The Blinding. When a scientist is murdered, and the only witness insists the killer was blacked out of her vision, Owens doesn't believe her – until a similar murder happens in front of him. With suspects ranging from tech billionaires to anti-modernity cultists – and with the bodies piling up – Owens must conduct an investigation, in which he can't even trust his own eyes. Thomas Mullen, the acclaimed author of *Darktown*, delivers a compelling speculative-crime novel about one man's search for truth in a world of surveillance and disinformation that's all too recognisable.

SF thriller TP \$34.99

Whale

Myeong-kwan, Cheon

A masterpiece of modern Korean fiction; a sweeping, multi-generational tale blending fable, farce, and fantasy. A woman sells her daughter to a passing beekeeper for two jars of honey. A baby weighing 15 pounds is born in the depths of winter but named 'Girl of Spring'. A storm brings down the roof of a ramshackle restaurant to reveal a hidden fortune. Set in a remote village in South Korea, *Whale* follows the lives of its linked characters: Geumbok, who has been chasing an indescribable thrill, ever since she first saw a whale crest in the ocean; her mute daughter, Chunhui, who communicates with elephants; and a one-eyed woman who controls honeybees with a whistle. Brimming with surprises and wicked humour, *Whale* is an adventure-satire of epic proportions, by one of international literature's most original voices.

Fantasy TP \$27.99

The Terraformers

Newitz, Annalee

Destry's life is dedicated to terraforming Sask-E. As part of the Environmental Rescue Team, she cares for the planet and its burgeoning eco-systems as her parents and their parents did before her. But the bright, clean future they're building comes under

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threat when Destry discovers a city full of people that shouldn't exist, hidden inside a massive volcano. As she uncovers more about their past, Destry begins to question the mission she's devoted her life to; and must make a choice that will reverberate through Sask-E's future for generations to come. From sf visionary Annalee Newitz comes a sweeping, uplifting, and illuminating exploration of the future; an sf epic for our times and a love letter to our future. 'Newitz always sees to the heart of complex systems and breaks them down with poetic ferocity' – *N K Jemisin*.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Twice Cursed

anthology

O'Regan, Marie & Kane, Paul (editors)

From the fun of the fair to the depths of hell, experience 16 more curses in this sequel to the bestselling *Cursed: An Anthology* (PBK, \$19.99). A blend of traditional and reimagined curses – from fairy tales to Snow White – from some of the best names in fantasy. *Be careful what you wish for...* Take a trip to a terrifying carnival and uncover the secrets within, solve a mysterious puzzle box and await your reward, join a travelling circus and witness the strangest ventriloquist act you've ever seen. In this follow-up to the bestselling *Cursed: An Anthology*, you'll unearth curses old and new. From a very different take on 'Snow White', to a new interpretation of 'The Red Shoes', the best in fantasy spin straw into gold, and invite you into the labyrinth. Just don't forget to leave your trail of breadcrumbs... Featuring stories from: Joanne Harris; Neil Gaiman; Joe Hill; Sarah Pinborough; Angela Slatter; M R Carey; Christina Henry; A C Wise; Laura Purcell; Katherine Arden; Adam L G Nevill; Mark Chadbourn; Helen Grant; Kelley Armstrong; A K Benedict; and L L McKinney. *We expect to have this edition of Twice Cursed from our Australian distributors later this year, at a lower price.*

Curse fantasy PBK \$37.95

Goliath

Onyebuchi, Tochi

In the 2050s, Earth has begun to empty. Those with the means and the privilege have left the great cities of the United States for the more comfortable confines of space colonies. Those left behind salvage what they can from the collapsing infrastructure. Their neighbourhoods are being cannibalised, brick by brick, with materials being sent up to the colonies as a quaint reminder of the world that they wrecked. A primal biblical epic flung into the future, *Goliath* weaves together disparate narratives – a space-dweller looking at New Haven as a chance to reconnect with his spiralling lover; a group of civil servants attempting to renew the promises of Earth's crumbling cities; a journalist attempting to capture the violence of the streets; a marshal questioning what form justice could even take – into a richly urgent mosaic about race, class, gentrification, and who is allowed to be the hero of any history. 'Riveting, disturbing, and rendered in masterful detail.' – *Leigh Bardugo*.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

