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Until next time, good reading!
Ron and Leanne

Halcyon

Ackerman, Elliot

Virginia, 2004. Gore is entering his second term as president. Our narrator, Martin Neumann, recently divorced, is living at Halcyon, the estate of renowned lawyer and World War II hero Robert Ableson. When news breaks that scientists – funded by the Gore administration – have discovered a cure for death, it calls into question everything Martin thought he understood about life... not least, his work as a historian. Who is Ableson, really, and why did he draw Martin into his orbit? Is this new science a miraculous good, or an insidious evil? Stretching from pivotal elections to intimate family secrets, from the Battle of Saipan to the toppling of Confederate monuments, *Halcyon* is a profound and probing novel that grapples with what history means, who is affected by it, and how the complexities of our shared future rest on the dual foundations of remembering and forgetting.

Alternate history HC \$57.95

The Grief of Stones

Cemeteries of Amalo 02

Addison, Katherine

As a Witness for the Dead, Thara Celehar can speak to the recently departed: see the last thing they saw, know the last thought they had, experience the last thing they felt. It is his duty to use that ability to ascertain the intent of the dead and to find the killers of the murdered. Celehar's time in the city of Amalo has brought him both friends and enemies – and no little notoriety. Now, when solving the murder of a marquise raises more questions than it answers, he finds himself exploring Amalo's dark underside. His investigations lead him to the Cemchelarna School for Foundling Girls, where all is not as it seems. Discovering the truth about its headmistress will lead Celehar deep into the city's history – and into the shattering depths of the loss he fears the most. A direct sequel to *The Witness for the Dead* (TP, \$37.95). Katherine Addison returns to the glittering world she created for her beloved novel (and one of Ron's great faves), *The Goblin Emperor* (PBK, \$24.95). Highly recommended

Goblin Emperor TP \$39.95

At Midnight

15 beloved fairy tales reimagined

Adler, Dahlia (editor)

Fairy tales have been spun for thousands of years and remain among our most treasured stories. Weaving fresh tales with unexpected reimaginings, *At Midnight* brings together a diverse group of celebrated YA writers to breathe new life into a storied tradition. You'll discover...

Dahlia Adler, 'Rumpelstiltskin'; Tracy Deonn, 'The Nightingale';

H E Edgmon, 'Snow White'; Hafsa Faizal, 'Little Red Riding Hood'; Stacey Lee, 'The Little Matchstick Girl'; Roselle Lim, 'Hansel and Gretel'; Darcie Little Badger, 'Puss in Boots'; Malinda Lo, 'Frau Trude'; Alex London, 'Cinderella'; Anna-Marie McLemore, 'The Nutcracker'; Rebecca Podos, 'The Robber Bridegroom'; Rory Power, 'Sleeping Beauty'; Meredith Russo, 'The Little Mermaid'; Gita Trelease, 'Fitcher's Bird'; and an all-new fairy tale by Melissa Albert.
YA fairy tales retold PBK \$19.99

The Poisoner's Ring

Rip Through Time 02

Armstrong, Kelley

Edinburgh, 1869: Modern-day homicide detective Mallory Atkinson is adjusting to her new life in Victorian Scotland. Her employers know she's not housemaid, Catriona Mitchell – even though Mallory is in Catriona's body – and Mallory is now officially an undertaker's assistant. Dr Duncan Gray moonlights as a medical examiner, and their latest case hits close to home. Men are dropping dead from a powerful poison, and all signs point to the grieving widows... the latest of which is Gray's oldest sister. Poison is said to be a woman's weapon, though Mallory has to wonder if it's as simple as that. But she must tread carefully. Every move the household makes is being watched, and who knows where the investigation will lead. The sequel to *A Rip Through Time* (TP, \$39.95).

Timeslip crime HC \$57.95

The Jigsaw Assassin

Major Bhaajan 04

Asaro, Catherine

Selei City is the capital of the Imerialte and one of the most desired locales, in all of the Skolian Empire. But its thin veneer of civilisation is cracked when a series of brutal crimes implicates those in political power in a vast conspiracy. Three prominent scientists have lost their lives to a serial killer – and notes at the scenes of the crimes lead to a connection to the Royalist political party. Major Bhaajan, former military officer turned private detective, is called back to Selei City to solve the crime. Bhaaj and her crew of Undercity Dust Knights plunge into the Byzantine world of Imperial politics – a jigsaw world where none of the pieces seem to fit. As the assassination plot becomes more and more convoluted, Bhaaj is kidnapped, threatened with death, and must fight for her life against the growing number of people threatened by her investigation. Bhaaj has faced all this and more, but now she must deal with something far deadlier – interstellar politics.

Space opera PBK \$26.95

Dead Silence

Barnes, S A

A ghost ship. A salvage crew. Unspeakable horrors. Claire Kovalik is days away from being unemployed – made obsolete – when her beacon repair crew picks up a strange distress signal. With nothing to lose and no desire to return to Earth, Claire and her team decide to investigate. What they find at the other end of the signal is a shock: the *Aurora*, a famous luxury space-liner that vanished on its maiden tour of the solar system more than 20 years ago. A salvage claim like this could set Claire and her crew up for life. But a quick trip through the *Aurora* reveals something isn't right. Whispers in the dark. Flickers of movement. Words scrawled in blood. Claire must fight to hold onto her sanity and find out what really happened on the *Aurora* – before she and her crew meet the same ghastly fate.

Horror/Space opera TP \$34.99

When Women Were Dragons

Barnhill, Kelly

Alex Green is a young girl in a world much like ours, except for its most seminal event: the Mass Dragoning of 1955, when hundreds of thousands of ordinary wives and mothers sprouted wings, scales, and talons; left a trail of fiery destruction in their path; and took to the skies. Was it their choice? What will become of those left behind? Why did Alex's beloved aunt Marla transform but her mother did not? Alex doesn't know. It's taboo to speak of. Forced into silence, Alex nevertheless must face the consequences of this astonishing event: a mother more protective than ever; an absentee father; the upsetting insistence that her aunt never even existed; and watching her beloved cousin Bea become dangerously obsessed with the forbidden.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

The City Inside

Basu, Samit

'They'd known the end times were coming but hadn't known they'd be multiple choice.' Joey is a Reality Controller in near-future Delhi. Her job is to supervise the multimedia multi-reality livestreams of Indi, one of South Asia's fastest rising online celebrities – who also happens to be her college ex. Joey's job gives her considerable culture power, but she's too caught up in day-to-day crisis handling to see this, or to figure out what she wants from her life. Rudra is a recluse estranged from his wealthy and powerful family, now living in an impoverished immigrant neighbourhood. When his father's death pulls him back into his family's orbit, an impulsive job offer from Joey becomes his only escape from the life he never wanted. But as Joey and Rudra become enmeshed in multiple

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conspiracies, their lives start to spin out of control – complicated by dysfunctional relationships, corporate loyalty, and the never-ending pressures of surveillance capitalism. When a bigger picture begins to unfold, they must each decide how to do the right thing in a world where simply maintaining the status quo feels like an accomplishment. Ultimately, resistance will not – cannot – take the same shape for these two very different people.

Cyberpunk TP \$39.95

Myriad

Bellin, Joshua David

Myriad has been in so many time strands she's lost count – hiding from her feelings about her brother's death, she works to prevent crimes from happening... but finds herself committing one, instead... Agent Miriam Randle works for LifeTime, a private law enforcement agency that undertakes short-term time travel to erase crimes before they occur. Haunted by the memory of her twin brother's unsolved murder at the age of six, Miriam thinks of herself as Myriad – an incarnation of the many lives she's lived in her journeys to rearrange the past. When a routine assignment goes wrong, and Miriam commits a murder she was meant to avert, she is thrown into the midst of a conspiracy that reaches to the highest levels of LifeTime. Along with her partner Vax, Miriam flees into the past in an attempt to unravel the truth before LifeTime agents catch up with her. But then her brother's killer reappears, 20 years to the day since he first struck. And he's not through with the twin who survived, not by a long shot.

SF thriller TP \$39.95

Ascension

Binge, Nicholas

If you ever read this, tell others don't come here. When a mountain mysteriously appears in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, a group of scientists are sent to investigate – and discover what is at the summit. Eminent scientist, explorer and chronic loner Harry Tunmore is among those asked to join the secret mission – and he has his own reasons for joining the team beyond scientific curiosity... But the higher the team ascend, the stranger things become. Time and space behave differently on the mountain, turning minutes into hours, and hours into days. Amid the whipping cold and steep dangers of higher elevation, the climbers' limbs numb and memories of their lives before the mountain begin to fade. What will they discover about themselves and their world as they rise? What, or who, will they discover at the top? Framed by the discovery of Harry Tunmore's unsent letters to his family and the chilling and provocative story they tell, *Ascension* considers the limitations of science and faith and examines both the beautiful and the unsettling sides of human nature.

SF thriller TP \$32.99

Tsalmoth

Vlad Taltos 16

Brust, Steven

First comes love. Then comes marriage... Vlad Taltos is in love. With a former assassin who may just be better than he is at the Game. Women, like this, don't come along every

day and no way is he passing up a sure bet. So, a wedding is being planned. Along with a shady deal gone wrong, and a dead man who owes Vlad money. Setting up the first and trying to deal with the second is bad enough. And then bigger powers decide that Vlad is the perfect patsy to shake the power structure of the kingdom. More's the pity that his soul is sent walkabout to do it. How might Vlad get his soul back, and have any shot at a happy ending? Well, there's the tale...

Fantasy HC \$57.95

Dual Memory

Burke, Sue

Antonio Moro lost everything to the Leviathan League. Now, he's alone in a city on an Arctic island – fighting the ruthless, global pirates with the chance to be the artist he always wanted to be. Unfortunately, he thinks it's a cover story for his real purpose – spying on sympathisers. When things look bleak, he discovers an unusual ally. His new personal assistant program, Par Augustus. It's insolent, extroverted, moody, and a not-quite-legal nascent AI. Together, they create a secret rebellion from unlikely recruits to defend the island from ideological pirates with entitlement and guns, and capitalist pirates with entitlement and money. A standalone novel, blending the hard sf of *Her* with the action adventure of *The Third Man*, from the author of *Semiosis* (PBK, \$22.99). *We expect to have this edition of Dual Memory from our Australian distributors later this year, at a lower price.*

Science fiction HC \$64.95

Vein Pursuits

Black Bodge 02

Castle, Jaime & Bruno, Rhett C

The path to Heaven runs through miles of icy Hell... James Crowley has ridden the road to Crescent City before, but never with companions like these. Never with a woman whose very presence jeopardises everything he's fought for over the past two decades. The swamps are a brutal, nasty place filled with creatures most people think only exist in nightmares and fever dreams. When Crowley, along with Rosa, Bram Stoker, Harker, and Irish stumble upon such a creature, and one of their party finds themselves mortally wounded, they must find help in the most unlikely of places. But that wasn't James Crowley's mission. As a Black Badge, a Hand of God, he's been tasked with hunting down the worst Hell has to offer, and at Shargrafein's beckoning, he must suss out the Betrayer – a mysterious being about whom no information is given. What he finds is something, he never could have guessed. The city is overrun with vampires, werewolves, and worse, including an old acquaintance, with nothing good in mind. Meanwhile, Rosa has continued her pursuit to reconnect with her dead husband, Willy Massey. With the help of a Voodoo Queen, she must do the unthinkable. Only Crowley stands between her and a choice that would forever scar her soul. But will he be able to escape the clutches of Hell, in order to keep her from destroying everything and everyone in her path? With the question of right and wrong always nagging at Crowley's undead heart, he must decide where his loyalties lie. The sequel to *Cold as Hell* (TP, \$39.95).