Gateway

Pohl, Frederik

One of the very best, must-read sf novels of all time. Wealth... or death. Those were the choices Gateway offered. Humans had discovered this artificial spaceport, full of working interstellar ships left behind by the mysterious, vanished Heechee. Their destinations are pre-programmed. They are easy to operate, but impossible to control. Some came back with discoveries which made their intrepid pilots rich; others returned with their remains barely identifiable. It was the ultimate game of Russian roulette, but in this resource-starved future there was no shortage of desperate volunteers. Winner of the Hugo, Locus, Nebula, and John W Campbell awards, *Gateway* begins Pohl's space-operatic Heechee saga. He was hugely influential in sf, as an author, but also an agent and editor, and his career spanned decades. A reissue with eye-catching new cover art.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

The Thick and the Lean

Porter, Ghana

An aspiring chef, a cyberthief, and a kitchen maid each break free of a society that wants to constrain them. In the quaint religious town of Seagate, abstaining from food brings one closer to God. But Beatrice Bolano is hungry. She craves the forbidden: butter, flambé, marzipan. As Seagate takes increasingly extreme measures to regulate every calorie its citizens consume, Beatrice must make a choice: give up her secret passion for cooking – or leave the only community she has known. Elsewhere, Reiko Rimando has left her modest roots for a college tech scholarship in the big city. A flawless student, she is set up for success... until her school pulls her funding – leaving her to face either a mountain of debt, or a humiliating return home. But Reiko is done being at the mercy of the system. She forges a third path – outside of the law. With the guidance of a mysterious cookbook written by a kitchen maid, centuries ago, Beatrice and Reiko each grasp for a life of freedom – something more easily imagined than achieved in a world dominated by catastrophic corporate greed. A startling fable of the entwined perils of capitalism, body politics, and the stigmas women face for appetites of every kind, Ghana Porter's profound new novel explores the reclamation of pleasure as a revolutionary act.

Dystopia HC \$62.95

Revelation Space

Reynolds, Alastair

Nine hundred thousand years ago, something wiped out the Amarantin. For the humans now settling the Amarantin homeworld, it's of little more than academic interest, even after the discovery of a long-hidden, almost perfect city and a colossal statue of a winged Amarantin. For brilliant, ruthless scientist Dan Sylveste, it's more than merely intellectual curiosity – and he will stop at nothing to get at the truth. Even if it costs him everything. But the Amarantin were wiped out for a reason, and that danger is closer and greater than even Sylveste imagines... The original novel in the epic series, *Revelation Space* was nominated for both the BSFA and Arthur C Clarke awards.

Reynolds' PhD in astronomy, and experience with the ESA, means that his space operas present hard science spins on intergalactic adventures, and have impacted SF for years. A reissue with eye-catching new cover art.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

Into the Real

TransDimensional Hunter 01

Ringo, John & Sherrer, Lydia

Lynn Raven may be the boss-master of WarMonger 2050 with her online persona of 'Larry the Snake', but when the CEO of Tsunami Entertainment personally asks her, as a favor, to beta test a new augmented reality game, she has to face her greatest fear: going outside and dealing with... well, people. As she becomes more immersed in the game, the stakes rise, and so do the obstacles. Strife between teammates, a ruthless rival team, and these strange glitches that make it seem like the game algorithm (or, maybe, 'game AI?') has it in for her. Now, she has to face a new fear: is she willing to step into the real – to win the future she's always wanted? What do you do when a game, and real life, merge? The first in a new series, where *Ender's Game* meets *Mean Girls* meets *Pokémon Go*.

Military sf PBK \$26.95

The Cradle of Ice

Moonfall 02

Rollins, James

To stop the coming apocalypse, a fellowship was formed. A soldier, a thief, a lost prince, and a young girl bonded by fate and looming disaster. Each step along this path has changed the party, forging deep alliances and greater enmities. All the while, hostile forces have hunted them, fearing what they might unleash. Armies wage war around them. For each step has come with a cost – in blood, in loss, in heartbreak. Now, they must split, travelling into a vast region of ice and to a sprawling capital of the world they've only known in stories. Time is running out and only the truth will save us all. The next book of the Moonfall series, following *The Starless Crown* (TP, \$36.99).

Epic fantasy TP \$36.99

Atalanta

Saint, Jennifer

The mesmerising story of the only female Argonaut... Left exposed on a mountainside, the defenceless infant Atalanta is left to the mercy of a passing mother bear and raised alongside the cubs under the protective eye of the goddess Artemis. Swearing that she will prove her worth alongside the famed heroes of Greece, Atalanta leaves her forest to join Jason's band of Argonauts. But can she carve out her own place in the legends in a world made for men?