Urban fantasy TP \$39.95

Fall of the Iron Gods

Mechanists 02

Chadha, Olivia

After inflicting a devastating blow on the autocratic provincial government, Ashiva, Synch, and their remaining allies must infiltrate the planetary government before it can exterminate the Red Hand and everything they stand for. Despite hard-won victories, the revolutionary forces known as the Red Hand are more endangered than ever: the Planetary Alliance Commission – the PAC – has branded them public enemy number one, ramping up their efforts to eliminate the Red Hand's remaining members even as the pandemic rages on. Greedy and unyielding, the PAC is all too willing to sacrifice the people of a province to achieve their optimal results, leaving Ashiva, Synch, and Taru to save their homeland from a government claiming to act for the greater planetary good. The sequel to *Rise of the Red Hand* (PBK, \$19.99), a searing portrayal of the future of climate change in South Asia.

YA dystopia HC \$34.99

Silenced

Glaycomb, Ann

Four women. Four enchantments. One man. But he is no handsome prince, and this is no sugar-sweet fairy tale. Jo, Abony, Ranjani, and Maia all have something in common: they have each been cursed by the CEO of their workplace after he abused his power to prey on them. He wants them silent and uses his sinister dark magic to keep them quiet about what he did. But Jo, Abony, Ranjani, and Maia are not fairy-tale princesses waiting to be rescued. They are fierce, angry women with a bond forged in pain, and they're about to discover that they have power of their own. In this sharply-written, biting-relevant modern fable, the magic is dark and damaging, and the women are determined to rescue themselves. *We expect to have this edition of Silenced from our Australian distributors later this year, at a lower price.*

Urban fantasy PBK \$37.95

A Good House for Children

Collins, Kate

The perfect place to destroy a family... The Reeve stands on the edge of the Dorset cliffs, awaiting its next inhabitants. Despite Orla's misgivings, her husband insists this house will be the perfect place to raise their two children. In 1976, Lydia moves to Dorset as a nanny for a family grieving their patriarch. She soon starts to hear and feel things that cannot be real, but her bereaved employer does not listen when Lydia tells her something is wrong. Separated by 40 years, both Lydia and Orla realise that the longer they stay at the Reeve, the more deadly certain their need to keep the children safe from whatever lurks inside it... Nothing is quite what it seems at the Reeve, and with its pervasive atmosphere of claustrophobia and dread, Kate Collins' gothic creation will chill you to the core.

Folk horror TP \$32.99

The Spite House

Compton, Johnny

Eric Ross is on the run from a mysterious past with his two daughters in tow. Having left his wife, his house, his whole life behind in Maryland, he's desperate for money – it's not

easy to find steady, safe work when you can't provide references, you can't stay in one place for long, and you're paranoid that your past is creeping back up on you. When he comes across the strange ad for the Masson House in Degener, Texas, Eric thinks they may have finally caught a lucky break. The Masson property, notorious for being one of the most haunted places in Texas, needs a caretaker of sorts. The owner is looking for proof of paranormal activity. All they need to do is stay in the house and keep a detailed record of everything that happens there. Provided the house's horrors don't drive them all mad, like the caretakers before them. The job calls to Eric, not just because there's a huge payout if they can make it through, but because he wants to explore the secrets of the spite house. If it is indeed haunted, maybe it'll help him understand the uncanny power that clings to his family, driving them from town to town, making them afraid to stop running. A terrifying Gothic thriller about grief and death and the depths of a father's love, Johnny Compton's *The Spite House* is a stunning debut by a horror master in the making.

Horror HC \$46.99

This Delicious Death

Gottingham, Kayla

Two years ago, a small percentage of population underwent a transformation known as the Hollowing. Those affected were only able to survive by consuming human flesh. The people who went without quickly became feral, turning on their friends and family. Luckily, scientists were able to create a synthetic version of human meat that would satisfy their hunger. As a result, humanity slowly began to return to normal. Cut to Zoey, Celeste, Valeria, and Jasmine, four hollow girls living in Southern California. As a last hurrah, before graduation, they decide to attend a musical festival in the heart of the desert. They have a cooler filled with seltzer, vodka, and Synflesh... and are ready to party. But on the first night of the festival, Val goes feral and ends up killing and eating a boy in one of the bands. As other festival guests start disappearing around them the girls soon discover someone is targeting people like them. And if they can't figure out how to stop it, and soon, no one at the festival is getting out alive.

YA zombies TP \$28.95

The Ferryman

Gronin, Justin

The archipelago of Prospera lies in the middle of a vast ocean. Created by a mythic genius known only as The Designer, Prospera exists in splendid isolation, forgetful of whichever untold horrors inspired its creation. Citizens of the main island enjoy fulfilling and privileged lives, attended to by the obliging support staff who live on a neighbouring island, The Annex. There, something is stirring. People are beginning to question their place in the social order – and there is talk of an underground resistance, who call themselves The Arrivalists. Meanwhile, life for Prosperans is perfection – and when it's not, their bodies are sent to the smallest of the three islands: a mysterious facility named The Nursery, to have their memories wiped and to restart life afresh. Proctor Bennett is a Ferryman, who shepherds the soon-to-be

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retired across into the unknown. But Proctor has a secret: he has been dreaming. Something that The Designer's system has made impossible. And in these strange dreams – of the stars and the sea – he feels someone is trying to tell him something... When he's summoned to take his own father on board the ferry, to be rebooted – he is given a cryptic message: *'The world is not the world...'* These simple words unravel something that Proctor has long suspected: that things are not what they seem. And, soon, his fate is tangled with a cause much bigger than he realised, and one that could change the fate of humanity itself...

Dystopian thriller TP \$32.99

The Sapphire Altar

Vagrant Gods 02

Dalglish, David

Cyrus wants out. Trained to be an assassin in order to oust the invading Empire from his kingdom, Cyrus is now worried the price of his vengeance is too high. His old master has been keeping too many secrets to be trusted. And the mask he wears to hide his true identity and become the legendary 'Vagrant' has started whispering to him in the dark. But the fight isn't over and the Empire has sent its full force to bear upon Cyrus' floundering revolution. He'll have to decide, once and for all, whether to become the thing he fears or lose the country he loves. The sequel to *The Bladed Faith* (TP, \$24.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

The Best Horror of the Year, Volume Fourteen

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 14th 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.

Year's Best TP \$29.99

The Hollow Kind

Davidson, Andy

Nellie Gardner is looking for a way out of an abusive marriage when she learns that her long-lost grandfather, August Redfern, has willed her his turpentine estate. She throws everything she can think of in a bag and flees to Georgia with her 11-year-old son, Max, in tow. It turns out that the 'estate' is a decrepit farmhouse on 1000 acres of old pine forest, but Nellie is thrilled about the chance for a fresh start for her and Max, and a chance for the happy home she never

had. So, it takes her a while to notice the strange scratching in the walls, the faint whispering at night, how the forest is eerily quiet. But Max sees what his mother can't: They're no safer here than they had been in South Carolina. In fact, things might even be worse. There's something wrong with Redfern Hill. Something lurks beneath the soil, ancient and hungry, with the power to corrupt hearts and destroy souls. It is the true legacy of Redfern Hill: a kingdom of grief and death, to which Nellie's own blood has granted her the key.

Horror PBK \$22.99

The Malevolent Seven

de Castell, Sebastien

Picture a wizard. Go ahead, close your eyes. There he is, see? Skinny old guy with a long straggly beard. No doubt he's wearing iridescent silk robes that couldn't protect his frail body from a light breeze. The hat's a must, too, right? Big, floppy thing, covered in esoteric symbols that would instantly show every other mage where this one gets his magic? Wouldn't want a simple steel helmet or something that might, you know, protect the part of him most needed for conjuring magical forces from being bashed in with a mace (or pretty much any household object). Now, open your eyes and let me show you what a real war mage looks like... but be warned: you're probably not going to like it, because we're violent, angry, dangerously broken people who sell our skills to the highest bidder and be damned to any moral or ethical considerations. At least, until such irritating concepts as friendship and the end of the world get in the way. My name is Cade Ombra, and though I currently make my living as a mercenary wonderist, I used to have a far more noble-sounding job title – until I discovered the people I worked for weren't quite as noble as I'd believed. Now, I'm on the run and my only friend, a homicidal thunder mage, has invited me to join him on a suicide mission against the seven deadliest mages on the continent. Time to recruit some very bad people to help us on this job... From the author of the Greatcoats series – which we, at Pulp, love!

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Herald of the Black Moon

Dominion 03

Deas, Stephen

The Wraiths have raised an army of the dead. An army of the living is marching on the throne. Caught in the middle, Myla is supposed to be spying on a sorceress who can read minds. Things are not going well. Far away, Seth and Fings are trying their hardest to have nothing to do with any of this. All Fings has to do is not steal anything. All Seth has to do is not meddle with Forbidden Magics. All they have to do is lie low. And for once, it's all going swimmingly. Until, that is, Fings sees a face he thought they'd left behind in the ashes of Deephaven. As Seth's past catches up with him and Myla unravels the true nature of the Empire's new Princess-Regent, the trio converge on the dead city of Valladrune. Armed with sinister secret behind an old war, they once more hold the fate of the Empire in their reluctant hands. If only they knew what the heck to do with it.

Fantasy TP \$42.95

Such a Pretty Smile

Demeester, Kristi

There's something out there that's killing. Known only as The Cur, he leaves no traces, save for the torn bodies of girls, on the verge of becoming women, who are known as troublemakers; those who refuse to conform, to know their place. Girls who don't know when to shut up. *2019*: Thirteen-year-old Lila Sawyer has secrets she can't share with anyone. Not the school psychologist she's seeing. Not her father, who has a new wife, and a new baby. And not her mother – the infamous Caroline Sawyer, a unique artist whose eerie sculptures, made from bent twigs and crimped leaves, have made her a local celebrity. But soon Lila feels haunted from within, terrorised by a delicious evil that shows her how to find her voice – until she is punished for using it. *2004*: Caroline Sawyer hears dogs everywhere. Snarling, barking, teeth snapping that no one else seems to notice. At first, she blames the phantom sounds on her insomnia and her acute stress in caring for her ailing father. But then the delusions begin to take shape – both in her waking hours, and in the violent, visceral sculptures she creates while in a trancelike state. Her fiancé is convinced she needs help. Her new psychiatrist waives her 'problem' away with pills. But Caroline's past is a dark cellar, filled with repressed memories and a lurking horror that the men around her can't understand.

Horror PBK \$19.99

Rise of the Mages

Age of Ire 01

Drakeford, Scott

Emrael Ire wants nothing more than to test to be a weapons master. His final exam will be a bloody insurrection – staged by corrupt nobles and priests – that enslaves his brother. With the aid of his War Master tutor, herself an undercover mage, Emrael discovers his own latent and powerful talents. To rescue his brother, Emrael must embrace not only his abilities as a warrior but also his place as last of the ancient Mage Kings – for the Fallen God has returned. And he is hungry. The first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

The Curse of Saints

Dramis, Kate

Has she been sent to save the realm or destroy it? As Spymaster to the Queen, Aya's blood oath ensures she protects those she fights alongside – including Will, the Queen's Enforcer and Aya's bitter rival. When rumours of dark magic rise in a nearby kingdom, both are sent to investigate. But when Aya's power acts beyond her gods-given affinity, she risks being turned into a weapon in a war she doesn't know how to win. And when her relationship with Will unexpectedly shifts, neither know the danger that will follow...