Myth retold TP \$32.99

Tress of the Emerald Sea

Secret Projects 01

Sanderson, Brandon

The first of Sanderson's pandemic Secret Projects. The only life Tress has known, on her island home in an emerald-green ocean has been a simple one, with the simple pleasures of collecting cups brought by sailors from faraway lands and listening to stories told by her friend Charlie. But when his father takes him on a voyage to find a

bride and disaster strikes, Tress must stow away on a ship and seek the Sorceress of the deadly Midnight Sea. Amid the spore oceans where pirates abound, can Tress leave her simple life behind and make her own place sailing a sea where a single drop of water can mean instant death? Sanderson brings us deeper into the Cosmere Universe, with a standalone adventure that will appeal to fans of *The Princess Bride* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

A House Between Earth and the Moon

Scherm, Rebecca

For 20 years, Alex has believed that his gene-edited super-algae will slow and even reverse the effects of climate change. His obsession with his research has jeopardised his marriage, his relationships with his kids, and his own professional future. When the Son sisters, founders of the colossal tech company Sensus, offer him a chance to complete his research, he seizes the opportunity. The catch? His lab will be in outer space on Parallaxis, the first-ever luxury residential space station built for billionaires. Alex and six other scientists leave Earth and their loved ones to become Pioneers, the beta tenants of Parallaxis. But Parallaxis is not the space palace they were sold. Day and night, the embittered crew builds the facility under pressure from Sensus, motivated by the promise that their families will join them. At home, on Earth, much of the country is ablaze in wildfires and battered by storms. In Michigan, Alex's teenage daughter, Mary Agnes, struggles through high school with the help of the ubiquitous Sensus phones implanted in everyone's ears, archiving each humiliation, and wishing she could go to Parallaxis with her father – but her mother will never allow it. The Pioneers are the beta testers of another program, too: Sensus is designing an algorithm that will predict human behaviour. Katherine Son hires Tess, a young social psychologist, to watch the experiment's subjects through their phones – including not only the Pioneers, but Katherine's sister, Rachel. Tess begins to develop an intimate, obsessive relationship with her subjects. When Tess and Rachel travel to Parallaxis, the controlled experiment begins to unravel.

Science fiction TP \$39.95

Damsel

film novelisation

Skye, Evelyn

A price must be paid. Elodie never dreamed of a lavish palace or a handsome prince. As she grew up in the famine-stricken realm of Inoppe, her deepest wish was to help her people survive each winter. So, when a representative from a rich, reclusive kingdom offers her family enough wealth to save Inoppe in exchange for Elodie's hand in marriage, she accepts without hesitation. Swept away to the glistening kingdom of Aurea, Elodie is quickly taken in by the beauty of the realm – and of her betrothed, Prince Henry. But as Elodie undertakes the rituals to become an Aurean princess, doubts prick at her mind as cracks in the kingdom's perfect veneer begin to show: A young woman who appears and vanishes from the castle tower. A parade of torches weaving through the mountains. Markings left behind

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in a mysterious V. Too late, she discovers that Aurea's prosperity has been purchased at a heavy cost – each harvest season, the kingdom sacrifices its princesses to a hungry dragon. And Elodie is the next sacrifice. This ancient arrangement has persisted for centuries, leading hundreds of women to their deaths. But the women, who came before Elodie, did not go quietly. Their blood pulses with power and memory, and their experiences hold the key to Elodie's survival. Forced to fight for her life, this damsel must use her wits to defeat a dragon, uncover Aurea's past, and save not only herself but the future of her new kingdom as well. A novelisation of the forthcoming Netflix film *Damsel*, starring Millie Bobby Brown.

Fantasy HC \$57.95

Mothered Stage, Zoje

Grace isn't exactly thrilled, when her newly-widowed mother, Jackie, asks to move in with her. They've never had a great relationship, and Grace likes her space – especially, now, she's stuck at home, during a pandemic. Then again, she needs help with the mortgage after losing her job. And, maybe, it'll be a chance for them to bond – or, at least, give each other a hand. But living with Mother isn't for everyone. Good intentions turn bad, soon after Jackie moves in. Old wounds fester; new ones open. Grace starts having nightmares about her disabled twin sister, who died when they were kids. And Jackie discovers that Grace secretly catfishes people online – a hobby, Jackie thinks is unforgivable. When Jackie makes an earth-shattering accusation against her, Grace sees it as an act of revenge, and it sends her spiralling into a sleep-deprived madness. As the walls close in, the ghosts of Grace's past collide with a new but familiar threat: *Mom*.