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Shutter

Emerson, Ramona

Rita Todacheene is a forensic photographer working for the Albuquerque police force. Her excellent photography skills have cracked many cases – she is almost

supernaturally good at capturing details. In fact, Rita has been hiding a secret: she sees the ghosts of crime victims who point her toward the clues that other investigators overlook. As a lone portal back to the living for traumatised spirits, Rita is terrorised by nagging ghosts who won't let her sleep and who sabotage her personal life. Her taboo and psychologically harrowing ability was what drove her away from the Navajo reservation, where she was raised by her grandmother. It has isolated her from friends and gotten her in trouble with the law. And, now, it might be what gets her killed. When Rita is sent to photograph the scene of a supposed suicide on a highway overpass, the furious, discombobulated ghost of the victim – who insists she was murdered – latches onto Rita, forcing her on a quest for revenge against her killers, and Rita finds herself in the crosshairs of one of Albuquerque's most dangerous cartels. Written in sparkling, gruesome prose, *Shutter* is an explosive debut from a powerful new voice. Longlisted for the National Book Award.

Supernatural thriller TP \$37.95

Trine

Faraday, Chris

Two years after jilting his bride and escaping his hometown of Gracious, Brad Van Reed returns to the aid of his 11-year-old sister, Kristen. Though he's having a hard time believing that the old amulet in her possession gives her the power to create sinkholes, or see that an evil entity named Nowhere Man is coming for her, Brad's intent on helping her through this phase. But, then, Kristen's kidnapped by toxic creatures who claim to be under Nowhere Man's thrall. Left with nowhere else to go, Brad seeks out the help of his former fiancée and aspiring astrophysicist, Felicity. But Felicity has new problems of her own: while seeking out a meteorite that supposedly fell to the mountains surrounding Gracious in the 19th century, her girlfriend Emily 'Flick' Flickinger falls under the thrall of Nowhere Man and flees into the wilderness. Joining forces with crusty recluse Joseph LeFevre, Brad and Felicity stumble on a device similar to Kristen's locket. These make up two parts of a powerful ancient weapon designed to stop Nowhere Man, but the third is missing. Can they find the long lost third item, before it's too late?

Urban fantasy TP \$27.99

The Last Heir to Blackwood Library

Fox, Hester

In post-World War I England, a young woman inherits a mysterious library, and must untangle its powerful secrets... With the stroke of a pen, 23-year-old Ivy Radcliffe becomes Lady Hayworth, owner of a sprawling estate on the Yorkshire moors. Ivy has never heard of Blackwood Abbey, or of the ancient bloodline from which she's descended. With nothing to keep her in London since losing her brother in the Great War, she warily makes her way to her new home. The abbey is foreboding, the servants reserved and suspicious. But there is a treasure waiting behind locked doors – a magnificent library. Despite cryptic

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warnings from the staff, Ivy feels irresistibly drawn to its dusty shelves, where familiar works mingle with strange, esoteric texts. And she senses something else in the library too, a presence that seems to have a will of its own. Rumours swirl in the village about the abbey's previous owners, about ghosts and curses, and an enigmatic manuscript at the centre of it all. As events grow more sinister, it will be up to Ivy to uncover the library's mysteries in order to reclaim her own story, before it vanishes forever.

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

Implacable Alpha

Team Psi 02

Gear, W Michael

Called the 'Ennoia' – the woman who came within a heartbeat of killing prisoner Alpha, in the Grantham parking garage – is back. This time, she's snatched Dr Timothy Ryan. The Psi Team find themselves caught in a battle that has been raging across timelines for 2000 years. But can they trust the Ennoia? Or is she using our timeline, for her own purposes? Meanwhile, Bill Stevens has his own agenda, and his goons have already crossed blades with Psi Team. Now, they are coming for Alpha, and all the revenge they can get. Because just as things seemed like they could get no worse, Alpha is back. And, this time, she's coming for blood. The follow-up to *The Alpha Enigma* (TP, \$39.95).

SF crime TP \$45.95

For Love of Magic

Green, Simon R

When they fall in love, it's magic! History can change and *has changed*. Magic was and *is* real. Once upon a time, there was a forgotten era of magic and monster. But the remnants – and all memory – of the old world have been replaced by the sane, the scientific, and the rational. But sometimes the magical past isn't content to stay past. That's where Jack Daimon comes in. It's his joy to protect our present from the supernatural remnants of an earlier time, a different history. It's his job to make the past safe. Jack is called to the Tate Museum, where dozens of people have disappeared beneath the surface of a painting. While investigating, he finds himself smitten with a mysterious art expert, Amanda Fielding. But Amanda has plans of her own, and soon the two are traveling through time – back to the Roman Empire and then forward through history, from King Arthur's court to Sherwood Forest. As they explore histories past as written and overwritten, the balance of magic and science shifts; and the choices, the two make, could change the world forever. History isn't what you think it is. It's been rewritten to remove all the magic. Together, two people decide to put things right. A new novel of magic, history, and true love from Simon R Green.

Alternate history HC \$55.00

A Matter of Death and Life

Gideon Sable 02

Green, Simon R

Judi Rifkin is one of the world's most successful collectors of the weird and unnatural. In a London underworld filled with criminals with very special talents, Judi is a force to be reckoned with. And Gideon Sable – thief, rogue and chancer – owes

her a very large favour. Judi makes him an offer he can't refuse: steal her the legendary *Masque of Ra*, kept safe in a Las Vegas casino, and she'll wipe the slate clean. This isn't Gideon's first heist, by a long shot. But with old grudges threatening to cloud his judgment, an unpredictable crew who don't entirely trust each other and a formidable supernatural security team guarding his target, this job might be a gamble too far...

The sequel to *The Best Thing You Can Steal* (TP, \$42.95) which begins Green's newest series.

Supernatural heist TP \$42.95

Something from the Nightside

Nightside 01

Green, Simon R

Private eye John Taylor swore he'd never return to the Nightside, the hellish netherworld under London, but a girl is missing... I left the Nightside, a long time ago, with my skin and sanity barely intact; now, I make my living in the sunlit streets of London. But business has been slow lately, so when Joanna Barrett showed up at my door, reeking of wealth, asking me to find her runaway teenage daughter, I didn't say no. Then I found out exactly where the girl had gone. The Nightside: that square mile of Hell in the middle of the city, where it's always three am. Where you can walk beside myths and drink with monsters. Where nothing is what it seems and everything is possible. I swore I'd never return. But there's a kid in danger and a woman depending on me. So, I am going home... *Something from the Nightside* is the first title in Simon R. Green's bestselling Nightside series, first published in 2003 – this is the first UK paperback edition. 'A fast, fun little roller coaster of a story... macabre and thoroughly entertaining' – *Jim Butcher*.

Urban fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Smoulder

Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter 29

Hamilton, Laurell K

My name is Anita Blake and I'm no stranger to killing monsters. But this time, it's personal... The wedding of the century is almost here. My wedding – to Jean-Claude, the new vampire king of America. But not everyone wishes us well. Humans think I'm on the side of the monsters. And the vampires fear their king is under the spell of the most powerful necromancer in 1000 years – me. When the St Louis police summon me to a brutal murder scene linked a nationwide slaughter of vampires and humans, I know there is more than just a killer to catch. An ancient evil has arrived in town, hell bent on destroying everything – and everyone – I love. Even I cannot face this alone. Jean-Claude and I must embrace our triumvirate to save both vampires and humans, and to prove that love conquers all. The previous in this long-running series is *Sucker Punch* (PBK, \$22.99).

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

Titanium Noir

Harkaway, Nick

The River of the Rich imagines a world in which there is a medical process which changes people into stronger, smarter, bigger humans, with a much longer lifespan

– known as Titans. But the procedure is incredibly expensive, so only a very small number of people in the world are able to afford it. The rest of the world both envy and hate them. When Cal Sounder takes on a specialist role of being the go-to detective whenever a crime is committed involving a Titan, he finds it relatively easy to keep the peace, most of the time. But then along comes a case which threatens to expose all the carefully-managed tensions of society at large... The latest novel from Nick Harkaway, author of *Angelmaker*, *The Gone-Away World*, and *Gnomon*.

SF noir TP \$32.99

Tell Me an Ending

Harkin, Jo

What if you didn't have to live with your worst memories? Across the world, thousands of people are shocked by a notification that they once chose to have a memory removed. Now, they are being given an opportunity to get that memory back. Four individuals are filled with new doubts, grappling with the unexpected question of whether to remember unknown events, or to leave them buried forever. Finn, an Irish architect living in the Arizona desert, begins to suspect his charming wife of having an affair. Mei, a troubled grad-school dropout in Kuala Lumpur, wonders why she remembers a city she has never visited. William, a former police inspector in England, struggles with PTSD, the breakdown of his marriage, and his own secret family history. Oscar, a handsome young man with almost no memories at all, travels the world in a constant state of fear. Into these characters' lives comes Noor, a psychologist working at the Nepenthe memory removal clinic in London. The process of reinstating patients' memories begins to shake the moral foundations of her world. As she delves deeper into how the program works, she will have to risk everything to uncover the cost of this miraculous technology. *Black Mirror* meets *Severance* in this thrilling speculative novel about a tech company that deletes unwanted memories, the consequences for those forced to deal with what they tried to forget, and the doctor who seeks to protect her patients from further harm.

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

Trouble with the Cursed

Hollows 16

Harrison, Kim

Rachel Morgan, witch-born demon, has one unspoken rule: take chances, but pay for them yourself. With it, she has turned enemies into allies, found her place with her demon kin, and stepped up as the *sub rosa* of Cincinnati – responsible for keeping the paranormal community at peace and in line. Life is... good? Even better, her best friend, Ivy Tamwood, is returning home. Nothing's simple, though, and Ivy's not coming alone. The vampires' ruling council insists she escort one of the long undead, hell bent on proving that Rachel killed Cincy's master vampire to take over the city. Which, of course, Rachel totally did not do. She only transformed her a little. With Rachel's friends distracted by their own lives and problems, she reaches out to a new ally for help – the demon, Hodin. But this trickster has his own agenda.

In the end, the only way for Rachel to save herself and the city may be to forge a new understanding with her estranged demon teacher, AI. There's just one problem: AI would sell his own soul to be rid of her... Paranormal romance PBK \$24.95

The Dark Lands

Heitz, Markus

The great pulp writer Robert E Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian, also introduced Solomon Kane to the world: a sombre man who dedicated his life to battling evil in all its forms. Now, Markus Heitz brings Solomon Kane's daughter Aenlin to life: join the young adventuress as she follows in her father's footsteps to battle dark forces, gunpowder, steel, and magic – in the Dark Lands!

1629. Despite the relentless conflict of the Thirty Years' War raging in Europe, Aenlin Kane is determined to explore the legacy of her famous father. Aenlin may never have met Solomon Kane, but she shares with him the need to fight for good wherever she can. She and her friend Tahmina, a Persian mystic, have been recruited for a secret mission for the West India Company: they will be part of a motley crew fighting their way behind enemy lines to the southern German town of Bamberg, where the stakes are already burning, ready to immolate those falsely accused of witchcraft. Hidden by the turmoil of war, demons are openly walking the earth. Solomon Kane once fought such evil with rapier, pistols and his indomitable will. Now, Aenlin is preparing to face those demons – and like her father, she will let nothing stand in her way.

Historical fantasy PBK \$24.99

Repeater

Heller, Jason

Peter, a punk rock guitar player with OCD tendencies – It's why everyone calls him rePeter – works at the Wax Rack, a record store in Denver. Pete has a talent he couldn't understand, until he attends a by-invitation-only concert at a secret warehouse location. Pete can do things if he performs a ritual that dives into his OCD, you can call it magic if you want, and this band, Order of Organs, are all magicians, and they need Pete as much as he needs them, if they're going to save Denver from what's coming. *High Fidelity* meets *The Magicians* in this '90s punk-rock fantasy.

Urban fantasy TP \$39.95

Just Like Mother

Heltzel, Anne

The last time Maeve saw her cousin was the night she escaped the cult they were raised in. For the past two decades, Maeve has worked hard to build a normal life in New York City, where she keeps everything – and everyone – at a safe distance. When Andrea suddenly reappears, Maeve regains the only true friend she's ever had. Soon, she's spending more time at Andrea's remote Catskills estate than in her own cramped apartment. Maeve doesn't even mind that her cousin's wealthy work friends clearly disapprove of her single lifestyle. After all, Andrea has made her fortune in the fertility industry – baby fever comes with the territory. The more Maeve immerses herself in Andrea's world, the more disconnected

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she feels from her life back in the city; and the cousins' increasing attachment triggers memories Maeve has fought hard to bury. But confronting the terrors of her childhood may be the only way for Maeve to transcend the nightmare still to come...

Horror TP \$42.95

The Secret Book of Flora Lea Henry, Patti Callahan

1939: Fourteen-year-old Hazel and five-year-old Flora are evacuated from London to a rural village to escape the horrors of the Second World War. Living with the Aberdeen family in a charming stone cottage, Hazel distracts her young sister with a fairy tale about a magical land, a secret place they can escape to that is all their own: Whisperwood.

But the unthinkable happens when Flora vanishes near the banks of the River Thames. Shattered, Hazel blames herself for her sister's disappearance, carrying the guilt into adulthood. Twenty years later, Hazel is back in London, ready to move on from her job at a cosy rare book shop for a career at Sotheby's. With a cherished boyfriend and an upcoming Paris getaway, Hazel's future seems set. But her tidy life is turned upside down when she unwraps a package containing a picture book called *Whisperwood and the River of Stars*. Hazel never told a soul about the storybook world she created just for Flora. Could this book hold the secrets to Flora's disappearance? Could it be a sign that her beloved sister is still alive after all these years? Or is something sinister at play?

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

Heir of Uncertain Magic

Whimbrel House 02

Holmberg, Charlie N

Thanks to house tamer Hulda Larkin, the mischief-infesting Whimbrel House has calmed. But if Hulda's job is done, what does that mean for Merritt Fernsby, inheritor of the remote Narragansett Bay estate, who's only now coming to terms with his enchanted place in the world? Merritt has realised his own burgeoning powers, which draw the thoughts of every plant, insect, and dog. His nights are sleepless, with an uncontrollable cacophony of voices that compel a long-overdue search into his uncanny bloodline. It's not the only puzzle uniting Merritt and his ex-housekeeper, Hulda. Her friend and former employer at the Boston Institute for the Keeping of Enchanted Rooms has disappeared. Hulda herself is up for the now-vacant position of institute director, and her rival for the role is a stranger who's suspiciously curious about Whimbrel House – and could have connections to an old foe. As Merritt struggles to face his estranged family and Hulda dives into the institute's secrets, the two are brought intimately closer than ever into the mysteries of wizardry, chaos, and love. The sequel to *Keeper of Enchanted Rooms* (TP, \$24.99).

Fantasy PBK \$26.99

Wool

Wool 01

Howey, Hugh

In a ruined and hostile landscape, in a future few have been unlucky enough to survive, a community exists in a giant underground silo. Inside, men and women live an enclosed life full of rules and regulations, of secrets and lies. To live, you must follow the rules. But some don't. These are the dangerous ones; these are the people who dare to hope and dream, and who infect others with their optimism. Their punishment is simple and deadly. They are allowed outside. Jules is one of these people. She may well be the last. A reissue, with great new cover art.

Dystopia (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Shift

Wool 02

Howey, Hugh

In a future less than 50 years away, the world is still as we know it. Time continues to tick by. The truth is that it is ticking away. A powerful few know what lies ahead. They are preparing for it. They are trying to protect us. They are setting us on a path from which we can never return. A path that will lead to destruction; a path that will take us below ground. The history of the silo is about to be written. Our future is about to begin. A reissue, with great new cover art.

Dystopia (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Dust

Wool 03

Howey, Hugh

In the aftermath of the uprising, the people of Silo 18 are coming to terms with a new order. Some embrace the change, others fear the unknown; none have control of their fate. The Silo is still in danger. There are those set on its destruction. Jules knows they must be stopped. The battle has been won. The war is just beginning. A reissue, with great new cover art.

Dystopia (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Burning Roses

Huang, S L

Rosa, also known as Red Riding Hood, is done with wolves and woods. Hou Yi the Archer is tired, and knows she's past her prime. They would both rather just be retired, but that's not what the world has ready for them. When deadly sunbirds begin to ravage the countryside, threatening everything they've both grown to love, the two must join forces. Now blessed and burdened with the hindsight of middle age, they begin a quest that's a reckoning of sacrifices made and mistakes mourned, of choices and family and the quest for immortality. A 160pp Tor.com novella.

Fairy tales retold TP \$29.99

The Wars of Gods and Men

Immortal's Blood 03

Humphreys, Chris

After the Coming of the Dark, most immortals in the world have been killed. The religion of the Four Tribes has taken over the world, and any who resist it are crushed. They await the return of their prophesied One, who is both male and female, and neither. They have not been seen for 15 years, but belief rules all. A few still fight. A handful of surviving immortals,

once seen as gods, have hidden away.

In each of the four lands of the world, there are mutterings of rebellion. And over the mountains, kept secret from the world, the One has grown into their adulthood. It is time for them to return and see what is being done in their name. And that means going to war.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Will of the Many

Hierarchy trilogy 01

Islington, James

Audi. Vide. Tace. The Catenan Republic – the Hierarchy – may rule the world now, but they do not know everything. I tell them my name is Vis Telimus. I tell them I was orphaned after a tragic accident three years ago, and that good fortune alone has led to my acceptance into their most prestigious school. I tell them that once I graduate, I will gladly join the rest of civilised society in allowing my strength, my drive, and my focus – what they call Will – to be leached away and added to the power of those above me, as millions already do. As all must eventually do. I tell them that I belong, and they believe me. But the truth is that I have been sent to the Academy to find answers. To solve a murder. To search for an ancient weapon. To uncover secrets that may tear the Republic apart. And that I will never, ever cede my Will to the empire that executed my family. To survive, though, I will still have to rise through the Academy's ranks. I will have to smile, and make friends, and pretend to be one of them, and win. Because, if I cannot, then those who want to control me, who know my real name, will no longer have any use for me. And if the Hierarchy finds out who I truly am, they will kill me. The first in a new series, from the author of the Licanus trilogy.

Historical fantasy HC \$62.95

Robin and Her Misfits

Jacobson, Kelly Ann

A roving female gang of fun-loving rebel bikers, street racers, and bandits led by Robin, agree to give back to queer girls in need of help in this stunning reimagining of the Robin Hood legend. Robin and her four Misfits – Little John, White Rabbit, Daisy Chain, and Skillet – have run away from their families in order to live off the grid on their own terms. For a while, they're hidden, safe, and happy as they commit petty crimes that provide enough to get by. All that matters is keeping their small clan alive. Then, one mission proposed by an unfriendly associate from their past reminds them of their former lives and motivates the group to a new purpose. The five Misfits develop into a league of strong individuals united by a fresh goal: do whatever it takes to help queer girls rise above oppressive laws and attitudes.

YA Hoodian fantasy TP \$30.95

The Last Count

of Monte Cristo

graphic novel

Jama-Everett, Ayize

& Roach, Tristan (illustrator)

An Afrofuturist retelling of Alexandre Dumas' classic 19th-century novel *The Count of Monte Cristo*. *The Last Count of Monte Cristo* is a bold retelling of Alexandre Dumas' classic tale of love, betrayal, revenge, and redemption. This speculative

update pushes the narrative into a future hundreds of years after the polar ice caps have melted and submerged our planet into a new era of technology and culture. In this futuristic reinterpretation, author Ayize Jama-Everett and illustrator Tristan Roach revisit the original inspiration of *The Count of Monte Cristo* – Alexandre Dumas' own father. A greatly-respected general during the French Revolution, Dumas was one of the highest-ranking officers of African descent in a Western army in history. Like the protagonist of his son's story, General Dumas was betrayed and spent years in prison, before getting a chance to return to his beloved France. *The Last Count of Monte Cristo* is a radical and powerful graphic novel update that reclaims the cultural heritage of Dumas' tale and suggests the terrible future that could threaten the human race, if we continue to destroy our planet.

Science fiction HC \$44.99

A Portrait in Shadow

Jarvis, Nicole

When Artemisia Gentileschi arrives in Florence, seeking a haven for her art, she faces instant opposition from the powerful *Accademia*, self-proclaimed gatekeepers of Florence's magical art world. As artists create their masterpieces, they add layer upon layer of magics drawn from their own life essence, giving each work the power to heal – or to curse. The all-male *Accademia* jealously guards its power and has no place for an ambitious young woman arriving from Rome under a cloud of scandal. Haunted by the shadow of her harrowing past and fighting for every commission, Artemisia begins winning allies among luminaries such as Galileo Galilei, the influential Cristina de' Medici, and the charming, wealthy Francesco Maria Maringhi. But not everyone in Florence wants to see Artemisia succeed, and when an incendiary preacher turns his ire from Galileo to the art world, Artemisia must choose between revenge and her dream of creating a legacy that will span the generations. Enter a sumptuous world of art and magic in 17th-century Florence as Artemisia Gentileschi fights to make her mark as a painter and exact her revenge – perfect for fans of Alix E Harrow and Susanna Clarke.

Historical fantasy PBK \$37.95

Orphia and Eurydicus

John, Elyse

Orphia dreams of something more than the warrior crafts she's been forced to learn. Hidden away on a far-flung island, her blood sings with poetry and her words can move flowers to bloom and forests to grow... but her father, the sun god Apollo, has forbidden her this art. A chance meeting with a young shield-maker, Eurydicus, gives her the courage to use her voice. After wielding all her gifts to defeat one final champion, Orphia draws the scrutiny of the gods. Performing her poetry, she wins the protection of the goddesses of the arts: the powerful Muses, who welcome her to their sanctuary on Mount Parnassus. Orphia learns to hone her talents, crafting words of magic infused with history, love and tragedy. When Eurydicus joins her, Orphia struggles with her desire for fame and her budding love. As her bond with the gentle

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shield-maker grows, she joins the Argonauts on their quest for the Golden Fleece.

Facing dragons, sirens and ruthless warriors on the voyage, Orphia earns unparalleled fame, but she longs to return to Eurydiclus. Yet, she has a darker journey to make – one which will see her fight for her love with all the power of her poetry.

Myth retold TP \$32.99

The Endless Song

Tales of the Forever Sea 02

Johnson, Joshua Phillip

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

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Ross 248 Project

anthology

Johnson, Les

& Roy, Ken (editors)

A bold journey into a future where humanity and its children travel to a new star – where they must overcome the unexpected challenges on the exoplanets that await them – or die trying. Traveling to the stars will be difficult, but not, perhaps, the most difficult part. What about when we get to another star? What then? Will the planets be immediately habitable? Not likely. Will those who undertook the journey be able to easily turn around and come home, if they don't find 'Earth 2.0'? Almost certainly not. Therein, lies the challenge: Finding worlds that are potentially habitable and then taking the time, perhaps centuries, to make them compatible with Earth life. The settlers at the nearby red dwarf star, Ross 248, will encounter mysteries and unexpected challenges, but the human spirit will endure. Join this diverse group of science fiction writers and scientists as they take up the challenge of *The Ross 248 Project*. Stories and speculative nonfiction about life under a crimson sun, contributions by USAF Lt General (Ret) Steven Kwast; Patrick Chiles; Stephanie Osborn; Brent Ziarnick; Laura Montgomery; Daniel M Hoyt & E Marshall Hoyt; Matthew Williams;

D J Butler; Robert E Hampson; Monalisa Foster; J L Curtis; K S Daniels; Les Johnson & Ken Roy.