Horror TP \$29.99

Camp Zero

Sterling, Michelle Min
The old world is broken. Be part of a better future. *America, 2049*: Summer temperatures are intolerably high, the fossil fuel industry has shut down, and humans are implanted with a 'Flick' at birth, which allows them to remain perpetually online. The wealthy live in the newly-created Floating City off the coast, while people on the mainland struggle to get by. For Rose, a job as a hostess in the city's elite club feels like her best hope for a better future. At a Cold War-era research station, a group of highly trained women with the code name White Alice are engaged in climate surveillance. But the terms of their employment become increasingly uncertain. And in a former oil town in northern Canada called Dominion Lake, a camp is being built – Camp Zero. A rare source of fresh, clean air and cooler temperatures, it will be the beginning of a new community and a new way of life. Grant believes it will be the perfect place to atone for his family's dark legacy. Everyone has an agenda. So, who can you trust? Could falling in love be the most radical act, of all? Thrilling, immersive and disturbingly prescient, *Camp Zero* is about the world we've built and where we go from here.

Dystopia TP \$32.99

Grass Tepper, Sheri S

A classic work of sf, from a master storyteller. What could be more innocuous than grass? Or more idyllic than a world covered with a wind-whipped ocean of verdant plains? But the planet Grass conceals horrifying secrets within its endless pastures. And as an incurable plague attacks all inhabited planets but this one, the prairie-like Grass begins to reveal these secrets – and nothing will ever be the same again... Considered to be among one of Sheri S Tepper's best works, *Grass* was nominated for both the Hugo and Locus awards. It explores ideas of colonisation and class; and sits as part of a rich culture of feminist sf. In 2015, Tepper received the World Fantasy Award for Life Achievement. A reissue with eye-catching new cover art.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

Some Desperate Glory Tesh, Emily

While we live, the enemy shall fear us. Since she was born, Kyr has trained for the day she can avenge the murder of planet Earth. Raised in the bowels of Gaia Station alongside the last scraps of humanity, she readies herself to face the Wisdom, the powerful, reality-shaping weapon that gave the majoda their victory over humanity. They are what's left. They are what *must* survive. Kyr is one of the best warriors of her generation, the sword of a dead planet. When Command assigns her brother to certain death and relegates her to Nursery to bear sons until she dies trying, she knows she must take humanity's revenge into her own hands. Alongside her brother's brilliant but seditious friend and a lonely, captive alien, Kyr escapes from everything she's known into a universe far more complicated than she was taught and far more wondrous than she could have imagined. A thrillingly-told queer space opera about the wreckage of war, the family you find, and who you must become – when every choice is stripped from you, *Some Desperate Glory* is Emily Tesh's highly-anticipated debut novel. 'Deserves a space on shelves alongside Ursula K Le Guin and Octavia Butler.' – *Publishers Weekly* (starred review).

Space opera TP \$32.99

The Man Who Fell to Earth Tevis, Walter

Thomas Jerome Newton is an extraterrestrial from the planet Anthea, which has been devastated by a series of nuclear wars, and whose inhabitants are twice as intelligent as human beings. When he lands on Earth – in Kentucky, disguised as a human – it's with the intention of saving his own people from extinction. Newton patents some very advanced Anthean technology, which he uses to amass a fortune. He begins to build a spaceship to help the last 300 Antheans migrate to Earth. Meanwhile, Nathan Bryce, a chemistry professor in Iowa, is intrigued by some of the new products Newton's company brings to the market, and already suspects Newton of being an alien. As Bryce and the FBI close in, Newton finds his own clarity and sense of purpose diminishing. Inspiring adaptations starring David Bowie and Chiwetel Ejiofor, *The Man Who Fell to Earth* brought Walter Tevis

wide recognition and critical acclaim. It was nominated for the Hugo award, and the 1976 film was nominated for the Nebula, Saturn and Hugo awards. A reissue with eye-catching new cover art.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