Science fiction TP \$39.95

Destiny of the Dead

Shroud of Prophecy 02

Kade, Kel

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

Fantasy TP \$36.99

The Other Side of Never:

Dark Tales from the World

of Peter and Wendy, anthology

Kane, Paul

& O'Regan, Marie (editors)

The award-winning Marie O'Regan and Paul Kane bring together the masters of fantasy, science fiction, and horror – to spin stories inspired by J M Barrie's classic tale. A murder investigation leads a detective to a strange place called Neverland; pupils attend a school for Peters; a young boy loses his shadow and goes to desperate lengths to retrieve it. These stories take the original tales of Peter and Wendy, the Lost Boys, and Tinkerbell, twisting and turning them. From dystopias to the gritty streets of London, these stories will keep you reading all night, and straight on 'til morning. Featuring stories from: Lavie Tidhar; Claire North; Premea Mohamed; Kirsty Logan; Edward Cox; Anna Smith Spark; Alison Littlewood; A C Wise; Rio Youers; Gama Ray Martinez; Juliet Marillier; Robert Shearman; A K Benedict; Laura Mauro; Cavan Scott; Guy Adams; Paul Finch; and Muriel Gray. *We expect to have this edition of The Other Side of Never from our Australian distributors later this year, at a lower price.*

Peter Pan PBK \$37.95

The Isles of the Gods

Kaufman, Amie

Selly has saltwater in her veins. So, when her father leaves her high and dry in the port of Kirkpool, she has no intention of riding out the winter at home while he sails to adventure in the north seas. But any plans to follow him are dashed when a handsome stranger with tell-tale magician's marks on his arms commandeers her ship under cover of darkness: He is Prince Leander of Alinor, and he needs to cross the Crescent Sea without detection so he can complete a ritual on the sacred Isles of the Gods. Selly has no

desire to escort a spoiled prince anywhere, and no time for his entitled demands or his good looks. But what starts as a leisure cruise will lead to acts of treason and sheer terror on the high seas, bringing two countries to the brink of war, two strangers closer than they ever thought possible and two dangerous gods stirring from centuries of slumber...

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

Star Splitter

Kirby, Matthew J

2199. Deep-space exploration is a reality and teleportation is routine. But, this time, something seems to have gone very, very wrong. Seventeen-year-old Jessica Mathers wakes up in a lander that's crashed onto the surface of Carver 1061c, a desolate, post-extinction planet 14 light-years from Earth. The planet she was supposed to be viewing from a ship orbiting far above. The corridors of the empty lander are covered in bloody hand prints; the machines are silent and dark. And, outside, in the alien dirt, there are fresh graves carefully marked with names she doesn't recognise. Now, Jessica must unravel the mystery of the destruction all around her – and the questionable intentions of a familiar stranger.

YA science fiction HC \$42.95

In the Lives of Puppets

Klune, T J

In a strange little home built into the branches of a grove of trees live three robots – fatherly inventor android Giovanni Lawson, a pleasantly sadistic nurse machine, and a small vacuum desperate for love and attention. Victor Lawson, a human, lives there too. They're a family, hidden and safe. The day Vic salvages and repairs an unfamiliar android labelled 'HAP', he learns of a shared dark past between Hap and Gio – a past spent hunting humans. When Hap unwittingly alerts robots from Gio's former life to their whereabouts, the family is no longer hidden and safe. Gio is captured and taken back to his old laboratory in the City of Electric Dreams. So, together, the rest of Vic's assembled family must journey across an unforgiving and otherworldly country to rescue Gio from decommission, or worse, reprogramming. Along the way to save Gio, amid conflicted feelings of betrayal and affection for Hap, Vic must decide for himself: can he accept love with strings attached? Inspired by Carlo Collodi's *The Adventures of Pinocchio*, *In the Lives of Puppets* is a masterful, standalone fantasy adventure from the author who brought you *The House in the Cerulean Sea* (PBK, \$24.99) and *Under the Whispering Door* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$34.99

One For All

Lainoff, Lillie

Tania de Batz is most herself with a sword in her hand. Everyone thinks her dizziness makes her just 'a sick girl', but she wants to be a fencer like her father, a former Musketeer. Then Papa is mysteriously murdered, and as his dying wish, he sends Tania to finishing school. But *L'Académie des Mariées* is so much more. It's a training ground for new Musketeers: women who

are socialites on the surface, but who seduce men into giving up secrets – and don't shy away from sword fights. Tania finally feels like she's found her sisters, a place where she belongs. But when she's torn between duty and dizzying emotion, she must decide where her loyalties lie... or risk losing everything. This is a whirlwind debut about found family, the strength that goes beyond the body, and the power of self-love. A smart, historical adventure and gender-bent retelling of *The Three Musketeers*, in which a girl with a chronic illness secretly trains as a Musketeer and discovers secrets, sisterhood, and self-love.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Dragonfall

Dragon Scales 01

Lam, L R

Long ago, humans betrayed dragons, stealing their magic and banishing them to a dying world. Centuries later, their descendants worship dragons as gods. But the 'gods' remember, and they do not forgive. Thief Arcady scrapes a living on the streets of Vatra. Desperate, Arcady steals a powerful artefact from the bones of the Plaguebringer, the most hated person in Lumet history. Only Arcady knows the artefact's magic holds the key to a new life among the nobles at court and a chance for revenge. The spell connects to Everen, the last male dragon foretold to save his kind, dragging him through the Veil. Disguised as a human, Everen soon learns that to regain his true power and form and fulfil his destiny, he only needs to convince one little thief to trust him enough to bond completely – body, mind, and soul – and then kill them. Yet, the closer the two become, the greater the risk both their worlds will shatter. Long-banished dragons, revered as gods, return to the mortal realm in the first in this magical new epic fantasy trilogy from a bestselling author.

Dragon fantasy TP \$32.99

Extasia

Legrand, Claire

Her name is unimportant. All you must know is that today she will become one of the four saints of Haven. The elders will mark her and place the red hood on her head. With her sisters, she will stand against the evil power that lives beneath the black mountain – an evil which has already killed nine of her village's men. She will tell no one of the white-eyed beasts that follow her. Or the faceless grey women, tall as houses. Or the girls she saw kissing in the elm grove. Today, she will be a saint of Haven. She will rid her family of her mother's shame, at last, and save her people from destruction. She is not afraid. Are you? Follow this fierce heroine into a world filled with secrets and blood – where the truth is buried in lies and a devastating power waits, seething, for someone brave enough to use it.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Pulp Fiction

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A Crown of Ivy and Glass

Middlemist trilogy 01

Legrand, Claire

Lady Gemma Ashbourne seemingly has it all. She's young, gorgeous, and rich. Her family was Anointed by the gods, blessed with incredible abilities. But underneath her glittering façade, Gemma is deeply sad. Years ago, her sister Mara was taken to the Middlemist to guard against treacherous magic. Her mother abandoned the family. Her father and eldest sister, Farrin – embroiled in a deadly blood feud with the mysterious Bask family – often forget Gemma exists. Worst of all, Gemma is the only Ashbourne to possess no magic. Instead, her body fights it like poison. Constantly ill, aching with loneliness, Gemma craves love and yearns to belong. Then she meets the devastatingly handsome Talan d'Astier. His family destroyed themselves, seduced by a demon, and Talan, the only survivor, is determined to redeem their honour. Intrigued and enchanted, Gemma proposes a bargain: She'll help Talan navigate high society, if he helps her destroy the Basks. According to popular legend, a demon called the Man With the Three-Eyed Crown is behind the families' blood feud – slay the demon, end the feud. But attacks on the Middlemist are increasing. The plot against the Basks quickly spirals out of control. And something immense and terrifying is awakening in Gemma, drawing her inexorably toward Talan and an all-consuming passion that could destroy her – or show her the true strength of her power, at last. The first in a new series.

Romantasy HC \$55.00

The Shadows Between Us

Levenseller, Tricia

No one knows the extent of the freshly crowned Shadow King's power. Some say he can command the shadows that swirl around him to do his bidding. Others say they speak to him, whispering the thoughts of his enemies. Regardless, Alessandra, tired of being overlooked, has a plan to gain power: woo the Shadow King, marry him, then kill him and take his kingdom for herself. But Alessandra's not the only one trying to kill the king. As he dodges assassination attempts, she finds herself trying to keep him alive long enough to become his queen – all while struggling not to lose her heart. After all, who better for a Shadow King than a cunning, villainous queen?

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Aurora Borealis Bridge

Over Where 02

Lindskold, Jane

Can it get any stranger? Absolutely! When Peg, Meg, and Teg were first summoned Over Where, vast and varied life experience (along with wide reading choices) helped them adjust to a world where they were the only humans, magic was real, ships could fly, and reincarnation was a confirmed fact. In the company of the 'inquisitors', Xerak, Grunwold, and Vereez, the three newly-appointed mentors rediscovered the Library of the Sapphire Wind, and, within it, revelations that transformed the young people's pasts into a vast tangle of lies and half truths. But there are still questions to

be answered. Before they are done, Meg the retired librarian, Teg the archaeologist turned mage, and the multitiered, ever-surprising Peg will deal with kidnappings, betrayal, arcane artefacts, romantic intrigues, and the inescapable reality that past lives cast long shadows. Together, the three mentors and their young allies will uncover the startling truth about what lies on the other side of the Aurora Borealis Bridge – a truth that holds the secret of Over Where, and that will change all their lives forever. The sequel to *The Library of the Sapphire Wind*

(PBK, \$26.95).

Fantasy PBK \$26.95

Speaking Bones

Dandelion Dynasty 04

Liu, Ken

Ukyu-Gondé. Stalked by foes and dogged by betrayal, Princess Théra is pursued across a continent vaster than she could ever have imagined, to the hidden valleys of the World's Edge Mountains, into the barrows and subterranean halls of the City of Ghosts, across the ice floes of the far north. She breached the Wall of Storms intent on taking war to the Lyucu homelands, but how do you conquer the unconquerable? *Dara*. Empress Jia, Prince Phyro and Pékyu Tanvanaki find themselves bound to paths they never would have chosen. Amid atrocity and subterfuge, they will discover that the Courage of Brutes is no substitute for the Grace of Kings, and that little separates the Grace of Kings from the Madness of Tyrants. On both sides of the Wall of Storms, defeat's bitter tears mix with the fruits of knowledge new and ancient as two empires bound by blood and bone, by writ and iron, by time and custom, face a whirlwind that threatens to utterly consume them. The teeth, as they say, are on the board. The conclusion to Ken Liu's chronicle of the Dandelion Dynasty, which begins with *The Grace of Kings*

(PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Seven Faceless Saints

Lobb, M K

In the city of Ombrazia, saints and their disciples rule, with terrifying and unjust power – playing favourites, while the unflavoured struggle to survive. After her father's murder at the hands of the Ombrazian military, Rossana Lacertosa is willing to do whatever it takes to dismantle the corrupt system – tapping into her powers as a disciple of Patience, joining the rebellion, and facing the boy who broke her heart. As the youngest captain in the history of Palazzo security, Damian Venturi is expected to be ruthless and strong, and to serve the saints with unquestioning devotion. But three years, spent fighting in a never-ending war has left him with deeper scars than he wants to admit... and a fear of confronting the girl he left behind. Now, a murderer stalks Ombrazia's citizens. As the body count climbs, the Palazzo is all too happy to look the other way – that is, until a disciple becomes the newest victim. With every lead turning into a dead end, Damian and Roz must team up to find the killer, even if it means digging up buried emotions. As they dive into the underbelly of Ombrazia, the pair will discover something more sinister – and far less holy. With darkness closing

in and time running out, will they be able to save the city from an evil so powerful that it threatens to destroy everything in its path?