Her Lost Words

a novel of Mary Wollstonecraft and Mary Shelley

Thornton, Stephanie Marie
1792. As a child, Mary Wollstonecraft longed to disappear, during her father's violent rages. Instead, she transforms herself, into the radical author of the landmark volume *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, in which she dares to propose that women are equal to men. From conservative England to the blood-drenched streets of revolutionary France, Mary refuses to bow to society's conventions and, instead, supports herself with her pen until an illicit love affair challenges her every belief about romance and marriage. When she gives birth to a daughter and is stricken with childbed fever, Mary fears it will be her many critics who recount her life's extraordinary odyssey... *1818*. The daughter of infamous political philosopher Mary Wollstonecraft, passionate Mary Shelley learned to read by tracing the letters of her mother's tombstone. As a young woman, she desperately misses her mother's guidance, especially following her scandalous elopement with dashing poet Percy Bysshe Shelley. Mary struggles to balance an ever-complicated marriage with motherhood; while nursing twin hopes that she might write something of her own, one day and discover the truth of her mother's unconventional life. Mary's journey will unlock her mother's secrets, all while leading to her own destiny as the ground-breaking author of *Frankenstein*. A riveting and inspiring novel about a firebrand feminist, her visionary daughter, and the many ways their words transformed our world.

Historical fantasy TP \$37.95

The Battle of Maldon

together with the Homecoming of Beorhtnoth
Tolkien, J R R & Grybauskas, Peter W (editor)
First ever standalone edition of one of J R R Tolkien's most important poetic dramas, that explores timely themes such as the nature of heroism and chivalry during war, and which features unpublished and never-before-seen texts and drafts. In 991 AD, vikings attacked an Anglo-Saxon defence force – led by their duke, Beorhtnoth – resulting in brutal fighting along the banks of the river Blackwater, near Maldon in Essex. The attack is widely considered one of the defining conflicts of 10th-century England, due to it being immortalised in the poem, *The Battle of Maldon*. Written shortly after the battle, the poem now survives only as a 325-line fragment, but its value to today is incalculable, not just as an heroic tale but in vividly expressing the lost language of our ancestors and celebrating ideals of loyalty and friendship. J R R Tolkien considered *The Battle of Maldon* 'the last surviving fragment of ancient English heroic minstrelsy'. It would inspire him to compose, during the 1930s, his own dramatic verse-

dialogue, *The Homecoming of Beorhtnoth Beorhtnoth's Son*, which imagines the aftermath of the great battle when two of Beorhtnoth's retainers come to retrieve their duke's body. Leading Tolkien scholar, Peter Grybauskas, presents, for the very first time, J R R Tolkien's own prose translation of *The Battle of Maldon*, together with the definitive treatment of *The Homecoming of Beorhtnoth* and its accompanying essays; also included and never before published is Tolkien's bravura lecture, 'The Tradition of Versification in Old English', a wide-ranging essay on the nature of poetic tradition. Illuminated with insightful notes and commentary, he has produced a definitive critical edition of these works, and argues compellingly that, Beowulf excepted, *The Battle of Maldon* may well have been 'the Old English poem that most influenced Tolkien's fiction', most dramatically within the pages of the Lord of the Rings. A deluxe, slipcased edition (\$119.99) is also available.

Tolkien HC \$39.99

She Is a Haunting Tran, Trang Thanh

Jade Nguyen has always lied to fit in. She's straight enough, Vietnamese enough, American enough – at least, for this summer with her estranged father in Vietnam. Just five weeks of ignoring the quietly decaying French colonial house he's fixing up, then college and freedom are hers. But, soon, Jade begins waking up every morning, certain that something has clawed down her throat... from the inside. Then, the ghost of a beautiful bride visits her with a cryptic warning: *Don't Eat*. When her father and little sister don't believe her, Jade decides to scare them into leaving by staging some haunting events of her own. She recruits Florence, the daughter of her dad's business associate (and more of a distraction than Jade bargained for) to help. But the house has other plans. It's hungry. A home, after all, is only as powerful as those who breathe new life into its bones. And this one is determined never to be abandoned, again...