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Barrow of Winter

Hall of Smoke 03

Long, H M

Thray is the Last Daughter of Winter, haunted by the legacy of her blood. When offered a chance to visit the northern land of Duamel, where her father once ruled, she can't refuse – even if it means lying to the priesthood she serves and the man she loves. In Duamel, Thray's demi-god siblings rule under the northern lights, worshipped by an arcane cult. An endless winter night cloaks the land, giving rise to strange beasts and terrible storms. The people of Duamel teeter on the edge of violence, and Thray's siblings, powerful and deathless, stand with them on the brink. To earn her siblings' trust and find the answers she seeks, Thray will have to weather assassination attempts, conspiracies and icy wastelands. And as her siblings turn their gaze towards the warmer, brighter land she calls home, she must harness her own feral power and decide where her loyalties lie. Because when the spring winds blow and the ice breaks up, the sons and daughters of Winter will bring her homeland to its knees. The first in this series is *Hall of Smoke*

(PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

This Charming Man

Stranger Times 02

McDonnell, G K (Gaimh)

Vampires do not exist. Everyone knows this. So, it's particularly annoying when they start popping up around Manchester... Nobody is pleased about it. Not the Founders, the secret organisation for whom vampires were invented as an allegory, nor the Folk, the magical people hidden in plain sight who only want a quiet life. And definitely not the people of Manchester, because there is nothing more irksome than being murdered by an allegory run amok. Somebody needs to sort this out fast, before all Hell really breaks loose – step forward the staff of *The Stranger Times*. It's not like they don't have enough to be dealing with. Assistant Editor Hannah has come back from getting messily divorced to discover that someone is trying to kidnap a member of their staff and while editor Vincent Bancroft would be delighted to see the back of any of his team, he doesn't like people touching his stuff – it's the principle of the thing. Throw in a precarious plumbing situation, gambling debts, an entirely new way of swearing, and a certain detective inspector with what could be kindly referred to as 'a lot of baggage' and it all adds up to another hectic week in the life of the newspaper committed to reporting the truth that nobody else will touch. The sequel to *The Stranger Times*. (PBK, \$19.99). 'Wonderfully dark, extremely funny, and evocative of Terry Pratchett – which I think is the highest compliment I can give.' – Adam Kay, about *The Stranger Times*.

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

Our Hideous Progeny

McGill, C E

Mary is the great-niece of Victor Frankenstein. She knows her great uncle

disappeared in mysterious circumstances in the Arctic but she doesn't know why, or how... The 1850s is a time of discovery, and London is ablaze with the latest scientific theories and debates, especially when a spectacular new exhibition of dinosaur sculptures opens at the Crystal Palace. Mary, with a sharp mind and a sharper tongue, is keen to make her name in this world of science, alongside her geologist husband Henry, but without wealth and connections, their options are limited. But when Mary discovers some old family papers that allude to the shocking truth behind her great-uncle's past, she thinks she may have found the key to securing their future... Their quest takes them to the wilds of Scotland, to Henry's intriguing but reclusive sister Maisie, and to a deadly chase with a rival who is out to steal their secret.

Gothic fantasy TP \$32.99

The Clockwork Girl

Mazzola, Anna

Paris, 1750. In the midst of an icy winter, as birds fall frozen from the sky, chambermaid Madeleine Chastel arrives at the home of the city's celebrated clockmaker and his clever, unworldly daughter. Madeleine is hiding a dark past, and a dangerous purpose: to discover the truth of the clockmaker's experiments and record his every move, in exchange for her own chance of freedom. For as children quietly vanish from the Parisian streets, rumours are swirling that the clockmaker's intricate mechanical creations, bejewelled birds and silver spiders, are more than they seem. And, soon, Madeleine fears that she has stumbled upon an even greater conspiracy. One which might reach to the very heart of Versailles... An intoxicating story of obsession, illusion and the price of freedom. Darkly delicious historical fiction set in 18th France, where children are disappearing from the streets, clockwork creations can imitate life itself, and three extraordinary women are battling for their freedom...

Gothic fantasy PBK \$22.99

Graveyard of Lost Children

Monroe, Katrina

At four months old, Olivia Dahl was almost murdered. Driven by haunting visions, her mother became obsessed with the idea that Olivia was a changeling, and that the only way to get her real baby back was to make a trade with the 'dead women' living at the bottom of the well. Now, Olivia is ready to give birth to a daughter of her own... and for the first time, she hears the women whispering. Everyone tells Olivia she should be happy. She should be glowing, but the birth of her daughter only fills Olivia with dread. As Olivia's body starts giving out, slowly deteriorating as the baby eats and eats and eats, she begins to fear that the baby isn't her daughter at all and, despite her best efforts, history is repeating itself. Soon, images of a black-haired woman plague Olivia's nightmares, drawing her back to the well that almost claimed her life – tying mother and daughter together in a desperate cycle of fear and violence that must be broken if Olivia has any hope of saving her child... or herself.

Horror TP \$37.95

Pulp Fiction

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Wild Massive

Moore, Scotto

Welcome to the Building, an infinitely tall skyscraper in the centre of the multiverse, where any floor could contain a sprawling desert oasis, a cyanide rain forest, or an entire world. Carissa loves her elevator.

Up and down, she goes, content with the sometimes-chewy food her reality fabricator spits out, as long as it means she doesn't have to speak to another living person. But when a mysterious shapeshifter, from an ambiguous world, lands on top of her elevator, intent on stopping a plot to annihilate hundreds of floors, Carissa finds herself stepping out of her comfort zone. She is forced to flee into the Wild Massive network of theme parks in the Building, where technology, sorcery, and elaborate media tie-ins combine to form impossible ride experiences, where every guest is a VIP, the roller coasters are frequently safe, and if you don't have a valid day pass, the automated defence lasers will escort you from being alive.

Science fiction HC \$49.99

Fractal Noise

Paolini, Christopher

On the planet Talos VII, 23 years before the events of *To Sleep in a Sea of Stars* (PBK, \$24.99), an anomaly is detected: a vast circular pit, with dimensions so perfect that it could only have been the result of conscious design. So, a small team is assembled to learn more – perhaps, even who built the hole and why. Their mission will take them on a hazardous trek to the very edge of existence. For one explorer, this is the opportunity of a lifetime. For another, a risk not worth taking. And for xenobiologist Alex Crichton, it's a desperate attempt to find meaning in an uncaring universe. But every step they take towards that mysterious abyss is more punishing than the last. Ultimately, no one is prepared for what they will encounter.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

In an Orchard Grown from Ash

Wind-Up Garden 02

Power, Rory

The Argyros siblings have lost everything. With their father dead and their family home captured, they're no longer the rulers of their fractured kingdom – and no longer bound to each other. In the frozen north, Rhea struggles to wield her newly-inherited command over death, and to find her place in an increasingly distrustful rebel group. Chrysanthi travels to a distant, war-torn land in search of her elusive brother Nitsos, certain that he is there on a dangerous mission to restore the family to its former glory, this time with himself at its head. And Lexos, now a political prisoner of the Domina family and stripped of all his power, is left to rot in a hauntingly desolate palace with nothing but thoughts of revenge. Alone and farther apart than they've ever been, the siblings must reckon with the pain of their past and find a new path forward – or risk their own destruction. *In an Orchard Grown from Ash* is the dramatic finale of a darkly beautiful, atmospheric saga that explores the cost of power and the weight of legacy. This duology begins in *In A Garden Burning Gold* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

The History of the Hobbit

new edition

Rateliff, John D

In one volume for the first time, this revised and updated examination of how J R R Tolkien came to write his original masterpiece *The Hobbit* includes his complete unpublished draft version of the story, together with notes and illustrations by Tolkien, himself. *The Hobbit* was first published on 21 September 1937. Like its sequel, the Lord of the Rings, it is a story that 'grew in the telling', and many characters and plot threads in the published text are quite different from the story J R R Tolkien first wrote to read aloud to his young sons, as one of their 'fireside reads'. Together in one volume, *The History of the Hobbit* presents the complete text of the unpublished manuscript of *The Hobbit*, accompanied by John Rateliff's lively and informative account of how the book came to be written and published. Recording the numerous changes made to the story both before and after publication, he examines – chapter by chapter – why those changes were made and how they reflect Tolkien's ever-growing concept of Middle-earth. As well as reproducing the original version of one of the world's most popular novels – both on its own merits and as the foundation for the Lord of the Rings – this book includes many little-known illustrations and draft maps for *The Hobbit* by Tolkien, himself. Also featured are extensive commentaries on the dates of composition, how Tolkien's professional and early mythological writings influenced the story, the imaginary geography he created, and how Tolkien came to revise the book, years after publication, to accommodate events in the Lord of the Rings. Endorsed by Christopher Tolkien as a companion to his essential 12-volume *The History of Middle-earth*, this thoughtful and exhaustive examination of one of the most treasured stories in English literature offers fascinating new insights for those who have grown up with this enchanting tale, and will delight any who are about to enter Bilbo's round door for the first time. A one-volume deluxe edition (\$199.99) is also available.

Tolkien HC \$65.00

Juniper and Thorn Reid, Ava

A gruesome curse. A city in upheaval. A monster with unquenchable appetites. Marlinchen and her sisters are the last true witches in a city shifting from magic to industry. Viewed as little more than tourist traps, they spend their days treating clients with archaic remedies and nostalgic charm, while attempting to placate their tyrannical, xenophobic, wizard father, who keeps his daughters locked away in their crumbling home. But at night, they sneak out to revel in the city's thrills, particularly the recently established ballet theatre, where Marlinchen meets a dancer who quickly captures her heart. But as their late-night trysts grow more fervent and frequent, so does the threat of her father's rage. And while their city flourishes, a monster lurks in its midst, borne of intolerance and resentment and suffused with old-world power.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Black Tide Rising: the Graphic Novel

graphic novel, Black Tide Rising

Ringo, John (et al)

The media calls it the Pacific Flu. The CDC calls it H7D3, and it spreads like wildfire. The virus combines the worst symptoms of rabies and the common flu, and is suspected to be manmade. The first reports of feral, cannibalistic, 'zombie-like' symptoms were met with disbelief and sceptical amusement – but nobody's laughing, now. Scientists, backed by the world's governments and its wealthiest institutions, race against the clock to develop a cure as infections rise and cities fall. A glimmer of hope appears as a vaccine is discovered, but its production requires harvesting the spinal tissue of the infected, a grim task that tests the limits of human morality. With no other choices apparent, time is quickly running out before hordes of infected overwhelm the last remaining bastions of civilisation. In the first days of the outbreak, a college history professor receives a cryptic warning, from a trusted source. Its baffling, yet unmistakable message translates as: *Pack Up, Get Out, and Go, Now!* Steve Smith and his family don't waste any time; they leave their normal, comfortable lives behind to get ahead of the inevitable panic and survive the end of the world! The first volume of a thrilling adaptation of the bestselling Black Tide Rising series.

Post-apocalypse TP \$42.95

The Sun and the Star

Nico di Angelo Adventures

Riordan, Rick & Oshiro, Mark

A new Percy Jackson World novel featuring fan-favourite characters, Nico and Will! As the son of Hades, Nico di Angelo been through so much, from the premature deaths of his mother and sister, to being outed against his will, to losing his friend Jason during the trials of Apollo. But there is a ray of sunshine in his life – literally: his boyfriend, Will Solace, the son of Apollo. Together the two demigods can overcome any obstacle or foe. At least, that's been the case so far... Now, Nico is being plagued by a voice calling out to him from Tartarus, the lowest part of the Underworld. He thinks he knows who it is: a reformed Titan named Bob whom Percy and Annabeth had to leave behind when they escaped Hades' realm. Nico's dreams and Rachel Dare's latest prophecy leave little doubt in Nico's mind that Bob is in some kind of trouble. Nico has to go on this quest, whether Mr D and Chiron like it or not. And, of course, Will insists on coming with. But can a being made of light survive in the darkest part of the world? And what does the prophecy mean that Nico will have to 'leave something of equal value behind'? Nico will have to face demons both internal and external as his relationship with Will is tested to the core in this standalone adventure featuring two of the most popular characters in the Percy Jackson saga.

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

Tread of Angels Roanhorse, Rebecca

Celeste, a card sharp with a need for justice, takes on the role of *advocatus diaboli*, to defend her sister Mariel – accused of murdering a Virtue, a member of the ruling class of a mining town. The year is 1883 and the mining town of Goetia is booming, as prospectors from near and far come to mine the powerful new element Divinity from the high mountains of Colorado – with the help of the pariahs of society known as the Fallen. The Fallen are the descendants of demon-kind living amongst the Virtues, the winners in an ancient war, with the descendants of both sides choosing to live alongside Abaddon's mountain. A tale of the mythological West from the bestselling author Rebecca Roanhorse.

Historical fantasy TP \$33.95

Divine Rivals

Ross, Rebecca

After centuries of sleep, the gods are warring again... All 18-year-old Iris Winnow wants to do is hold her family together. With a brother on the frontline forced to fight on behalf of the Gods now missing from the frontline and a mother drowning her sorrows, Iris' best bet is winning the columnist promotion at the *Oath Gazette*. But when Iris' letters to her brother fall into the wrong hands – that of the handsome but cold Roman Kitt, her rival at the paper – an unlikely magical connection forms. Expelled into the middle of a mystical war, magical typewriters in tow, can their bond withstand the fight for the fate of mankind and, most importantly, love? An epic enemies-to-lovers fantasy novel filled with hope and heartbreak, and the unparalleled power of love.

YA fantasy TP \$29.99

House of Gold

Rwizi, C T

A corporate aristocracy, descended from Africa, rules a colony on a distant planet. Life here is easy – for the rarefied and privileged few. The aristocrats enjoy a powerful cybernetic technology that extends their life spans and ensures their prosperity. Those who serve them suffer under a heavy hand. But within this ruthless society are agents of hope and change. In a secret underwater laboratory, a separatist cult has created a threat to the aristocracy. The Primes are highly intelligent, manipulative products of genetic engineering, designed to lead a rebellion. Enabling their mission are the Proxies, the Primes' bodyguards and lifelong companions bound to their service. When the cult's hideout is attacked, Proxies Nandipa and Hondo rush to the rescue. As they emerge with their Primes onto the surface, however, everything they'd been led to believe about their world is shattered. Nandipa and Hondo will risk it all to honour their oath of absolute loyalty. But when the very people they're tasked to protect turn on each other, the Proxies must decide between those they were built to serve and the freedom to carve out their own destinies. And the fate of their planet may rest in their choice.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

Pulp Fiction

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Spring's Arcana

Dead God's Heart 01

Saintcrow, Lilith

Nat Drozdova is desperate to save a life. Doctors can do little for her cancer-ridden mother, who insists there is only one cure – and that Nat must visit a skyscraper in Manhattan to get it. Amid a snow-locked city, inside a sleek glass-walled office, Nat makes her plea and is whisked into a terrifying new world. For the skyscraper holds a hungry winter goddess, who has the power to cure her mother... if Nat finds a stolen object of great power. Now, Nat must travel with a razor-wielding assassin across an American continent brimming with terror, wonder, and hungry divinities with every reason to consume a young woman. For her ailing mother is indeed suffering no ordinary illness, and Nat Drozdova is no ordinary girl. Blood calls to blood, magic to magic; and a daughter may indeed save what she loves... if it doesn't consume her first. This is the way to the Dead God's Heart. The first in a new duology. *We expect to have this edition of Spring's Arcana from our Australian distributors in August, at a lower price.*

Urban fantasy TP/HC \$39.95/\$63.95

Intruders

Exiles 02

Saunders, Ashley & Leslie

The Golden State is at war. The Conservators are winning. With an insidious nano reform, they've cleaned out cities and upended thousands of Unfortunate lives by controlling a single emotion: inescapable fear. Billionaire CEO Damon Yates, the only one with the potential clues to stop the threat, has disappeared. Twin sisters Jade and Cryx – along with their dedicated crew of Exiles – have fled Los Angeles for a remote Texas hideout and are leading the formidable mission to find him. Stripped of their life-altering nanobots, however, the sisters struggle to join sides. Jade's useful fearlessness is gone. And, while Cryx is happily no longer terrified of her own reflection – or her sister – she still hasn't found her place outside her old Fortunate life. Divided again, the sisters go their separate ways in search of answers. Now, Cryx must learn how to wield fear itself, while Jade desperately seeks to regain her own elusive courage. But, soon, the sisters begin to realise they'll need each other more than ever in order to succeed, because the Conservators' endgame is more sinister than anyone imagined. They're not just subjugating the vulnerable; they plan to reshape the world. The sequel to *Exiles* (TP, \$22.99).

Dystopia TP \$26.99

The Kaiju

Preservation Society

Scalzi, John

They're big, they're bad, and they're about to become extinct... Jamie's dream was to hit the big time, at a New York tech start-up. Jamie's reality was a humiliating layoff, then a low-wage job as a takeaway delivery driver. During a pandemic too. Things look beyond grim, until a chance delivery to an old acquaintance. Tom has an urgent vacancy on his team: the pay is great, and Jamie has debts – it's a no-brainer choice. Yet, once again, reality fails to match expectations.

Only... this time, it could be fatal. It seems Tom's 'animal rights organisation' is way more than it appears. The animals aren't even on Earth – or not our Earth, anyway. In an alternate dimension, massive dinosaur-like creatures roam a tropical, human-free world. And although Kaiju are their universe's largest and most dangerous animal, they need support to survive. Tom's 'Kaiju Preservation Society' wants to help. However, others want to profit. Unless they're stopped, the walls between our worlds could fall – and the consequences would be devastating. Scalzi. Fabulous. Now in paperback.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

The Cartographers

Shepherd, Peng

Some places you won't find on any maps.

Others, are only on maps... Nell Young hasn't spoken to her father, the world-respected cartographer Dr Daniel Young, in years – but this morning he was found dead in his office at the New York Public Library. When they last met, Dr Young fired Nell after an argument over a seemingly worthless mass-produced highway map. Now every copy of this map is being found and destroyed... To find out why, Nell will embark on a dangerous journey into the heart of a conspiracy beyond belief, discovering her family's darkest secrets and the true power that lies in maps...

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Cassandra in Reverse

Smale, Holly

If you had the power to change the past...

where would you start? Cassandra Penelope Dankworth is a creature of habit. She likes what she likes (museums, jumpsuits, her boyfriend Will) and strongly dislikes what she doesn't (mess, change, her boss drinking out of her mug). Her life runs in a pleasing, predictable order... until now. She's just been dumped. She's just been fired. Her local café has run out of banana muffins. Then, something *truly* unexpected happens: Cassie discovers she can go back and change the past. One small rewind at a time, Cassie attempts to fix the life she accidentally obliterated, but soon she'll discover she's trying to fix all the wrong things.

Time travel HC \$64.95

The Bone Shard War

Drowning Empire 03

Stewart, Andrea

The fate of Lin Sukai – and her family's dynasty – lies in her hands. Lin Sukai has won her first victory as Emperor, but the future of the Phoenix Empire hangs in the balance – and Lin is dangerously short of allies. As her own governors plot treason, the Shardless Few renew hostilities. Worse still, Lin discovers her old nemesis Nisong has joined forces with the rogue Alanga, Ragan. Both seek her death. Yet, hopes lie in history. Legend tells of seven mythic swords, forged in centuries past. If Lin can find them, before her enemies, she may yet be able to turn the tide. If she fails, the Sukai dynasty – and the entire empire – will fall. The final book in the Drowning Empire series, which begins with *The Bone Shard Daughter* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Season of Skulls

New Management 03

Stross, Charles

Welcome to the sunlit uplands of the 21st century! Britain's avuncular Prime Minister is an ancient eldritch god of unimaginable power. Crime is plummeting as almost every offense is punishable by death. And, everywhere you look, there are people with strange powers, some of which they can control, and some, not so much. Hyper-organised and formidable, Eve Starkey defeated her boss, the louche magical adept and billionaire Rupert de Montfort Bigge, in a supernatural duel to the death. At least, she has reason to hope he's dead. But though she's, now, in charge of the Bigge Corporation, she's not free of him, yet. Through the fecklessness of her brother Imp, combined with the intricate feudal law of a tiny Channel Island, it would appear that – unbeknownst to her – she was married to Bigge; and that proving his death and releasing herself from his arcane bindings will take years, and cost millions. Then, an emissary of the Prime Minister arrives with an offer that she absolutely can't... well, you know. *We expect to have the UK hardcover of Season of Skulls from our Australian distributors in October.*

Urban fantasy HC \$62.95

Hotel Magnifique

Taylor, Emily J

The legendary Hotel Magnifique is like no other: a magical world of golden ceilings, enchanting soirées and fountains flowing with champagne. It changes location every night, stopping in each place only once a decade. When the Magnifique comes to her hometown, 17-year-old Jani hatches a plan to secure jobs there for herself and her younger sister, longing to escape their dreary life. Luck is on their side, and with a stroke of luminous ink on paper the sisters are swept into a life of adventure and opulence. But Jani soon begins to notice sinister spots in the hotel's decadent façade. Who is the shadowy maitre who runs the hotel? And can the girls discover the true price paid by those who reside there – before it's too late?

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Lords of Uncreation

Final Architects 03

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

He's found a way to end their war, but will humanity survive to see it? Idris Telemmior has uncovered a secret that changes everything – the Architects' greatest weakness. A shadowy Cartel scrambles to turn his discovery into a weapon against these alien destroyers of worlds. But between them and victory stands self-interest. The galaxy's great powers would rather pursue their own agendas than stand together against this shared terror. Human and inhuman interests wrestle to control Idris' discovery, as the galaxy erupts into a mutually destructive and self-defeating war. The other great obstacle to striking against their alien threat is Idris, himself. He knows that the Architects, despite their power, are merely tools of a higher intelligence. Deep within unspace, where time moves differently, and reality isn't

quite what it seems, their masters are the true threat. Masters who are just becoming aware of humanity's daring – and taking steps to exterminate this annoyance forever. This latest trilogy of Tchaikovsky's begins with *Shards of Earth* (PBK, \$22.99).

Space opera TP \$36.99

Some Desperate Glory

Tesh, Emily

All her life, Kyr has trained for the day she can avenge the destruction of planet Earth. Raised on Gaea Station alongside the last scraps of humanity, she is one of the best warriors of her generation, the sword of a dead planet. Then Command assigns her brother to certain death and relegates her to the nursery to bear sons, and 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 must escape from everything she's ever known. If she succeeds, she will find a universe far more complicated than she was taught and far more wondrous than she could ever have imagined. *The Long Way to a Small Angry Planet* meets *Ender's Game*, in this gripping sf debut from an award-winning voice in speculative fiction.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

Bewitched

Bewitched 01

Thalassa, Laura

At age 20, Selene Bowers desperately hopes to be accepted into Henbane Coven, an academy for young witches. Since one of the requirements for entry is to connect with her powers via a quest through the wilderness, Selene books a trip to South America. When a nefarious supernatural force tries to drag her plane from the sky, Selene's magic awakens to save her life – at a cost. Using her powers devours her memories, one by one. Worse, when Selene braves the jungle and discovers the source of the attack, she finds herself awakening an ancient evil, Memnon the Cursed, who mistakes Selene for his long-dead wife. The wife who betrayed him. Selene manages to escape and begin her studies at Henbane, but when Memnon turns up at the coven and witches are found dead across campus, Selene becomes entangled in a dangerous plot. Accused of the murders, on the basis of her memory loss, Selene must rely on Memnon's help for answers – and his plans for her will change everything. The first in a new series.