YA paranormal PBK \$17.99

Bitter Medicine Tsai, Mia

As a descendant of the Chinese god of medicine, ignored middle child Elle was destined to be a doctor. Instead, she is underemployed as a mediocre magical calligrapher at the fairy temp agency. Nevertheless, she challenges herself by covertly outfitting Luc, her client and crush, with high-powered glyphs. Half-elf Luc, the agency's top security expert, has his own secret: he's responsible for a curse laid from an old assignment. To heal them, he'll need to perform his job duties with unrelenting excellence and earn time off from his tyrannical boss. When Elle saves Luc's life, they begin a dangerous collaboration, but their chemistry blooms. Happiness, for once, is an option for them both. But Elle is loyal to her family, and Luc is bound by his true name. To win freedom from duty, they must make unexpected sacrifices.

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

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Veniss Underground
VanderMeer, Jeff

In a dark and decadent far future, the city of Veniss persists beside a dead ocean. Earth has become a desert wasteland, ravaged by climate change. Veniss endures on the strength of its innovative tech of almost Boschian intensity, but at what cost? Where does the line between 'made creature' and 'person' lie? Against this backdrop, *Veniss Underground* spins the tale of Nicholas, an aspiring, struggling Artist; his twin sister, Nicola; and Shadrach, Nicola's former lover. A fateful trip by Nicholas to the maverick biotech Quin will have far-reaching consequences for all three – and for the fate of Veniss itself, as insurrection stirs and the oppressed begin to revolt. *Veniss Underground* is Jeff VanderMeer's first novel, a spectacular surreal foray into a world as influenced by Alejandro Jodorowsky, as by Ursula K Le Guin. Readers of VanderMeer's later work will be enchanted and horrified by the marvels within, including the author's signature fascination with the nonhuman and the environment. By turns beautiful and powerful, *Veniss Underground* explores the limits of love, memory, and obsession against a backdrop of betrayal and biological mutation. This lovely, hardcover reissue includes a new introduction by the National Book Award-winning author Charles Yu and five bonus stories from Jeff VanderMeer.

Weird sf (reissue) HC \$62.95

Made of Stars
Voris, Jenna

Shane and Ava are a team. He steals the aircraft, she charms their mark, and together they take what they need. Not even their distracting chemistry could get in the way. Until Shane was caught and left to rot on a prison moon. Now, freshly escaped from confinement and simmering with anger, he has his sights set on their biggest job, yet. Cyrus just graduated from the flight academy with a shiny new position lined up reporting to a well-respected general. On his very first assignment, he stops the outlaws in their tracks – or he *would* have, if his annoyingly handsome co-pilot, Lark, hadn't fallen for Ava's deception. But when Shane uncovers a top-secret plot that would leave his and Ava's home world at the mercy of Cyrus' military leaders, he makes it his mission to thwart them at all costs. It isn't long before the two of them make interstellar headlines with each new heist. And thanks to a chance run in, with the rebels, Cyrus is caught between two versions of the truth. He must pick a side – and fast. Because Shane and Ava will bring the planet to its knees... or die trying.

YA space opera HC \$41.95

Forever

Lair of the Wolven 02

Ward, J R

For Lydia Susi, there is no sweet sorrow in saying goodbye to the man she loves. As a wolven hiding among humans, she became used to being alone – until destiny gave her the kind of love, she didn't dare hope for. But then came a devastating diagnosis that ended all her dreams. Grief is the only thing she sees in her future now. Daniel Joseph, as an operative for a clandestine arm of the US government, always expected to die an early death. He just assumed it would be out in the field... not in a hospital bed, in an underground lab. With his time running out, he refuses a potentially lifesaving treatment to focus on making sure that Lydia finds her wolven clan. Following an attack on the lab's compound, Daniel fears his former boss is coming after him and Lydia. Marshalling his strength, he must call on all his training to protect the female he loves... even if it means her moving on, without him.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Lassiter

Black Dagger Brotherhood 21

Ward, J R

A fallen angel finds love with a mysterious female – who could be his destiny... or the embodiment of his utter destruction.

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

A Hunger of Thorns
Wilkinson, Lili

Maude is the daughter of witches. She spent her childhood running wild with her best friend, Odette, weaving stories of girls who slayed dragons and saved princes. But Maude grew up, and lost her magic. Then, two weeks ago, Odette went missing, and everyone believes she is dead. Everyone, except Maude. Maude is sure she can find Odette, inside the ruins of an abandoned power plant built over an ancient magical forest – a place nobody else seems to remember is there. Soon, she discovers that wild magic is both deeply enchanting and terrifying. Can she find her friend – and stop the horrors of corrupted magic from overtaking everyone and everything she loves?

YA fantasy TP \$24.99