Paranormal romance TP \$39.95

The Nature of Middle-Earth

Tolkien, J R R

& Hostetter, Carl F (editor)

First ever publication of J R R Tolkien's final writings on Middle-earth, covering a wide range of subjects and perfect for those who have read and enjoyed *The Silmarillion*, the Lord of the Rings, *Unfinished Tales*, and *The History of Middle-earth*, and want to learn more about Tolkien's magnificent world. It is well known that J R R Tolkien published *The Hobbit* in 1937 and the Lord of the Rings in 1954–5. What may be less well known is that he continued to write about Middle-earth in the decades that followed, right up until the years before his

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death in 1973. For him, Middle-earth was part of an entire world to be explored, and the writings in *The Nature of Middle-earth* reveal the journeys that he took as he sought to better understand his unique creation. From sweeping themes as complex and profound as the metaphysics of Elvish immortality and reincarnation, and the Powers of the Valar, to the more earth-bound subjects of the lands and beasts of Númenor, the geography of the Rivers and Beacon-hills of Gondor, and even who had beards! This new collection, which has been edited by Carl F Hostetter, one of the world's leading Tolkien experts, is a veritable treasure trove offering readers a chance to peer over Professor Tolkien's shoulder at the very moment of discovery: and on every page, Middle-earth is, once again, brought to extraordinary life.

Tolkien PBK \$24.99

Here Goes Nothing Toltz, Steve

'Nobody was ever thinking about me. Now that I'm dead, I dwell on this kind of thing a lot.' Angus Mooney is in a dark place: the afterlife. His days are spent in aching embarrassment; god, religion, the supernatural – he was wrong about everything. He longs for his audacious, fiery wife, Gracie, but can only watch from the other side as she is seduced by his killer, who has stepped, seamlessly, into Mooney's shoes. Meanwhile, life after death isn't all it's cracked up to be. Another pandemic is sweeping the globe; Mooney's new home is filling up fast, resources are scarce, infrastructure is crumbling, and he has to share an increasingly cramped existence with a group of people still traumatised by their own deaths. And although he should know better, he remains in the grip of the same fear as when he was alive: the opinions of others.

Afterlife PBK \$22.99

Equinox Towsey, David

In this world, two souls inhabit a single body: one by day, one by night. But though they live alongside one another, their ends do not always align. For Special Inspector Morden, whose hunt for a dangerous witch takes him far from home, this will be a problem... Christopher Morden lives by night. His day-brother, Aleksander, knows only the sun. They are two souls in a single body, in a world where identities change with the rising and setting of the sun. Night-brother or day-sister, one never sees the light, the other knows nothing of the night. Early one evening, Christopher is roused by a call to the city prison. A prisoner has torn his eyes out and cannot say why. Yet worse: in the sockets that once held his eyes, teeth are growing. The police suspect the supernatural, so Christopher, a member of the king's special inspectorate, is charged with finding the witch responsible. Night by night, Christopher's investigation leads him ever further from home, toward a backwards village on the far edge of the kingdom. But the closer he gets to the truth, the more his day-brother's actions frustrate him. Who is Aleksander protecting? What does he not want Christopher to discover? And all the while, an ancient and apocalyptic ritual creeps closer to completion...

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Cabin at the End of the World

movie tie-in edition

Tremblay, Paul

A vacationing family is terrorised by four strangers who claim to be attempting to either avert or bring about the apocalypse. An intense novel of psychological horror and suspense that will keep readers guessing as to whether the struggle between the family and the strangers will not only result in lost lives but ultimately in the end of the world. The Stoker Award-winning, taut and propulsive twist on home invasion horror, packed psychological suspense, is soon to be a major film, *Knock at the Cabin*, directed by M Night Shyamalan.

Horror (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Loving the Wolf Swat 14

Tyler, Paige

When you find your fated mate, don't let go... The problem with Jenna Malone is that she's werewolf Trevor McCall's best SWAT buddy's sister. Trevor suspects she's The One, but how the heck can he make a move? When Jenna invites Trevor to visit her in Los Angeles, he has his chance. But what's hiding in LA is much more dangerous and complicated than any of the SWAT team could have guessed, and Jenna's right in the middle of it...

Paranormal romance PBK \$24.95

A New Clan

Star Kingdom 04

Weber, David & Lindskold, Jane

Sex! Drugs! Rock 'n' Roll! And Treecats!

Freshly home from an internship on Manticore, teenaged Stephanie Harrington is up to her eyebrows in trouble. There's the new treecat adoptee who needs to be kept from becoming a risk to the carefully guarded secret of just how smart the arboreal inhabitants of Sphinx really are. There's the overeager journalist whose campaign to protect the treecats from exploitation as the newest, coolest pet on any planet could threaten the very creatures he seeks to defend. And there's the mysterious rash of weird accidents that are plaguing Sphinx's younger inhabitants – including some of those nearest and dearest to Stephanie. In trying to get enough proof to get the understaffed authorities of her pioneer planet to act, Stephanie will be called upon to attempt things she never imaged doing – including going undercover into the wilds of the late-night club scene, a realm where her faithful treecat guardian, Lionheart, cannot follow... Now in paperback.

Space opera PBK \$26.95

Night Angel Nemesis

Kylar Chronicles 01

Weeks, Brent

After the war that cost him so much, Kylar Stern is broken and alone. He's determined not to kill again, but an impending amnesty will pardon the one murderer he can't let walk free. He promises himself this is the last time. One last hit to tie up the loose ends of his old, lost life. But Kylar's best – and maybe only – friend, the High King Logan Gyre, needs him. To protect a fragile peace, Logan's new kingdom, and the king's twin sons, he needs Kylar to secure a powerful

magical artefact that was unearthed during the war. With rumours that a ka'kari may be found, adversaries both old and new are on the hunt. And if Kylar has learned anything, it's that ancient magics are better left in the hands of those he can trust. If he does the job right, he won't need to kill at all. This isn't an assassination – it's a heist. But some jobs are too hard for an easy conscience, and some enemies are so powerful the only answer lies in the shadows. Brent Weeks returns to his bestselling world of the Night Angel – the first is *The Way of Shadows* (PBK, \$22.99) – following master assassin Kylar on a new adventure – as the High King Logan Gyre calls on him to save his kingdom and the hope of peace.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Rogue Protocol

Murderbot Diaries 03

Wells, Martha

Our favourite antisocial AI is back on a mission. The case against the too-big-to-fail GrayCris Corporation is floundering, and more importantly, authorities are beginning to ask more questions about where Dr Mensah's SecUnit is. And Murderbot would rather those questions went away. For good. Martha Wells' *Rogue Protocol* is the third in the Murderbot Diaries series, starring a human-like android who keeps getting sucked back into adventure after adventure, though it just wants to be left alone, away from humanity and small talk. Read *Rogue Protocol* and find out why Hugo Award-winner Ann Leckie wrote, 'I love Murderbot!' Now in a softcover edition for the first time.

Science fiction novella TP \$24.99

Exit Strategy

Murderbot Diaries 04

Wells, Martha

Murderbot wasn't programmed to care. So, its decision to help the only human who ever showed it respect must be a system glitch, right? Having travelled the width of the galaxy to unearth details of its own murderous transgressions, as well as those of the GrayCris Corporation, Murderbot is heading home, to help Dr Mensah – its former owner (protector? friend?) – submit evidence that could prevent GrayCris from destroying more colonists in its never-ending quest for profit. But who's going to believe a SecUnit, gone rogue? And what will become of it, when it's caught? Now in a softcover edition for the first time.

Science fiction novella TP \$24.99

That Self-Same Metal

Forge & Fracture Saga 01

Williams, Brittany N

London, 1605. Sixteen-year-old Joan Sands is a gifted craftswoman who creates and upkeepes the stage blades for William Shakespeare's acting company, The King's Men. Joan's skill with her blades comes from a magical ability to control metal – an ability gifted by her Head Orisha, Ogun. Because her whole family is Orisha-blessed, the Sands family have always kept tabs on the Fae presence in London. Usually, that doesn't involve much except noting the faint glow around a Fae's body as they try to blend in with London society, but lately, there has been an uptick in brutal Fae attacks.

After Joan wounds a powerful Fae and saves the son of a cruel Lord, she is drawn into political intrigue in the human and Fae worlds. Swashbuckling, romantic, and full of the sights and sounds of Shakespeare's London, this series starter delivers an unforgettable story – and a heroine unlike any other.

YA historical fantasy HC \$43.95

On the Nature of Magic Womack, Marian

1902. Helena Walton-Cisneros, known for finding answers to the impossible, has started her own detective agency. She takes on two new uncanny cases, both located in Paris – which itself is too much of a coincidence to ignore. In the first case, two English women claim to have seen the ghost of Marie Antoinette in the gardens of Versailles. The second case is the murder of a young woman working at the mysterious Méliès Star Films studio outside Paris. As Helena and her colleague Eliza investigate, they hear whispers of vanishings at Méliès Star Films, strange lights, spies, actors flying without ropes and connections to the occult. What is George Méliès practising at his secretive film studio? And is it connected to the haunting in Versailles? Helena and Eliza will only find the answers if they accept the natural world is darker, stranger than they could ever have imagined... *We expect to have this edition of On the Nature of Magic from our Australian distributors later this year, at a lower price.*

Historical fantasy PBK \$37.95

Fourth Wing

Empyrean 01

Yarros, Rebecca

Welcome to the brutal and elite world of Basgiath War College, where everyone has an agenda, and every night could be your last... Twenty-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history. Now, the commanding general – also known as her tough-as-talons mother – has ordered Violet to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: dragon riders. But when you're smaller than everyone else and your body is brittle, death is only a heartbeat away... because dragons don't bond to 'fragile' humans. They incinerate them. With fewer dragons willing to bond than cadets, most would kill Violet to better their own chances of success. The rest would kill her just for being her mother's daughter – like Xaden Riorson, the most powerful and ruthless wingleader in the Riders Quadrant. She'll need every edge her wits can give her just to see the next sunrise. Yet, with every day that passes, the war outside grows more deadly, the kingdom's protective wards are failing, and the death toll continues to rise. Even worse, Violet begins to suspect leadership is hiding a terrible secret. Alliances will be forged. Lives will be lost. Traitors will become allies... or even lovers. But sleep with one eye open because once you enter, there are only two ways out: *graduate or die.* Dragons, war, and *Hunger Games*-esque trials. This first in a series is a high-stakes, enemies-to-lovers fantasy romance – perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo, Sarah J Maas, and dark academia.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

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Roadmarks

Zelazny, Roger

Where do you go, when you can go anywhere? And how do you find your way back? *The Road can go Anywhere. The Road can go Anywhen. Almost.* Red Dorakeen has been on the Road for a very long time. For all of time, in fact. It stretches infinitely into the future and past, with exits that take him wherever, or whenever, he wants to go. But he can't find the place he wants to be. He's not the only one who can travel the Road, and as people join and leave, they can alter the past, or the future, to suit their whims. Exits close off, become overgrown, and working out what to change back to return to old timelines could take, well... forever. Fortunately, Red has all the time he could ever need. *Roadmarks* is a fantastically mind-bending novel from one of sf&f's most influential authors. It weaves together linear and non-linear narratives in a compelling tale full of mystery and magic.

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